

August 6, 1931

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

Dear Davis:-

Thank you for your letter of July 24th.

I really feel greatly distressed about your situation. I realize that you are in a difficult and unusual place. You are actually living in the United States but having to do your business on the Mexican Pesos basis. If you had your work down in Mexico I think it would be simpler. But the situation is as it is, so I am writing Brother Marrs to allow you forty cents exchange rate on your money, beginning with August. I can't promise that we will keep this up, but we will try it this way for a little while. It is quite probable that we will go back to the regular method that we have been pursuing after a little bit. What I am doing will give you a little temporary relief, and show you our thoughtfulness and appreciation of you. Maybe that will help a little bit, and also assure you that we will do the best we can for you in the future.

I hope this little bit of aid will also enable you and Mrs. Davis to have a better vacation.

Blessings be on you.

Cordially yours,

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

Dear Ray:

This in reply to your kind letter of the 6th.

I know you appreciate our situation, and I also know your hands are tied, so to speak. I want you to know that we appreciate your interest, and believe you will recommend to the Board to do what it can for us.

We have been practically closed all this month. Have to begin again soon, and I take it that we have practically nothing to begin with, though Mr. Benson seems to imagine that he can pull through provided this and provided that. Here is hoping.

It is certainly distressing. Just when we imagined we were getting our people really interested in the great mission cause, when they are put to the test, they fail almost utterly. Pastors never preach on missions--how they can keep from it is a mystery to me--little or nothing is being done toward interesting those who might be interested and kept that way; everything for the HOME BASE--oh, that everalsting "home base" stuff! It makes me sick. Just another Devil's lie, that is all. I know the only way to keep up the "home base" is to keep the home folks busy sending the Gospel out to "every creature." The only prosperous church today is the one--and they are so few!--that is distinctively missionary.

Mrs. D. and her husband expect to start on that little vacation about Sept. 7th. Our older son, Frank, is going to Liberty to teach Spanish in William Jewell College next year--that is beginning this autumn. We decided that we would drive them up there. I have a sister living in K.C., a brother that is pastor at Richmond, Mo., where I was pastor a long time ago now, another brother in Topeka, Kans., and another in Emporia, Kans., a professor in the State Teachers' College located there.

Then Mrs. D. has a brother living near Newton and another in Elkhart, same State. Then on into Colo. where she has several brothers and sisters. A brother-in-law, who is a doctor at Lamar, Colo., has one of the finest X-Ray outfits I ever saw--latest model two years ago--and he says he will give me pictures of all my insides if I want them. That is what my doctor here wants. So combining convenience with pleasure, and saving a few dollars in X-Ray picture expense, we think we can get around about as cheaply as to stay at home--not counting wear and tear or the car of course. Then the rest will surely offset that. You see I have been tied right here for the most of ten years now since I came back from my furlough. I need a little vacation.

I finished yesterday my lesson work up to the end of the second quarter of 1932, so you see I am well ahead--more than nine months. Before I leave in a little over a week I shall have everything ready for the operator to set up while I am making the circle of Ft. Worth, K.C., then around through Colo. N.M. and on home. We plan to be back by the first of Oct.

I think it will be possible for me to attend the General Association at Springfield, Mo., about Oct. 20-22, if I have the date correct. Likely I shall see you there.

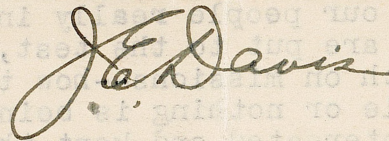
The old saying of "an ill wind, etc." may be applicable in my case now. Maybe it will give me a chance to get away from here some and recuperate. I want to be able to hold a few meetings along during the year. Have one now at Anderson, Mo., to begin Oct. 25th, the Sunday after the Association. You know I have transportation on several railroads which enables me to get around without much expense.

Well, I try to pray for you and the work of the Board. I still get no assurance that the end is in sight. Maybe I do not need that at all, and maybe it is nearer than I think, though there is nothing on the outside to indicate it to me. May the Lord help us all to wait on Him, for He surely will bring it to pass.

Be careful with your health. Remember that you are quite a bit older than you were the first time I saw you.

Hope to get to see you some of these days--likely in Springfield in October. God bless you.

Most cordially yours,



P.S. If I can be of any special help in my rounds to you in your work, all you have to do is command me.