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WHAT SUCCESSFUL MISSIONARIES DO

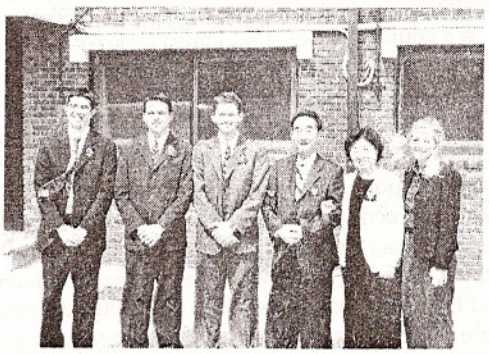
ELDER BALLARD'S TALK PART SIX:

SIXTH- SOME MISSIONARIES FEEL THAT ONE OF THE GREATEST CHALLENGES IN THEIR WORK IS REJECTION. LET US NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE PRICE PAID BY OUR FOREFATHERS FOR US TO HAVE THE FULNESS OF THE GOSPEL. SO ALL MISSIONARIES AND MEMBERS SHOULD EXERCISE FAITH AND BE JOYFUL EVEN THOUGH MOST PEOPLE MAY NOT ACCEPT THE MESSAGE OF THE RESTORATION OF THE GOSPEL. THE PROPHET JOSEPH SMITH, HIS BROTHER HYRUM, ALONG WITH LYMAN WHITE, ALEXANDER MCCRAE, AND CALEB BALDWIN WERE WRONGLY IMPRISONED IN LIBERTY JAIL FROM DECEMBER 1, 1838, UNTIL APRIL 6, 1839. THE 4 MONTHS IN JAIL WERE MESERABLE. IT WAS COLD AND DAMP. THE MEN SPENT MOST OF THEIR TIME CROUCHED IN THE DUNGEON BECAUSE THE CEILING WAS TOO LOW TO STAND ERECT. THEY RESTED ON DIRTY PILES OF STRAW SPREAD ON THE JAGGED ROCK FLOOR. THE FOOD WAS COARSE AND FILTHY. THEY WERE ALLOWED FEW VISITORS. NOW HERE IS A GOOD EXERCISE FOR EACH OF YOU. IN YOUR MIND ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS: HOW DO YOU THINK JOSEPH AND HIS COMPANIONS FELT IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES? IF YOU WERE GOING TO WRITE THEM A LETTER OF ENCOURAGEMENT, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY? MAY I SUGGEST THAT ALL OF YOU MISSIONARIES TAKE A FEW MINUTES TONIGHT AND WRITE A LETTER OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO JOSEPH AND HYRUM AND THEIR COMPANIONS. THEN KEEP THE LETTER WITH YOU AS YOU GO TO YOUR FIELDS OF LABOR. WHEN YOU FEEL REJECTED AND PERHAPS A LITTLE DISCOURAGED, TAKE OUT YOUR LETTER AND READ IT. AND YOU WILL FIND COURAGE AND STRENTH IN YOUR OWN WORDS.

THE MESSAGE OF THE RESTORATION

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY AND QUORUM OF THE TWELVE HAVE GIVEN US A NEW FIRST DISUCUSSION TO HELP THE WORK PROGRESS. THE MESSAGE IS POWERFUL AND WHEN WE TEACH IT THE SPIRIT SEEMS TO WITNESS EVEN STRONGER. IN THE MARCH ZONE CONFERENCE WE RECEIVED THIS 'GEM' AS SOME MISSIONARIES WOULD CALL IT. WE WERE DRILLED ON WHAT THE CONTENT WOULD BE, HOW TO STUDY IT, HOW TO PREPARE IT, HOW TO TEACH IT. I'M SURE THAT EVERY ONE'S HEADS WERE SPINNING AFTERWARDS. BY NOW WE'VE ALL FOUND OUR 정신 AND MADE THESE OUTLINES THAT WE ALL LEARNED ABOUT AT ZONE CONFERENCE. BY USING THESE OUTLINES TO TEACH WE ARE BETTER ABLE TO FOLLOW THE PROMPTINGS OF THE SPIRIT AND TEACH OUR INVESTIGATORS WHAT THEY NEED TO HEAR. WHEN WE TEACH BY THE SPIRIT WE TEACH WITH POWER AND WHEN PEOPLE FEEL THE SPIRIT THEY BECOME CONVERTED. OUR MISSION HAS CONTINUALLY IMPROVING AND WITH THE MESSAGE OF THE RESTORATION IT CAN ONLY GET BETTER.

