

November 4, 1924

Rev. J. E. Davis,
Box 211,
El Paso, Texas

Dear Davis:-

Thank you for yours of October 31st.

Please find enclosed check for \$300.00 to pay draft 2498 on L/C 2798. I am glad to see that the Chilean Publishing Concern is squaring up its debts. I hope that both it and the Argentine house will get themselves on a cash basis. They had better quit buying so heavily until they can dispose of their stock and square their accounts.

I am happy to note what you say about the voluntary contributions that are coming in towards the Publishing House. I feel just like you do about it. I do not doubt that we are going to get the equipment necessary for the Publishing House, because I am certain that the Lord's hand is in this work. He certainly has shown His approval of it by the growth that has attended it. Since all of this is true I know that He is going to take care of it in due time. These voluntary gifts are no doubt an earnest of what is coming.

Now about that \$2,500 extra to which you refer. I will say that I really thought that this amount had been eliminated, but since it has been appropriated, it is a bona fide appropriation and can be used by your Publishing House. I wonder after all if this isn't the way the Lord has taken care of the purchase of a piece of land to be used by the Publishing House. It might be that you had better let this amount be held in reserve for an emergency. There might come just exactly the piece of property that we need for the development of the work, and if you could purchase it out of appropriations already made there might be no delay in closing the trade. If such a situation should arise, get into conference with us and we will see what can be done. Of course if you want to use this for the purchase of machinery, that's all right, but I am wondering, since you have been able to take care of the purchases made recently, whether there is the urgency now.

Cordially yours,

CASA BAUTISTA DE PUBLICACIONES

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EL PASO, TEXAS, E. U. A.

Nov. 8th, 1924

Dear Ray:

I am in receipt of yours of the 4th. Thanks.

Yes, that \$300 applied two ways. Moore sent it to Miss Crouse I presume to pay on what he owes them, and she sent it to me. So this is on the Buenos Aires account so far as we are concerned. But this one I inclose herewith is from Moore and comes at a good time to help us out.

We will not have to spend a great deal for equipment next year, so that extra may be applied--the most of it--as you suggest. I had thought of that. Am looking around now and will report on my findings soon.

Since I reported on the voluntary contributions, we have received \$10.50 more. So we now have \$165.55, which never would have gone to the Board in any other way. I am looking for more. The fact of the business is we may be able to take care of this building proposition ourselves one of these days. Cant tell yet.

The purchases of machinery have not been cash altogether. I departed from my usual plan this time, but we expect to be able to take care of them. We must have a better book keeping system, and I am investigating a machine to help out on that as well as books down to date. But that will not be a very great amount.

Also we need badly a safe--have none whatever. Our papers and documents are all exposed to fire at all times.

Rest assured I will apply this to the best advantage, and will consult with you about the matter of the land purchase. Will look into this and write you promptly.

No time for more now. Fraternally yours,

J. E. Davis

November 15, 1924

Rev. J. E. Davis,
Box 211,
El Paso, Texas

Dear Davis:-

Thank you for yours of November 8th.

I have received another letter from Neal in which he states that he thinks we made a mistake in turning down the proposition which the church made when it offered us the Knights of Columbus property. I have just written him a letter, a copy of which I am enclosing. I thought I had better come right out with the whole matter which would make the situation easier for you.

Now, as I said to Neal, if the house which he proposes to sell can be handled in a way that is satisfactory, and IF, and this second "if" is a very decided one, it is really the building that we need for our work, then you two can work out a proposition and let us see what it is. But if this second "if" is not a good one, I don't believe that we ought to take the First Church property over. We had better wait a little bit until we are able to build what we want. Of course if the old building would take care of us in the proper way, then that is a thing worth thinking about.

My belief is that the thing for you to do is to talk this thing clean through with Neal, so that you will be perfectly satisfied whichever way you decide to go. I have tried to make the statement clear to Neal that I think that probably the course which you have recently outlined is the best one.

I enclose check for \$100.00 to pay for the draft of \$100.00 sent you by Brother Moye, Treasurer of the Chilean Mission.

Blessings on you.

