



President's Message

COME LISTEN TO A PROPHET'S VOICE

Dear Elders and Sisters,

What a blessing and pleasure it was to bring the entire mission together to see the Prophet of God and be guided by his council. This experience will be for all of us, an indelible memory; a journal entry that is more like reliving a favorite moment from the Book of Mormon. It was an electrifying sight for Sister Jones and me to see all of you assembled together in Unity. This was an opportunity both rare and sacred. To have President Hinckley turn and speak directly to you, and Elder Eyring do the same, repeatedly drew everyone's attention to you, the Personal Representatives of Jesus Christ. President Hinckley said, "We ought to be better; we ought to stand a little taller, be gracious and gentle one to another..." He also said the Lord has blessed us with peace. We have the message of Peace to share with everyone. Let us find and feel that Peace within our own hearts every single day. Sister Hinckley also gave good council and opportunities for the Spirit to testify of the truth. She said "God bless us to do the best we can do. To serve the Lord we must serve each other."

Having the privilege of seeing and hearing the words of the Prophet, Elder Eyring and President Morrison, we now have a responsibility. We need to follow the instructions of James 1:22 to "...be doers of the word, and not hearers only." Now, how are we going to do that? I'm sure you took notes; read those notes and then reread them and use them to strengthen yourself and then "strengthen your brethren." Ask yourself these questions: Is the Lord using President Hinckley to answer my prayers and help me to answer questions for the people I am teaching? Is the Lord using His Prophet to tell me how much He loves me?

G'day Elders and Sisters,

"Behold, I sent you out to testify..." this is the Lord's commission to his representatives. Each of us has been blessed with a testimony of the restored gospel of Jesus Christ, and thus we have a divine responsibility to testify boldly to everyone of His message. Even though we dipped in baptisms last month, we are thrilled with the progress of the mission. Our teaching is increasing and we are confident that as we more fully recognize who we are and why we are here, (Alma 18:34 - 35) the Lord will bless us with a bounteous harvest of souls!

How much He loves and assists me in His work? Is the Lord trying to send me, through His Prophets, some instructions to practice or warning to act on? You are a "ROYAL GENERATION", you are in the RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME of your life. As Elder Eyring stated, "prepare yourselves and prepare others to hear the word of the Lord." In addition, he also told us to have the "humility to call upon God and serve Him." Isn't it interesting how many opportunities the Holy Ghost had to testify to us individually of the truth during our time at conference and in our special meeting afterward. The Holy Ghost is our guide to truth and light.

Now decide on one, or even a few things you can do to implement the messages from God to you from His Prophet, Elder Eyring, President Morrison and others at this conference. Next, take time to inventory the results from applying the council and direction the Lord's representatives have given to us. Notice the changes in your life and the feelings you have when you personally triumph over adversity or assist another of our Father's children be able to do so and enter into the waters of baptism. Good feelings and goodness will follow when we conform our lives to the will of God as expressed through his chosen prophets.

President Hinckley asked us to "TRY A LITTLE HARDER TO BE A LITTLE BETTER." It gives us such joy to see you achieving this each day.

What an inspiring sight you were to Sister Jones and me as we saw you standing, in reverence of being in the presence of a Prophet of God, with your countenances shining like the stripling warriors. YOU ARE THE BEST OF THE BEST!

We Love You,
President and Sister Jones

"Wisdom denotes the pursuing of the best ends by the best means." Baptism is the end. Proselyting for the Elect is the means. This program can be utilized more effectively if we keep in mind the two week cycle. When people feel the spirit they are ready to make commitments and two weeks is plenty of time for conversion! Be challenging! Testify always! Work hard! Have fun! You're the best! We love you!

Love,
Elders Chilton and Vinson

FOREORDAINED

Dear Elders and Sisters,

Our call to serve in the Utah Ogden Mission comes from the Lord. President Jones is also inspired by the Lord as where to send us to serve. I'll tell you how I know for sure.

About this time last year Sister Robb and I were serving in Sunset City, Utah! Walking areas are awesome! One Saturday we received a referral from a member for Tracy. We were in the neighborhood so we stopped and knocked on the door. She was not there, so we stopped by later and met her. She was so nice, plus she had been reading the Book of Mormon already and said it helped her life. We taught her a first discussion. I'll never forget how strong the spirit was as we explained principle four of that discussion. I truly felt my testimony of Joseph Smith increase as I shared it with her. She accepted the invitation to be baptized.

Sister Williams was transferred in the next week and we taught Tracy the remaining discussions. She accepted everything and we felt she was truly golden.

