

June 14, 1919

Rev. J. E. Davis,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Davis:-

I regret very, very much that it will be impossible for me to come to El Paso to attend the Mission meeting. I have been trying to shape my plans so I could come, but I have had to agree to help organize the seventy-five million dollar campaign and must give considerable attention to that matter for the next three months, so I am having to cut out everything I can in order to concentrate on this one thing. I will divide myself between Richmond and Nashville. I, of course, will maintain my desk here in Richmond and try to serve the work to the best of my ability, but will not be able to do much traveling. So I cannot come to the meeting. I am sorry. I crave the privilege.

I wish you brethren would talk over the whole Mexican situation and give me the benefit of what you think ought to be done. Should we now begin to plan for large things in Mexico? If so, in what direction should our plans run? If you will make what you consider to be a program for us during the next five years, taking into consideration the conditions and needs in Mexico, as well as the enlarged purpose of Southern Baptists, and let me know what your plans and estimates are, I shall be very greatly obliged. Tell the brethren please to take time, while assembled in the Mission meeting, to make this survey and outline.

I have a letter from Brother Marrs, saying the climate in Chile has gone against him and he wants advice as to what he should do. He feels that he must leave Chile. He raises the question of whether he had better come back to Mexico and do work in the Pacific Coast field. Are there sufficient opportunities and prospects for Marrs in the Pacific Coast field?

Another alternative Marrs has suggested is that he might go to Cuba. You understand that his condition makes it necessary for him to be in a warm climate. If you will consider his case and give me advice, I shall be very grateful.

You, of course, will go over the estimates for appropriations for next year. I hope these will be made out and sent to me quite promptly, so I may have this data in hand.

I shall think of you and pray for the blessing of God to be upon you. Cordially yours,

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J. E. DAVIS, Admor.

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6/30/19

Dr. J. F. Love,
Richmond, Va.

Dear Brother:--

I heartily subscribe to the "Statement of Belief" that you have adopted. I trust that it will be a help in the future.

We had a great Mission meeting and planned some great things. I am getting my report ready to send in--I mean, the report of the House, which I made to the Mission.

We are struggling along doing the best we can.

Would like a couple of week's vacation, but no chance for that here. I hope things will be in shape by Fall so that I can go to Mo. and see my father and mother. It will have been two years since I saw them. I will want to hold a meeting or two up there to pay expenses. By that time, I hope Bro. Cheavens will be here with me. I just feel that you are going to make our hearts glad here and put us in a condition to do great things for the Lord by means of this publishing work.

It has been approved by the Mission that Bro. Cheavens come here to be associated with me in the publishing work. It will have to be. I can not carry all the load any longer. So in the end it is economy to give us another man now before one goes to the wall, so to speak.

We made some good plans and feel that you will consider them carefully, as we feel that we were doing this planning for the Lord, and not for ourselves. You will have all the reports I suppose soon if not now.

Fraternally yours,

J. E. Davis