

725 The Paseo, Kansas City, Mo.
Sep. 17th, 1920

Dear Brother Ray:--

Your letter came some time ago--I refer to yours of the 30th of Aug. It is not my intention to ask for any special appropriations for me or mine. I can make enough on the side to live on, and it is my intention to cut off the salary from the Board just as soon as I possibly can. I don't want to be under obligations to any one, or to any corporation or Board. So it is my intention to get work just as soon as possible, as it is impossible to live now on the amount the Board pays as "furlough salary." For in the first place, I have not been able to even so much as hear of a house for rent, except one and that is an unfurnished one for \$75. per month. We have rented a small apartment here for \$65 per month, and as far as I can find out it is the best we can do. There are no houses at all anywhere. I have written to many places and made personal search and there is nothing to be had, so I have come to the conclusion that instead of taking a protracted rest, I had better get located as soon as I get a little rested and relieve the Board of my salary. However I am not going to jump into anything, for that might be a great mistake, and I do not want to make a mistake.

I attended the Northwest Association here in Mo. which met at Maryville this week. I returned yesterday. I met Bro. Dawes there. I like him fine. I was the leading speaker on the Mission report. Bro. Dawes also spoke. Then they put me on to preach the sermon night before last and I turned it into a missionary address. So for once, I have really been treated royally in an associational meeting here in old Mo. I want to attend the Blue River next week, and I do not expect to get as good an opportunity but hope to get in a word for the Cause. They meet at Grandview, Mo.

Then I am on the program for the General Assn. which meets at St. Joseph the 16th of next month. They have given me 45 min. How is that for a chance? I may make a fool of myself, but if I do it will be for the Lord. I think it is a fine chance to say something to Mo. Baptists, and it may be that the Lord wants me to say it--if He does and I can get His leading, I will not be disobedient to the heavenly vision. You remember how Israel was, and Haggai did not spare them and it seems to me that these Mo. Baptists need something of the same kind of a letter, or speech. Well, I do not want to do anything but what the Lord wants me to do, so I am going to seek His leading and then I know it will all turn out right.

You will be at St. Joseph, will you not? Hope to see you there. Come with us and we may surprise you--we may do better things than you might expect of us over here in Mo.

I am going to hold a little meeting out at old "New Liberty" Church, here in Jackson Co., where my Father and Mother live, beginning a week from Sunday. It will go on perhaps 15 days.

I was approached yesterday as to whether I might accept the work of Efficiency Evangelist for the Northwest Assn., at a salary of \$3,000 per year. I do not know yet what I am going to do.

The meeting with the Mexican Church here was right good. We had about 25 professions of faith and there will be a number of baptisms.

I will keep you posted on my where-a-bouts.

But you forgot me this month and I was put in a rather bad predicament on account of not getting my salary check. I dropped you a card the other day after giving up all hopes, and trust that you have received that card and sent the check. I thought once of drawing on you but as you did not seem to like that, I finally got a little money to my credit in the El Paso bank and could draw on that- so I am waiting for my check.

I put Frank in William Jewell College and so it is going to keep me humping it to meet all my obligations. So if you would just as soon send the check promptly, I would appreciate it more.

Excuse my long letter, but I do not and will not bother you with very many of them, so they may be longer on that account.

Pray for us, as we pray for you in your great work.

Fraternally yours,

J. E. Davis
725 The Paseo,
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Mo.

Sept. 20, 1920.

Rev. J.E. Davis,

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Dear Davis:-

Yours of Sept. 17th at hand,

Your postcard was delayed.

Please find enclosed check for \$166.67, which, as I understand it, represents your furlough allowance, including the rent of \$25 per month. This is for the September allowance.

On the first of the month from now on we will send you a check. The reason the check was not sent you on the first of September was that we expected you to draw as you had been doing. Hereafter, the matter will be kept separate.

I am greatly interested in what you have to say about your movements. I know wherever you go amongst the Associations you will make missions stand out. I remember the good work you did at Cloudercroft.

Please keep in touch with me. Don't think for a second you impose on me by writing to me. I love you as a brother and I am glad to keep close to you. I shall be happy to render you any service within my power.

May God bless you.

Cordially yours,

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