

The Spirit at work

Elder Coran writes: Last Sunday was the best day of my mission, because Bud Stuve was baptized and is so excited to be a member and he has seen the effects of the Holy Ghost more fully in his life. The baptism was a pretty big struggle for him because it is so hard for him to move. He has so much faith that he went through all of the pain and did what he knew needed to happen. The Spirit was so strong that all of the attending members and even his mother who is not a member and is pushing 90 years old were crying and giving him hugs and telling him how proud they were. Bud's mother even told him she saw all of his pain leave him when he went into the water. Bud later told me that he was glad to be home as he waited for the confirmation. He also stated that this was the first time in the last 35 years that his mom has supported him in a religious aspect of his life and Bud has devoted his life to Christ and can't wait to serve in the Church.

Elder Marini writes: We baptized a mother and her two daughters. It took me 4 times to baptize the one girl. After the baptism there was a barbeque for them. Their father really opened up and enjoyed himself. The members did a good job in fellowshipping him. I hope I will be able to baptize him too. He's been very supportive of his family and says he wants his 5 year old son to grow up and become like us. This family has been an awesome experience.

Elder Emmer writes: We had a really cool experience in DDM this week. Elder Christensen was telling us how he was teaching a man the first in a mall. He said the discussion was going really well until the Joseph Smith/ Book of Mormon principles. The guy was having a really hard time with it. While they were talking, a man came up to them, greeted them, and then proceeded to bear his testimony of the Book of Mormon and how he knew it was the word of God. After that, Elder Christensen said, the discussion went really well and they were able to give the man a Book of Mormon. Well I found out that the man who came up during the discussion was one of our investigators, named Rick! We have taught him one discussion, but he is really sick and is in and out of hospital all the time, so it is hard to meet with him, but it was amazing to hear that he was bearing testimony of the Book of Mormon to complete strangers. We are meeting with him again this week and I can't wait. I know he will be baptized.

Elder Southwick writes: I had a neat experience the other day. We are working with a young man right now. We met with him on Wednesday. I had a firm feeling from the Spirit that I have helped him come into the Church. It was such a rewarding feeling. These are the kind of feelings that make you want to work twice as hard so you can have more.

Elder Miller writes: We had a lot of success in a small town called Holden earlier in the week. I had tried to arrange to meet with a less active there, but it didn't happen. But coincidentally, while tracting out there, we stumbled across two women sitting outside conversing until we walked up to them. One of them was this very woman I wanted to meet. She introduced herself very excitedly and we then had a great 30 minute conversation and are now beginning the road to reactivating her and baptizing her husband. I know that it wasn't just coincidence that day, but that the Spirit was at work.

Elder Lamb writes: There was a family that we have been working with. They didn't want to hear the discussion, so we were helping them with their English and hoping that our example would help them see how great it is to have the gospel in our lives, and last week they started asking us questions. It was interesting and exciting. I can't wait to see them again. I hope they will want to hear more and listen to the charlas.

Elder Wight writes: Well, this last week was really great. We have been working a lot with our less actives, and while we were stopping at some homes without 'phone numbers, we ended up at a retirement home and found the lady that was on the list. She was pretty old, had had a stroke and couldn't talk, but she could say yes and no to us. We were prompted to ask her if she wanted a blessing. She said yes, and, while we were giving her the blessing, she started to cry. It was real testimony builder to me to listen to the Spirit. How important it is to find those less active people and help them out.

Elder Crockett writes: After Britton's B.I. we were talking to him about people that he should ask to come to his baptism and he explained that his father didn't support him and his best friend said she was no longer going to be his friend because he's going to be a 'Mormon'. Right then it really sank in that Elder Hales and I are just two crazy people from Utah and he wasn't doing it for us, but because the Spirit had told him it was true even if he had to give up his friends and family!