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President's Message "OUR SACRED CALLING"

Dear Elders & Sisters:

We are all missionaries called of God to serve here in the Utah Ogden Mission. We have been called by revelation and set apart as a personal representative of the Lord Jesus Christ. We do His work by saying what He would say, acting as He would act, loving as He would love. It is time for all of us to re-commit to be the best we can be as His personal representatives. President Gordon B. Hinckley has said:

"You cannot be indifferent to this great cause. You have accepted it. You have entered into sacred covenants. Regardless of what you do in the future with the knowledge you gain from your secular studies, you cannot escape your obligation under the covenant you implicitly made when you were baptized and the covenant which you have renewed each time you have partaken of the sacrament of the Lord's supper.

You cannot simply take for granted this cause, which is the cause of Christ. You cannot simply stand on the sidelines and watch the play between the forces of good and evil. Said Nephi:

"They who are not for me are against me, saith our God." (2 Ne. 10:16).

Wrote John the Revelator: "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

"So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth" (Rev. 3:15-16).... I urge you with all the capacity that I have to reach out in a duty that stands beyond the requirements of our everyday lives; that is; to stand strong, even to become a leader in speaking up in behalf of those causes which make our civilization shine and which give comfort and peace to our lives. You can be a leader. You must be a leader, as a member of this Church, in those causes for which this Church stands. Do not let fear overcome your efforts.

...Cast that fear aside and be valiant in the cause of truth and righteousness and faith. If you now decide that this will become the pattern of your life, you will not have to make that decision again. You will put on "the armour of God," and raise your voice in defense of truth, whatever the circumstances now and in all the years that lie ahead."

Stop straddling the fence, resolve to do what ever it takes. You must remember you are what you portray, you teach what you are. If you are not keeping your covenants with the Lord, how can you expect your investigators to really commit? I know if you are truly converted, committed to the Lord's plan, and will work hard you can elevate your mission to exciting new levels

Sister Jones and I love you. We pray for you continually. You are the Best. You can accomplish anything. Remember "I WILL DO IT."

Love
President Jones

DEAR ELDERS AND SISTERS,

Another wonderful month has past and the work is rolling forth like never before. We are seeing great changes, and its our prayer that these changes will bless your lives and the lives of the people that you are teaching. Its EXCITING!!! The "Proselyting for the Elect" is just the beginning of things to come that will benefit and accelerate the mission progress in bringing people to Christ through the ordinances of baptism and confirmation. This approach is inspired and must be applied immediately!!! Elders and Sisters, it will be through this inspired approach that we will reach our goal of 150 baptisms a month and ultimately beyond.

For this approach to effectively change the hearts of our contacts and investigators we must get out of our comfort zones and reach out to our brothers and sisters in need. They must feel and understand the sweet whisperings of the Holy Ghost in order to be converted. This takes faith in the Lord!!! We must have faith in Him and in His program in order for it to work. Call on the powers of heaven to open the doors of the elect. Be BOLD and have COURAGE. Remember, Elders and Sisters that as you "Open Your Mouths" they shall be filled. Represent Him well! We love you and we know that you are the best in the west

Love
Elder Hall & Elder Jensen

ARRIVALS
NOVEMBER 1997



DEPARTURES
NOVEMBER 1997



TRAINERS
THIS MONTH

Elder Christopher Cardinelle San Jose, CA
Elder Alan Henrie Sacramento, CA
Elder Toni Kronqvist Vaase, Suomi, Finland
Elder Nathan Nelson Rockford, IL
Sister Heather Puett Maron, NC
Elder Kurt Schoener Glen Gardner, NJ
Elder Hank Whipple Taylor, AZ

Elder Benjamin Rohrbach
Elder Henrie Allen
Elder Joel Nitchman
Elder Jeremy Rice
Sister Karen Nick
Elder Mastthew Sherman
Elder Brent F. Foutz

Sister Janet Hepburn Starke, FL
Elder Joseph Darley Ozark, AL
Elder Joseph Hepworth Alabaster, AL
Elder Michael Kast Eatonville, WA
Elder Steven Kent Kennesaw, GA
Elder David Laster, Jr. Panama City, FL
Elder Brian Neil Fort Collins, CO
Elder Paul Nielsen La Habra, CA
Elder Jedediah Sampson Vancouver, WA
Elder Jedd Thorderson Livonta, MI

December Birthdays

Elder James Bullock 1, Dec.
Sister Allyson Cote 2, Dec.
Elder Stephen Turner 2, Dec.
Elder Jesse Peterson 2, Dec.
Elder Euclides Jasso 4, Dec.
Elder Melanie Hansen 5, Dec.
Elder Kyle Hendricks 5, Dec.

Elder William Morris 7, Dec.
Elder Matthew Swinyard 7, Dec.
Elder Robert Utterback 7, Dec.
Elder Reed Butterfield 11, Dec.
Sister Kari Grimnes 18, Dec.
Elder Nathan Law 18, Dec.
Elder Ryan Carling 21, Dec.

