

Oct. 2, 1918.

Rev. J. E. Davis,

Box 667, El Paso, Texas.

Dear Brother Davis:

I am glad to hear that you can attend the New Mexico Convention which meets in Albuquerque, Oct. 30-Nov. 1. Will you please write Brother E. B. Atwood and tell him that you are coming? He is making up his program now, and he wants to know the name of the man who is to represent us.

I have written Atwood telling him that we have asked you to go, and I hope that nothing will interfere with your going. Of course, the Board will pay your expenses.

You know about the kind of speech we want made. We want Foreign Missions laid on the hearts of the people in the light of the great program of Southern Baptist Convention outlined at Hot Springs. You will know how to do that, illustrating what you say, of course, by your own missionary experience.

I am enclosing statement which you can use with the railroads, and I hope that you will be able to at least get reduced rates.

Thanking you in advance for your service,

I am,

Very cordially yours,

CASA BAUTISTA DE PUBLICACIONES

J. E. DAVIS, Admor.

BOX 667

EL PASO, TEXAS, E. U. A. 10/21/18

Dr. T. B. Ray,
Richmond, Va.

Dear Brother:--

Now here comes yours of the 15th, and I must say that you are made out of the right kind of stuff. I wonder if I will ever get used to such good treatment. Hope so.

I always did know that those Board members were "white folks" and that they wanted to do the right thing, but I was always a bit afraid of them???? Still, I suppose there never was a reason to be afraid of them. Now, they really seem right human. Well, just state to them that I said I was ready to swear by them from now on forever more. And with it all thank them for their help in this time of great trial in our work.

I hope to be worthy of the confidence you have in me. I know one thing and that is that I work and work conscientiously. That much I can vouch for. I do not pretend to make no mistakes. I do make them, but I am striving to do nothing that would hinder the good work, and I think the Lord will help me not to do anything so terribly bad as to hinder it.

We are having some great problems to present themselves, but He will help us solve them. Here ~~at~~ this matter of cutting off all subscribers who do not pay in advance. Now I am wondering if our poor Mexicans can do it. If they can, so much the better, but we will have to make due allowance for many of them, I am sure, and I am waiting to know just what the Government is going to require of us. If it requires it, we can do nothing but submit, as we will have to have paper, and they seem to be going to gauge the paper supply on the way folks carry out the conservation program.

But we will not try to cross the bridge till we get to it.

I have laid in paper for several months ahead. This seems to me to be the right method. So with a little more waiting and stinting to get past the New Year, I will then be able to manage this work and not have to do it all, as heretofore. Oh, I do not do absolutely all of it, but the great burden of it all falls on my shoulders. I am perfectly willing to do all I can do, and since the cooler weather has come, I am feeling much more like it. I am trying to get the right men for our job here. It may take some time to do it, but in the mean time the papers are coming out on time and plans for the future are being perfected as fast as I can get to it all.

I think there will be a way to tide over till January. I am going to do the best possible. I may have to borrow some from the New York Board, that is, draw ahead, but have not had to so far, though I wrote them about it and have no reply yet. They did not send draft for this month, so will have to write them again. I think that Brewer was gone much longer than he expected to be on his trip to Mexico. That may account for the delay.

Then too the Cuban brethren are coming to the rescue nicely with a remittance of some \$200 to apply on subscriptions. This is fine, and we have perhaps another \$200 that will come in, so we may be able to tide over and be able to begin the New Year even. I hope so, as that will enable me to organize the work as it should be right from the beginning of the year.

Well, anything else that ought to be said, just supply it. I am as proud of the way you are treating me and the work I represent as a boy of his first red top boots--now you remember how much that way, don't you?

Well, I must close. Plenty to be doing.

Faternally yours,

J. E. Davis