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President's Message "CONGRATULATIONS!!!"

What a great way to close out the year of 1997. You have given a special gift of baptism to 150 of our brothers and sisters. There have been many stories of spiritual conversions of special individuals, coming unto Christ, during the month of December. We appreciate hearing about your experiences and accomplishments. This is one way for us to feel closer to those new converts making numbers suddenly become  faces to us, real lives embracing the Lord's Great Plan of Happiness. We see numbers become actual children of our Heavenly Father who have, in many cases, "wrought a mighty change of heart" to accept His message and go down into the waters of baptism.

It is a new year - 1998. Many changes have taken place. The church has over TEN MILLION MEMBERS and 60,000 missionaries. They have just announced that there will be 13 NEW MISSIONS. One of these missions will be created by the dividing of the Salt Lake City Mission, bringing the total number of missions world wide to 331. There are new ward and stakes added every month. Our Mission Roster is constantly revolving, with new missionaries arriving every month and missionaries completing honorable missions departing. We have missionaries who have gone home in the last 6 months who are already married!!! Now that is CHANGE. We have new District Leaders, Senior Companions, Zone Leaders, Traveling Elders and Assistants to the Presidents. There has been a significant change to increased Obedience and Personal Righteousness. And yes - there are now HUGS!!!. The world and life as we know it is based on continual change. Change is what life is all about. Being flexible and accepting change and adapting to it will be not only helpful to you, it will add excitement and interest to your life. "Change is the spice of life."

We have been given new direction by the Lord. When we learn to accept and adjust to whatever circumstances prevail, we have control of our lives. NOW IS THE HOUR! THIS IS THE RIGHT PLACE AND THE RIGHT TIME IN YOUR LIFE TO COMMIT TO BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE. "Choose you this day whom ye will serve....., but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15)

President Hinckley has provided us with a series of 3 questions we can ask ourselves to help determine change, our decisions and accountability:

"I should like to suggest three standards by which to judge each of the decisions that determine the behavior patterns of your lives. These standards are so simple as to appear elementary, but I believe their faithful observance will provide a set of moral imperatives by which to govern without argument or equivocation each of our actions and which will bring unmatched rewards. They are:

1. DOES IT ENRICH THE MIND?
2. DOES IT DISCIPLINE AND STRENGTHEN THE BODY?
3. DOES IT NOURISH THE SPIRIT?"

SISTERS AND ELDERS; CHANGE IS inevitable! Change is always with us. If we adapt and press forward, using President Hinckley's big three questions to determine our directions and check our course, we will be the best we can be as the Lord's Personal Representatives here in the Ogden Utah Mission.

We love you,
President & Sister Jones

DEAR ELDERS AND SISTERS,

Our beloved prophet, Ezra Taft Benson has said, "Combined with the Spirit of the Lord, the Book of Mormon is the greatest single tool which God has given us to convert the world." If we are to have the harvest of souls that He expects, then we must use the instrument which God has designed for that task."

In order for the Book of Mormon to be the greatest single tool, we must first use it in our own lives by reading 30 minutes from its pages, daily. It is through this daily preparation, that we will further gain a greater witness and understanding of the purposes for which the Lord has given us this divine book.

This truly is the greatest book and tool for conversion, and should be used in our contacting, tracting, and teaching labors. Once you have gained an understanding and testimony of the Book of Mormon you will be able to help your investigators overcome any concerns dealing with the gospel. You can help them gain a love for the greatest book on earth. It will bless their lives, and the lives of their posterity for generations to come.

We are serving at the greatest time of our lives. Take every opportunity to share the Book of Mormon! Flood the Nations with it's message! This will cause many more baptisms to occur, and they joy of our labors will be full. God bless and remember who you are! Let's use the Book of Mormon.

Love
Elder Hall & Elder Jensen

ARRIVALS
JANUARY 1998



Elder Paul Bertok	Antelope, CA
Elder Juan Cruz	Miami, FL
Sister Tilane Lawlor	Calgary, AL
Elder Justin Pacific	Lexington, NC
Elder Daniel Terry	Warden, WA
Elder Jeffrey Williams	Houston, TX

TRAINERS
THIS MONTH

Elder Jeremy Gook
Elder Stephen Williams
Sister Allyson Cote
Elder Aaron Elton
Elder Benjamin Vinson
Elder Richard McMullen

DEPARTURES
JANUARY 1998



Sister Melody Entriokin	Sugarland, TX
Elder Joshua Hann	Athelstone, S. Australia
Elder Galen Knight	Woodruff, AZ
Elder Kyle B. Livingston	Coeure d' Alene, ID
Elder Michael Martin	Oceanside, CA
Elder David Stone	Tampa, FL

February Birthdays

Elder Timothy Reed	11, Feb.	Elder Brian Adair	24, Feb.	Elder Russell Hales	26, Feb.
Elder T. Worthington	16, Feb.	Elder Ron Nunley	24, Feb.	Elder Nathan Hansen	27, Feb.
Elder Bryan Renaud	17, Feb.	Elder Scott DeVore	25, Feb.	Elder Reid Byington	28, Feb.
Elder Benjamin Vinson	23, Feb.	Elder Steve Tyndall	25, Feb.		

