



President's Message

HOUSE OF THE LORD

Dear Elders and Sisters,

On Monday, August 17, we have the opportunity to bring the entire Mission together and attend the Ogden Temple. We will be able to perform all the temple ordinances including an endowment session. In the Temple chapel we will have the privilege of hearing from a prophet of the Lord, Elder Henry B. Eyring. In preparation for this special occasion we feel we should have a *Mission Fast* starting the day prior to our attendance in the House of the Lord. We will begin our fast at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 16 and continue until the conclusion of our day in the Temple. Let us be united in fasting, prayer and with all humility petition our Father in Heaven that we might have a special spiritual experience, a sacred and memorable day.

As we begin our fasting and prayers we should seek the Lord's help to achieve companionship baptism goals for the month of August and that, we as a mission, will be able to bring 200 souls unto Christ.

All of our efforts in Proclaiming the Gospel and Perfecting the Saints lead to the Holy Temple. In performing the sacred Temple ordinances we should keep in mind that these ordinances (Baptisms, Ordinations, Endowments and Sealings) are all necessary for our progression and exaltation.

Our Prophet, President Gordon B. Hinckley counsels us that: "Everything that occurs in the temple is eternal in its consequences. We there deal with matters of immortality, with things of eternity, with things of man and his relationship to his Divine Parent and his Redeemer. Hands must be clean and hearts must be pure and thoughts concerned with the solemnities of eternity when in these sacred premises.

Here is taught the great plan of man's eternal journey. Here are solemnized covenants sacred and everlasting. Entering the temple is a privilege to be earned and not a right that automatically goes with Church membership. How does one earn that privilege? By obedience to the laws and ordinances of the gospel."

The Utah Ogden Mission united together, a Mission in White, will indeed be a special day. It is an eternal principle that there shall be a preparation in all things. Our fasting and prayers are our preparation to have the Spirit with us as we participate together in the House of the Lord.

May we rededicate ourselves to our Heavenly Father's plan and strive to be the best we can be in serving Him and all of His children.

We Love You,
President and Sister Jones

G'day Elders and Sisters,

Congratulations!! The mission is rocking! The member work is producing some amazing results. Keep it up. Remember to follow up regularly and keep those 1 week commits coming.

We've got the tools and skills and abilities, now it is time to reach our maximum potential by involving the Lord in His work. Nothing is impossible with God, the Lord will do whatever is needed to bring the gospel to the people of this world. This is His work, His church, His gospel. 'Faith without works is dead, it being alone' (James 2:17), so it follows that works without faith is also dead, it being alone. If we exercise faith in Christ we will gain greater power than we have ever seen before. We will continue to move onward and upward to 200 and beyond!

We must have faith in our covenanting. ...The Lord is able to do all things according to His will, for the children

of men, if it so be that they exercise faith in him"... (1 Nephi 7:12). As we tell the Lord exactly what we are willing to do and what we will do to achieve His blessings, the work will progress even further and we will witness the great harvest of souls that the Lord has promised. Sacrifice will give power to our covenants and warrant blessings from heaven. As we are united as a mission in fasting and prayer, we will gain heightened spiritual strength that will allow us to exercise our faith and reach the goals that we have as a mission. Remember that the Lord can only bless us through our obedience (D&C 130:20-21). We must qualify for the blessings that he has promised.

Elders and Sisters, we love you, the Lord loves you and so do the scores of people that you are baptizing. It's PUMP UP THE JAM TIME!!

Love Elders Vinson and Rausch

My Conversion

As I have thought about a conversion story to share, it keeps entering into my mind that my own conversion story is the most important one I could share. I think it started long ago -- even before this life. I was blessed with a family that knew the importance of good virtues and the value of life. Looking back, I can now see little stepping stones that helped me along the way... baby-sitters who were LDS, a mother with good values, and a desire for truth that continually grew within me.

