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J. E. DAVIS, Mgr.

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

Dear Brother:--

I am trying to get all the results of the survey we made together to send them to Dr. Ray. I do not know where I will find him, so I am writing this to you.

My editorial helper decided he could not live on the money he was getting, and as Mexicans are not supposed to be quite as willing as we are to make sacrifices for the salvation of their people, I have had to raise him to \$100. But I have advised him that he not only should bring his family here, but that for the best interests of the cause, he would have to do it.

Then, of course, the question of money for them to come on arose. I agreed to recommend that the necessary traveling expenses of his wife and one daughter be paid by the Board. Now, of course, you will decide what is best about this. I think that his family should come, and I think that unless we pay the expenses they will not come and we can not hold him very long. This would not be so serious if there were some one else who could do the work. We will need to hold him or get some one else, and I confess that I do not know which way to turn for a man.

Of course, you understand that even if Bro. Cheavens comes, we will have to have a man to help with editing the material we write and get together. I trust that one by one these matters may be worked out satisfactorily.

It is pretty hot here now, but there will be cooler weather some day. At least we live in hope if we die in despair.

Fraternally yours,

J. E. Davis

July 11, 1919

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

Dear Davis:-

I enclose copy of resolutions passed yesterday by the Board with reference to the Mexican work.

You can draw for the money to pay the expenses of your editorial helper and for the one hundred dollars for you and Mrs. Davis at your convenience. You understand this will be two hundred dollars for both yourself and Mrs. Davis. We preferred stating the resolution in the way we did because we are now working on the whole matter of missionaries' salaries and did not wish to pass finally upon the salaries of our Mexican missionaries until the whole question was settled.

I congratulate you upon the coming of Cheavens. He will be a great help. He is a great spirit, as you know, and I am glad you are going to get some rest from the great strain under which you have been laboring for sometime.

With best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

R/W

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J. E. DAVIS, Admor.

BOX 667

EL PASO, TEXAS, E. U. A. July 16, 19.

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

Dear Brother Ray:--

Your kind letter with inclosed resolutions came yesterday afternoon. It was an inspiration in more ways than one. A thousand thanks.

The coming of Cheavens certainly is the proper thing. It will enable us to do better work. It will save me from another break-down. I am on the ragged edge now, but think I can pull through till he comes. I look for him promptly, from what he has written. Perhaps he will come and arrange for his family first, then bring them on later.

And the relief in salary is a God-send. We have been able to tide over on account of our daughter's coming to live with us this summer. Her husband has gone over seas--or rather goes to-day. She has helped out. Then Frank is working and helps some. But this is only temporary relief.

We wonder if ever things will get cheaper. It does not seem so now, but it is impossible to say what will take place later on.

The rains have set in and our heat has gone, perhaps for this season. We had it quite hot for several days, though the season so far has been exceptional.

Do you take time to note the new Atalaya? It seems to me to be a thing to be proud of. This is our best answer to the unionists, I think. Their new paper is 24 page paper, but does not contain more than our Atalaya, it seems to me. At any rate we feel that we have met them pretty well.

With very best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

J. E. Davis

July 22, 1919.

Rev. J. E. Davis,

El Paso, Texas.

My dear Brother Davis:

A Million Dollars in Five Years on the Foreign Mission Fields! How does that sound?

Southern Baptists are in the field for \$75,000,000 for Missions and benevolences during the next five years. From now until Thanksgiving Day we shall prosecute a campaign of education, enlistment and preparation. On Nov. 30th the big drive will begin to be closed on December 7th, when we hope to have secured in cash and good pledges the \$75,000,000.

It is the desire of the whole brotherhood and of the Foreign Mission Board in particular, that the missionaries and our brethren and sisters on the mission fields shall join us in this great effort. We believe, too, that both the missionaries and the native Christians will welcome the suggestion. Therefore we are asking your Mission to raise \$20,000 of the Million which is fixed as the very minimum for our fields.

It is understood that this Million Dollars will be spent on the fields contributing it, and that it will not be deducted from the \$20,000,000 which is apportioned to Foreign Missions out of the \$75,000,000 to be raised at home. The native churches, therefore, have the double inducement to go as far beyond the \$20,000 as they can in the fact that all they raise and a just share of the \$20,000,000 raised at home will be spent within the bounds of the Mexican Mission.

We are expecting this Campaign to have the most blessed effect upon the religious life of our home churches and we as confidently expect the same results on the foreign fields if our brethren and sisters there enter with us into the spirit of stewardship and sacrificial giving. We have faith to believe, too, that when we have thus discharged a solemn duty to our Lord and a lost world, that the Holy Spirit will so strive with our churches and the communities in which they are located that many who are now in sin will be converted and added to our church membership.

I will ask that in your own way and at the earliest possible hour you lay this letter and the suggestion which it bears before your brethren and sisters, foreign and native. If the churches on the foreign field can effect an organization for the conduct of this campaign and complete the nec-

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essary work of education and enlistment in time to join us in the great drive November 30th to December 7th, we shall be glad to know that the Movement is thus made simultaneously world-wide. We leave, however, such details to the missionaries and their native brethren and sisters, requesting only that your Mission raise at least the above amount during the five year period.

I have one other request to make, and this is made most earnestly. We want the missionaries to join us in daily prayer for the success of this Campaign in which we are asking them to participate, and we want you to call the native Christians to join you in these supplications that our Heavenly Father's blessings may be upon his people and that the Campaign may be a triumphant success.

I shall be glad to have the answer of your Mission to this suggestion, and will ask that you keep me informed concerning the progress of your campaign.

Yours cordially,

Cor. Sec'y.