

March 5, 1937.

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

Dear Brother Davis:

I have your letter of March 1st this morning. I was glad to hear from you and am sorry that you have been sick.

I will take up this matter of the Social Security item with our attorney and the treasurer of our Board and see what we can do about it.

I am asking our treasurer to handle this matter of the draft from Buenos Aires in the usual way. I am making my plans to come direct to El Paso before going to the National Convention the latter part of March. I am coming for a conference with you about the Publishing House and about the whole matter of our Mexican work. I want to have a conference also with the missionaries at San Antonio on my way out about the seminary matter.

I will write you or wire you just when I am coming, but it will be sometime around the 20th of March. I do hope you can arrange to be at home at that time, because I want to go into a number of matters with you.

With very best wishes, I am

Yours truly,

P. S. I will be sending you the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering gifts.

C. E. M.

March 6, 1937.

Mr. Frank Schofield, Collector,
Internal Revenue Service,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Relative to your letter of Feb. 4th, addressed to J. E. Davis, Manager, Baptist Publishing House, El Paso, Texas, in connection with the Social Security Act requirements, may I assure you that our Board has already taken the necessary steps with reference to the establishment of our status in the excepted class. We were very prompt in filing our official claim for exemption, since which time we have heard nothing further from the Treasury Department.

The Baptist Publishing House in El Paso is simply one of the different properties owned by our Board, and in view of the exemption of our Board itself as to all of its employess the employees of this institution should automatically be exempt. As you know, religious organizations are by the very nature of their operations in the excepted class.

In case of any further question, however, as to our status, I would refer you to the Collector of Internal Revenue for Richmond, Virginia.

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

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J. E. Davis, Admor.

P. O. Box 211

El Paso, Texas

March 9th, 1937

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

Dear Brother Maddry:

Yours of the 5th came this morning and it was a very pleasant surprise you handed me. We shall be more than glad to have you visit us, and see what we are trying to do here under this roof.

I shall make it a point to be here the 20th. (In fact, I have no thought of being away from here till about the time for the Southern Baptist Convention, which Mrs. Davis and I are hoping to be able to attend.) That will be a week from this next Saturday. I told Dr. Yearby about your letter, and he is writing you I feel sure about preaching in his pulpit. Hope you can arrange that.

Thanks for the Lottie Moon L.C. which Bro. Benson will be getting over this way as soon as he can, I think. I have been depending on it and can use a part of it to good advantage right soon. I think I shall write him a note.

I am getting back to my normal self, it seems, for which I am truly thankful. Am getting my work done on time despite the fact that I was sick for quite a time. I was not dangerously ill at any time, but just down and out.

We shall be looking for you. Let me know just when to expect you, and I will meet you at the train.

Cordially yours,

J. E. Davis

March 10, 1937.

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

Dear Brother Davis:

I am making my plans to come to El Paso for a conference with you about the affairs of the Publishing House Sunday afternoon, March 21st. I will reach El Paso by the T and P at four something in the afternoon. I have written Brother Yearby that I will speak for him at night and I hope that they can arrange for a city-wide mass meeting in the interest of foreign missions.

I want to confer with you on Monday, the 22nd, about matters pertaining to the Publishing House. I am also to meet Dr. and Mrs. Macpherson of Ganado, Arizona, on Monday. They are missionary candidates and are coming there to see me.

I shall want to leave El Paso Monday evening for San Antonio for a conference with the seminary group and then on to the Convention at Nuevo Laredo.

With very best wishes, I am

Yours truly,

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P. O. Box 211

El Paso, Texas

March 18th, 1937

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

Dear Brother:

Inclosed you will find some copies of our report for 1936. Instead of making copies myself on the typewriter--for want of time to do it--I handed my corrected draft of the report to my Linotype operator and had him set it up for me. Then I had them print me a few copies. I am sending you several of these.

Since I did not receive a blank for literature report as usual, I am trying to incorporate part of this data in the general report, especially the statistics of literature published.

As near as I can recall what is specified on that blank, we are two missionaries connected with this work--Mrs. D. and myself. We have one native writer. We have 8 regularly employed now in the different departments of the plant aside from the ones mentioned above. That makes 11 of us.

Now we received during the year:

From the Board.....	\$ 2,400.00
From Lottie Moon Offering.....	2,000.00
From commercial work.....	7,620.20
From sale of books.....	4,418.94
From sale of literature.....	7,756.61
From miscellaneous sources.....	911.75
Grand total all sources....	\$ 25,107.50

Of course, you will understand that these receipts are gross receipts and do not represent gains in any sense, except as they have enabled us to pay bills, including taxes, labor, paper, books bought from other publishers for resale, etc.

If this furnished sufficient information, well and good, but if it does not, then please send me one of those blanks and I shall gladly fill it out to the best of my ability.

Cordially yours, *J. E. Davis*

March 22, 1937.

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

Dear Mr. Davis:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 18th with the printed reports of the Baptist Publishing House. We are very glad to have these, and shall incorporate this in our regular report.

I am sure you will see Dr. Maddry while he is at the meeting of the Mexican Baptist Convention, which I trust will be a most helpful meeting.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

JRF:C