When I was nearly seventeen, I began searching for a church and after what I thought was an extensive search, I gave up. About a year later some new kids moved into the area that were LDS. One of them started asking me to church activities and I informed them that I wanted "NOTHING to do with that religion." The Spirit must have prompted them to keep trying. I finally decided to go to an activity that I thought would be rather harmless and one that I knew wouldn't let them think I was ready to be a member of their church.

Well, that's all it took. My heart was softened enough to start asking questions. Pretty soon I found myself at church. Then the missionaries were talking to me and inviting me to hear more. As I listened to the message they had to share, I was amazed at how much it all made sense. Looking back on it now, I realize that was the Spirit working on my heart in a BIG way. I had never heard many of the things they shared. Peace and comfort filled my heart and I knew it was right. A couple months later, I was baptized and the thing I remember most is the look in everyone's eyes -- there was so much love and peace.

The interesting thing is that the conversion story doesn't end there. Yes, I continued to grow and to learn and to share but it's more than that. I had the growing desire in me to serve a mission. I didn't think that was possible and I figured it would just be one of those dreams that was

never realized. As the time drew nearer, I came to the realization that the dream could become reality. It was a long hard struggle that helped my testimony to grow tenfold. I really didn't have much support from family and friends. In

fact, I had a lot of negative feedback. I was ready to graduate from college and get on with my life. Something told me to keep going.

It was nearly a year before I was able to receive the call that would prove to change me forever in more ways than I could ever imagine. Almost five years after the first step of baptism, I packed my bags and prepared

to enter the Lord's university. Being a missionary was the most amazing experience I've ever had. Therein is where my conversion lies. Along with the ordinances of the temple, I was able to realize the importance of the gospel in my life as well as in others. Seeing the light of Christ grow in others' eyes brings indescribable joy. My testimony grew in ways I can't comprehend.

To tell the truth I don't think my conversion stopped there. To me conversion is a process that lasts our whole lives long. So, find me in the next life and I'll bring you up to date on "the rest of the story..."

Love,

Sister April Busby

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Attitudes are contagious - - Is yours worth catching?"

Remember

by Elder Cruz

Do you remember?

The father of great love,

Who prepared a plan by which we may be with him as one.

Can you remember?

His anointed son,

Whom you and I sustained

And Christ the Savior was he named.

Oh, fear not and remember!

For he sent a comforter,

To testify of the plan divine

And His light unto you shine.

Remember, dear friend!

I promised I would come guided by His Light,

To bring you back, to bring you home;

Please remember, and receive your Savior to atone.

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**26 DAYS SINCE
THE LAST
PREVENTABLE
ACCIDENT**

Study Schedule

Week 33 Aug 16 - Postmortal Spirit

Week 34 Aug 23 - Judgment

Week 35 Aug 30 - Temples

Week 36 Sep 6 - Eternal Family



If Time Could Tell You!

By Elder Vine

Scripture Read
Ether 12

I am time
Work while you got me
And I'll be your best friend
I am time
The friend of those who use me wisely
The enemy of those that waste me

I give opportunity to those with a task
I give torture to those with no purpose
I go fast when you like me
I slow when you despise me

If you stare you'll barely know I'm moving
I am like a thief to those who don't keep an eye on me
I give beauty on the outside to the young
I instill the complex beauty of experience within the old

I give potential to all
But steal opportunity from those who show me no respect
I have much in store for you
What it is depends on you

In a day I can give you all
In a few seconds I can take it back
You will never know how much of me you have left
But you'll always know how much you've left behind

I am the great setter of pace
If you go to fast you'll have to wait for me
If you go to slow I'll drag you along

Sometimes I am like a freight train
You'll just have to wait for me to pass before you can go on
I never sleep, I never die, I never wait, I never jump

You've drawn closer to your death since the moment of your birth
The earth began within 7000 years now only 1000 are left
Few understand and know how to travel within me,
But of those few who do, I am a tool instead of a guillotine

I give you coordinates and define what you've done
Through today and all eons of eternity
You can use me all you want but to understand me you must listen to me
I am time what have you done with me?

