



## President's Message

### FREEDOM ISN'T FREE

Dear Elders and Sisters,

The month of July is a good time to reflect on our great blessings to be serving in a country that has been preserved in freedom for these latter-days. This is the land of the free. As early as 1917, David O. McKay stated:

"Many years ago the Lord said to the prophet, speaking of America, that no king shall ever rule this land. (See II Nephi 10:11.) It is the land of the free; and it has become an ensign to the whole world. In this land was first revealed in this dispensation, the gospel of Jesus Christ. As thrones topple and monarchies crumble, we will see that the people who are given their free agency will begin to appreciate the principles of self-government, preparatory to their accepting the gospel of Jesus Christ, which is the perfect law of liberty. I can see in all this a step toward a truer brotherhood—a preparation for the millennium. It may yet be far in the future, no one knows, but I can see divine influence overruling the destiny of nations, at least preparatory to the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ.—CR, April 1917, p. 49."

We must always express our gratitude for the freedom we have to worship God, to strive, teach and testify of Christ, the Son of God. These precious freedoms are now being extended beyond the borders that once excluded our missionaries from preaching the gospel in many places throughout the world. What a wonderful opportunity it is to be serving here in Utah so close to and involved with the leadership of the church. No

new areas of the world are as fertile as the Utah Ogden Mission. The Lord is bringing many of His elect to our area and we must do our part now.

To continue to build up the kingdom we must exercise our agency by following the laws of God and of the land. A nation or a mission is only as strong as its families. Since the beginning of this earthly existence prosperity followed when righteous choices and individual freedoms have been protected. We must understand and learn the doctrines of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The sanctity of free agency was preserved by a war in heaven because it is an essential principle of heaven. We have our free agency because it is expedient to our continuing progress in our current earthly state and throughout eternity. We need to exercise our agency in keeping the commandments of God, to be obedient in our missionary service, honest in all our dealings with everyone, thereby bringing ourselves and others closer to God and to our Savior Jesus Christ.

This is the message of the Gospel, the great Plan of Happiness. It gives us the power to be free from sin and destruction and to return and live in the presence of our Father in Heaven. It gives us the knowledge and the power to overcome temptation, the ability to choose good over evil, to live in freedom and liberty according to the will of God. Freedom isn't free but it is a gift given freely to all by a loving Heavenly Father who gave us His Son that we might be free and return to live in their presence.

We Love You,  
President and Sister Jones

G'day Elders and Sisters!

Planning is divine!! God operates by the greatest plan ever concocted - The plan of Salvation. The perfection of this plan is what makes Him God! We too must devise a plan to manage our stewardship. This work is hindered without planning. We must plan to keep moving towards the potential we possess. This greater vision of the mission is upheld by our every day activities .... the small and simple things, by which great things are brought to pass (Alma 37:6) In order to realize the greatness in this mission, we need (1) a greater understanding of our purpose and (2) to take smaller steps that lead to this. The planning process is simple. We daily consider the needs of each individual and plan to meet their needs. It is

easy to fill up our time, but planning is to prioritize between activity and essential activities. Elder Holland said, "Do not mistake activity for productivity."

When we plan, we need to involve all four of our pools; Finding, Teaching, Baptizing and Fellowshiping. We must not neglect any one of these pools. Our activities in each of these pools need to be one seamless activity. We can't allow anyone to slip through the cracks. Remember, that planning and goals are inseparable. One cannot be completely effective without the other. Goals illustrate for us how to get to the higher level, and our daily plans should coincide with our proselyting action items. As a mission we have reached our



goal of 150 baptisms. We have averaged 152.3 baptisms for the first six months of this year. We are moving onward!! Way to go! It feels good to reach and achieve goals, especially when it means more people are coming into the waters of baptism.

Involve the Lord in your planning process and allow Him to help you make important decisions. Together you will be a team that is unstoppable!! This work is so true! We love it and love you so much! You're the best! And the best this mission has seen is yet to come. Make every second count as you plan and execute those plans! May the Spirit be with you!