Say Good Bye to-
Elder Fielding



Say hello to the new March Missionaries
Sister Hinchcliff,
Elders Green(He's back!), Cram, and Guy

A Voice from the dust

This is Elder Fielding here. I "died" a little bit ago. By the time this is in the newsletter, I will most likely have been to Las Vegas and back to buy 김치. President Seo told me to write a little something for the newsletter so I hope this doesn't bore you out. I feel really lucky to have been able to serve in the 부산 선교부. It was a really huge blessing. I had great companions and leaders my whole entire mission. Some are married and others are still in the mission. Time flies by fast and faces change often. I never was the greatest missionary or the most effective but I feel I worked my best. I gave a lesson in district meeting a little while back on success as a missionary. I talked about a lot of things relating with success. I have had success with baptisms but the greatest success I've found on my mission is true Christ-like love for others. I am not perfect but I feel I'm going in the right direction. I have seen a lot of people in Korea that are a lot less fortunate than me. I have been blessed way to much. If you go in the direction of obtaining Christ-like love for others, you will be successful. I love the gospel with all of my heart. I t has truly make me a happy person. Please listen to your leaders and especially President Seo. They know what's up. Smiling is very important in this work. Please do it! I love you all lots and keep working hard..

Conversion Stories

박성희

We found 박성희 doing street 전도 in 밀양. We came to 밀양 for 설날 because his older brother lives here. We got his number and called to get an appointment. When we met him the second time we realized he was maybe half deaf and half blind. He knew and saw missionaries in 포항 and knew where the church was. We taught him a first and committed him to pray about the Book of Mormon. We met two day later and read to him. He felt the Spirit. He came to church that Sunday and we taught him a second discussion and got a baptismal date. We taught all the remaining discussions with a member, and he ate dinner with us at the Branch Presidents. While we ate he said he felt the Spirit in church and while we were doing the discussions. He was baptized March 2 in 마산. The following week was Stake Conference. He usually has trouble hearing at church meetings so we really wanted him to hear the speakers. He was confirmed a member and then received a Priesthood blessing so he hear. We sat right at the front in Stake Conference and he could hear every word! He heard and understood every word at the Conference. After Conference he was so happy and said he felt so great because of all the blessings he had received that day. We met the next week and did the first new member discussion. We did not have to talk nearly as loud as we taught at first. The Lord surely blesses us in our work as missionaries. We have such an opportunity as missionaries to share this amazing message. Keep working hard everyone. We love you.

김형태 & 장윤순

It was when we taught this family the second discussion and asked them to be baptized. When we visited the family the day before 설날 the father said that he showed a college at work that day the Book of Mormon and asked him about our church. The fellow worker said our church was a bad church and called it heretic. The father was mad and called the mother and told her to tell the missionaries not to come over any more. However the mother didn't say anything and when we came we were greeted very warmly. We shared a really good message . We couldn't see the husband so we asked her where he was. The branch president started talking with the mother about their families in order to build a good relationship. When it was time to leave the husband came home and you could tell he had been drinking beer. He was about to tell us not to come back again. But as we talked he started to feel comfortable and we started a very meaningful conversation. That was the first time we prayed with that family. Each word of our prayer touched his heart and gave him a very special feeling. When he thought about the contents of our prayer, to bless his family and his health, he said he couldn't believe that our church was heretical. We thought this was a great family and that all was going well. However with the Lord's help we were able to overcome things we weren't even aware of. We can't explain how thankful to the Lord we were when we heard that story. We could have lost that family, but we didn't even know it. The Lord helped us and His Spirit was with us. That night we gave a prayer of thanks and I could feel our very good Father's Spirit. That was a very big experience and miracle to me. I don't know what would have happened if we hadn't prayed with him that evening. Maybe we wouldn't have been able to meet them again. We are truly grateful to the Lord.

While we shared the second discussion I could feel the Spirit very strongly. It testified that God lives and Jesus is our Savior. Before I asked them to be baptized I shared my testimony. "God lives. He loves your family. Christ lives. He loves you. They want you to be happy." At that time I felt a stronger and warmer feeling than any other testimony I had given up to that point and I know that at that moment the Spirit gave strength to our words and testimony. Through missionary work I am able to feel just how important the Spirit is. It leads us and creates all miracles. I know that when we don't have the Spirit with us we can't do anything. When we share our insufficient testimony and faith the reason the people listening feel peaceful is because of the Spirit. Without it we are truly nothing. I'm happy that I was able to have this experience. I'm happy to be able to serve here and I'm thankful to the Lord who leads us and gives us the strength we need. I love this work and the Lord. They love us and guide us. I believe that we are blessed when we are obedient to the direction and counsel given us through President Seo. I hope you continue to meet good kids. When you prepare well, work hard, and pray you can do anything. Thank you. I'm happy to be able to serve with President Seo.