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J. E. DAVIS, Mgr.

El Paso, Texas, 12/1/19

Dear Ray:--

You^r are one of the finest fellows I know of anywhere. You are always looking ahead and sympathizing with us fellows out here on the front. That is just the kind we need: Someone to hold the rope while we go down.

Well as soon as that man comes in I will talk to him and when I get a line on things will let you know.

All the El Paso churches over the top the first day. If it has been that good all over the land, we have a hundred million already with the "edges to be gleaned" yet. "Glory, glory, halleluyah; The Millions come pouring in."

This is a great age to live in. If Dr. Willingham knows about it--and I rather think he is rejoicing over it-- he certainly ~~will~~ praise the Lord.

Well here is the report for November--the best yet. Trust each succeeding one may be better still. I have a nice stock in and am getting more. Paper is scarce, so am making provision for the crisis ahead.

Will make inventory the last of the year, so we can see where we stand.

May the Lord help us all to rise to the present opportunity.

Fraternally yours,

J. E. Davis

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El Paso, Texas, 12/5/19

Dear Bro. Ray:--

Some time ago I was appointed to write you about the Mexican apportionment of the MILLION to be raised on the mission fields. I just let the matter slip from time to time, but now I have a moment and will write about it.

We could not get the matter arranged in time for the week of the great drive, so we decided that we should wait and get instructions about it. We missionaries here have made our subscriptions for the coming years, but as all the churches here went over the top, this amount could easily be transferred.

But we do not know how to arrange the matter. We have very little faith in the ability of any of them to manage the funds, and feel that they must be taken into the matter and given a certain responsibility, or we can not hope to raise very much outside of the missionaries, and they are rather scarce these days.

Do you think the funds should be administered by some of us or should they be sent to the Board and used directly by you? We need to have your ideas about this. Of course, if conditions continue in Mexico as now, there is little hope of raising \$20,000 for all causes.

We are at work however and hope to get the matter in shape soon and begin the drive toward some definite point.

Let me hear from you. Any suggestions would be appreciated by us here on the firing line.

All the El Paso churches have gone over nicely. The Association also. I hear that N.M. went over. I do not know how the battle goes yet, as we are getting nothing much on the subject from the press.

Fraternally yours, *J. E. Davis*

Dec. 9, 1919

Rev. J.E.Davis,

El Paso, Texas.

Dear Davis:-

Thank you for your letter of December 5th.

I am not surprised you find it impractical to organize your 75 Million Campaign amongst the Mexican Baptists. I hope, however, that the great benefits of this effort will be brought to bear upon the churches of Mexico. It will help those churches decidedly to feel themselves one with this greatest of all Baptist movements and I hope you brethren will work at it until you find some practical means to get these churches to subscribe for benevolences during these next five years, at least as much as we requested. ~~From~~ Other Mission from whom we have heard has undertaken its quota and some of them have gone very much over it. If the Campaign could be organized and the canvass made sometime between now and the next Convention, it would be in time for the report on the whole.

It is our understanding that the money subscribed on these various foreign fields is not to be included in the twenty million dollars which the Foreign Mission Board is to receive in this Campaign, but this money will all be spent on the fields where it is received and it will be that much extra for the cause. If your churches in Mexico can raise their quota for evangelism, schools and publications, it could all be spent upon the Mission schools, church building fund, literature, etc., that are fostered in Mexico. If you missionaries desire your contributions to go toward this fund, I see no reason why this should not be done. The funds will not be administered by the Foreign Mission Board, but by the Mission. It may be you will have to appoint a special committee to receive and disburse the funds. On this committee should also be included some leading Mexicans who would help in the distribution. If you work out your percentages of amounts to go to various objects beforehand, the matter of administration will be comparatively simple, as the Committee would receive and forward the money to the various objects, according to the percentages agreed upon.

--J.E.D--

It is glorious news that comes from Nashville.
More than eighty millions already subscribed. We will probably
go to one hundred by May. This is a wonderful day!

Cordially yours,

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