Memorization Hymn:

Put Your Shoulder to the Wheel

#252

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

<u>High Bapt. Stake</u>	<u>Plain City Utah Stake</u>	<u>7</u>
ZONES		
Highest Baptizing:	Willard Bay	25
Highest Teaching:	Layton	294
Most BOM's Placed:	Ogden	362
Most Adds:	Layton	83
Companionships		
Highest Baptizing:	Elders Jordan, Ala	7
Highest Teaching:	Elders Witt, Williams J.	55
Most BOM's Placed:	Elders Williams S., Cruz	99
Most Adds:	Elders Anderson, Simmons	20
Companionships baptizing 4 or more in June		
Sisters Adams, Zulbayer		6
Elders Utterback, Gibson		5
Sisters Gil, Reynolds		5
Elders Burgess, Scruggs		4
Elders Pederson, Bloomer		4



Elder Witt and Williams set goal to be high teaching and reach goal and are cruising in the car this month - Way to go!

Action Of The Month
TAKE CONTROL - SET YOUR GOALS!!!
INCLUDING ACTION ITEMS

Memorization Scripture:

"He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him."

- John 14:21

ARRIVALS



Elder Jason Butler	Barrie, ON Canada
Elder Ekufre Eduok	Etinan, Nigeria
Elder Adam Harris	Rock Hill, SC
Elder Jason Hottman	Bradenton, FL
Elder Rodney Jaco	Friendswood, TX
Elder Albert Jennings	Vidor, TX
Elder Seth McKinney	Alken, SC
Elder Jacob Myers	Austin, TX
Elder Steven O'Neal	Gainesville, FL
Elder Chadwick Rorie	Charlotte, NC
Elder Khollog Tsedenbal	Mongolia
Elder Joseph Wright	Alberta, Canada

DEPARTURES
JULY 1998

Elder Jerel Bartholomew	Frederick, MD
Elder Robert Bohanan	Fairbanks, AK
Elder Jonathan Burgess	Kingston, NY
Sister April Busby	Black Hawk, SD
Elder Todd Chilton	Centerville, OH
Elder Steven Elmes	Rio Rancho, NM
Sister Martha Gil	Elmhurst, NY
Sister Mandy Gunderson	Gresham, OR
Elder Jeremy Rice	Lake Tahoe, CA
Elder Aaron Smith	Yelm, WA
Elder Matthew Swinyard	Clearwater, FL
Elder Matthew Thurber	Lisbon, MD
Elder Frank Vagenes	Norway
Elder Jonathan Vine	Warrenville, IL

September Birthdays

Sister Katie Hoover	1 Sep
Elder Bart Hillier	5 Sep
Elder Christopher LeBel	5 Sep
Elder David Osmun	5 Sep
Elder Daniel Terry	5 Sep
Elder Jeffrey Williams	6 Sep
Elder Matthias Habermann	7 Sep
Elder Toni Kronqvist	11 Sep
Sister Wendy Studer	16 Sep
Elder Hugh Vos	16 Sep
Elder Kenneth Hull	20 Sep
Elder Jeffrey Barnum	22 Sep
Elder Andrew Kasallis	23 Sep
Elder Thomas Wolsey	23 Sep
Elder Hank Whipple	26 Sep
Sister Tog Zulbayer	26 Sep
Elder Owen Ala	27 Sep
Sister Jewell Gisa	27 Sep
Elder Paul Himle	27 Sep
Elder Brett Johnston	28 Sep
Sister April Wolf	29 Sep

NEW AP

New District Leaders

Elder
Jeremy RauschElder
Hank WhippleElder
Spencer HuffstutlerElder
M. HabermannElder
Mark AllenElder
Ronald Ruiz