Opposition was great - she lost her job and struggled as a single parent to feed her children, fix her car, deal with her ex-husband, pay the rent and attend college. Her lease was soon up and she moved out of the mission without leaving us her new address a few days before her baptismal date.

We both could not understand why that happened. I still don't fully understand why. We tried to find her by talking to her neighbors, but no luck. All we could do was pray that she would be able to somehow come in contact with missionaries again and be able to be baptized and that she and her children would be safe.

I was transferred to Idaho and had many wonderful experiences that helped me see the inspiration of my call again. After five wonderful months there, I was transferred to North Salt Lake. I found out from two Elders in the district that they were teaching a Tracy with a

different last name who knew me from Sunset. They said she was awesome and wanted me to speak at her baptism.

It was good to see her and her children again. My heart skipped a beat and my eyes filled with tears as I saw her baptized. She gave me a wet hug and said she was so happy she wanted to cry. She was baptized by Elder Bohanan and confirmed a member by Elder Boyce.

After the service we had a chance to catch up. She said she had moved to West Valley and her life worsened. She missed the feelings of the Spirit and the church. Two months later her life got really bad so she moved to Bountiful and put her life back in order. She started back to college, contacted the nearest Bishop and started meeting with the Elders.

I know the Lord heard Tracy's prayers for help as well as Sister Williams and mine in her behalf. Her daughter will soon be eight and will be baptized. The last I heard her father was receiving the discussions. She attends church and has found fellowship with a singles group in Bountiful. She still has trials but has the foundation of faith to handle them now. She said to me, "You are very special to me. Our Father, sent you my sister - to me not only once but twice. That's what our call is about. Father in Heaven has sent us here to meet and teach certain people, so we can be instruments in His hands to bring them unto Christ.

Love,

Sister Daniels

Mission Gains Publicity

by Elder Craig

On Tuesday April 28, 1998 the Standard - Examiner ran a front page article on the Utah Ogden Mission called *A Missionaries Life, Serving in Utah*. On the front page Elder Hudson and Elder Fultz are seen teaching a discussion to a family of investigators. Elder Hudson is also shown discussing a copy of The Book of Mormon with a street contact. Elder Hall was quoted in big bold letters saying, "The largest misconception is that everyone in Utah is a member. There's a lot more non-members than people think. That's thousands and thousands of people who are not members."

Action Of The Month

**Be a challenging and
testifying missionary!**

Read and ponder each week in
companionships study - put these
principles into practice.

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**14 DAYS SINCE
THE LAST
PREVENTABLE
ACCIDENT**

The author of the article, Peter D. Richards, describes missionary life here in Utah. He wrote about the day to day life here in the Utah Ogden Mission. Starting from the 6:15 exercise period, to the 9:30 prayer and of course the three hugs a day. The article went on to discuss the relative obscurity of being called to Utah and the emotions that comes with the call. Elder Chilton was quoted saying, "When I opened my call I was shocked. Then after a little while, I knew that this is where I needed to be, because a prophet of God had called me here." Elder Huber was quoted saying, "It doesn't matter what mission we are in, the goal is the same to bring people to Christ."

President Jones was very happy with the article. He was heard saying, "Overall, it was great publicity, there are a few things that could have been said differently. The great part about the article is that the members will know that we appreciate all they do for the missionaries in this mission."

The article finished by discussing the great diversity that each missionary brings to the mission. They come from all over the United States and from the fourteen foreign countries that comprise the missionary force. Sister Zulfayar was quoted as saying, "I prayed please God, let me go to America on my mission, ... I cried, I was very excited." President Jones was then quoted, "They all come to serve the Lord."

Pilate's Plight

by
Elder Gratiot

I giveth you the Sinned;
you taketh the clean.
you scourge the humble,
while you free the robber.
What transgressions
are to be found in a just man?
What lie
has he given unto your children?
What wrong
has he placed upon your head?
Did he not
give words to the silent?
And did he not
restore sight to the wondering?
What right giveth I to you
to inflict death upon him?
I wash my hands of this;
yet the sin will be on us all

