

535 Benton Blvd., Kansas City, Mo.
June 2nd, 1921

Dear Ray:--

I am wondering more and more whether it is worth while for me to go to Chihuahua ~~to~~ attend the Mission meeting. The expense will be great and I wonder if justifiable. I will have to go from here and return here, as I am to be at the Arcadia Assembly this year as a teacher and lecturer. This will be Aug. 1st to ~~14~~th. This was arranged before my return to Mexico was decided on.

Now, I am not in a position to make estimates for next year as I have for once just forgotten about that work entirely while away from it. In fact, as you know, I had not intended going back to it till circumstances made it seem the thing for me to do.

I had thought of going on to Leon and getting a lot of our books and some material out, but as I will want to go to the National Convention in Mexico City in October, I could wait till then for the Leon trip. But I want to do the right thing.

I have been trying to get a pass over the Rock Island lines. I have not yet succeeded and likely will fail as this is a bad time of the year to raise the question with the railroads. If I had a pass then it would be much less expensive.

So I take this matter up with you as the Board would naturally pay the expenses to the Mission meeting, and the Publishing House the expenses to Leon and back to Chihuahua. What do you think I should do?

Please let me hear from you AT ONCE, as the time is short. I made application for my passport several days ago and will get it, I judge, in plenty of time. In fact, it is about time for it to show up now. I was intending to leave here about June 16th or 17th, at the latest. So I hope to hear from you by return mail.

Have nothing much to report expect that I have been speaking on our work as opportunity afforded. A week ago last Sunday night I was at Richmond, Mo., where I used to be pastor, and spoke on Mexico. Last Saturday I was down here at Blue Springs, not far from K.C. at an all day meeting and preached at 11 and spoke on our Mexican work in the afternoon. Married a couple here last night and will preach for the Independence Ave. people again next Sunday which will probably be the last time. The most of the time I have been loafing. That is the way it seems to me. Yet some people call it resting.

Well, address me here at the same place and if I get away from this apartment before your letter comes, will make arrangements for it to be sent to me.

Faternally yours,

J. E. Davis

P.S. It may be the best thing for me to
Mexico. I might even be

June 13, 1921.

Rev. J.E. Davis,

535 Benton Blvd.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Davis:-

I received your letter of June 2nd a few days ago, but on account of the rush incident to our annual Board meeting, I haven't been able to answer until this time.

We had a fine Board meeting. We appointed forty-eight new missionaries. I am sorry to say we didn't appoint any to Mexico, because none were applying for that field. I believe that within a year we will have some applying for Mexico. We are beginning to put the pressure on for that country and as soon as we do that in connection with any country we are apt to get results. It has been a long time since we were able to ask specifically for volunteers for Mexico. Things are better now, thank Providence.

I have a feeling it will be better for you to be at the Mexican meeting. So, if you can plan to be down there and you think it will be restful to you to spend July down in that section, I believe it will be worth while. It will be necessary for you to see the brethren in conference when it comes to making up your estimate for next year and that and other matters could be attended to while on the ground.

We appropriated yesterday \$7,500 to pay our half of the purchase price of a farm on the edge of Saltillo for the use of the Boys' School and Theological Seminary. The farm contains 350 acres and has water on it. We are going to get Madero Institute back, they say and I am in for selling the Madero Institute property and concentrating our efforts on this suburban place.

We have agreed also to the opening of a Boys' High School at Saltillo in September.

I hope the reports about the negotiations in Mexico are true. My belief is Mr. Hughes will be able to land a Treaty with Obregon, which will take care of things. If so, he will usher in a new time in the old Republic.

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May God bless you.

Cordially yours,

R/W

León, Gto. México.
June 25, 1921.

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

Dear Brother:-

I am here and have just finished a letter to Mrs. D. and will now unburden myself a bit to you.

I am asking for money to put the Pub. House on a running basis such as will enable me to carry out the program we talked about.

Now, we are all agreed on giving El Obolaya over to the Mexican brethren and all seem to feel they will take it off our hands by the first of the coming year. All feel that this our House will be an International concern and should remain somewhere in the shape.

We must have better quarters than we now have. All agree on this.

So we insist on the selection of a permanent location for the Home and the purchase of a plot—that is, land and house if suitable, or land and a suitable house be erected as soon as possible.

So a Committee was named consisting of myself as Chairman and Brith. Thoms and Hatchell to investigate and make recommendations to the Board. Now, I will be here ten days or more, I think. I wish you would write me at once about this. The time has come for doing things. I want to stop off in San Antonio and investigate the situation there.

If you authorize me to, I will go on to New Orleans and investigate conditions there. I do not feel justified in doing this without authorization from you.

Then in El Paso I can look into the whole subject when I return there after the mid-

dle of August, and after consulting at length with the other members of the Committee, we can send in our recommendations in plenty of time for your October meeting.

Please, give this your earnest and prompt consideration and let us have a place for our House, so as to take off the worry on that score. Write me to Progress 52, Leon, Sts, Mex.

I will write about a new missionary or two or three in a few days.

Why not send Miss Williams to Merelin or Tuxtepec at once - or by end of year - to open school for girls?

I must have a man and that soon. Will write you more about him as soon as possible. Fraternally

J. E. Davis

León, Gto., Mexico
June 27, 1921

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

Dear Brother:-

I will have some interesting things to write you when I get out of this land.

It is not time to put the Publishing House in Mexico, of this I am absolutely sure and so are all the other missionaries and quite a few natives that have been asked the question.

Let us locate it in the U.S.A. and give it an International character - which it already has - making it our B. School and Book house in a special way. All seem to be of this opinion now that El Atlatz will doubtless be taken over by the Convention down here.

I am making good progress and hope to be ready to leave for Laredo a week from today. Better write me there

as to the matter I suggested
in my letter yesterday. I
will call for my mail at
the Gen. del. and thus make
sure of hearing from you.

I am about to sell the
entire printing plant. If
I succeed in this then the
rest will be simple and
easy. I will pack the rest
and leave it ready to ship
when needed for now the
only way to ship anything
is by Express and that is
very expensive.

Some books I will send
by Express at once.

I am about to see my
house (ruins) and land, and
will thus save a bit out
of the wreckage.

Pray for Mexico. When
I get time I will write
you what is up down here.

Best wishes

Fratly Davis