Love,  
Elders Chilton and Vinson

### And Many People Shall Go

For many years, Mariana Seixas has made visits to the United States to shop and to visit. A native of Brazil, she has seen much of her homeland as she has moved from city to city throughout her life. Two years ago, she took the opportunity to study as an exchange student in Florida. Her family invested much for this experience, but due to some over-sight in the exchange program, her living accommodations were poor. So, being only 16 years old, and in a country foreign to her, she set out to find a suitable habitation. Her personality won friends quickly, and she spent her social hours with them. She spent the balance of the school year in a liberal lifestyle and after the time had passed, she found herself again at home in Brazil to await out the summer. She enjoyed the experience and wished to study abroad for her senior year of high school. Because of her ill-fated experience the previous year with the exchange program, Mariana sought to find a home on her own means. The only opportunities she found that would allow an independent exchange student were in England, and in Idaho. Many years previous, Mariana's sister stayed as a student with the Porters, a family just outside of Preston, Idaho. The Porters agreed to have Mariana board with them for her final year of school. She pondered for a short time whether to go to England or Idaho... England or Idaho. Her friends in Brazil

encouraged England, but she chose Idaho.

Mariana was quite lonely for the first five months in Preston. Her liberal lifestyle did not earn the respect of her peers in the small-town, Mormon community of Preston, Idaho. She said this was the only time in her life where she did

not have a friend with which to associate. Though she excelled in school upon the merits of her sharp intellect, she did not enjoy her friendless situation. As the year progressed, though, she made friends with the few in the area who shared her views. Meanwhile, Marc Woolley returned from his mission in El Salvador and mid Spring, he and Mariana connected while going with a group of friends to a rock concert in Salt Lake City. After knowing her for two weeks, Marc invited Mariana to take the missionary discussions. She agreed, but her motivation was to question the doctrines, beliefs, and practices to which she felt has ostracized her from everyone else in the Mormon community.

#### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**"OBSTACLES are the frightful things you see when you take your eye off your goals!!!"**

As Elders Sandvig and Bullock began teaching her the first discussion, her attitude changed through the Spirit. She refused the invitation to pray with the Elders, but in her own time, Mariana Seixas Pedro offered a humble prayer unto God, and the Spirit of the Lord rested upon her and she knew that the words the Elders spoke were true. Never have I seen someone hunger and thirst after the words of life as Mariana did. After each discussion, she would carefully read each assignment in the Book of Mormon, first in English and then in Portuguese, and return to the Elders with a plethora of questions. During the third discussion with Elders Bullock and Dalley, Mariana committed to baptism. She readily accepted all the invitations to improve her life and felt inside that she never did wish to return to that lifestyle. She was baptized not two and a half weeks from the day that she took the first discussion. As we talked with her, we realized God had truly paved the way for her to receive the gospel. The first miracle was that she had a keen desire to come to Idaho of all places. Secondly, if she had come under a formal exchange student program, it would have forbade her from changing her religion. Lastly, after she was in America, the U.S. Consulate notified her and informed her that they had made a mistake in allowing her to come to the same country two years in a row for high school. The Consulate had overlooked this as they processed her visa papers and she was allowed to stay in the country even after the discovery of their error.

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, when the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths; for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem" (2 Nephi 12: 2-3).

#### The Vision

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**46 DAYS SINCE  
THE LAST  
PREVENTABLE  
ACCIDENT**

#### Study Schedule

Week 29 July 12 - Sabbath  
Week 30 July 19 - Patience  
Week 31 July 26 - Pre-mortal Life  
Week 32 Aug. 5 - Free Agency





Truly, the Lord is bringing His elect to the mountains of the Lord (The Utah Ogden Mission) to receive this gospel.

