

725 The Paseo

K. City, Mo.

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Dear Bro. Ray:-

Just a note to tell you about Sunday. I spoke at Harrisonville at the morning hour. A young lady came to me and said she wants to be a missionary. I am writing to find out more about her. I did not have time Sunday as I had to hurry on to a Country Church - Hickory Grove - where I spoke to a good audience.

At night I spoke to a small audience - but mostly young people - at Pleasant Hill, Mo. It was a fine day.

Now the pastor of the Pleasant Hill Church and his wife

are interested in going out  
to Mexico as missionaries.  
They are fine young people  
and I wish you would  
get in touch with them  
if not directly, then let me  
know what to do toward  
getting them in touch  
with you.

Rev. J. H. McAfee, Pleasant  
Hill, Mo. will reach him.  
He is a graduate of Wm. Jewell,  
about 25 years of age and  
has leanings toward school  
work. He has succeeded  
in his present work and  
I feel they would be a  
great help to our force

and work in Mexico.

I speak here in the  
City to W. M. Doan's  
tomorrow afternoon and  
Thursday afternoon - also  
tomorrow night at the  
Independence Ave, Church  
here.

I have more work than  
a Philadelphia Lawyer.  
But I am enjoying it.

May the Lord lead and  
bless you.

Yrsly  
Davis

Nov. 3, 1920.

Rev. J. E. Davis,

725 The Paseo,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Brother Davis:-

I am mighty glad to get your good letter of Oct. 30th. I wish you would break loose oftener and tell me about the fine work you are doing. The Lord has certainly been gracious to you in the meetings which you have held. I was interested in what you had to say about the meeting in your old home church and was greatly thrilled also by what you told me about the experience you had with the Mexicans out in Kansas. I feel sure your visit out there was Providential. It certainly was honored of the Lord.

The one anxiety I have about these meetings is that you may overdo your strength and not get the rest I feel you ought to have. I hope you will be thoughtful on this point. They seem to have had a fine Convention down in Mexico. There was a good spirit and the brethren seem to be taking the forward look. They will find me quite sympathetic with the work of the Publishing House.

You will be interested to know that we have appropriated as much as ten thousand dollars, - five thousand out of the current fund, five thousand out of the Judson Fund, - for the equipment for the Publishing House, in case it should be needed during 1921. We also appropriated the Budget made up last June.

We have made a great program for next year. We set our figures at three million twenty-six thousand dollars. This is a herculean task, but we believe our people will provide the money and we know it ought to be spent.

My heart and prayers are with you. May the love of God dwell upon you richly.

Cordially yours,

R/W

Nov. 5, 1920.

Rev. J.E.Davis,  
725 The Paseo,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Davis:-

Thank you for yours of Nov. 2nd. I certainly am obliged to you for writing me this interesting letter telling about your experiences last Sunday. God's Hand was certainly upon you and I rejoice in what he did through you.

I am writing to Brother J.H.MacAbee, raising the question with him about his going out as a missionary. I note that he has graduated from William Jewell College. I wonder whether he has taken any Seminary training. I suppose the letter he will write me in response to mine will bring out this and other facts with reference to his life.

I feel very strongly that we must have reenforcements in Mexico. What I said to you brethren last June I have repeated in other places. We must have new blood in our missionary force in Mexico. It should be very considerably augmented. This is our time to press the cause in that benighted land. May God graciously deal with you.

Cordially yours,

R/W

Sedalia, Mo., Nov. 23rd, 1920

Dear Bro. Ray:--

This time I will not be long. I am almost sick with a cold and am very tired from the exertions of this meeting. It has not been as hard however as the former meeting where my Father lives. It has been a real joy to be here with Bro. E. H. Robinson with his East Sedalia Church.

Just a few months before I went to Mexico I helped this church in a meeting. Many were converted then and as the pastor was sick I did the baptizing for him. I remember I baptized 36 for him and there were more that were baptized later. While I have been here quite a number have come to <sup>me</sup> and told me they were converted in that meeting.

This has been a great meeting--much greater than the former one, I feel. I do not know how many conversions there have been but we have had about 50 additions--many grown men and women among them. Sunday evening I preached on Christ A Stumblingstone and A Rock of Offence, using Rom. 9:33 for my text. There were six professions. A mother came with three of her children, the youngest thirteen, and all confessed the Lord, a gray haired woman came and with gladness confessed Christ, saying that she had been procrastinating for many, many years. A young man was brought by his mother, and before he reached the front there was joy in his heart, and he could not wait to confess the Lord but did so immediately. Last night there were four--two strong men and one lad about thirteen and a young girl fourteen. Two men have been saved--brothers--sons of a Baptist preacher down the State somewhere. And it would be tiresome to you for me to speak of all the wonders of this meeting. The pastor, a man of long experience, says it is the greatest work of grace he ever saw, and that he is more than ever convinced that the old time Gospel is the message for the Reconstruction Period--he was over seas, with the Y.M.C.A. and has been reconstructed somewhat himself in this meeting, so he says. He is an old college mate of mine.

Praise God for the Gospel of Christ, for it is certainly the "dynamite" of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. I love to preach it. It is the only message that counts. I feel more and more that our preachers ought to come more and more to the resolution of the apostle: "For I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ and him crucified." That is what the world is dying for. Oh, I wish I could persuade preachers to stick to that message. I will get a chance before long to speak to William Jewell men and also the K.C. Theological Seminary men, and surely I will tell them this.

I will close here tomorrow night I think. I am going to Moberly and meet my family there and we will spend Thanksgiving with friends ~~there~~ there. Sunday morning I preach in Kansas City and then in the evening I begin my last meeting which is at Forest City, Mo. If you write me, address me there care Rev. R. L. Stratton.

After that I am going to rest a while. I have turned down all propositions after that. I want to hold a meeting in K. C. in the Spring. That will be in April or May I think from what they say.

I gave these people a missionary sermon Sunday morning. Missions and conversions at the same service--wonderful. And yet, why not that? They all go together. My text was Luke 24:46-48. You know what it is.

Well, may the Lord lead and bless you as abundantly as He has me in these meetings. Fraternally yours.