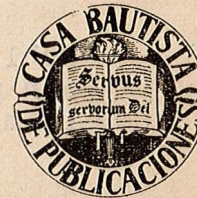
Cordially yours,

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519-523 N. CAMPBELL ST.
P. O. Box 211



EL PASO, TEXAS, E. U. A.

Nov. 15th, 1924

Dear Ray:

I think I had better write now, for I just do not have time for writing except by coming here on Saturday afternoon after the week's work is done. Perhaps I ought not do this, but it seems impossible to do otherwise.

I have no man yet--I mean, editorial man. I have help, but it is not very dependable. It is only temporary. But the right man will show up in due time. Every man that I have tried out has just escaped me, that is, has gone into other work, and does not want to make a change now.

One man I had thought of, I escaped him. He is qualified in every way except his leanings toward modernism. I am trying to keep that out from amongst us. So far I think we are free, but just what is coming I have no idea. I made a good orthodox Baptist out of Buldain years ago, and more recently Domínguez. Always I have to take them through a course of sprouts, and after all I may get a young man that will take orders--some of these older ones would want to run things or ruin them. That kind I do not want at all.

Referring again to that accidental appropriation for the House. I think I wrote you about what I want to get in the way of improvements to facilitate our book-keeping work--which is getting heavy indeed. And also a safe for our valuables here. Now, I have my eye on an acre of land down the valley about a mile from city limits and about four from the center. I have not yet been able to find out what the owner wants for it. It can be had in half acre tract--that is half of it if more suitable. I want to see the owner and get a line on it. I think the location will be good. However I do not know whether there is gas down there, but think there is. Water and light are there--I mean city water and light and power from the central plant.

There is one thing still pending and that is the Quarles letter. It is about as I suspected. And that is our trouble here also. I do not think there will be any compromise, but one thing is certain, Quarles will have to pay us for the literature they order, even if he does think they can easily get out a music edition of their book. I know one would cost us for plates alone between a thousand and fifteen hundred dollars. Maybe more. Of course after that we would be able to continue forever using a part of those plates, eliminating such as we might see fit to cut out of our collection of songs from time to time as new editions might be made.

Really I do not think it would do any good for us to have a conference at all. They will get out their book and we will get out ours. I see no way out of it. I have a scheme whereby we may be able to make our Mexican brethren feel better--have a nominal office over the

river, and make the dateline of our Atalaya read El Paso and Juarez. I am taking this up and am assured we can do that, even registering the paper in Juarez as well as here in El Paso, as second class mail matter. We would not have to have a real office--just a P.O. box and permission to give the same address as the church there.

That might simplify the song book problem also, as we might publish it over there from that office though do the work here in our plant. That might cut out a lot of the copyright intricacies. I am investigating the matter.

Really I think there is no other way out of this. And we are going to have to get busy. I intend first to get out the new songs and issue say some 50 at first, then later on others, adding to the collections as we go forward. This will spread the matter out over several years and distribute the cost over that time, thus allowing us to get something out of the work to apply on the second edition, etc.

Well, we will have the best report this year I am sure that we have ever made. I feel that we are just in the beginning of much greater things, and when we get the house, then watch us spread.

I must close. I hope that all is moving forward in the 75 Million Round-up, so that you will be relieved once more of that awful debt burden. May it be so. Then maybe we can have our building, and a man to come as an understudy here. We must have him as soon as possible for I can not carry all this burden, though what I am doing seems an impossibility. God has given me wonderful strength for this crisis, but how long will it last at this lick? Can you imagine my carrying all this indefinitely?

Now I think I have cleared up all the matters before us, unless it is to report that the new linotype is installed and at work. It cost us with all the equipment ~~\$5~~ \$5046.30 which saved us about \$700 and freight. I have to pay \$40 for installation besides the drayage and electric and gas connections, which bills are not in yet. We paid cash \$146.30 and can pay the rest at \$100 per month at 6% interest. I think I can take it up much faster, but want to play safe always. I think with our present equipment we can take care of the work for another year or so. But how it grows! And we are not able to meet the demands.

Pardon this long letter. If you do not have time to read it all at one sitting, then take it in instalments, or get your steno to read it for you. See?

Most cordially yours,

J. E. Dean