

Jan. 5, 1934.

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

Dear Brother Davis:

I have written Brother Benson this morning suggesting that he go to the West coast field in Mexico and take up active missionary labors. I tried to put it in the best way possible suggesting that because of our depleted forces in Mexico, I was distressed over the whole outlook. I suggested that owing to the decrease in the business of the Publishing House that you would be able to edit all of our publications and manage the business end of it at the same time, thus releasing him for active service on the field. I do not know how he will receive it, but I hope it will be all right and that he will consent to go. I have already written Brother Marras suggesting it and asking his reaction. I hope you brethren will confer together and see if we can work it out in a satisfactory way to everybody concerned.

I have heard nothing from Dr. Van Ness and the Sunday School Board, but I am hoping that we are going to get that appropriation.

With sincere regards for you, I am,

Yours very truly,

M/P

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DEPARTAMENTO EDITORIAL

J. E. DAVIS, DIRECTOR

January 9th, 1934

Dr. C. E. Maddy,
Richmond, Va.

Dear Brother:

I was appointed to edit the Mexican report this time, but am reminded that in some way we do not have the usual blanks for the financial and statistical reports from the different missionaries.

I wish you would get them off to me right away, so I can send them out with a reminder to each one to get his report in as soon as possible.

Just received yours of recent date this morning and we have not gone into the details yet, but I think it will work out all right. Hope so at least.

The Sunday School Board did not meet till yesterday, so I imagine you will soon have some word from them.

Most cordially,

J. E. Davis

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J. E. DAVIS, DIRECTOR

January 11th, 1934

Dr. C. E. Maddry,
Richmond, Va.

Dear Brother:

I am just in receipt of a letter from Bro. Marrs, in which he says he is sending out those blanks I wrote you about a day or two ago. So you need not bother further about that matter.

Now as to the major operation. I do not know just what the attitude of the brethren is going to be. We have just had a little meeting here. Bro. Hatchell thinks they will not allow any one to move into Mexico now, since they are even keeping mining men and teachers out. Of course, Bro. Benson could live at Nogales on the border, as he did once before. Yet he might not be able to get a passport at all. Since it is coming to a show-down, I fear that Benson is not going to like the idea of leaving such a nice easy berth, but my opinion is that until he does, we are not going to even have a fighting chance here. You already know what I mean by this. And even then much is going to depend on whether we can get that help from the Sunday School Board. I am hoping to hear soon that you got it. But even then, I cannot carry out any program to do any good unless I can know what to count on and how it is going to be spent. That he has never consulted me about and is now predicting that we will have to suspend everything in the near future. This I will not stand for, unless of course we do have to shut the Publishing House down entirely.

He is going to write you I think today. The sooner we get a chance to reorganize the work the better chance we will have to survive. I hope that he will say that whatever you decide on over there will suit him, and that you can decide definitely before you go away, leaving us to close out his work here by the end of the month of January, if that is possible.

I am convinced that this is the only way out, though it is going to give me more to do, yet it will be easier since I can know what we can do next. Two heads to so small a business cannot possible result satisfactorily, unless there is a perfect and complete interchange of plans and a definite understanding as to what is to be done and how. That is one of the worst features of this business at present.

I hope you will find things in better shape in Europe than they are down this way. May the Lord richly bless you, is my prayer.

Most cordially yours in Him,

J. E. Davis

P.S. Of course this is strictly confidential. I do not want to do a thing except what will contribute to the best interest of the work.

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J. E. DAVIS, DIRECTOR

January 11th, 1934

Dr. C. E. Maddry,
Richmond, Va.

Dear Brother;

I am in receipt of yours of recent date and have but one thing to say. If it seems best to you over there to put me in charge again of the entire work of the Publishing House, I shall do my best to make it go. I do not know that it is going to be possible to keep it out of bankruptcy or not, but I shall do my best.

As to Bro. Benson, he is one of the finest spirits I have ever been yoked up with, and there is only regret to see him go away from here. One thing I can say for him as a field man, which you likely already know, and that is that I know no better man for that kind of work anywhere. I have been out with him on the field and he knows how to go about it. If he should go to the Pacific Coast field, I am sure he will do good work.

These seven years that he has been associated with me here have been pleasant years. I do not say that present conditions require two men here, but one thing I do say and that is he has been a great fellow-laborer through the years.

My reaction is simply that I am willing to undertake anything within reason that you brethren over there ask.

May the Lord richly bless you in your journeyings through Europe. Hope conditions are not altogether intolerable over there. Be careful and don't kiss the Pope's toe, but likely he would not let you do that! Look out for Mussolini and Hitler. I suppose you will not likely get over in Stalin's territory. At any rate, all joking aside, I hope you may have a profitable trip.

Give Bengtson in Barcelona my best regards, and Gill over in Bucarest, if that is where you run across him. He is one of the Lord's choicest spirits. I have known him for many years.

Most cordially yours,

J. E. Davis

Jan. 13, 1934.

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

Dear Mr. Davis:

In the absence of Dr. Maddry from the office I am writing to acknowledge receipt of yours of Jan. 9th, and to say that we sent the statistical blanks to Mr. Marrs, but I found a few days ago that they had gone to the wrong address. We have, however, sent a duplicate lot to Mr. Marrs' correct address at San Antonio. I hope these blanks have reached him by this time, and you can get them from him.

If Mr. Marrs has not received these statistical reports, please let us know, and we will send another batch direct to you.

With every good wish, I am,

Cordially yours,

F/P

Office Secretary.

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J. E. DAVIS, DIRECTOR

January 24th, 1934

Miss Jessie R. Ford,
Richmond, Va.

Dear Miss Ford:

I received the copy of letter sent me recently. I think Bro. Benson is getting ready to turn over the Publishing House management, though he has not said just when he intends doing it. That will be soon, I am sure.

But since not a word was said about whether the Sunday School Board took action on our plea for help for this work, or whether they turned us down, I am anxious to get the straight of it, so I can know just what move to make next.

Will you please let me know the exact status of this matter. I will appreciate this kindness very much.

Am praying that Dr. Maddry may have a profitable trip to Europe and a safe return.

Most cordially yours in Him,

J. E. Davis

I shall miss my good friend and brother Dr. Ray.

Jan. 29, 1934.

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

Dear Mr. Davis:

Your letter of Jan. 24th came to hand this morning.

I am sorry to tell you that Dr. Maddry had to postpone his trip to Europe on account of sickness. He was taken with the flu and also had a slight attack of pleurisy, and has been out of the office for three weeks now. Last Friday he went to the hospital for a slight operation and is still at the hospital. The doctors say that he is getting along very nicely and we hope that they will permit him to go home sometime this week.

If the Sunday School Board has taken any action with reference to your work, I have not heard of it. As soon as Dr. Maddry gets well enough for me to talk this over with him, I will ask him whether he knows what has been done or not. I do not believe it would be best for me to write to the Sunday School Board until I have had a chance to ask Dr. Maddry about it.

We are all grieved over the going of Dr. Ray, and no one will miss him more than I shall, particularly at this time when Dr. Maddry has to be out of the office.

If I get any definite word from Nashville, I shall be glad to let you know.

Cordially yours,

F/P

Office Secretary.