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BOX 667

J. E. DAVIS, Mgr.

El Paso, Texas, 2/2/20

Dear Bro. Ray:--

I have been waiting to hear from you about the rent matter. Things are getting worse every day, and I fear we will have to pay more unless we get a contract pretty soon.

I have been looking around and find absolutely nothing to rent that would be at all suitable.

I have delayed my trip to Mexico because we would have no place for the stuff I want to bring out. I now have my passport ready but will have to wait till later to make the trip.

I drew last month 400 dollars of the equipment fund, of which I have expended already \$348.93. I have a new Millar Saw and Trimmer just in, the bill has not come yet, but it will be about \$450 less discount. I have an addressing Machine in, though the accessories have not yet arrived. This will come to about \$150 when all in. I have a folding machine ordered, which they thought would be shipped about the 20th of last month, though as yet have no bill of lading or other evidence that it was shipped then.

I have ordered no other machinery yet, as we can not put in a bindery till we get room.

I have ordered about \$800 worth of additional accessories for the Linotype. This will equip us fine along that line. You know that our Model 19 costs now \$4300, instead of \$2700, which was the price when we bought.

On a separate sheet I send report for the month.

I am almost sick, but there is no rest for us fellows. No editor, no efficient help outside my American co-workers, no peace of mind as to the paper situation, nor the Mexican situation, nor the Home Board situation--oh, well, it would take a book to write it all.

You have your troubles too, I know.

Fraternally yours,

J. E. Davis

Feb. 9, 1920.

Rev. J. E. Davis,

Box 667, El Paso, Texas.

Dear Brother Davis:-

Thank you for yours of February second, enclosing statement of your monthly expenses. I am glad to see you are making some progress in securing your equipment. You will be pretty well set-up before the year is out. It certainly makes me happy to see us able to make improvements in this means of reaching the people.

I am pleased with the better make-up that is manifest in your papers and periodicals. I realize that sometimes the paper is off pretty badly, but I know why. I feel you are giving the people value received.

I hope you don't get sick and I hope some of the other trouble you mention will be easier. I am sure you will take account of the fact that the man who is causing you brethren to feel so badly about the home mission end is really a sick man and that judgment of him ought to be charitable because of this, even though some of the things he says and does are unpleasant.

Cordially yours,

M/W

CASA BAUTISTA DE PUBLICACIONES

J. E. DAVIS, Admor.

BOX 667

EL PASO, TEXAS, E. U. A. 2/28/20

Dear Dr. Ray:--

I hand you herewith my statement for the month of February. We are working along and doing what we can.

I wrote you yesterday stating that I was leaving for Mexico today. I did not go. I got information from several quarters yesterday that the Flu was raging down there and some asked that I come later. I postponed my trip till perhaps May--the latter part of May.

Will get the third quarter's S.S. literature out in the mean time. This will be better perhaps.

I am beginning to move things toward getting Bautista back with us. He is the best man we have for the work, I think. He is now at Torreon, you will remember. He was with me before Valdés came.

The rest of the draw for Equipment will appear on the new month. I did it this way after finding that I would not go to Mexico just at this time.

Fraternally yours,

J. E. Davis

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EL PASO, TEXAS, E. U. A. 2/28/20

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

Dear Dr. Ray:--

Some time ago I received your letter and it made me think of some of mine--it did not say a word about the matter I was interested in having some light on. So I decided that there was no light to throw on the matter, and just decided to make the best of it.

Now, I am writing to say that tomorrow I am starting for Mexico, and will likely be gone about a month. I want you to pray for us. I will preach in Eagle Pass and Piedras Nigras, Sunday. Then I make as near a bee line for Leon as possible, and hope to reach that point along about Thursday. I will then get things moving as soon as possible.

Will pack a press, some other machinery, some type and all our publications, and get them into a car if possible before I start on my return trip. The rest of the stuff I will sell or leave marked so that without any further attention on my part it can be disposed of. Of course that is material that we have no use for now, such as a lot of type, a ruling machine, a stapling machine, etc. We have them duplicated here.

I want to return by Torreón and have a talk with Bautista for he seems to us to be the only hope for an editorial man. Of course, he may not come for some time, but maybe perhaps as Pollyana says, he will be available after a few months, and maybe perhaps I can hold up till that time.

Now another thing is that we want you to come to our meeting in June. Begin to make your plans. We are thinking of having it here or at Cloudcroft. I feel that you should, if possible, plan to meet with us again. We certainly need your help.

Now, I have bought about \$1000 worth of paper the last few days--my, you could almost put into your eye that amount now-a-days. And in order to get the discount on it, I am drawing \$1000 additional on the equipment fund--which I will need to pay out on my return--and temporarily applying it on this purchase--a very necessary one. So my drafts this time are going to be as follows:

Regular months draft.....	\$ 531.66
One draft on equipment fund.....	800.00
One draft on same.....	700.00
One draft on same.....	1000.00

You will see that these drafts are honored. I have indicated on each draft for equipment fund its object.

As soon as I get out on Mexico I will report on this Equipment Fund business. Until then, not much can be said on it, except that I have paid with this draw all bills except one and that is provided for. Am drawing on the fund for the Mexico trip as it is for this purpose and will have to continue doing so till I get that stuff out of there. I have provided for that in my draw. So I think all will be well.

Now I want you to pray for me in my trip. I need the prayers of the good folks who are interested in this matter. I am not at all afraid, but I want everything to go well, if that is the will of the Lord concerning this matter. For that reason I ask an interest in the prayers of the brethren.

Tell Dr. Love for me that I am glad he had such a profitable trip and that he is safe home again. I would write him if I but had the time, but, oh my! so much to get done by this time tomorrow!

May the Lord lead and help us all.

Faternally yours,

J. E. Davis

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I want to return by Toronto and have a talk with Beattie for he seems to me to be the only hope for an editorial man. Of course, he may not come for some time, but maybe perhaps as Polyzens says, he will be available after a few months, and maybe perhaps I can hold up till that time.

Now another thing is that we want you to come to our meeting in June. Reply to make your plans. We are thinking of having it here or at Choudcroft. I feel that you should, if possible, plan to visit with us again. We certainly need your help.

Now, I have bought about \$1000 worth of paper the last few days--my, you could almost put into your eye that amount now--days. And in order to get the amount on it, I am drawing \$1000 additional on the equipment fund--which I will need to pay out on my return--and temporarily applying it on this purchase--a very necessary one. So my draft this time are going to be as follows:

Regular monthly draft	\$31.25
One draft on equipment fund	\$800.00
One draft on same	\$700.00
One draft on same	\$1000.00

You will see that these drafts are enormous. I have indicated on each draft for equipment fund the object.