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EL PASO, TEXAS, E. U. A.

Aug. 16th, 1922

Dear Brother Ray:

I wish I could in some way get you to see the absolute need of an adequate building for our plant. I wonder if Neal sent in the report I made to the Mission. I will send you a copy of it, if he did not, and also will send a pencil sketch of the proposed building. It is my plan, though of course it is not complete--I have already several reforms to make in it, if you will say Go. Is there any way for me to get you on my side in this matter? In fact, we can not do full work here any longer.

Without a proper place to work, I see my fin^{ish} and think it will be necessary for me to get out before another winter comes on, unless we can have a better place to work.

Mrs. Davis was operated on yesterday at the Masonic Hospital here. It was quite a serious operation but absolutely necessary. She had put it off a long time and had about lost all hope of ever getting much further without it. The surgeons were Baptists and did a good job it seems. She rallied fine and is getting along well. We hope for a speedy recovery and that she will still be able to carry on her work for many years to come. Pray for her.

We are planning greater things for another year. There is no end to the calls from our fields. We have never seen so great a need as at present, and we are unable to meet it.

May the Lord lead us all for His own glory.

Fraternally yours,

J. E. Davis

August 21, 1922

Rev. J. E. Davis,
P. O. Box 667,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Davis:-

I am in receipt of your letter of August 16th. I am just back from a fishing trip and am feeling fine. I wish you could have enjoyed the sport with me in the mountains of Eastern Tennessee.

I am mighty sorry to hear that Mrs. Davis has had to undergo such a serious operation, but I am hoping and praying that everything will go well and she will soon be completely restored. God bless the means used for her restoration.

Yes, your report has been sent to me concerning the publishing house, but it came just before I went away and I haven't had time yet to read it. You may depend on it we will give it the most faithful and sympathetic consideration. You, of course, realize that this is a year that we will have to practice more caution about our appropriations than any other year for several years past, but we are going to think sympathetically of the work in all lands, and we will do our best.

It is a great joy to see the work grow under your hands. Certainly the favor of the Lord is upon you. May God bless you.

Cordially yours,

R/F

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August 28th, 1922

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

Dear Brother Ray:

Your kind letter came a few days ago and I would have answered it immediately, had it not been for having so much work on hand, and Mrs. Davis in the hospital. I have a spare moment just now, and so will answer.

I took Mrs. D. home a while ago. She has done fine and we hope she will be a new woman now. She should have had this attended to long ago, but just put it off, and then too the expense of it and all kept her back. We are thankful to the good Lord for her quick recovery. Of course she will have to be very careful for some time. She is sitting up however, and gaining strength very fast.

I am going to send you the pencil sketch of the proposed house for the plant. You can see what we can get for the money. Of course this is merely a sketch and subject to many changes. In fact since drawing it, I have thought of several that I want to make, but it gives a general idea of what we need and what we can get for the money asked for.

Certainly the Lord has been good to us here in this plant. I never saw anything grow like this ~~has~~. I just wish I could sit down and talk it over with you for about one hour. Will you be over about Nashville next week? If so, or any where in that part of the world, we might see each other. I will be over there for a conference with those brethren next week as we have the Sunday School work about ready to launch--I mean the Teacher Training work. The Manual is on the press and we have almost all the books about ready. We want to get together on several things and so I am to meet them there.

I wish I could tell you about this new Revista Homilética we have acquired. I will tell you a little any way. Old Dr. Lund started it in Valencia, Spain. It was carried on for several years and then suspended. There have been many calls for it, as we have nothing of the kind in all our work. The preachers and workers of all the denominations took it. Well, I have completed arrangements with Dr. Lund whereby we come into possession of this paper--magazine. He is to continue as

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editor under our supervision and we are to take over the editorial responsibility. So far as the rest of it is concerned we get it all without spending one cent for it. It will continue as heretofore--a Baptist paper thought not openly declared as such. In fact we can thus give color to the preaching of the entire evangelical ministry in all the Spanish speaking world. We will give it to them in broken doses and they will like it. You know how that is. I feel that this is the best stroke of policy we have ever been able to make. Tell me what you think of it. We expect to begin it January, 1923, and publish it as a monthly magazine of about 48 pages. This will give us an advertising medium that will extend the sale of our books and periodicals more than anything else.

I do hope you will be able to give heed to our cry this time. I think it will be the most far reaching move ever made to give us what we ask for this time. I tell you we will soon be where we will not have to ask for equipment money and help of that kind if you will give us what we ask for this time. I wish I knew where to go get that money, I would have it on the string right now. I may find some of it yet.

But I could talk to you an hour about all this and then not be through. It is a tale that would look well in print and some day when I have time I think I will put it in shape for that very purpose. But not now. No time for that as we are still making history fast.

We are right now printing an edition of 11,000 copies of the book, The Priest, the Woman and the Confessional. I have advance orders for almost 2,000 copies of it. We are also going to get out an edition of The Convent Unmasked and have more than a thousand copies ordered already. And the demand for books and other literature is greater than ever before. My! it is fine to be able to offer our people good literature, for when we began this work, we had none to offer them, but now we can fit them out right well.

Well, not to tire you, write me care Sunday School Board if you have anything special to offer.

Fraternally yours,

J. E. Davis

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Dear Bro. Ray:

Your inquiry about Bro. Porter received, and in reply will say that Bro. Porter and I are good friends. I love him as a brother. I would not do a thing against him for anything. I certainly wish him well.

We need men in our work in Mexico and need them badly. That does not admit of any discussion.

Yet, despite the need of men and despite my love for Bro. Porter, I really do not feel that he would be of much service in the work there. Now I do not know, but it seems to me that we need active men, men not afraid to get out and work. Our native workers need that kind of an example set before them, and not the other kind.

This is the way I feel about it, but please do not rely on my judgment altogether in your decisions. I may be wrong in the matter.

Fraternally yours,

J. E. Davis