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Highest Baptizing	Kanesville Utah Stake	7
Stake ZONES		
Highest Baptizing:	Layton	22
Highest Teaching:	Bountiful	234
Most BOM's Placed:	South Ogden	379
Most Adds:	Cache Valley	73
Companionships		
Highest Baptizing:	Elders Bradley, White	7
	Elders Rohrbach, Pedersen	7
Highest Teaching:	Sisters Grimnes, Gisa	49
Most BOM's Placed:	Elders Whiting, Thomas	186
Most Adds:	Elders Adair, Chick	17
Companionships baptizing 4 or more in April		
Elders Morris, Cruz		6
Elders Himle, Saunders		5
Elders Anderson, Ala		5
Sisters Gunderson, Lawlor		5
Sisters Cote, Puett		4
Elders Petersen, Isernhagen, Vagenes		4
Elders Roberts, Ethington		4
Sister Grimnes, Gisa		4
Elders Le Bel, Konosky		4
Elders Hales, Woffinden		4
Elders Allen, Hendricks		4
Elders Gurney, Clayton		4

Dear Elders and Sisters,

Thank you for the kindness you have shown us during the past 19 months. We appreciate the phone calls, hugs, handshakes, cards and notes. It is Bryce and I who thank you for the privilege of knowing and working with each of you personally and feeling of your great spirits and enjoying your individual personalities. You are the elite of the earth, the future leaders of families, communities and nations. Work hard. Enjoy your mission. Love and serve Lord always and you will be happy and among men most blessed.

May his choicest blessings be with you today and always.

With love and appreciation,
Bryce and June Forsyth

Memorization Hymn:

Behold! A Royal Army #251

Study Schedule

Week 21 May 17 - Apostasy
Week 22 May 24 - Scriptures
Week 23 May 31 - Service
Week 24 June 7 - Covenants



ARRIVALS
May 1998

Elder Russell Bartholet	Palmdale, CA
Elder Matthew Cusick	Spokane, WA
Elder Teinakore George	Cook Islands
Elder Daniel Gibson	Goshen, IN
Elder Jonathan Hatley	Sulphur Springs, TX
Elder Casey Hopper	Horton, Al
Elder Daniel Johnson	Albuquerque, NM
Elder Timothy Pisko	Alberta, Canada
Elder Ian Sampson	Renton, WA
Elder David Vargas	Orange, CA
Sister Abbie Warde	Lincoln, England
Sister April Wolf	The Dalles, OR

TRAINERS MAY 1998

Elder Brandon Fletcher
Elder Russell Hales
Elder Brian Buck
Elder Daniel Washburn
Elder Richard Woodruff
Elder Daniel Crotchett
Elder Micah Womack
Elder Joel Nitchman
Elder Jason Burd
Elder Jarom Stradling
Sister Barbara Watton
Sister Martha Gil

DEPARTURES
MAY 1998

Elder Carl Avery	Arnold, MD
Sister Maris Cheney	Bountiful, UT
Sister Sarah Daniels	Sterling, MI
Elder Aaron Frick	Keene, NH
Elder Blair Riding	Fresno, CA
Elder Bradley Roberts	Bemidji, MN
Elder Mark Sandvig	Salem, OR
Elder Travis Whiting	Boerne, TX
Elder Elden Wood	Durah, NC

June Birthdays

Elder Jeremy Barringer	4, June
Elder Aaron Elton	4, June
Elder Jason Burd	6, June
Elder Jason Anderson	6, June
Elder Benjamin Nelson	7, June
Elder Dean Scuggs	9, June
Elder Don Clarke	10, June
Elder Brain Buck	14, June
Elder Matt Sherman	16, June
Elder Frank Vagenes	19, June
Elder Stephen Wagner	19, June
Elder David Swenson	19, June
Elder Steven Kendall	22, June
Elder Sebastian Ferro	26, June
Elder William Matthews	26, June
Elder Jason Boyce	28, June

Elder
Benjamin VinsonElder
Brian AdairElder
Jason AndersonElder
Jeremy RauschElder
Aaron SmithElder
Lawrence SnowdenNEW
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Jared BakerElder
Matthias HabermannElder
Chad HallElder
Scott Roberts

SISTERS GRIMNES AND GISA LEAVE
ELDERS IN THE DUST!

AGAIN!!!

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"The Holy Ghost
loves obedience
and responds
accordingly!!!"

- Elder Henry B. Eyring

PRESIDENTS REMINDERS

ONWARD & UPWARD



ACTION OF THE MONTH

“BE A CHALLENGING & TESTIFYING MISSIONARY”

(DYER)

Read and ponder each week in compahionship study—put these principles into practice.