New Zone Leaders

Elder
Richard WheatleyElder
Andrew WittElder
Brian BuckElder
Phillip Gratiot

TRAINERS

AUGUST 1998

Elder S. Huffstutler
Elder James Kuehn
Elder Daniel Heyworth
Elder Brian Buck
Elder Vaughn Clayton
Elder A. Von Harten
Elder Steve Tyndall
Elder Jon Denninghoff
Elder William Mathews
Elder Nicholas Slay
Elder Toni Kronqvist
Elder Frederick Dunn

A Few Principles and Techniques of Successful Proselyting

by Elder Witt

The Layton Valley View Stake area underwent a dramatic rise in the number of discussions taught over the last month. This rise in teaching was accompanied by an even more dramatic rise in the number of discussions taught as a consequence of our own efforts. These successes came as consequences of the diligent application of a few familiar principles and techniques. As we applied these principles and techniques my companion and I added refinements of our own. This article documents the five key principles, techniques, and refinements which contributed to the success of our area over the past month. These five keys are:

1. We talked to everyone
2. We stayed enthusiastic because we constantly talked to people, we worked towards daily goals and we smiled.
3. We taught wherever and whenever we could
4. We split in the evenings to teach and find
5. We constantly kept an overriding goal and vision in mind

Application of these keys brought the Lord's blessings and the accomplishment of our goals.

The first technique which helped us greatly in the realization of our goal was opening our mouths and talking to everyone. As we talked to everyone, my companion and I did a number of things. First and foremost, we found more people to teach. Second, we honed our BRT and Proselyting for the Elect skills. Third, we discovered ways to introduce the spirit quickly powerfully and convincingly. Hence, as we opened our mouths, Elder Williams and I refined our proselyting skills and found many more people to teach.

In addition to opening our mouths, other factors contributed to our success. Specifically, Elder Williams and I found that staying enthusiastic was crucial to successful proselyting. Though the reasons for this had been rehearsed to us repeatedly in various meetings and conferences, experience illustrated this fact most convincingly. Our enthusiasm stemmed from three practices; Staying busy by talking to people, working regularly towards daily goals, and smiling. (Note that smiling not only keeps up enthusiasm, it sets a positive tone for street contacts, teaching contacts, and discussions). As we engaged

in these three practices, we discovered that our enthusiasm increased and our area flourished. Thus, an enthusiastic attitude noticeably contributed to our success.

A third key to our good teaching was teaching whenever or wherever we could. This very often meant teaching on the doorstep, under a tree, in the yard, and in the home. This practice led to a staggering rise in the number of first discussions taught. It also led to a corresponding rise in return appointments and baptismal commitments. Of the specific techniques we implemented in the last month, teaching whenever and wherever we could had the most direct effect on the number of discussions taught.

We also planned our time wisely over the last month. A prominent part of this plan was daily evening splits with the stake missionaries. These splits facilitated additional finding and teaching opportunities. This helped us to keep our enthusiasm up throughout the evening. Evening splits and wise use of time allowed us to teach even more.

Finally, the factor which contributed most to our success was our constant remembrance of our ultimate goal; high teaching and incidentally the car. All actions, plans, habits, and prayers were executed with this goal firmly in mind. This gave us the focus and the drive to talk to everyone, work with enthusiasm, teach whenever possible, and go on splits. Focus on our goal led to action, and purposeful action led to achievement.

In sum the five keys reviewed here helped us to substantially increase the number of discussions taught in the Layton Valley View Stake over the month of July. At the beginning of the month we taught zero discussions then the next week we taught 4, Then the third week we taught 24 discussions, We committed 10 people to be baptized also within the last month. With the Lords help and great effort we were able to reach our goal of highest teaching. In addition, my companion and I learned a number of valuable lessons about proselyting and goal setting. Elders and Sisters, we are indebted to our Lord Jesus Christ for the many blessings he has given us. He makes our lives and our successes possible. He lives! He reigns! He sits on God's throne and, if we overcome, we may sit down with him (Rev. 3:21). Then let us labor that we may sit down with him and enter into his rest (Heb. 4:9-11). Our Lord is risen! Our message is the truth! Our God is our ally. Serve Him diligently, that we may rest together in His kingdom.

