

El Paso, Texas
October 21, 1933

To Whom It May Concern:

I have signed the proposition on the other side lest I might be misunderstood. So far as I can see it should go without any signature. I have been a missionary of our Board for 29 years and have always cooperated with it in every way, using every means at my disposal to save mission money, and accepting whatever raise or cut made in salary or other allowances, without a protest at any time. Have always bowed to the inevitable trusting that it was the will of God, whatever it was.

May the Lord lead us all in these trying times.

Cordially,
J. E. Davis

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Because the debt on the Foreign Mission Board is so seriously hindering the work of Foreign Missions, and because we missionaries share the responsibility for having incurred the debt, we, the undersigned missionaries of the Southern Baptist Convention, cheerfully agree to cooperate with the Board, and our home constituency, in whatever plan may be adopted for the payment of this debt.

Moreover, we are of one mind that the Scriptures forbid us to incur debt, (Rom. 13:6). In this we have grievously sinned, and we confess it. We therefore earnestly implore the Board to adopt, and announce as its future policy, that it will not borrow money for any purpose. We humbly believe that God will provide the funds necessary for the work and the workers which He approves, if we ask Him in faith. We therefore obligate ourselves to become intercessors, with the Board and all others who love His Kingdom, for whatever may be needed, and we cheerfully agree to accept a due proportion of whatever funds the Board may receive for its work.

Signed by:-

J. E. Davis

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October 31, 1933
El Paso, Texas

Oct. 24, 1933.

Rev. J. E. Davis,
Mexican Baptist Publishing House,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Brother Davis:

I received the copies of the resolution with reference to the debt of the Foreign Mission Board, signed by yourself and Mrs. Davis.

A few days ago I received a copy of this resolution from Brother Evans in China. It seems to have originated in China, and this was the first time I had seen a copy of it. Of course, I appreciate the spirit that prompts it, but I hope sincerely that the Foreign Mission Board will be able to carry on and pay its debts at the same time without further reducing the work of the Board. However, we do not know what the future holds in store for us, and we are going on day by day in faith, believing that God will lead us out of our difficulties in His own good time.

With sincere regards for you, I am,

Yours very truly,

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J. E. DAVIS, DIRECTOR

October 30th, 1933

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

Dear Brother Ray:

I feel that I should write you this letter. It seems that recently it ~~did~~ no good to write you, since you did not answer the last two letters I addressed to you. Then I decided to address them otherwise, which I did.

After so many years of such pleasant relations with you in your work with the missionaries, I feel that it is an honor and a privilege to express to you my personal regrets at your separation from the work you identified yourself with so completely and for so many happy years. I hope you will understand that I for one appreciate you and your great work in connection with our Foreign Mission Board.

Have been wondering what you are going to find to do now. I take it that you will not be idle. I have heard it often said that you cant keep a good man down. I know that the years begin to tell on us of the old guard, but after all a man is about as old as he thinks he is, till--of course--old age really gets its grip upon him.

And you are not very much older than myself. I will be 60 next March. And I tell you honestly and frankly that I am doing more and better work in the position I hold than I ever did. I am freer from aches and pains than for many years. I am happier and live in a holier and healthier atmosphere than for a long time. In fact, the Lord has been so good to me that I just praise his name all the time, and show my heart-felt gratitude to Him for it all by working harder and harder. I am now planning more work.

I think you will be interested to know what it is. Well, you see I have written the Expositor now for twelve years and have the work done now for the first half of another year. What I am planning now is to get my work in shape for permanent form--that is, it is to form part of our Commentary on the N.T. I am to arrange my notes and correct them and improve them, on the Synoptic Gospels and Acts. In fact I have almost all of these books commented on. I need to fill in the small gaps and correct and refine. I have just ordered Dr. Robertson's work on the N.T. which I think will be a help to me in this revision work. Of course, it is hard to tell when this will ever be published, but some day it may be. At any rate I can work at it.

And I am having a fine time Sundays. I go up to Anthony, N.M. just 20 miles up the valley from here every Sunday, and have been for almost two years. I preach there twice and go on to La Mesa, some 13 miles further on, where for five years Mrs. D. and I have been running a S.S. for the Mexicans.

Yesterday I preached to about 160 Mexicans in the Federal prison up near Anthony. This is to be a monthly affair. I preached at 9.30 a.m. and then went to Anthony for 11 o'clock.

This Sunday work serves as recreation, see? I am planning to have some work done among the Mexicans at both places mentioned above. Bro. Parker--you know him, who was in Brazil--now the worker among the Mexicans here in N.M. can be on the field for two weeks about the first of December. I think I shall turn him loose. There are many, many Mexicans that have never been evangelized up this valley.

And the worst pagans of all are Americans up there. I never have run up against such conditions. Well, at any rate it keeps my mind occupied part time on other matters than this work here, which otherwise would become irksome, even as it used to at times.

I spent a month over in Mo. recently--in fact it was the month of September. I really had a fine trip and profitable for the Cause of the Master, I think. I did not get much out of it, but made the expenses of the trip for Mrs. D. and myself. Of course the Ry. Co's. bore the major part of the expense.

Well, remember that Davis--hard-boiled as he is, and often a contender for things that he thought would be better than what his brethren thought--knows and loves T. B. Ray, and always will. And I don't mean may be either. My prayers are for you. May the Lord lead you into some fine work that will be a blessing to you and make you a blessing to many others; the rest of your stay down here. And I for one believe that many will be the stars in your crown of glory over yonder.

Mrs. Davis would join me in these good wishes did she know that I am writing this letter to you.

May God bless you.

Most cordially and eternally,

J. E. Davis