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Dr. Chas. E. Maddry,
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Dear Brother:

I suppose I should have written you earlier, but it is saying very little when I say that I have been busy. So I have been slow about it.

We have been getting along pretty well. However, now things have taken a turn for the worse--it is very natural in this business, as well as all others I suppose. We have little or no income from commercial work this month, and very little prospect for the coming month.

However, we have kept going, and are still going, and I feel that with the help of the Lord we are going to keep on going. He did not plant this work here for nothing.

And that leads up to what I want to say to you.

You may already know that Mexico put a ban on religious literature just as we were sending out that for the second quarter. Only a small part of what we shipped reached its destination, unless it has been delivered since the ban was lifted. However, we went ahead by faith and printed literature for Mexico for the third and fourth quarters. Just as we were about to despair of getting the literature for the third quarter to our subscribers, the ban was lifted, and all went forward. This was a great joy to us. We are fearful of a revolution in Mexico, and so we are hastening to mail out the literature for the fourth quarter, so it will reach its destination soon.

All this makes what I have to suggest of greater importance as it seems to me. We now have an open door for our literature in Mexico. We ought to use it to the fullest extent in our propaganda work there. Yet we do not have it, and can not print it in sufficient quantities and give it to workers to distribute. You know why we can not.

It seems to me that our Board ought to make an exception of this Publishing House and give us a raise for next year. Schools are closed, missionaries have been retired, native pastors and workers are doing nothing much, and we can do but little because of being hampered with scarcity of money to do with.

True, I told Benson to make no request for any more than we are receiving--which is just a little more than enough to pay taxes and upkeep on the plant. He told me he had instructions to that effect, so I decided to put this matter squarely up to you. If ever there was a time when we should set wheels a-running, it is

now, and they ought to be kept running for the glory of our Lord. This is urgent. I know there are a thousand urgent things, but we are limited almost to this one agency in Mexico. Why not plan to give us a lift?

What I have been thinking about is getting on the train and running over to Nashville to see Dr. Holscomb, but after all, that might do very little good just as present. He knows very little about me and this work. True, the brethren over there do, but until he asks them they are not likely to give him much information about what we are trying to do here.

So, it may be that you will run into him somewhere--likely at Ridgecrest. If so, will you not take up with him the matter of making us an emergency gift as they did last year, and then help us in other ways. I think I can tell them of several ways they can help us indirectly in the matter of getting out certain books we greatly need, and tracts, etc.

If I should go to Nashville, it might turn out as it did at Memphis. I wrote Dr. H. before going and he answered me that he would be glad to have a conference with me. Yet, I could not contact him during the entire Convention. He is out a great deal, I understand, so am biding my time. No use of wasting ammunition.

Well, I followed you as closely as I could, and tried to pray for you often that your trip to the Orient might be crowned with the greatest of God's blessings. I feel that it was.

But we too need help, as well as China and Japan. Of course, we are small in comparison, yet it seems to me that a soul for Christ is just as important in Mexico as in China. I know you agree with me in this.

Our little church at La Mesa, N.M. where I am preaching part time to the Americans and part to the Mexicans has just closed a meeting. I inclose a copy of their little paper of this week in which you will see, if you have time to read it, that July 7th I baptized nine Mexicans and have six more approved for baptism with at least two more that will come right soon. This work is my Sunday diversion--a real rest it is too. This little church is 32 miles up the valley from here. I also preach at the Federal prison up the valley the third Sunday in each month and the fifth Sunday when there is one. This is in Spanish and I had the last time more than 150 present in the service.

You will be too busy to read all this, yet I do not bother you very often, so if you divide it up you will find that after all, my letters do not take a great deal of your time.

Most sincerely yours in Him,

J. E. Davis