

# Utah Ogden Mission

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## President's Message "FAITH AND HARD WORK!"

Faith is a gift given to us by God as a reward for personal righteousness. As we increase obedience to His laws we are endowed with greater faith. Through our faith we are blessed with His Spirit to be with us. President Ezra Taft Benson said:

"One of the greatest secrets of missionary work is work. If a missionary works, he will get the Spirit; if he gets the Spirit, he will teach by the Spirit; and if he teaches by the Spirit, he will touch the hearts of the people; and he will be happy. There will be no homesickness, no worrying about families, for all the time and talents and interests are centered on the work of the ministry. That's the secret -- work, work, work. There is no satisfactory substitute, especially in missionary work."

The success of your mission depends upon you. Use the talents and attributes the Lord has blessed you with: **EXERCISE FAITH, WORK HARD, SET AND ACHIEVE GOALS.** You have been set apart and called as a personal representative of Jesus Christ. As missionaries you have all the tools and skills to be an effective instrument in the Lord's plan. **JUST DO IT!**

We love you,  
President and Sister Jones

DEAR ELDERS AND SISTERS,

### THE SPIRIT Build Relationships of Trust

Building relationships of trust is a vital step in the Preparation stage of the commitment pattern. Its through this that barriers are broken, a trust is gained, and the spirit enters the heart of your contacts. This skill can be broken down into two aspects of both social and spiritual trust.

The way to develop a special trust is becoming acquainted, building on common beliefs, and by showing empathy. Its through these characteristics and social skills, we can quickly get to know people and their beliefs. These skills are attained through constant practice and diligent effort. People will immediately realize that you truly care for their well being and that you love them.

After a social trust has been gained immediately begin to establish a spiritual relationship. This is accomplished by bearing testimony and sharing information about the purpose

of life, eternal families, the Book of Mormon, the Plan of Salvation, and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Introduce the media material or share your favorite scripture from the Book of Mormon. Let's leave a lasting impression on everyone we come in contact with. Their lives will be blessed and so will ours. Spiritual relationships are crucial during the preparation stage.

This is the greatest message in the world and each of us carry it in our hearts. We love you and are excited about your devotion and dedication to the Lord's work. Let's go out there and find them!!!!!!

Love y'all, (From the Texas Boyz!!!!)  
Elder Neil & Elder Hall



**ARRIVALS  
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Elder Kenneth Davis	Clay Springs, AZ
Elder Phillip Gratiot	Tempe, AZ
Elder Matthias Habermann	Jever, Germany
Sister Melanie Hansen	Wilcoz, AZ
Elder Ryan Konosky	Medicine Hat, AB
Elder Scott Newburn	Eight Mile, AL
Elder Davis Osmun	Robertsville, MO
Elder Ryan Pedersen	Yorktown, VI
Elder Andrew Witt	Baton Rouge, LA

Sister Virginia Tanner	Plain City, UT
Elder Delmar Tanner	Plain City, UT

**TRAINERS  
THIS MONTH**

Elder Jason Yeagley  
Elder K.B. Livingston  
Elder John Kingrey  
Sister Barbara Watton  
Elder Jared Norton  
Elder Christopher Le Bel  
Elder R. Roberts  
Elder Timothy Reed  
Elder Jared Nickle

**DEPARTURES  
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Elder Michael Anderson	Laguna Hills, CA
Elder Kjetil Bakklund	Trondheim, Norway

Sister Eva Capron	Farmington, UT
Elder Robert Capron	Farmington, UT

**November Birthdays**

Elder Michael Martin	1, Nov.	Elder Tyler Tippetts	8, Nov.	Elder Michael Root	26, Nov.
Elder Robert Beste	2, Nov.	Elder Mark Hendrickson	8, Nov.	Elder David Laster	29, Nov.
Elder Shane White	3, Nov.	Elder David Gurney	11, Nov.	Elder Mark Allen	30, Nov.
Sister Mandy Gunderson	4, Nov.	Elder Benjamin Rohrbach	15, Nov.		
Sister Kristen Walter	4, Nov.	Elder Joseph Mayes	25, Nov.		
Elder Jeremy Gook	5, Nov.	Elder Lawrence Snowden	25, Nov.		