Love,  
Elders Dalley and Bullock

**Memorization Hymn:**  
America the Beautiful  
#338

### An Answer

On a Sabbath Day I asked myself,  
"What is really important in life?"  
That spiritual elf replied with his pelf,  
"Get home and find thee a wife."  
All humor aside, I pondered and thought  
and counted the things I had done.  
I placed in grace the blessings I got  
while serving in this mission.  
I looked at the things I hoped to achieve,  
and wondered why I had not won  
The Word of Christ, did I receive?  
and share it with everyone?  
What shall we say as we go our way?  
What is the greatest test?  
We hear the words the Savior did say,  
but did we try our best?  
Does evil speaking ride our tongues  
as we talk of those around?  
Or careful words rest in our lungs  
and uplifting words surround  
There's no salvation in a mission,  
but in following the Lord  
What care do we show to our condition?  
What heed do we give to the Word?  
Are We children of God or children of men?  
Whose heart do we have in our breast?  
Do we lift and uphold, serve and defend?  
Or scoff and scorn like the rest?  
Do we fail the test we know the best?  
The life of Jesus Christ ....  
...Nay, Lord, I will follow,  
Humble, patient I will be  
I'll live my life in charity  
Full of love that you may see  
That to thy will, I'll bend my knee  
Like a child's life in me...  
Yea, Lord, I would follow thee,  
Yea, Lord, I would follow thee.

-Elder Dalley



Elders Allen and Espenschied get the car for highest teaching for the month. They wanted a car and went out and got it!

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

<b>Highest Baptizing Stake</b>	Woods Cross Utah Stake	6
<b>ZONES</b>		
Highest Baptizing:	Willard Bay	20
Highest Teaching:	Willard Bay	177
Most BOM's Placed:	Ogden	291
Most Adds:	Ogden	41
	Layton	41

<b>Companionships</b>		
Highest Baptizing:	Elders Yeagley, Kuehn	6
Highest Teaching:	Elders Elton, Fultz	33
Most BOM's Placed:	Elders Buckner, Cruz	75
Most Adds:	Elders Buckner, Cruz	11

### Companionships baptizing 4 or more in June

Elders Thurber, Webb	5
Elders Kendall, Wagner	5
Elders Elton, Fultz	4
Elders Stradling, Vargas	4
Elders Fletcher, Bartholet	4
Elders Dalley, Bullock	4
Elders Rice, Hubler	4
Elders Washburn, Gibson	4
Elders Thomas, Ala	4

## Action Of The Month

### Find through Ward Leadership and members!

#### August Birthdays

#### TRAINERS JULY

1998

Elder Hank Whipple  
Elder David Gurney  
Elder Spencer Allred  
Elder Scott Roberts  
Elder Jeffery Barnum  
Elder Ben Rohrbach  
Elder Brandon Fletcher  
Elder Jason Anderson  
Elder Brett Johnston  
Elder David Swenson  
Elder Ronald Ruiz  
Elder James Labiszak  
Elder Kurt Schoener  
Elder Ryan Pederson  
Sister Michelle Minns

Elder Joel Nitchman 1 Aug  
Elder Matthew Thurber 2 Aug  
Elder Dustin Williams 2 Aug  
Sister Michelle Minns 3 Aug  
Elder Brian Webb 6 Aug  
Elder Steven Elmes 7 Aug  
Elder Jonathan Vine 13 Aug  
Elder Justin Pacific 17 Aug  
Elder Jonathan Burgess 19 Aug  
Elder Matthew Cusick 19 Aug  
Elder Spencer Huffstutler 20 Aug  
Sister Alisa Adams 22 Aug  
Elder Adam Chick 22 Aug  
Elder Ryan Konosky 23 Aug  
Elder William Allen 25 Aug  
Elder Daniel Johnson 26 Aug  
Elder Casey Hopper 29 Aug  
Elder Harold Linder 30 Aug

## Memorization Scripture:

"Behold, I am a disciple of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.  
I have been called of him to declare his word among his people, that they might have ever lasting life.

- 3 Nephi 5:13



ARRIVALS  
JULY 1998

Elder David Armenta	Pico Rivera, CA
Elder James Bloomer	Gilbert, AZ
Elder Dustin Culler	Farmington, NM
Elder Barry Gardner	Chandler, AZ
Elder Donovan Hansen	Mesa, AZ
Elder Jonathan Hayes	Lexington, KY
Elder Adam Hess	Long Beach, CA
Elder Timothy Hill	Wetaskiwin AB CN
Elder Micah Key	St. Peters, MO
Elder Glen Martin	Lincoln, NE
Elder Michael Place	Goodland, IN
Elder Mark Shuman	Spring, TX
Elder Tanner Simmons	Thatcher, AZ
Elder Willard Vanfleet	Glen Burnie, MD
Sister Charlotte Williams	Tallahassee, FL

