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President's Message MANY MORE SOULS "COME UNTO CHRIST"

Dear Elders and Sisters,

Congratulations, another new record for MAY and a NEW MISSION RECORD. In May 176 souls came unto Christ. It is interesting to observe as more and more missionaries apply the power formula:

OBEDIENCE+ FAITH+ SPIRIT+ WORK = the POWER

We see an increase in obedience, teaching, baptizing and love for one another. When we apply the work part of the formula, we must always include goal setting with the appropriate action items. Remember the "Power" is the ability to take control of your thoughts, actions and deeds thereby giving you the power to direct your mission and your destiny. The ability to succeed in this life and eternally.

We are called to testify and baptize "Except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (John 3:5) Now that baptism has taken place we must help the ward leadership and members insure that your new convert "has a friend, a responsibility (calling) in the church, and is nurtured by the good word of God." Begin teaching the new member discussions right after baptism before confirmation and be sure the new convert is well cared for by the ward family. Your success in an area will be measured by how you have helped people you have contacted improve their life, understanding of the Savior and God's plan of salvation.

It is so very important for the people you teach and baptize to continue to grow in their understanding of gospel principles and they accomplish this by actively participating in their ward. Elders and Sisters, leave your wards and stakes stronger than when you came into them.

We all have been called to the Utah Ogden Mission to harvest and "ZION" is white. We must now thrust in the sickle with all our strength. This is just the beginning—you are the BEST OF THE BEST, continue to show it!!!

We Love You, President and Sister Jones

G'day Elders and Sisters,

"Goodonyaz! We had a bonza month!" That's Australian for
"You're fantabulous!" The Lord is truly pouring out his blessings
on this mission. Congratulations on being worthy instruments so
that the Lord can bless us in ways that we've never before seen.
We're climbing steadily to the top. We must not stop here. If we
do not add people to our teaching pools, we will continue to see
waves rising and crashing from month to month.

One of the most powerful principles we have in life is delegation. You are few in number compared to the amount of members in your respective areas. We have such an advantage serving in Utah. The MEMBERS are the key in quickening the Lord's work. They are all willing to help. Some of them just don't know it yet. Let us multiply our efforts by using the members. Use the program presented to you by the traveling elders this week in zone conference. It is inspired!

One-hundred seventy-six is awesome but there are still people out there that we pass up. Sometimes we just don't know where to look. And guess who knows who these lost sheep are!! We have at our fingertips another group of people that are on FIRE! In the month of May, 176 NEW MISSIONARIES were baptized. Now that they have been warned, they have made a promise to "warn [their] neighbors" (D&C 88:81). Let us help them to fulfill this promise.

Many will believe on their testimonies just as scores of Nephites were converted by the testimonies of the five recent converts (see Hel. 9:39). Recent converts are an untapped resource. They know who the nonmembers are. Recent converts need to make the transition from investigator to teacher as soon as possible. We need to get them involved to ensure their retention. They have the Spirit of missionary work, and their friends will feel that and want to join them in their decision. Do not hesitate to use the Traveling Elder's dialogue with recent converts to encourage them to assist you in your calling to baptize. Go and gettim'. We are within reach of bringing 200 into the fold, but we cannot do it by ourselves

Love, Elders Chilton and Vinson

"SIR MARKUS"

Once upon a time, long long ago, there was a King, mightiest of all kings, who had a kingdom located in many lands. The kingdom was small compared to some of the other kingdoms in the world, but this kingdom was mightiest of all. The kingdom grew daily because of the happiness this kingdom brought to its court. The court had many knights and squires that would leave their homes to aid their King in building his kingdom. The King called for all that would serve him. Many of them came quickly, but some would not. One of these was a young lad by the name of Markus, son of Sir Richard and Lady Roxann. Markus lived in the town of Salemton, the capitol-city in the land of Oregonia. A portion of our Lord's kingdom abided there, but members of His court were but few. Markus did not realize his role in the King's court, but spent his days dreaming. One day, the Arch-bishop of the land came to Markus and said, "Markus, what is it that thou doest with thy life?" Markus replied, "I know not, save that I have pleasure with my friends." The Archbishop answered," Why doth thou not serve our King? Doth thou not realize the power and gifts the King has provided for thee?" Markus realized that the King had done much. Markus decided he would go to labor in the service of the King. First, he must learn to fight in the battles he would be involved. He went unto the heart of the kingdom of our Lord to the school of the squires, thus becoming "Squire Markus." Squire Markus thought he would go to the far reaches of the Lord's kingdom, but was left in the heart of the King's court He thought, "What business do I have in the King's court? They are all but strong follower's of the King, what help will I provide?" At first Squire Markus felt unimportant in the King's army, but soon he realized the work at hand. The King's enemy had located himself deep within the court, trying to defeat the King. Squire Markus dove right into battle at once by

