

August 4, 1920.

Rev. J. E. Davis,

El Paso, Texas.

Dear Davis:-

Your letter of July 30th at hand.

I am mighty sorry to realize that you have reached the point where you feel you must give up the work of the Publishing House, but I feel sure in taking the step you have taken you feel this is the only thing for you to do.

Under the circumstances you are certainly entitled to go ahead and take a furlough and the Board will be perfectly willing for you to take it under the conditions you mention. I do hope you will be able to get thoroughly recuperated by taking some rest, but it doesn't impress me you are making a very good start at it by opening your rest period in a protracted meeting, though I know your theory on this subject.

Please turn the Publishing House over to Bro. Cheavens. I am writing him on this subject today. I believe he will be willing to assume responsibility for it. I am also saying to Brother Cheavens that in case he finds it possible to go away for his vacation, such as we have requested him to take, that he ask Brother Hatchell to handle the matter temporarily until he can get back. I believe between the two they will be able to hold things together.

I do hope and pray that you will be greatly refreshed by your rest. May the Spirit of God be on you and guide you in all things.

Cordially yours,

R/W

CASA BAUTISTA DE PUBLICACIONES

BOX 667

EL PASO, TEXAS, E. U. A. 8/9/20

Dear Bro. Ray:--

Your letter came yesterday. Thanks. I mean the one of the 4th of this present month. I appreciate it very much.

I am going to turn the work over to Bro. Cheavens in a few day, though I feel like a criminal as I do it. I told you in my former letter that it would be an injustice to do so, but as he seems not only willing but rather anxious, I am going to do this as per your instructions.

I can not hold up much longer myself with all this load. It has come to pass that I just can not get my work done. No one realizes what a load this business is now. But some of them will find out. I pray that the Lord may lead them and bless them, and that the work of the House will continue to prosper. It may be that I am the Jonah, and that when I am out of the way, He can prosper it even more than heretofore.

The Sedalia Church did not call me, in fact, has not called any one. I hear this morning that a few want an Institutional Church, and I am not cut out for that kind of a work. I want an Evangelizing Church, and of course, as far as the Institutional features can contribute to that end, I am in favor of using them. So I have withdrawn my name.

If it were possible to make a journey and live on what means I will have at my disposal, I would not go right into a meeting. Count on that. They propose to pay my expenses to Kansas City, and that is the reason why I was figuring on that meeting. I am too tired however, and am postponing it. I fail to see how we can just sit down and rest, though I know that is what I should do for a while--say about three months. But I am a poor rester--in fact, just cant do anything at it. Now, Bro. Cheavens has asked me to continue my part of El Expositor Bíblico. I did want to get away and forget it all, but what can I do? If I tell him no, he says he will have to drop that part out. Well, I have not yet told him what I will do. Will do the best I can.

I preached last night here in El Paso on the wonderful text: "Behold I lay in Sion a stumbling-stone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed" (Rom. 9:33). I really enjoyed it. Do not know just how the congregation fared, though they pretended at least to enjoy it too!

I am sending my family to Colorado for a short visit with my wife's people. I will stay here and get things in shape to get off on my furlough. I may go to Liberty, Mo., and get my boy in college there.

Pray for me. I certainly shall not forget you and your kindness, even if I never come back to work in this House.

Fraternally yours, J. E. Davis

August 12, 1920.

Rev. J. E. Davis,

Box 667, El Paso, Texas.

Dear Mr. Davis:-

Your favor of the 9th to Dr. Ray has been received during his absence from the city. He will not return until the 21st.

Please let us have your particular address while on furlough, as we shall want to send you salary check on the first of every month. Your furlough salary will be at the rate of \$1,400, for Mrs. Davis and yourself, the regular children's allowance, and \$300 per year for house rent.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Stenographer to Dr. Ray.

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BOX 667

EL PASO, TEXAS, E. U. A. 8-17-20

Dear Bro. Roy:-

Why is this? Am I still to have to make my living while on furlough? Have I not a right to have a living salary and be given a brief a chance to recuperate? If not then I do not know what to do.

It may help me to insist on my resignation. I will soon know.

Where can I rent a house for \$300 per year in the U.S.A.? I would like to know, so I can go there.

No, you make it hard for me and I will have to see about a living for my family and a chance for my boys. I will be in K.C. in Mexican work all about Sept. 5th. Then do not know when I will be.

You can address me, if you so desire, at 2316 Bellevue Ave. later on I can advise you when I will be located, if at all.

Yours truly J. E. Davis

August 30, 1920.

Rev. J.E. Davis,
2316 Bellview Ave.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Davis:-

Upon my return to the office I find your letter of August 17th. I have read also your letter of August 9th to which Miss White replied.

The information that was given concerning the furlough allowance is according to the regular rule and unless the Board passes on your case specially you would, of course, be classified while on furlough just as we classify all other missionary while on furlough. I am sure you will recognize that we could follow no other course.

Your allowance while on furlough would be:

Salary allowance Mr. and Mrs. Davis---	\$1.400
Allowance for children-Frank-Edgar---	300
Allowance for Rent-----	300
Total-----	\$2,000

It might be if the children are away from home in Boarding school, an additional allowance of \$100 could be granted to each of them. This is done for other missionaries upon like conditions when they make request for same.

I sympathize with you keenly in the problems you are up against. I wish the allowances were larger. You realize that we have to take them just as they are unless they are changed for some special reason.

I pray that God may guide you and enable you to get genuine rest.

Cordially yours,