DEPARTURES  
JULY 1998

Elder Richard Baca	Deming, NM
Elder Jared Baker	Calgary, Canada
Elder Jeremy Barringer	New Boston, MI
Elder Matthew Bradley	Spring, TX
Elder Reed Butterfield	Auburn, WA
Elder Ryan Carling	Galt, CA
Sister Evelyn Corona	Anaheim, CA
Elder Daniel Crotchett	Greenville, SC
Elder Kevin Dalley	Beavercreek, OH
Elder Aaron Elton	Portland, OR
Elder Chad Hall	Spring, TX
Elder Daniel Hannon	San Antonio, TX
Elder Jonathan Hardy	Mesa, AZ
Elder Mark Hudson	Vero Beach, FL
Elder Philip Isernhagen	Phillipsburg, KS
Elder Dane Pollock	Rolling Hills, CA
Elder Thomas Walke	Pensacola, FL
Sister Barbara Watton	Puyallup, WA
Elder Jason Yeagley	North Platte, NE

## NEW PRES. COUNSELERS

President  
Gene HymasPresident  
Gary Chambers

## New District Leaders

Elder  
Steve TyndallElder  
David GurneyElder  
Daniel WashburnElder  
David BucknerElder  
Jarom StradlingElder  
Jason Burd

## New Counselors

Elder  
Jeffery BarnumElder  
Matthew StastnyElder  
Jon DenninghoffElder  
Micah WomackElder  
Brandon FletcherElder  
Ron NunleyElder  
Daniel HeyworthElder  
Jerel BartholomewElder  
Charles SaundersElder  
Vaughn Clayton



**PRESIDENTS REMINDERS**  
**ONWARD & UPWARD**



**ACTION OF THE MONTH**

**"FIND THROUGH WARD LEADERSHIP & MEMBERS"**

**REMINDERS:**

- IF YOU HAVE TOO MANY PEOPLE PRAY IN "PRAY NOW" IT TAKES TOO LONG AND CAN LOSE SPIRIT.
- INTRODUCE BISHOPS AND OTHER MEMBERS TO PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS- JUST DON'T TAKE THEM TO CHURCH.
- NO P-DAYS TRAVELING OUTSIDE ZONE ON MONDAY BEFORE TRANSFERS.
- TRAINERS, PLEASE SET PERSONAL AND COMPANIONSHIP GOALS WITH NEW MISSIONARIES.
- PLEASE MAKE SURE OF FELLOWSHIPING AND NOTIFICATION FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS BEING TAUGHT OUT OF THEIR HOME AREA. MAKE APPROPRIATE CALLS FOR BAPTISMS.
- ***DREAMS DON'T COME TRUE BY SLEEPING IN!!!***
- ***BE BOLD***
- ***SMILE***
- **OBEDIENCE IS COOL**



**LET'S GET SPECIFIC:**

- ***NO COMPANIONSHIP EXCHANGE ON P-DAY!!***
- ***WEAR GARMENTS AT ALL TIMES (UNLESS BATHING), REMEMBER YOUR TEMPLE COVENANTS.***
- ***NO MOUNTAIN BIKING, YOU MAY RIDE ON DIRT ROADS ONLY IF THEY ARE FLAT, WIDE AND SMOOTH ENOUGH FOR SISTER JONES' LEXUS TO DRIVE ON.***
- ***BASKETBALL - NO FULL COURT, NO ONE BUT SAME SEX MISSIONARIES FROM OUR MISSION ARE TO PLAY. ONLY VOLLEYBALL CAN BE PLAYED CO-ED.***

**ATTABOYS - ATTAGIRLS**

- A NEW RECORD FOR JUNE ***CONGRATULATIONS!!***
- ANOTHER NEW RECORD FOR 6 MONTHS. 915 BAPTISMS - AWESOME!!!
- ***NO LOCK YOUR HEART PROBLEMS FOR THREE MONTHS--(WAY TO GO ELDERS.)***
- POSITIVE FEED BACK FROM MEMBERS, W. M. L. ON PROS. FOR ELECT-MEMBERS.
- CIRCLE YOUR CALENDAR AUGUST 17 ALL MISSION TEMPLE DAY WITH ELDER EYRING.

