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Dr. T. B. Ray,
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Dear Ray:

I have been thinking for some time that I ought to break the painful silence that has reigned between us for many moons, and write you a note, if nothing more. I have so much to write since I have fewer helpers, that it is almost impossible to find time for anything extra.

But I want you to know that I sympathize with you in your work. It is a heavy load you carry. And it is always harder when it seems that our brethren have abandoned us to Fate. I sometimes think our people have just about lost interest in the great Mission Cause. I told you more than a year ago--or about that long--that there were harder times ahead, but you did not seem to want to believe me.

Maybe we have about reached bed-rock now, but not in time to save our work. Just about all of it will be practically lost if what Marrs writes me is what you will have to do the coming year. It just about breaks my heart, but I realize you are in a hard way.

I do hope you will be able to give us \$1000 Mexican per month. If you can do that we can hold this S.S. literature up to present standard, and be ready when things begin to "come back." I understand that it is just about all that is left anywhere. The Methodists and Presbyterians are writing us about literature for the S.S. Oh, we just HAVE TO hold this together, but I do not know how it is to be done yet. If you can assure us of that amount, we can do it. Everything else has gone by the board, but we have thus far kept the S.S. literature going in fine shape.

DONT FAIL US IF IT IS AT ALL POSSIBLE TO DO THIS MUCH FOR US FOR 1933. YOU WILL NOT, WILL YOU?

I may go to Mo. again this Fall to hold a meeting. I find it is the best sort of a vacation for me. I am too impatient to go off like some people and spend two or three weeks relaxing. I can relax better in a meeting than any other way, it seems. I prefer to work, and a change of work is a rest for me.

I am in good health and working hard. Am getting a "good run and shoot" on the first quarter of next year. Why, I think I shall be able to get my Expositor expositions done within ten days, for the first quarter. And we plan on trying to get it all printed early. After that, we are not sure of anything, unless you still give us the help I suggest above. May the Lord put it into your heart to stand by us. This work reaches farther than almost any other, since we send literature to the ends of the earth. May God bless you.

Fraternally yours, J. E. Davis