REMINDERS:

- DO NOT TEACH 8-YEAR OLDS UNLESS PARENTS ARE NON-MEMBERS.
- CONFIRMATIONS - THERE SHOULD BE TIME TO INSTRUCT.
- NEED TO HAVE PRAYER WITH COMPANIONSHIP INVENTORY AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK.
- TRAINERS—NEED TO COMPLETE CHECK OFF SHEETS AND RETURN TO SISTER JONES.
- **DREAMS DON'T COME TRUE BY SLEEPING IN!!!**
- **BE BOLD**
- **SMILE**
- **OBEDIENCE IS COOL**



LET'S GET SPECIFIC:

- **NO HAIR COLORING OF ANY KIND!!** KEEP NATURAL LOOKING!!
- SCHOOL SERVICE ISSUE IS HEATING UP - YOU CAN STILL DO BUT **MUST** WEAR PROSELYTING CLOTHES AND NAME TAGS.
- “HANG OUT” HOUSES ARE OUT!!!
- GOALS: ARE YOU SETTING + ACTIONS + ACHIEVING?

ATTABOYS - ATTAGIRLS

- **LESS THAN 1 1/2 hours for last transfer—way to go!**
- **GREAT SISTER** exchanges with the AP's.
- **WHAT A SENSATIOAL CONFERENCE** with President Hinckley +Elder Eyring, teaching on the Book of Mormon from President Morrison - *you looked great*
- **SISTERS** Smoke Elders **AGAIN!!**

STATS:

Mission baptisms for	Apr 98 = 137	Apr 97 = 151	Last Mo. = 158
Mission baptisms since Dec 1997 =	758	YTD since Dec 1996 =	717
Discussions taught -	Apr 98 = 1,266	Discussions taught last month	1,182

WHAT WILL YOU ADD THIS MONTH????

MEMORIZATION:

FAITH IN CHRIST

MORONI 7:33

HYMN: BEHOLD! A ROYAL ARMY #251 5/98

Baptismal Recommends Received Through May 8, 1998

Clay Ables	Michael Finger	Jayson Johnson	Veronica Ortega	Latasha Scott
DeBrach Ables	Matthew Fitting	Jay Justus	Melanie Ostler	Michael Shaw
Jose Acevedo	Betsy Floyd	Natalie Kendall	Audrey Oster	Joseph Shea
John Adams	Crystal Floyd	David Kendziora	Martin Pantle	Larry Shumann <i>OPEN BOOK</i>
Karina Allen	Kari Ford	Jamie King	Joshua Parker	Tara Simmons
Shalee Allen	Wendy Ford	KC Knowlden	Susan Parr	Teresa Skinner
Brooke Anderson	Scott Francis	Matthew Kotte	Elizabeth Perez	Robert Skinner
Michelle Ashcroft	Amy Francks	Cassandra Kriner	Sergio Pineda	Elizabeth Smith
Samantha Baptist	James Gardiner	Hernando Lopez	Brandi Pitcher	Brian Sugumaran
Joshua Barna	Amanda Gardiner	Ryan Lucio	Joseph Powell	Brittani Taylor
Dustin Bradbury	Kattie Grisamer	Natalia Lucio	Trevor Preece	Kristina Taylor
Jerry Brandon	Kelly Grisamer	Ashley Manzanares	Trevor Preece	Russell Taylor
Chris Bratsch	Kyle Grisamer	Stephen Marston	James Pringle	Lorna Taylor
Raymond Brown	James Gutierrez	Dallas McCauley	Manuel Quintero	Thomas Trueba
Amy Buck	Nicole Hancock	Bridgette	Melanie Rendon	Felicia Trujillo
Chris Burden	Shandi Hansen	McLeighton	Todd Reymann	Miranda Trujillo
Layne Capozza	Eric Hartigan	Theodore Mitchell	Jeffrey Rhone	Tracie Vargo
Whitnee Carlin	Shantele Hawkins	Jennifer Morales	Jacklyn Richins	Jenifer Vicknair
Brandy Carpenter	James Heath	Debra Moser	Kyle Ricketts	Chase Walker
Victor Carrera	Violet Henrie	Jennifer Multoni	Devon Ricketts	Kee Wee
Kisty Cazier	Amanda Hofzede	Michelle Nelson	Brody Ricketts	Tyler Williams
Charie Christensen	Michael Hull	Tania Nersisian	Tresa Ripplinger	Cory Williams
Ashley Cook	Benjamin Jackson	Archie Nersisian	Jose Rodriguez	Joseph Wolfe
Dustin Dille	Haylen Jensen	Aaron Olsen	Patricia Roth	Dustin Wubker
Krystle Earl	Kydee Jensen	Christopher Olsen	Eric Saupé	
Claudia Esquivel	Kylan Johnson	Vannessa Ortega	Michael Saupé	
Colten Farnes	Kewi Johnson	Otilia Ortega	Deon Scott	