

"In consequence of zone conference and interviews, P-day on Wednesday, and the Creche exhibit on Thursday and Friday, as well as service we did on Saturday morning for the Ward Primary Christmas Party; you might think that the missionary work suffered, but it actually didn't to bad. We were blessed by the Lord this week to teach 16 lessons. Wherever we go there seemed to be people in our path that the Lord had prepared. I've probably told you about Henry from Congo. This last week we gave the whole first lesson, watched the Restoration, and read 3 Ne. 11. After reading that last passage we asked him if he would be baptized and he said "yes." That was way exciting."

"So many great things have happened with us in this area the past little while, the Lord has blessed us! I have been doing some research about the Spanish community here in Edmonton and with that I found a man who is a president over the Columbian Canadian Society. So I wrote him an email explaining who we are and that we are here to help and bless the Spanish people. He promptly wrote me back and gave me his telephone number. I called him and set an appointment to go to his house. We went there yesterday and had a great visit with him...He expressed his appreciation to us for what we do. He also told us that he knew Elders back in Colombia and they helped him and taught him the gospel. He isn't a member (not yet anyways), but has great respect for us. He gave us a couple referrals off the top of his head of two families we could visit with the motive of us teaching them English but encouraged us not to be shy about sharing our beliefs."

"We had a neat experience this past week in Wetaskiwin. We went down for the baptismal interview of Michelle Crane, now Michelle Buffalo. The interview was awesome! Her family lives on the reserve in Hobbema, so it's hard to have the highest standards. She's really changed a lot by what I've been told. The next day she was married to her common law. It was such a humble setting. There were maybe 15 people there total. I thought back to my sister's wedding reception back home and how many people showed up to that. It was such a happy time for them even though it wasn't a huge party. President Strong and Elders Johnson and Vidinhar took a whole lot of pictures and you could tell the family appreciated the attention that I know they deserved. The baptism was awesome! Michelle and two of her children were baptized and confirmed that day...Oh how much joy this gospel brings into our lives. It was so amazing to me to see the love the Elders and President and Sister Strong had for these people."

"We received some great council from President Wong on many of our investigators, but more particularly on Reanna Swenson. He told us to get a strong friend-shipper in the Young Women's Program (especially the Young Women's leader) and then just extend the invitation to be baptized. And on our next visit we committed her for baptism on the 17th of December, and allowed her Young Women's leader not only to be at every discussion, but she also helped Reanna set up her baptismal service. The advice from President Wong was great!!!"

-Elders Hostetter and Mascio