Elder Richard McMullen 26, Dec.
Elder Scott Roberts 28, Dec.
Elder Andrew Witt 28, Dec.
Elder Rocky Jordan 29, Dec.
Elder Richard Mack 29, Dec.
Elder Daniel Hannon 31, Dec.

Baptismal Recommends Received Through November 8 1997

Chase Allen
Horacio Bernal
Sandra Blankenship
Jeffrey Bodin
Kris Bone
Cydney Bosch
Maricela Boseman
Derek Brown
Whitney Bryan
Marjorie Caputo
Jacob Carlson
Paul Carter
Tonie Carter
Richard Casey
Marvin Cassler
Catherine Christiansen
Alisha Christiansen
Tiffany Christiansen
Arturo Cisneros
Richard Clawson
Dean Cody
Chad Colunga
Alison Culp

Cody Curry
Kassidy Edwards
Melanie Flint
Renae Friend
Brodie Hadley
Mariesa Hansen
Aron Harms
Matthew Hartman
Richard Hedstrom
Enriques Herrera
James Houghtalen
Tyson Howell
Wei Hsu
Aimee Jensen
David Jeppsen
Pauline John
Marie Kaae
Timotha Kent
William Kent
Jocelyn Kimberling
Rickey King
Shyann Leedom
Benjamin Lucero

Neal Mahoskey
Jacqueline Mansfield
Karen Maratinez
Cristi McCalmant
Renee Miller
Samantha Miller
Joshua Moony
Eric Morris
Emperatriz Munoz
Agustin Munoz
Carla Munoz
Yusuke Nakagawa
Steven Parton
Michelle Parton
Tyler Paulsen
Anna Peck
Heather Peters
Linda Phillips
Laura Ponce
Delia Quinones
Brandie Randall
Brooke Reed
Brittani Reed

Pamela Rewis
Jason Richardson
Davealynn Richie
Joshua Robles
Daisy Rodriguez
Audrey Romero
Jared Romero
Mario Romo
Alma Rosa
Amber Rose
Alicia Rose
Livia Silva
Jennifer Sims
Daniel Sparrow
Yvonne Spearing
Jerry Swenson
Wannarat Thongdee
Jaime Torres
Belen Torres
Rebecca
VanVallcerberg
Jay Watts
Thomas Winteer

Thomas Zirkin
Michelle Thompson
Catherine Zimmermzn
Kaori Hatch
Braodan Weeks
Brittany Witt
Kyle Herdon
Jared Galloway
Taz Pagano
Baailis Elizabeth
Anna Peirano
Marie Kaae
Erik Dowell
Amar Jena
David Byrnes
Tine Cypret
Karen Casasola
Lee Thompson
Erika Barriantos
Natalie Thornock
Stephen Smith

STUDY

SCHEDULES

Week 49 Nov.30 - Gathering Of Israel
Week 50 Dec. 7 - Kingdon Of God On Earth
Week 51 Dec.14 - Example
Week 52 Dec.21 - Own Choice

**122 DAYS SINCE THE LAST
PREVENTABLE ACCIDENT**

NEW DISTRICT LEADERS
ELDER AARON ELTON

ELDER BENJAMIN COTTLE



ELDER EUCLIDES JASSO



ELDER JOHN KINGREY



ELDER JESSE PETERSON



ELDER BENJAMIN VINSON



ELDER DANIEL WASHBURN



ELDER THOMAS WOLSEY



**NEW ASSISTANT
TO THE PRESIDENT
ELDER JEFF JENSEN**



**NEW TRAVELING ELDERS
ELDER RUSSELL HALES ELDER KYLE L. LIVINGSTON**



ELDER JARED BAKER



**NEW ZONE LEADERS
ELDER DANIEL HANNON**



ELDER TIMOTHY REED



ELDER FRANK VAGENES



ELDER TRAVIS WORTHINGTON



REACTIVATION AND ETERNAL LIFE

Well, it took over a year to have it happen and three hard months that top them all. These were of course the first three months with the Luczak family.

The story goes as follows. I had been out 6 1/2 months and a senior companion for my second time. One day my companion and I were tracting out the slums of our area. That is the place where they say the most receptive people are found. My companion and I were NOT finding these people, so I said to my companion: "This just is NOT getting us anywhere!" My companion agreed and we tried to think of something else to do. Just at that moment my companion looked on the hill and saw a big white home. He asked me if I had ever been to that home and I said that I hadn't. His reply was, "Well let's go meet them." As we were walking up to the door a woman leaned out of the kitchen window and told us to come on up. That was the first time I met LeAnn and Steve Luczak. It turned out that they were having some serious marital problems. She said that she had prayed harder that day than she had ever prayed in her life for something to change or else they would get a divorce. Also that same day one of her friends, unknown to anyone else, had put their names on the Temple Prayer Roll. Now you put the two together and tell me how my companion and I ended up going up the hill to knock on their door.