**STATISTICS**

Mission baptisms for	June 98 = 131	June 97 = 93	Last Mo. = 176
Mission baptisms since	Dec 1997 = 1065	YTD since Dec 1996 =	958
Discussions taught	June 98 = 992	Discussions taught last month	1,304

**WHAT WILL YOU ADD THIS MONTH????**

**MEMORIZATION:**

**OUR CALLING**

**3 NEPHI 5:13**

**HYMN: AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL #338 7/98**



## Baptismal Recommends Received Through July 3, 1998

Nina Adams	Timothy Fountain	Laura McDonald	Erich Rummel
Anthony Andersen	Rebecca Gallagher	Christopher McGenty	Brenda Salazar
Savannah Anderson	Brandon Gamble	Robert McNair	Jordan Sanchez
Allen Aryana	Trent Gill	Stephen Mcador	JulieAnn Sanchez
Michael Baker	Eva Gjollku	Aaron Melder	Amanda Sanders
Maria Banda	James Gochis	Rogelio Mendoza	Robert Santistevan
McKell Beckstead	Ashlee Goff	Michael Menge	Clifford Schroeder
Kendra Bexell	Vida Grif	Ryan Menge	Jon Scott
Matthew Bliss	Jesse Hackney	Diane Meyer	Jeanette Sedgwick
Colby Bosch	<del>Angel Hadero</del>	Steven A. Meyer	Sharon Sedgwick
Kathy Bott	Anthony Hanscn	Steven R. Meyer	Stacy Seguin
Jessica Brown	Nathan Hare	Ericka Moran	Austin Setler
Joshua Brown	Whitney Harris	Harley Moss	Wayne Shephard
Douglas Bubert	Kimberly Harwood	Melissa Moss	James Sitsby
Bulent Bulut	Cami Hayes	Kent Nabers	Ryan Silverwood
Stephanie Bursell	Tony Hill	Cassandra Nations	Whitney Simister
Jessica Burton	Terre Hobbs	Kristina Neilson	Reuben Singleton
Kristin Burton	Jessica Hoover	Sonja Noble	Cynthia Sipe
Michael Calarino	Charleston Hosteen	Christina Orozco	Michael Sipe
Nathan Campbell	Charles Huber	Richard Ortega	Scana Sipe
Colter Cannon	Guthrie Hugh	Ronald Ostler	Bryce Smalley
Billy Casavant	Anna James	Jose Osuna	Jared Smith
Shain Case	Maggie Jaques	Robert Owens	Mich Smith
Breanna Cash	Candice Johnson	Misti Palmer	Ryan Spradling
Rachel Chivaras	Bob Jorgensen	Guadalupe Patino	Dean Stokes
Zachery Chotia	Adam Kellos	Robert Payton	Lucinda Underwood
Shalane Christensen	Kristie Kellos	Manuel Perez	Richard Vanderhoof
George Clephorn	Morgan Kidd	Richard Poppleton	Korey Varney
Ashley Covington	Joshua Knight	Brandon Porath	Matthew Viehweger
Bryan Crocker	Jennette Kunkel	Kenny Prom	Stephanie Vigil
Lacey Crocker	Robin Laymen	Ricky Prom	George VillaFuerte
Crystina Curlee	Michael Lewis	Kellie Quilter	Diane Way
Kenna Cutler	Daniel Livermore	Christina Quintana	Gary Way
Yoko Davis	Armando Lopez	Susan Ralston	Justin Way
Bryce Day	Arthur Lowther	Karen Remo	Elijah Wesner
Nancy Diaz	Park Lundgren	Jordan Riddle	Lindsey Williams
Barbara Dobrescu	Jerusha Mannan	Zachary Riddle	Luz Williams
Lisa Duceni	Christopher Marquez	Amber Rindlishbacher	Carson Wolf
Jamie Flint	Gabriela Marquez	April Roberts	Deann Woodland
Brandi Forbes	Alisha Matthews	Coralia Rodriguez	Peggy Wright