Zone Conference August 1998

Baptizing is a matter of attitude, desire and feeling. We want converts and we never say to the missionary, "Don't baptize unless." We always say: "You can baptize; there are choice, wonderful people out there; and here is how you do it." We give them an intelligent, affirmative approach; we instruct them in how to do it; and we motivate them. Then somehow or other the Lord does the rest, and they get people into the church. "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." (Mark 9:23)

We have to ask the Lord for help; we have to seek converts; we have to desire baptisms; we have to know that we receive according to our desires, and if we desire to get such and such a thing, and have faith in the Lord, it is going to eventuate.

We are not getting the results that we ought to get. We are not getting the number of baptisms that in my judgement, the Lord expects us to get. To a degree, at least, we are grinding our wheels without going forward...

Perhaps what is wrong is that we have not desired in faith with all our hearts to bring souls into the kingdom. Perhaps we have not made up our minds that we can and will bring people into the church.

Now, very frankly, whether we gain many converts or few depends in large measure upon our frame of mind.

Bruce R. McConkie, Mission Presidents Seminar 1975

For with God, nothing is impossible. And I think that is the way that we must go into this, knowing that the Lord is able to do whatever is necessary to bring the Gospel to the people of this world.

President Kimball

As each missionary has prayerfully established his personal goals of baptizing we have found that the best way to call forth the blessings of the Lord is through covenanting.

Loren C. Dunn

Do not promise something that you will not do, but focus and organize the forces within you so that your mind is truly made up, and then enter into a contract or covenant with Him, a covenant to make any sacrifice to be successful; then you can trust in Him entirely, for as you honor your covenant, He will honor His and you will have power such as you have never known before. You will find that God will disperse the powers of darkness from before you and cause the heavens to shake for your good and His name's glory. He will show forth His power unto the convincing of men and be with you at every time of trouble and support you against all the fiery darkness of the adversary.

Steven R. Covey

Baptize 200!!

PUMP UP THE JAM TIME - FOO!!! Elder Rausch and Elder Vinson

PRESIDENTS REMINDERS

ONWARD & UPWARD



ACTION OF THE MONTH

"TAKE CONTROL - SET YOUR GOALS!!!"

(INCLUDING ACTION ITEMS)

REMINDERS:

- AUGUST 17, AT 6:45 A.M. - ALL MISSION TEMPLE MORNING WITH ELDER EYRING (NEED \$2.00 FOR CLOTHING)
- A MISSION FAST FOR (1) A SPECIAL SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE ON AUGUST 17, (2) TO ACHIEVE YOUR COMPANIONSHIP BAPTISM GOAL FOR AUGUST, (3) FOR 200 BAPTISMS FOR AUGUST.
- MMCC STAKE TRAINING AND MISSIONARIES.
- ***DREAMS DON'T COME TRUE BY SLEEPING IN!!!***
- ***BE BOLD***
- ***SMILE***
- **OBEDIENCE IS COOL**



LET'S GET SPECIFIC:

- **LOCK YOUR HEART!!!!**
- *REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE AND WHO YOU REPRESENT.*
- *"NO BURNINGS".*
- *DO NOT TRAVEL OUTSIDE YOUR ZONE ON P-DAY BEFORE TRANSFERS.*
- *SERVICE AT THE TEMPLE GROUNDS - NO SHORTS!!*

ATTABOYS - ATTAGIRLS

- ANOTHER NEW RECORD FOR JULY!
- *ADDS FOR JULY 431, DISCUSSIONS 1521 - WOW!!.*
- GREAT SISTERS CONFERENCE WITH SISTER SMOOT.