Baptismal Recommends Received Through January 9, 1998

Daniel Ashby	Debra Cunningham	Edwin Helmer	Amy Meyers	Angela Searle
Stefan Allred	Andrew Day	Randy Hesler	Donald Misner	Christopher Semrow
Haruyo Araya	Peter Deffendol	Cody Hidalgo	James Mosley	Daniel Simons
Jay Ashby	Jewel Doyle	Jennifer Hill	Alexander Napper	Kelsie Simpson
Leslie Atkinson	Jenyce Eastman	Edward Hood	Charles Nelson	Christopher Skaggs
Shad Babb	Andy Edwards	Carey Hood	Peter Oeffendol	Sue Smith
Chad Backus	Jenelle Edwards	Christopher Hossain	Enrique Ortiz	Jessica Stewart
Brittany Bake	Ty Ellis	Tracy Howland	James Owens	Stephen Streeter
Bridgette Baker	Miguel Ezquivel	Mark Hueth	Camille Palmer	Marcella Streeter
Carol Baker	Brandy Fackrell	Marla Hughes	Chad Parsons	Jennifer Strickler
Ryan Baker	Andica Fisher	Mallory Hughes	Morano Pastrana	Michelle Swanson
Brittany Baker	Joshua Florence	Angelynn Hutchens	Eulogio Pastrana	Rachael Therrien
Robert Bernal	Annette Floyd	Beatriz Inestrosa	Rebecca Payne	Mitch Thomas
Thunder Berrett	Andrew Floyd	Gerald Ingram	Michael Pelton	Michael Thorpe
Zachary Bierwolf	Stanley Floyd	Joseph Jacobs	Silke Pierson	Travis Tidwell
Melinda Boyer	Sharona Foss	James Jarvie	Aubrey Purser	Shandi Tidwell
Kevin Brasher	Jennifer Frey	Erica Jarvie	Angelica Quinones	Enrique Valdez
Heather Breitenbuecher	Angelina Galindo	Chase Jenson	Neil Rash	Eenrique Valdez
Kristen Breitenbuecher	Timothy Gauthier	Barbara Jones	Jesteen Rhodes	Doris Vargus
Elisa Brown	Robert Gilmore	Kenny Kamigaki	Maureen Richey	Larry Vojtecky
Daniel Brown	Pastrana Godinez	Lynn Kelsey	KaCie Rigby	Sarah Wall
Jennifer Budrow	Rocio Gonzales	Monica Kincaid	Ryan Roberts	Travis Weerheim
Frank Callendo	Rachael Gossett	Gary King	Elisha Robinson	Esten Weight
Tasha Cardwell	Emily Graham	Ashton Layton	Tisha Robinson	Kelsey Weight
Ona Child	Krista Green	Phillip LePore	Jeramiah Robinson	Rein Weil
Mathew Choma	Natalie Grout	Sharon LePore	Autumn Roorda	Zachary Wolf
Bridger Clements	Hayden Handford	Patricia Lorenzo	Benito Rosas	Denise Wordell
Cody Clipperfield	Sandra Hardy	Rebecca Louder	Joan Royau	Lamont Youngberg
Laurie Coats	Alkman Harper	Joseph Lyons	Willine Rushton	Jason Zucco
Paul Cook	Cassandra Harsh	Julianne Lyons	Geroe Saulsgiver	
Tyler Crossley	Rochelle Harsh	Jacob Manning	Natasha Saxton	
John Cruz	Araya Haruyo	Stephen Matthews	Karl Schneider	
Chris. Cunningham	Mathew Hautala	Rachel McDonald	Stanley Scott	

**20 DAYS SINCE THE LAST
PREVENTABLE ACCIDENT**

STUDY

SCHEDULE

Week 5 Jan. 25 - Book Of Mormon
Week 6 Feb. 1 - Holy Ghost
Week 7 Feb. 8 - Prayer
Week 8 Feb. 15 - Testimony