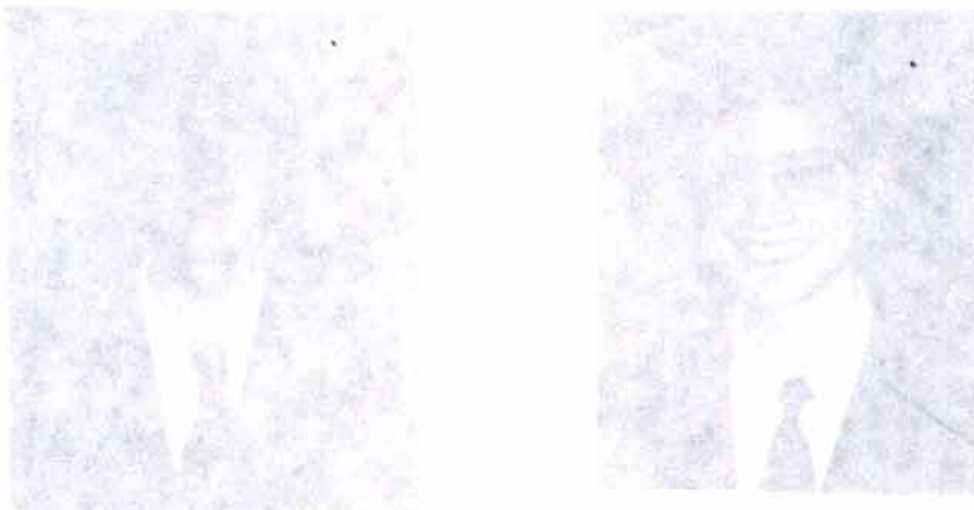
Anyway, it turned out that they were both less active and that Steve, the father, had not been to church in over 16 years. So, you can imagine the surprise when two weeks later the Luczaks showed up in church. Needless to say, we felt like two idiots up on the stand as they entered the back of the chapel at the conclusion of the passing and partaking of the sacrament.

Well to make a long story short, we taught them the lessons and I was transferred after exerting three hard months with this family. I have, or I should say had, always wondered how they were doing after leaving the area. Well, just a week before I was to go home, we went out on exchanges with the other missionaries who were laboring in that area. As I and the exchange Elder were visiting with a member, she asked me if I had talked with or seen the Luczaks, I said that I had not. Then she "COMMANDED" me to go and see them and that they had some good news.

Well, we went up and saw them. LeAnn greeted me with a big celestial smile and then told me that "On November 1st we are going to be wearing funny underwear." I jumped for joy and then realized what it was really all about. Then and only then did everything come into perspective for me.

Yours Truly who Loves Life!

Elder Jed Sampson



PRESIDENTS REMINDERS

ONWARD & UPWARD

ACTION OF THE MONTH

PROSELYTING FOR THE ELECT! -- USE IT!!!

REMINDERS:

- **9:30 A.M. DAILY COMPANION PRAYER:** For Unity and Success in Companionship, District, Zone, Mission + All People Within Mission Boundary. (D&C 29:6,7)
- Send in your special conversion story for the News Letter.
- **GOALS:** Are you setting + action items + reviewing + achieving?
- **FRIENDLY BUT FORMAL - FEEL, LOOK, ACT, SPEAK, LIKE A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF JESUS CHRIST.**
- Send in your ideas for the NEW NAME of our Mission Newsletter -- Also your ideas for a New Utah Ogden Mission Logo.
- **BE BOLD**
- **SMILE**



LET'S GET SPECIFIC:

- **NO** woven or leather friendship bracelets
- You **CANNOT** sell your blood!!!!
- **DO** READ THE JOSEPH SMITH STORY EACH MONTH.
- **UGLY & FAT** Ties with double knots are out!!!
- STEREOS with separate speakers are out. (Music)
- **LOCK YOUR HEART!!!**
- **All types of playing cards are out!**
- Phone calls from missionary to missionary are out.

ATTABOYS -ATTAGIRLS:

- Great Sisters Conference - super presentations.
- Congratulations on your participation in Zone Conference with Elder & Sister Dellenbach.
- **MORE KINDNESS SHOWN TOWARD COMPANIONS**
- **MORE COMMITMENT - MORE OBEDIENCE**

STATS:

Mission discussions for Oct. "97"	2188	Oct. "96"=	2184	Last Mo.=	2197
Mission baptisms for Oct. "97"	103	Oct. "96"=	131	Last Mo.=	133
Mission baptisms Year To Date 1997	=1,322			Year To Date 1996	=1,356

WHAT WILL YOU ADD THIS MONTH????

SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION 2 NEPHI 19:6