**Baptismal Recommends Received Through October 10, 1997**

Tyson Allen	Kasie Cole	Wade Hester	Brett Nelson	Cynthia Simpson
Aaron Allphin	Jennifer Conway	Lora Holman	Dustin Nielsen	Russell Skaggs
Courtney Anderson	Andrew Cross	Erica Howard	Travis Nutley	Shasta Smith
Sean Angeletti	Jennifer DeHek	Mandy Johnson	Megan O'Grady	Jamie Smithson
Evilu Araujo	Joshua Dukes	Pascal Junger	Monica Otero	Bryce Snow
Tyler Augustus	Dorothy Eckert	Chante King	Shantell Owen	Matthew Stacy
Tammy Augustus	Keith Ellis	Amphay Kounthong	Ashley Owen	Clint Stanger
Rochelle Augustus	Karla Forbes	Phillip Layh	Loel Palmer	Zachary Storey
Michael Augustus	Amanda Forbes	Jared Layton	Jacqueline Peebles	Natalie Stubbs
Rolando Austo	Betty Foutz	Vicki Leavitt	Luz Peterson	Albert Taylor
Elizabeth Baailis	Jennifer Fox	Richard Lefler	William Primmer	Dan Taz
Chris Benaridez	Jamie Garcia	Christopher Martin	Vickie Pugh	Sarah Thomson
Justin Bennett	Luis Garcia	Daniel Martin	Kyle Raines	Juan Torrrres
Richard Bingham	Nathan Garrett	Anthony Martinez	Laura Rasmussen	Armando Vasquez
Tina Bodily	Scott Garrett	Jose Martinez	Julie Rasmussen	Gary Vigil
Paul Borchardt	Teresa Garrett	Wadena Maxwell	Barbara Roberts	Evan Ward
Gary Brensike	Cherrie Gay	Jamie McCulloch	Thomas Romero	Daniel White
Amanda Brink	Josh Gosnell	Angela McDonald	Christopher Rowley	Nichol Wilkins
Michael Bullocks	Tammy Green	Jamie McKinney	James Saverbreit	Steven Wright
David Caravalho	Sandra Hartman	Heather Montoya	Brian Shaw	
Andrew Casper	Hailey Hawkes	Persls Morrison	Gary Shirey	
Max Chesley	Burgandy Hess	Kristin Nelson	Cathy Sibbett	

**STUDY  
SCHEDULE**

Week 45	Nov. 2 -	Exaltation
Week 46	Nov. 9 -	Service
Week 47	Nov.16 -	Covenants
Week 48	Nov.23 -	Missionary Work

**90 DAYS SINCE THE LAST  
PREVENTABLE ACCIDENT**



**NEW ZONE LEADER**  
**ELDER PHILIP ISERNHAGEN**



**NEW DISTRICT LEADER**  
**ELDER DAVID BUCKNER, JR**



**LISTEN TO THE SPIRIT**

When we met John Newton for the first time we had an intense feeling that he would make a great member of the Church.

John had never talked to the missionaries before, even though he lived in Utah all his life. He had married a less-active member of the Church.. They eventually divorced and he remarried an active member.

John attended church services with his new family for over a year. He just attended church but never desired to be baptized nor to hear the discussions. Over the next couple of months we tried to help him understand that he would be a great member of the church. Then we did not visit him for a couple of weeks to give him time to think about the things we had told him.

During this time we began to get some very strong feelings that John was ready to take the missionary discussions. Once we went to visit him and he said, "Act surprised if I take the lessons.." "I'll call you and let you know." We knew he was ready to hear the lessons but he never called us back.

My companion was transferred, but my feelings were strong about John being ready for the discussions. We went to visit him but he wasn't home. His wife answered the door and said, "to leave him alone." She did not want him to be pressured and not go to church with them.

The feelings were still strong. At the next correlation meeting we explained what was going on and our feelings about John. The Ward Mission Leader said, "If his wife is telling you to leave him alone, then do it, don't pressure him."

Later in the week as we were planning, we decided to add this family to visit during the week. I had the feeling that we should visit John that day because the family was going to cancel. My companion said, "that family won't cancel." The assistants at the time were explaining planning and the importance of back-up plans A, B, or C. I told my companion that we needed to put John down as one of the back-ups.

We went to the appointment, but the family canceled. The Spirit was so strong that we should visit John that we went. The plan was that we would introduce my companion to make sure she continued to visit him after I had been transferred. He came to the door and I said "Look who is here John." He said, "Oh Sisters you are here again." I introduced my companion who was from England. I looked into John's eyes, and said, "John wouldn't it be nice to be taught by two Sister Missionaries, one from Mexico and the other from England?" He pointed to me and said, "Do you have time right now? I have an open mind, and an open heart. I knew that you would come sooner or later and the next time you came I would say 'Yes.'"

We taught him the first discussion that very hour. Within the next six weeks we taught him the balance of the discussions and John Newton was baptized a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. His baptism was very special.

Sister Martha Gil and Sister Emily Turner