NEW ZONE LEADERS

ELDER CARL E. AVERY



ELDER JOEL A. NITCHMAN



NEW DISTRICT LEADERS

ELDER JEFFREY K. BARNUM



ELDER JEREMY A. BARRINGER



ELDER JASON D. BURD



ELDER MATTHEW R. SHERMAN



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The Baptism Of June Duller

By: Elder Robert J. Horne

In October of 1997 Elder Neil and I were on missionary splits. We started to tract on a street across from the Brigham City North Stake Center. It was early in the morning, and we hadn't had much success tracting. After tracting out a couple of houses, I told Elder Neil that I wanted to go to a different street. We got in my car, drove down to the next street and parked the car. We then went to a house across the street, rang the door bell and waited. Soon after, a lady came around the side of the house. We engaged her in the normal missionary door approach, which didn't seem to work. We found out that she had lived in Utah all her life and had never had much contact with missionaries and wasn't interested. I finally asked her if she had ever had the missionaries come in and talk with her. She said she hadn't, then told us, "Well come on in, but you better be good." We taught her a great first discussion. She had some concerns about polygamy and a few other things, but we were able to resolve them. We then set an appointment for a second discussion. Elder Hoke and I returned and taught a second discussion. She accepted our invitation to be baptized, but said she had to repent of a few problems and talk to someone before she was baptized. The person she wanted to talk to was her son-in-law who was an active member of the Church and living in California. The next day her son-in-law and his wife just happened to show up enroute to their home in California from a wedding reception in Oregon.

June and her husband, Keith, adopted Elder Hoke and I. After we had shared a couple of meals and discussions with them, she told us why she had originally let us in. She told us she had recently had a very special spiritual experience that we did not know about. She said that before we knocked on her door she had dreamed that a missionary from Canada, who looked like me, came to her door to share a message. (When Elder Neil and I came to her door she recognized me and let us in.) After she told us this story, I read to her from my Patriarchal Blessing and began to cry (just a little) where it said that "while on my Mission I would teach and baptize a person who would see me in a dream." The discussions were great and the Spirit was present. We studied with her a lot, but she just couldn't quite get over her coffee addiction. I was soon transferred and prayed that she would be baptized before I left. Elder Smith and Elder Buck were teaching June and Keith, and they used the "pray now" technique. Keith broke down and felt the Spirit. He committed to become active and quit all of his many bad habits. This helped push June over the edge.

She set a date for her baptism. The next problem was figuring out how I could baptize her. Elder Smith who happens to be one of my best friends in the world pleaded my case to President Jones. I was soon called and given permission to baptize June. It was a marvelous day.

The Lord is truly gathering his elect.

PRESIDENTS REMINDERS
ONWARD & UPWARD



ACTION OF THE MONTH

OBEDIENCE IS COOL!!!

REMINDERS:

- AFTER TRANSFERS, DO INTRODUCE YOURSELF IN THE 1ST WEEK TO WMLS, BISHOP AND STAKE PRESIDENT.
- IT'S WINTER-- BE VERY CAREFUL DRIVING --SLOW DOWN --ALSO BE CAREFUL ON BICYCLES AND WALKING.
- Send in your special conversion story for the News Letter.
- **HUGS ARE IN----**
- **WE ARE HERE TO BAPTIZE!!!**
- BE BOLD
- SMILE



LET'S GET SPECIFIC:

- DON'T BUY VIDEO CAMERA EQUIPMENT & ETC. & THEN RETURN IT FOR CREDIT.
- Do study & memorize new approaches.
- Do work on District and Zone unity.
- **NO WINTER SPORTS!**
- DO NOT CALL OTHER MISSIONARIES.
- There is too much listening to the radio & CD's.
- **LOCK YOUR HEART!!!**

ATTABOYS -ATTAGIRLS:

- MANY COMPANIONSHIPS TAUGHT 12 & OVER DURING HOLIDAY WEEK.
- Many more great experiences using new approaches.
- **Big** rebound in total baptisms DEC. HIGHEST DECEMBER ON RECORD.
- GREAT PRESENTATION OF "PROSELYTING FOR THE ELECT" TO STAKE PRESIDENTS BY ELDER HALES AND ELDER LIVINGSTON.

STATS:

Mission baptisms for Dec. 97" = 150 Dec. "96"= 124 Last Mo.= 128
Mission baptisms Year To Date 1997 =1,600 Year To Date 1996 =1,623

WHAT WILL YOU ADD THIS MONTH????

MEMORIZATION: JAMES 3:17 & 18.