STATISTICS

Mission baptisms for	July 98 = 120	July 97 = 106	Last Mo. = 131
Mission baptisms since	Dec 1997 = 1185	YTD since Dec 1996 =	1064
Discussions taught	July 98 = 1521	Discussions taught last month	992

WHAT WILL YOU ADD THIS MONTH????

MEMORIZATION: JOHN 14:21

HYMN

PUT YOUR SHOULDER TO THE WHEEL #252 8/98

Baptismal Recommends Received Through August 7, 1998-6

Pedro Adamy	Shane Gordon	Joshua Lee	Zackery Shelley
Shelby Anderson	Jennifer Gragg	Ian Lewis	Dawn Shelton
Lizette Arriaga	Joseph Green	Caleb Lewis	Mark Shepherd
Jaime Ayers	Megan Grover	Edward Lewis	Eric Sieger
Russell Baker	Isaac Hadley	David Makley	Scott Sieger
Brandon Barber	Janice Harper	Pamela Martin	Kurt Sieger
Sabin Barto	Robert Harrison	Elijah Martinez	Emberly Sieger
Nathaniel Bashar	Stefanie Hart	Jaden Maw	Richard Simpson
Sabrina Bernally	Bryson Heath	Robert McCreary	Tom Skapps
Toni Buncell	David Hebert	Meghan McKee	Charles Skehan
Krishna Bird	John Heilmann	Brady McMahon	Vivian Slater
Vicky Bradley	Karole Heinig	Tyler McNeely	Tonya Smith
Chad Brandon	Julio Heise	Maria Mendoza	James Sparkman
Stacy Britt	Edgar Heise	Irina Mendoza	Jennifer Stimpson
LaDonna Burton	Heilda Heise	Kyle Norman	Ashley Storey
Sean Busch	Rajathi Herbert	Aaron Morse	Kristal Tanner
Alvaro Calvimonte	Scott Herring	Kathy Morse	Katrina Tanner
Gary Carter	Holton Hill	Ryne Nebeker	Bradley Thompson
Samantha Chaney	Victoria Hoggan	Janice Nelsen	William Todd
Tanya Darr	Yvonne Horrocks	Christopher Nelson	Jeffrey Torpche
Howard Darr	Kyle Husted	Stephen Pauly	Griselda Valdez
Grayson Dart	Shawna Jackson	James Pavelka	Mary VanHallen
Sheldon Davies	Cherie Jenkins	Ryan Peria	MaryBeth Wall
John Davis	James Jensen	Ronda Peterson	Tonya Warren
Kindsey Davis	Joshua Jensen	Samantha Powell	Tammi Warren
Brittany Davis	Michelle Johnson	Beverly Prather	Domertia Watchman
Neisha Davis	Armando Juarez	Taylor Proctor	ShiAnne Watkins
Jeremy Dawson	Irma Juarez	Brady Roberg	Challis Watkins
Roxie Demler	Aaron Julander	Michael Rohde	David Wheelock
James Dignam	MaryAlice Kaslov	Trista Ross	Melinda Wheelock
Dezrielle Draper	John Kaslov	Matthew Rothey	Lynette Wilcock
Maria Fenimore	Christine Kaufman	Heather Rooeche	Melissa Wilson
Sтивен Fine	Christopher Kelley	Kyrie Sabia	Charise Winders
Preston Folkman	Sonia Kelley	Bradon Sanchez	Kenneth Withers
Anne Gay	Diane Kelly	Stormy Schuler	Carolyn Withers
Scott Gibson	Rhett Kendrick	Alison Scurlock	Kenneth Withers
Nicholas Gibson	William Kinch	Everett Scurlock	Pegetha Woodbury
Victor Gibson	Alex Knighton	Naomi Sessions	Theresaisa Woodrick
Adam Gittler	Christi Koontz	Jay Sheehan	Michael Woodward
Zachary Goon	Blaine Kopp	Coty Shelley	Karla Yoder