



Mr. W. H. Belden,
Bridgeton N. J.,

Dear Brother: -

Your letter of the 29th, ult., came to my address while I was away on a missionary journey, to the East of here, but in this same state of San Luis Potosi, and I now embrace the first opportunity to reply.

In response to your first petition, I will promise you that the presbyterian church of San Luis Potosi will unite with you in prayer in November, asking that the Holy Spirit may be shed forth in rich abundance upon the Church universal, and that those who have tasted of the good things of the gospel, may be more earnest in their efforts to send the "good news" to those who are still in darkness.

II. In reply to your second request, I can only state in general terms that calls for the preaching of the gospel and so common that they fail to excite wonder among us. Not among those who know nothing of the gospel, but as we have our mission work arranged here, one native preacher has the care of five or six churches, and each one of them begs for his services all the time, and it could well be given had we the men to occupy the field so thoroughly. Three months ago I received a letter from Noctezuma, Mex. a town of about five thousand inhabitants, some thirty five miles to the North of here, asking that I go and also send a native to establish evangelical services in the town, but I have not been able to go, nor have I a man to send, nor the means of sending him

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it is a macedonian cry against which I must close my ears. All I can do with my present help, is to send tracts and papers, and trust that the Lord will bless the seed sown in that manner.

III. In reply to your third request, I take pleasure in sending you some views that I have taken of San Luis Potosi, you may use all or none of them as you think best, and you need not take the trouble to return them. In case you issue your tract, would you be kind enough to send me a copy, as I am the editor of the missionary department of our paper El Faro, and would be pleased to translate at least parts of it for the paper. I will send your letter to the brethren in Mexico City, and hope that they may also write more at length and in a manner more satisfactory.

Hoping the Lord will bless you most richly in your efforts, and that the church may soon quit playing at missions, but go to work in earnest, and that the blessing may be for you as well as for the foreign field,

I remain most sincerely yours,,

For Christ and for Mexico.

M. E. Beall