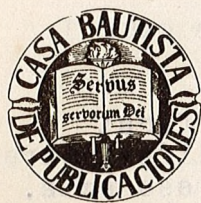


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EL PASO, TEXAS, E. U. A.

March 5th, 1925

Dear Ray:

Yours received. Thanks.

I have taken the matter up with the bank here and think we can handle the costs satisfactorily. Dr. Neal says we can even if they have to help us finance the proposition.

It is going to cost us right around \$1000 to do the remodeling and make the changes we have to make, without considering the painting which must be done, but can wait till later. The best bid I have on the drayage of the plant is \$350. The electrical installation is still in the air. One man said it would be between two and three hundred dollars using the materail we have here, but another man says that the present lighting installation will be condemned and so we had better have that fixed new. He has not yet given us a figure.

The partitions are all out now, but the stair has to stay where it is till after we get the heavy machinery in place, as it will take up part of the entrance when it is moved to its new place. So it begins to look like we will have to move about Tuesday of next week. And I can tell you it is a job we have on our hands. Well, we will likely live through it. And when we report moved then you can revise your list of missionaries, and if we should all be still on it, well and good; if not, why you will likely have to dig up some one else to put on the list. Going to do our best.

Dr. Neal and I went out buying a while ago and saved about \$25. We got lumber and cement, etc. from a member of the first church at quite a nice reduction over the regular price. And we will get more. The man who is doing the work for us gets no profit at all out of the job. He is a member of the first church also. Rest assured we are going to get the most possible for the money, and at the last if we are behind we will take a collection here among the brethren--so says Dr. Neal, and what he says seems to go pretty well.

I made a talk last night on the power of prayer, using our late experience in getting the Publishing House building. Among other things I told them that a lot of poor Mexican Baptists just prayed \$10.000 out of the First Baptist Church here--you remember their first offer was \$2.000--and that they would pray that other \$5.000 out of them in three years, or I missed my guess. And that is not all either. I am going to try to get them to pray some one's tight purse strings loose, so this will not fall on the Board, if possible. And all things are possible with God.

Well, I am just fairly ruined now as regards to time for my edi-

torial work. And I fear we will have such an interruption that we will have to cut our paper down for a week or two, or maybe omit one issue, but they ought to be satisfied with that, after all.

Now when you hear from me again the agony will all be over I think. I will have no time to write anybody or anything.

I have asked Bro. Marrs to send me the \$625 with the first check for the quarter. I am borrowing \$600 on one on my life insurance policies at 4%, thus saving some, and to tide over till these amts. can be secured, have spoken to the Bank people and they said they could arrange that. You see it has been almost a whole day since I began this letter, and if there seems to be any contradictions in it, it is because of events that have transpired since it was started.

So all is well. Or all will be well anyway.

The communications for Dr. Neal have been delivered. The deed is in the hands of the clerk to be recorded. Afterwards I will send it to you, if you want it there, or will keep it here if you so order.

We have not yet heard from the people who hold those notes. One of them is away from the city at present. It will all be worked out in time.

Fraternally yours,

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EL PASO, TEXAS, E. U. A.

March 11th, 1925

Dear Ray:

I should have sent this to Miss Cox but as usual I have been so busy that I did not get it attended to in time. I wrote her the other day that I was sending it to you so as not to delay matters.

I realize it is a poor makeshift for a report, but we are moving and I am trying to do five men's work now instead of the regular three men's job. Best I can do this time. Just a lick and a promise.

I have employed a book-keeper and he is getting our affairs in shape so we can have things like other people. It was high time. Then too it relieve me of a lot of detail work, and I am having to shove that off more and more, as it is impossible for me to edit so many papers and manage so many things and keep up. I think however it will be a great help. We find that we have some \$9500 on the books not to speak of bills receiveable for work that will run it up a couple of thousand more. Altogether too much, I know. But Moore and Quarles owe some \$3500 of that amount. If we could only get it in we would pay off the notes due April 1st. and have a lot to run on whereas we are going to crowed to the hilt. Well, I am getting out a letter--an S.O.S, so to speak--and will get in all I can. We are going to need quite a bit more than we supposed for remodeling, repaining, moving, painting, etc. We will take care of it however.

We are moving now. It will take us a long time to get it all in place down there, but we have all the month of March rent paid and do not have to begin paying interst till April 1st, so we are all right on that score.

May the Lord bless you all.

Fraternally yours,

J. E. Davis

*P.S. The statistical report
will follow in a day or two.*

March 17, 1925

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

Dear Davis:-

Thank you for yours of March 11th enclosing report. I am glad to have this in hand, and am hoping the remainder of it will come in next week. Do not forget about the statistical report.

I am glad to know you have a bookkeeper. I should think with a business such as yours you would have to have a good one. No doubt he will pay for himself over and over by enabling you to keep more definite track on how things are going.

God bless you.

