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Sponsors
An International Interdenominational
Clinic for Southwest Texas and Mexico
in Dilley, Texas

\$1,160,000.00

JOHN WILLIAM HARRIS
Guajolote Ranch
DILLEY, TEXAS

May 14 1948.

Founder and President
of Polytechnic Institute
of Puerto Rico, 1912-1937

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Mrs Harris

My dear Jarvis:

The nearer the end of your days, the harder it is to bear, notwithstanding the pull at the other end. I know for I had to go up the same hill. Had it not been the Lord's sword drawn over me and compelling me to leave, I would have tugged on there till the last ounce of strength was exhausted. It is hard to pull away from the young hearts whom you have watched grow into strength and manpower. The Lord made it very plain to me long years before I left Poly, that my work was one of establishing, cutting the way thru the woods for others to develop. I am glad now, at 70, I feel even stronger than when I left Poly, as the way is opening up here. I planned for a \$250 000 Clinic which is now, in plans, for \$1,160,000.00 institution. And we shall get it in the next two years, Jesus and I, with the cooperation of hundreds of other Texans. Jesus is a Texan and I have included Him in the Picture as a Texan, just as He was with me there as Puerco Rican.

And you, too, will find your field of service increasing as you walk with Him in Philadelphia, leading our thoughts into the realization of an up to date militant church. The fallow ground is in need of breaking up--- adaptation to modern times. I am so sick of hearing from our pulpits the one and only Gospel of Repent and join the church 52 Sundays a year while ~~the~~ cultivation and development of the lives of the members are completely overlooked. We need no new Gospel. We do need a new vision and a recovery of the way Jesus set forth-- a united church, broad and deep enough to take in all who accept Jesus as their Saviour, and so busy at doing their job well that they have no time to find fault with those who may differ with them in nonessentials-- a church of tolerance, with only one organization in any small community or town. You have a big job! You have a BIG Helper along by your side who will see that you do it. May your Lord's richest blessing be upon you, as you shake the church out of ruts and get it to running in High Speed with a whole Gospel. It cant be done in a day. Old folks will not change, not many of them. This present generation is ripe for leadership and, if I can read the lines in their faces, they are not interested in denominationalism so much as in the work to be done. I feel you have done a good work at POLY. Let's pray that your successor will be a man to lead on to higher and better things in the development of our college. My heart is there where I shed great drops of blood to get the wheels started. All aboard now with the new leader and increased buildings for a growing need.

Un abrazo fuerte para ti y Edith. Leave your Hat!

Cordially yours,

John William Harris

Let me know who the new President
is to be. Let Don Juan Angel Rio send me
the poem he read at Alumni Meeting, please