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the side of a persistent knight, Sir Bakkland of Norway. They battled side by side in the Stake of Ogden, day after day. The enemy had strong forces there, at times Squire Markus felt they were loosing the battle. Squire Markus went on to



fight on other fields of battle. One day the Governor of the knights and squires made Squire Markus a knight, thus making him Sir Markus." Sir Markus went on to fight many battles with many different foes. Enemy's such as Dragon's of Marboro's and Camel's, frenzied dogs and cats, and even those who professed to follow the King. At times, even the members of the King's court would try to oppose Sir Markus by offering their fair daughters and presenting him strange brews and potions known as "Jell-

O." Sir Markus heeded them not, but concentrated on the battle at hand. Not all of the knights and squires were as dedicated as the King wanted them to be. They would call for Sir Markus saying,

"If you wish to go where God is, you must become like him..."

- Prophet Joseph Smith

"Sir Markus, why doest thou fight hard? Behold, we have fought diligently as well, and have received many blessings from the King and his court Come, let us rest from this battle and rejoice one with another." Sir Markus felt weary and desired to rest with his fellow knights. Little did the knights and squires know that the enemy of the King realized the seriousness of the battle and would not rest while the knights and squires played. One day, the Governor of the knights and squires helped Sir Markus must play. Sir Markus knew not what he should do. He began to look to some of the other knights, the Assistants to the Governor and the mighty Zone Lords. The determination of Sir Markus was renewed and went again to battle. Sir Markus had much success in his fields of battle, making him feel like he was helping the kingdom of the Lord grow. Finally one day, the service of Sir Markus was over. It was time for him to allow another squire to take his place. Sir Markus was sad, but felt that he had accomplished what the King had wanted him to do. Through it all, Sir Markus knew that the Lord's kingdom would continue to grow and make the faithful members of his court happy. It was now time for Sir Markus to go on to other things in life, things such as finding a fair maiden of the King's court at one of the King's schools, but that is a different story

> THE END Elder Sandvig

Sister Jones's Brain Teaser YYURYYUBICURYY4ME

Study Schedule

Week 25 June 14 - Priesthood

Week 26 June 21 - Priesthood Org.

Week 27 June 28 - Restoration of the Gospel

Week 28 July 5 - Sacrament



A Miracle of Changed Hearts

Dear Elders and Sisters

After each zone conference, I realize more and more the inspiration that President Jones and the assistants receive for the mission and for us. Just seven months ago, Sister Cooper and I were serving in North Salt Lake. We had the opportunity and

privilege conference October with Elder Henry B. Erving. As he spoke you feel could

attending a Stake Memorization Hymn: God Loved Us, So He Sent His Son! #187

power and mantle he carried. He spoke of weekly meetings with President Hinckley and how our prophet had been mentioning a miracle of changed hearts. Then Elder Erying paused and a look came on his face and a feeling entered the room that is impossible to describe. He said, "Brothers and Sisters, as I stand before you now, I know what it is. The retention rate within the next two years will triple." He then spoke of how it will happen. "It will not be a dramatic rise in numbers, but the hearts of the people, here in the valley, will change. The Latter-day Saints will become a more kinder and loving people. It will come by reading the Book of Mormon." How simple.

We've been given the tool and now we've been trained how to use it. We have the choice to help bring this miracle to pass. I know that as we continue to work hard and remember the training we've had, we can

do it. One of the important things he said that day, that stood out to me the most, was when Elder Erying turned and looked at Sister Cooper and I sitting on the stand and said, "We will not lose the fruits of your labors as you serve." This was a promise given to our companionship, but even greater to all of us serving in Utah. As we keep our part, they will do theirs. I know this is true. Keep it up!