Cordially yours,

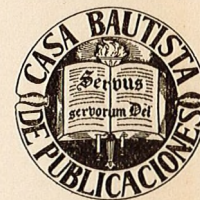
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EL PASO, TEXAS, E. U. A.

March 21st, 1925

Dear Ray:

Here it is. It has surprised me. Will it you?

This page business is not exactly right, as many of the pages we report as just a single page, would make four or five ordinary book pages. But I remember that you decided before that we should report big, little and all kinds as pages.

I have mispalced my report of last year, but as well as I can remember we have gone well over the receipts of last yer-- I mean 1923. As to equipment we have gone from some \$20.000 as well as I can recall to more than \$33.000

We have bills receivable on accounts from work and sales that will run well over \$10.000. We have not yet completed our inventory and so can not give exact figures, but will be able to give you some interesting figures as soon as we get it all whipped into line.

We have moved, and are all still alive. Of course we are piled up here terribly, but in time we will get everything in place. Think of it, we moved all this machinery and never broke a thing but one little casting which will cost us perhaps 50 cts. to weld. My hat is off to the fellows that did the job.

Next week we will get a lot of things in place. The machinery is most of it moving. In fact each Linotype was set to work while the next one was being moved, so that each machine merely lost a part of a day from work. We got El Atalaya out just two days late, the usual size. I think we have done wonders.

But I am tired. Had to stay down here this afternoon however to get this report off to you. Will rest a bit later on.

I will have a private office now--Hurrah! It is almost unbelievable. And we will have a nice airy well lighted place for everything. This is a great move. It is hard to tell just what the future has in store for us, but it is great.

Tomorow I will be 52 years old. Never was in better trim in my life. Never did more and better work than now. Praise the Lord for his mercies.

May His blessings rest upon you.

Faternally,

Davis

March 25, 1925

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

Dear Davis:-

Thank you for yours of March 21st enclosing your statistical report. It is a great showing, and I rejoice in it with all my heart. It shows fine progress over last year. If you keep on growing like this there isn't any telling what you are going to do, as it is I cannot let my imagination loose on the possibilities that lie out before the Mexican Baptist Publishing House. The future is portentous with opportunities.

I congratulate you upon the successful move. I think you have done wonderfully. I have been thinking about your dedication. I wish I could come out there to it. I feel so deeply interested I would like to be on hand the day you dedicate the building to the Lord for this particular work.

God bless you.

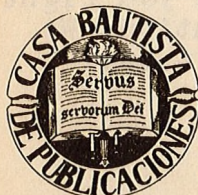
Cordially yours.

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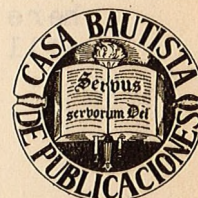
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EL PASO, TEXAS, E. U. A.

March 30th, 1925

Dear Ray:

Your very kind letter of the 25th, came yesterday. I will answer it right now, as I want to say a word or two.

It will be some time before we can have our dedication of the new building. The reason is that we are going to have to go slow on spending money. Some of the work has cost more than the contractors thought it would, and then we find we are going to have to put in cement supports under our big pieces of machinery--I mean about three of them. Not that we could not go ahead without doing any immediate damage to the building, but eventually it would tell on it, and this we want to avoid. This will have to be done soon.

Then I find it will cost us about \$600 to paint it up like I want it before we have our blow out--that is one side of the matter, and the other will be a real religious meeting. But we can set this time when it might be convenient for you to be with us. If you have any trip to make out this way within the next three or four months, we can arrange the date to suit your convenience.

Really it would be fine for you to be with us. Think real seriously about it and we will have a real big time. We will advertize it so this top floor will be full of people, and we can put in a lot of them up there I tell you.

I am going to take care of the repair bill one way or another. I will get the money somewhere and that without in any way trespassing on anybody's rights. I have written Quarles telling him to come across with half what he owes us and that half will be about \$1200. He wont do it, but he will send us some I think.

Also we are sending out an S.O.S. to all who owe us, and we will get help. We still have the plastering to repair, the cement supports to put in, more shelving to arrange, the painting both outside and inside. It will take about \$500 more than we have is sight, I think.

As soon as they finish the electrical wiring and get their bill in then I will know just what to depend on, as I can get bids on the rest of the work and know just what I can get it done for, and then if I can save on that, we will be just that much ahead.

So write me what you think about the probabilities of your coming and about when, etc. It will be worth while.

Fraternally yours,

J. E. Davis

(Over)

You will be at the S.B.C. at Memphis. You surely have transportation over the Rock Island. They have a good service to Tucumcari, N.M. now. Or you may have it on the T. & P. That would get you right here to El Paso. Come just after the meeting of the Convention. We will fix up by that time and have the dedication then. What say?

J.

March 30th, 1925

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Also we are sending out an S.O.C. to all who owe us, and we will be glad to have the plastering in ready. The cement supports to put in, more shelving to arrange, the painting both outside and inside. It will take about 1000 more than we have in sight, I think.

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J. S. Brown

Respectfully yours,

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