

August 7, 1933.

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

Dear Brother Davis:

Your letter of July 31st was received on my return to the office this morning.

I was hoping very much that we could arrange a meeting of all of our missionaries in Mexico in the near future, but find now that it will not be possible at this time. I hope very much to attend the meeting of the National Convention in Mexico in the fall. Please write me the date of the meeting and how to reach the place of meeting.

With sincere regards,

Yours truly,

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Dr. Charles E. Maddry,
Richmond, Va.

Dear Brother Maddry:

Your letter of the 7th came this morning. I shall answer it at once.

I note what you say about that meeting of the missionaries in Mexico. The announcement of such a meeting, after we had decided that such a meeting would not be held this year in the interest of economy, rather filled us with fear and trembling--I might say, consternation. It sounded ominous to us who have been fearful for some time that our Board would finally decide to withdraw from Mexico altogether.

And surely the present condition is far from reassuring, I think. Our people seem to be in hard financial circumstances, and then besides that, there seems to be such a dearth of spirituality that paralyzes every effort to get money for religious work. I do not know how to explain it. If I were hasty in jumping to conclusions, I might do like many are doing and decide that the Lord's coming is at hand, and why try any more? I read my Bible and find that we are to occupy till He come.

The Mexican National Convention meets this year in León, Gto., Mexico. That is where I was located for ten years. It is from Oct. 10th to 14th. You can get there either through here or through Laredo. The Laredo route is the shorter. You change on that line at Querétaro and run back to León. By going in here at El Paso, you have no changes at all. It is about 260 miles N. of Mexico City.

I would like to attend, but I think it will be just about impossible for me to get a passport, since I am known here in the Mexican Consulate as a missionary. It would be hard for me to get a permit from the Government at Mexico City to go in for the purpose of attending a religious Convention. You will want to go in as a tourist. Better be sure of that, and you can easily find out from Detweiler of the New York Home Mission Society about the requirements. I would suggest that you get started on it soon, for it may take quite a lot of time to get it all arranged. I would suggest that you write him. Rev. Chas. S. Detweiler, at the Society's address.

I am sending you today the S.S. literature I intended to send earlier, but was delayed a little. Hope you will like it.

I want to spend part of September in Mo., my native state. We have a daughter and a son living near K.C. and all my brothers and my sister live up there. Dr. Godbold says he can use me to advantage, visiting associations.

Hope to see you one of these days again. Cordially, *J. E. Davis*

Aug. 14, 1933.

Rev. J. E. Davis, P. O. Box 211,
El Paso, Texas. (P.O. Box 211)

Dear Brother Davis:

I have your letter of Aug. 11th.

I wish very much indeed that I could be present at the meeting of the Mexican National Convention on Oct. 10-14. However, I find that this is the date for the meeting of the Foreign Mission Board, hence it will be impossible for me to attend your meeting. I will have to wait until another time for a visit into Mexico. I was very anxious to meet the missionaries in Mexico and discuss our whole situation, but we will go on for the present and wait for some convenient time in the near future.

I trust you will have a profitable and enjoyable visit to your native state, your old home.

With sincere regards for you, I am,

Yours very truly,

M/P