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J. E. DAVIS, DIRECTOR

April 14th, 1934

Dr. C. E. Maddry,
Richmond, Va.
Dear Brother;

I am sorry to be late, but I have been so busy that it just seemed impossible for me to get to this. I do not know what they put it onto me for. A bunch of missionaries crying that their hands are tied and can't get anywhere to work, and here I have my hands so full--always did have and always will find more than I can do--that I can't get the work all done, yet they wished the job off onto me. I would get mad were it not for the fact that would do no good.

Well, here it is. I could only wish that I had had more time to arrange some of it better. I found some reports very poor, like for example that of Engelmann. Had I noticed that in time I would have written him for a better report of his work.

I want to get this off by air mail tonight. It is getting toward night now, and I am so tired after working all day on this, that I shall write no more now. Monday I shall write you about several matters.

Fraternally,

Davis

April 18, 1934.

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

Dear Brother Davis:

I received your communication of April 14th together with the enclosed report for the Mexican Mission. We are putting this in shape and will send it forward to Nashville to be added to the reports from the other missions already sent.

I am expecting to see you at Fort Worth, May 16-18.

With best wishes,

Yours truly,

M/P

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Hymn Books and Supplies

J. E. Davis, Mgr.

P. O. Box 211

El Paso, Texas

April 20th, 1934

Dr. Chas. E. Maddry,
Richmond, Va.

Dear Brother Maddry:

Well, I really did intend to write you last Monday, but I have had so much work that I just could not get to it. Hope that you received the report and that it will serve.

I have been very busy with the literature for the third quarter, and only yesterday finished the *Expositor Bíblico* for Teachers. The other edition is already printed. This will be early next week. I have still to do my work on *El Faro Dominical*, our quarterly for Intermediates. Hope to get all done next week.

But I have quite a bit of concern as to what is happening at Nashville. I really have counted on that help, especially for March, April and May, and was in hopes they would make it a permanent matter, after the Convention and their Board meeting. I am getting up a plea that I shall have the pleasure of showing you at the Convention, which you will agree with me will appeal to the Sunday School Board. As yet I have not all the data in hand, but am expecting more. I have a part. Really the conditions in some countries are heart-rending.

Miss White wrote me they would help us to the tune of \$900 to begin after the Convention. This is to resuscitate our magazine which for several years has been suspended. I hope we are going to be able to make this go, for it is one of our best agencies of propaganda and our point of contact with our people. Through it we can advertise our books and other publicacions, which is hard to do in our Sunday school periodicals. I have not had time to plan anything yet, but am going to begin just as soon as I get the literature for the third quarter ready.

Now, what are we to do about the Sunday School Board? I am going to need that help to pull through. In fact, I see no way yet to do all our work unless we get that help permanently. But we will have to have this since it has been offered. I wonder why it has not been sent. What are their requirements? Here it is almost the end of April and still we are waiting.

And I have paid out of our small reserve--rather what we should use in publishing our literature --State and County taxes.

I did not know that they were not paid, and so had to pay a penalty. That amounted to \$15 or more and another added penalty would have been stuck on in a few days--April 22nd. So I paid them, and now before the end of May City taxes will have to be paid which are more than the State and County. I paid \$158.35. We have been able to keep the State and County tax down, but not the City. That runs almost \$700.00, and I have nothing to pay it with. I do hope you will be able to find this relief for us, if possible. I think they become delinquent May 31st. The time was extended, and my recollection is that it was to that date.

I trust all goes well with you. These are certainly strenuous times through which we are passing. Some seem to think we are beginning to see improvement; others think not. I suppose that is largely due to one's politics. Better not have any of those things. It seems to me that to be a real good citizen these days requires that one vote for men and principles, and not for party.

But that is neither here nor there.

May the Lord's will be done.

Most cordially yours,

J. E. Davis

April 23, 1934.

Rev. J. E. Davis,
Mexican Baptist Publishing House,
Box 211, El Paso, Texas.

Dear Brother Davis:

I received your letter of April 20th and will answer at once.

I saw Dr. Van Ness in Memphis a few days ago, and he confirmed his telegram to me sometime ago that the Sunday School Board would pay the Mexican Publishing House any deficit in their running expenses for March, April, May and June, up to \$300, so it is up to you to get that money. Whatever your deficit was for March, submit it to Dr. Van Ness immediately, and I suggest that you put it in a regular statement and, if possible, have some one to attest it. In that you would want to put your taxes, of course, and everything else. In other words, the Sunday School Board has promised to give us for the month named above the amount of our deficit on the Publishing House up to \$300, that is, you could not get more than \$300 per month for those months, even though your deficit were much more than \$300. So it is up to you now to so arrange matters that you will get as much as \$300 a month for the months named. That will give you \$1,200 and ought to help out mightily. You will have to make your statement once each month at the close of the month to the Sunday School Board in Nashville, and they will either send the money here, or send it direct to you. Dr. Van Ness did not indicate which procedure he would follow.

I appealed to Miss Blanche White to put in \$900 for the Publishing House. Of course, you can put it on the ground that you want to reestablish your publications. I put in the amount of the taxes you told me you had to meet sometime ago. I thought the \$900 would cover the taxes and that you could take money from the Sunday School Board or other sources of your income and issue the publications. Anyway whatever is necessary to be done ought to be done. You will get the \$900 all right plus \$300 a month from the Sunday School Board for the months named provided you have that much deficit. After that time, of course, we will have to work out a new deal with the Sunday School Board, but we have got them started and I do not anticipate that they will drop us at all.

This all looks mighty good to me.

With love and best wishes,
Yours truly,

M/P

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April 27th, 1934

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

Dear Brother Maddry:

Your good letter of the 23rd came last evening, and I assure you I was glad to get it. I now know what is required and shall go to work at once to make it practical. We need the \$300 per month, and I am sure that we can count on it now. It will not be hard to show quite a deficit--much larger than the \$300 we want from them.

Miss White wrote me they would give us \$900 for the year, to begin coming in after the Ft. Worth Convention. I shall see some of them there and find out what they really do. I feel sure from the way she wrote there will not be any unreasonable conditions to the gift. They may require that it be used to rehabilitate our Baptist paper, but we shall not get in any great hurry about that. I am going to begin planning for it, but it will be some time before we can really launch it.

Yes, this all looks hopeful, and I really feel that I can present to the S.S. Board a plan that will please them and get the continuance of the help from that source. I have letters from Chile, Argentine and Cuba and am expecting some others before the Convention, showing some of the needs of these fields for our literature which they are utterly unable to meet. It is appalling. I shall have the data all in hand before the Convention, and you will agree with me that the plan will appeal to our S. S. Board brethren. They like facts and figures. I am going to have them.

Now, we are hard hit again. Argentine has withdrawn from the Postal Union--I imagine by this is meant the special Convention of American nations--though the P.M. here used the words Postal Union in his letter to me about it. That means that we cannot now send them literature at the special second class rates, (1 1/2 cts per lb.) but will have to use regular book rate of 1 1/2 cts for each 2 ounces or fraction. This will make it cost us a small fortune to send them the literature for the rest of the year. I have written them to get busy and see if we can not ship it by freight to them and they distribute it down there. We shall do our best.

With love and best wishes, I am as ever,
Fraternally yours,

J. E. Davis