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

Dear Brother:

At least you will have to give me credit for not bothering you with many letters. Maybe that is a virtue, maybe a vice. You can say which.

Well, we have been working right on and on. Some times we would begin to think that we would have to lay our men off and wait for funds to come in to pay them, but always in some way we have been able to go ahead. What better could we expect? The Lord has blessed us richly, as our report will show.

We are truly happy over the outcome of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, not only on account of what we are to get out of it, but what others are to get--what the work in general is to be benefitted by it.

I am worried about the taxes. I have succeeded in getting the city to cut down the taxes on the plant, but not on the house. Yet with all that we owe more than \$400 taxes which will have to be taken care of right away. I can pay half of them and ~~stave~~ off the other half, but will have to pay interest. I detest paying interest. So I hope some of this \$2,000 will be forthcoming soon. If you will assure me of that, then I can take out of the general fund enough to pay the taxes by the last day of this month and save penalties and interest.

I am writing my report today. A little late, yes, but after all, I have been so busy that I wonder how I have been able to pull through and get to this report this early even.

I pray God's blessings upon you and your great work, even if I do not write very often.

Cordially yours,

J. E. Davis

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Dear Dr. Maddry:

I wrote you yesterday or the day before. I have gotten my report off to Bro. Benson who is to write it this year, as I understand.

I have no blank to fill out regarding the literature and receipts, etc. I gave approximately the number of books, pages, quarterlies and leaflets for S.S. with pages of same.

I want to supplement that report with the following statement of receipts and disbursements for the year:

Recd. from work (gross).....	\$ 5,925.43
" " sale of books (gross).....	2,996.42
" " literature (gross).....	7,422.85
" " the Board.....	2,584.61
" " Lottie Moon Offering.....	900.00
" " other sources.....	134.53
Total receipts.....	\$19,963.84

Disbursements:

Paid on weekly pay roll.....	\$ 8,971.49
" for stock.....	2,838.27
" for books for resale.....	1,393.21
" incidentals (general overhead). ..	2,607.52
" for equipment.....	3,970.82
" postage.....	887.74
Total....	\$20,669.25

This of course shows a deficit of \$706.41, which was taken from balance on hand Dec. 31st, 1934.

We had a balance on hand Dec. 31st, 1935 of \$2817.46, the major part of which was in payment of literature for 1936.

You will be interested in the fact that we purchased early in the year an automatic Kelly B. press. We had two years to pay for it, yet we paid for it before the end of 1935. This is a great time-saver. Also we traded in the old truck and paid for a new one. The press cost \$2850 and the truck something over \$400 and the old one. Other equipment that was much needed was purchased and paid for.

So you will see by this that we have been really doing business at the old stand, which we feel has been really worth while for the Cause. And it has been done without begging for money, but making it, and without whining or boasting--without much noise, in a word.

Then I was about to forget, we have been working on a hymn book almost all the past year. It was needed so much that we had prayed and prayed for the Lord to put it into somebody's heart to give us money -- and it takes a lot, I can tell you, to get it out. At last it seemed to be His will that we quit praying for that and get busy. Well, after a long, long drive in which we spent quite a lot of money, we are now printing the first edition of the word edition, having all the music edition ready with the exception of finishing the plates--and they are in process of manufacture and should be ready within two or three weeks. This edition we are printing now is of 10,000--paper all paid for, and everyting ready to put it on sale within about one week.

Well, this is enough I feel sure to tire you. The Lord is doing great things here. Pray that the good work may go right on and on.

I forgot to mention that included in Incidentals is what we had to pay for taxes which ran up to \$655.75. And we paid commissions also out of this amount reported for incidentals as well as all general overhead expenses.

Well, I am hungry to see you again. It has been a long time ~~since~~ we plotted against the whites together. I feel that our plotting was fully justified. I likely will not see you till the Convention in St. Louis. We plan on driving up to the Convention. Better plan to come down this way with us in our new Pontiac car. It will not cost you anything to get this far down. Maybe you could then go on into Mexico. Bro. Hatchell or I might arrange to go with you.

We are in good health. I never was in better trim and never have been able to turn out work as fast as now--and with greater ease and satisfaction. I suppose it is due to the fact that I am surer of myself after long years of study and writing Spanish. I have nothing but praises in my heart for His longsuffering and unspeakable blessings. To be busy, happy, useful is all I crave. And that I feel that I have in large measure.

You see, after turning loose on you, you jsut have to take it on the chin till I get through, eh?

May God richly bless you.

Faternally yours,

J. E. Davis

February 24, 1936.

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

Dear Brother Davis:

After I had written you this morning, your letter of February 20th was received. I was so glad to hear from you. I am glad to get these additional facts with reference to your work.

Certainly you have had a good year, and I rejoice with you that such a fine showing was made for 1935. You are going good now, and I trust that many of your difficulties are behind you. The \$2,000.00 from the W.M.U. ought to help wonderfully.

I hope indeed to see you at the Convention and talk matters over fully. I am leaving May 23rd for a trip to South America, and will be gone some five months.

With best wishes, I am

Yours truly,

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