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J. E. DAVIS, DIRECTOR

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Dr. Charles E. Maddry,
Richmond, Va.

Dear Brother Maddry:

Your letter of recent date received. Am answering to assure you that I am trying to make our Board and its financial situation a special object of prayer. Trust that in some way the Lord will open doors to you that will provide for the work in some way. After so much expansion, it is hard to contract the work back to where it was twelve or fifteen years ago. It just ought not to be done, if possible to avoid it.

I have just answered a telegram from Dr. E. Godbold, Sec. Mo. State Mission Board, in which he asked me if I could make a missionary tour in Missouri from June 19th to 30th. I do not recall having to turn down anything that I regretted more than to have to wire him that at the date suggested it would be impossible. Maybe he can suggest a later date that will do as well, though I imagine it is team work and he will have to get some one else.

The reason I can not go at that time is that I have promised to help in a meeting at Hot Springs, N.M. beginning June 18th. I am trying to act as supply pastor of a church just over in N.M.--Anthony, 20 miles up the valley from here. Some time ago, we had the pastor of the H.S. church to help us in a two weeks meeting there. The plan was for the offering to go to State Mission work--which is badly needed in that State, and greatly handicapped for want of funds. And in return I was to do the preaching for him in a return meeting on the same basis--the offering to go to the State Mission fund. At this late date, I do not see how I could ask them to postpone the meeting for the Missouri work, though it would please me very much to make the exchange.

Our S.B.C. did this year what it always does with reference to the great Foreign Mission work--crowd it into a corner and give it the treatment usually accorded to a step-child, rather than that which should be given to its own offspring--might I not say its eldest? Oh, I have often prayed that the Lord would help our leaders to see that the secret of success all through our work at home is to put first things first--"Go ye into all the world, etc." Maybe some day, some day!

But I still hope all will be well. And may God sustain you in your responsible work in his kingdom.

Most cordially yours in Him,

J. E. Davis

June 12, 1933

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

Dear Brother Davis:-

I received your letter of June 3rd on my return to the office this morning after an absence of some ten days.

I wish very much that you could find time to spend a few days with the brethren in Missouri, but I know your duties are heavy and you have to make your outside engagements with this in mind.

I came back from the Convention very much disappointed that nothing in an adequate or definite way was done for our foreign mission work. However, we are going to work on in the hope and prayer that the light will break and a better day will soon dawn for us.

With sincere regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

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