Love, Sister Cote

Action Of The Month Find through Ward Leadership and members!

SPECIAL RECOGNITION Kaysville Utah Stake Highest Baptizing Stake ZONES **Highest Baptizing:** Bountiful **Highest Teaching:** Bountiful 192 Most BOM's Placed: Ogden 424 Most Adds: Ogden 57 Companionships Highest Baptizing: Elders Adair, Camp **Highest Teaching:** Elders Hales, Cusick 53 Most BOM's Placed: Elders Buckner, Cruz 128 Most Adds: Elders Buckner, Cruz 14 Elders Hales, Cusick 14 Elders Anderson, Ala 14 Companionships baptizing 4 or more in May Elders Sherman, Scruggs Elders Womack, Johnson Elders Petersen, Isemhagen Elders Heyworth, Ethington Elders Rice, Hudson Elders Morris, Laurens 5 Elders Burd, Sampson 5 Sister Grimnes, Gisa Elders Le Bel, Konosky Elders Anderson, Ala Elders Fultz, Huber Elders Himle, Saunders Elders Barringer, Nelson Elders Williams, Jordan Elders White, Bradley



Elder Le Bel and Konosky recapture car with their teaching flurry!

Memorization Scripture:

"For God So loved the World, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved." 141, 141, Elder Narbas volson

- John 3: 16-17

ARRIVALS June 1998



Elder Jared Danielson New Zealand Jacksonville, FL **Elder Rocky Espenschied Elder Ryan Fleming** Plymouth, MN Elder Akoni Ganir Oregon City, OR **Elder Keith Hamilton** Alberta, Canada **Elder Daniel Hubler** Gore, OK Elder James Kuehn Leesburg, VA Elder Eric Mason Lexington, KY Elder Erik Massey Soldotna, AK Campbell, KY **Elder Jeremy Pflaume** Sister Kathleen Revnolds Glendale, CA Elder Daniel Soderholm Willamsburg, VA

> TRAINERS JUNE 1998 Elder Frederick Dunn **Elder Charles Saunders Elder David Swenson** Elder Mark Allen **Elder Phillip Gratiot** Elder Matthias Haberman Elder Jeremy Rice Elder Andrew von Harten Elder Brian Adair **Elder Jerel Bartholomew** Sister Martha Gil Elder Jason Yeagley Sister Melanie Hansen



JUNE 1998

Elder Bradley Enfield Hutchinson, KS Elder Russell Hales Frisco, TX Veradale, WA Elder Jeff Jensen Elder William Morris St. Petersburg, FL Thousand Oaks, CA Elder Matt Sherman Everrett, WA Elder Jason Sisco Glendale, AZ **Elder Tyler Tippetts**

>July Birthdays Elder Micah Womack 1, July Elder Kenneth Davis 2, July Elder Jerel Bartholomew 3, July Elder Luca Bol 10, July Elder Richard Wheatly 10, July Elder Jared Fasteson 12, July **Elder Aaron Smith** 13, July **Elder Todd Chilton** 15, July **Elder David Thomas** 15, July Elder Daniel Washburn 15, July Elder Dane Pollock 21, July Elder Mathew Stastny 23, July **Elder Nathan Nelson** 24, July Elder Delmar Tanner 27, July Elder Ryan Pedersen 28, July

Elder Shane White



Elder Frederick Dunn





Thomas Wolsey

Elder

Elder Robert Fultz



Elder Joel Nitchman



Elder **David Swenson**



Elder Mark Allen



Elder Chris Le Bel

Elder **Brett Johnson**



Jeremy Rice

Elder



Elder James Labisak

PRESIDENTS REMINDERS ONWARD & UPWARD





"FIND THROUGH WARD LEADERSHIP & MEMBERS"

REMINDERS:

- ELDERS ARE NOT ALLOWED INSIDE SISTERS APARTMENTS SISTERS ARE NOT ALLOWED INSIDE ELDERS APARTMENTS. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!
- WHEN YOUR PARENTS MOVE, PLEASE SEND OR CALL NEW ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER TO SISTER CLARKE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
- YOU <u>MUST</u> RETURN YOUR REFERRAL REPORT TO THE OFFICE ON <u>EVERY</u> REFERRAL!
- FAST AND PAY YOUR FAST OFFERING EACH MONTH—BEAR YOUR TESTIMONY.
- BE FRIENDLY BUT FORMAL IN <u>ALL</u> SITUATIONS.
- DREAMS DON'T COME TRUE BY SLEEPING IN!!!
- BE BOLD
- SMILE
- OBEDIENCE IS COOL



LET'S GET SPECIFIC:

- YOU NEED TO MEMORIZE YOUR MONTHLY SCRIPTURE AND HYMN!!
- NO MORE SCHOOL SERVICE—CHOOSE SHORT-TERM SERVICE ONLY.
- PHONE CALLS: ENTIRELY TOO MANY AND TOO LONG OF DURATION.
- THE STAKE PRESIDENT HAS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR MISSIONARY WORK AND RETENTION IN HIS STAKE.

ATTABOYS - ATTAGIRLS

- A NEW RECORD FOR MAY AND A NEW MISSION RECORD!! WAY TO GO.
- TRAVELING ELDERS REPORT GREAT EXCHANGES WITH COMPANIONSHIPS.
- STILL MORE COMPLIMENTS FROM STAKE PRESIDENTS.
- . NO LOCK YOUR HEART PROBLEMS FOR TWO MONTHS-A NEW MISSION RECORD.

STATS:

Mission baptisms for May 98 = 176 May 97 = 148 Last Mo. = 137

Mission baptisms since Dec 1997 = 934 YTD since Dec 1996 = 865

Discussions taught - May 98 = 1,304 Discussions taught last month 1,266

WHAT WILL YOU ADD THIS MONTH????

MEMORIZATION: THE PLAN

JOHN 3:16,17

HYMN: GOD SO LOVED US #187

A-Baptismal Recommends Received Through June 5, 1998-

Marcelo Betancourt Jessica Bridgewater Jacqueline Barrack **Fanner Bowman** Frecia Anderson Whitby Bierwolf Joseph Bennett Jessie Barrack **Blaire Barker** John Barrack Adam Adams manda Broe Ryan Briggs Adela Balon Jesus Balon Cy Baldwin Josh Ashby

ZURLENE Melissa Dumeny Joshua Drzinski Arthur Durham Jason Bronson Maria Del eon ennifer Earle Justin Dibkey Thuong Dang Kacey Cutler Lindy Eggett Eric Earle Kay Cox

John Piccolo

Randy Lambrose

leremy Kentch

Edythe Esterholdt

Maria Estrada

Raymond Jaramillo Richelle Frickburg Robert Glodowski avier Hernandez **Brittany Gardner lildreth Heather** Katie Gillingham Kristen Harrison Cassie Hampton Timothy Huegel Jean Harwood 3il Gillingham Whitlee Green Elizabeth Farr Randi Homan esse Johnson **Nibert Garcia** Katie Harper Shelley Howe leather Hess Justin Kelley Jamie Flores Jake Harper Kristy Hare lamie Howe ustin Hove amie Ivers Jawn Gay Ohn Hill

ENTADALE IMMY 75 Stephen LeFevre Robert Langford Janny Martinez ictor Lemons Vlice LeFevre Forres Leyva Richard Lee Jillon Linck Vancy Law ose Leon

Vene Phaysounlaphong Shannon Pasternak Megan Monterrosa Michael Nedvecki Sabrielle Orozco Richard Murillo Antonio Murillo Terry McAlister Danielle Patrick Velson Nephew Mariana Pedro Rafael Morelli asha Meibos ames Melillo **leather Page Fyler Meibos** inda Miller Adams Pace Sean Ogden Jalia Nuila

Kellyanne Summers Marcus Robertson Shawn Thompson Jennifer Stanford Craig Whitehead Michael Warren Cynthia Turner Mex Watanabe Kevin Teneyck Amber Prickett imothy Rader **Thomas Taylor** Samuel Quady loseph Shields Lance Willeto Angela Staten Skaler Taylor Sarcia Rojas Shiaau Tsien Walter Steed **3randi Tyler 3lake Uffens** Shawn Siler lazel Tyree van Torres roy Vavra aul Wilson Ann Russell lose Valdez ose Reyes Rilee Rose