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President's Message BUILDING A FORTRESS OF FAITH

Dear Elders and Sisters,

"And ye shall go forth in the power of my Spirit, preaching my gospel, two by two, in my name, lifting up your voices as with the sound of a trump, declaring my word like unto angels of God." (D&C 42:6) You have been chosen and called to be a *representative* of the Lord Jesus Christ by direct revelation from God. You are engaged in the greatest work in all the world - preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ and bringing salvation to our Father in Heaven's children

This is the most exciting time of missionary endeavors the world has ever known. As of September 21, 1998, 58,566 missionaries are taking the Savior's message throughout the world. One can sense the urgency and realize that the Lord is moving His work forward.

This is a time when men and women of great faith are Elder L. Aldin Porter addressed a Church Education Fireside at Ricks College this month. He said, "In the pages of the Book of Mormon we will find specific instructions about how to deal with the challenges...we face; how to overcome doubt, handle scorn and deal with pride. In addition we will find the power through the Holy Spirit to fill our souls with the certainty and strength to resist evil in all of its very enticing forms." We must go forth with courage, strength and great purpose helping prospective members, less active and members alike build their strength through faith enabling them to withstand these tempestuous times. Truth and honor are under attack. We see the values we cherish being diluted to make unrighteous decisions seem like merely poor choices. Truth and honor are not subject to circumstances and convenience. Righteous decisions take courage and must be made in advance of ever changing circumstances. The Book of Mormon teaches us how to make decisions based on righteous principles. Personal study of the Book of Mormon not only strengthens us on a daily basis but will build greater strength-first in ourselves and then in everyone we have the opportunity to teach. Elder Porter stated, "we must teach out of the Book of Mormon, we must testify of it, we must convince investigators and lessactive (and members) to ponder and pray over its pages, bringing them to the Lord Jesus Christ and His one true Church." He further said, "the Lord has done something with the Book of Mormon that he is not aware of Him doing with any other book. He bears HIS TESTIMONY of it." Elder Porter quoted D&C 17:6, "He (Joseph Smith) has translated the book, even that part which I have commanded him, and as your Lord and your God liveth, it is true." Sell of Sell Seru

Build your faith each day, stone by stone, that your fortress of faith will withstand the storms of uncertainty and the winds of adversity. Build with courage a tower of strength, a beacon to guide those you love and care for to safety. Moroni 7:33 gives us a great promise from Christ for He teaches us, "If ye will have faith in me ye shall have POWER to do whatsoever thing is expedient in me." May you "Go Forth in Faith" each day, with strong courage and with love in your heart for Christ, His children and especially your companion. Testify and proclaim His word with firm resolve. We have the Gospel of Jesus Christ fully restored. We have the message of Salvation and Eternal Life. As President Hinckley stated. "You are each a part of over 58,000 missionaries worldwide, the 'Messengers of Peace'." We are so grateful for your hard work, diligence and accomplishments. We pray the Lord will bless you in your continuing progress

We Love You,
President and Sister Jones

G'day Elders and Sisters,

Congratulations, on leading 156 people to the waters of baptism last month! It is fantastic to see that kind of success after a high baptizing month in August. Following Up regularly really helped us to keep members and non-members committed. We still need to improve with our follow up, particularly with the members that we are working through. We are doing well with the member work, but we are committing too many members to the three week finding cycle, rather than the one week finding cycle. We must utilize the power of the 'Pray Now' to help the members know whom the Lord has prepared for them to invite. No-one should be committed to find someone in

three weeks, unless you have knelt and prayed with them so the Lord will help them know of someone who they can invite in one week.

Keep up the great work! October is set to be a wonderful month and with each of you out there working and dropping B.O.M.s, great things will happen. Never underestimate the power of the 'Pray Now' approach when working with less-actives or children. The 'Pray Now Joseph Smith' should be used in every first discussion that we teach.

One thing that concerns us greatly is the decrease in dropping B.O.M.s. We must not put ourselves back under

the condemnation that the Lord spoke of in D&C 84:54-58. The B.O.M. is the greatest physical tool that we have to proselyte with. We must make sure that we are carrying one <u>always</u> - ready to drop on the nearest unsuspecting nonmember that we can find! We must flood the Utah Ogden Mission with the Book of Mormon!

Elders Vinson & Rausch P.S. Don't forget to safe-back

The Miracle of Togo

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On our way home from a P-day activity on August 31, Elder White and I received a page from the office. We returned home and I talked to Sister Clarke, who informed me of an opportunity to fulfill a life-long dream. As I listened with intent and eagerness, I learned from Sister Clarke that there was a group of eleven West Africans from the country of Togo who were in Southern Idaho and Northern Utah for an international dance festival. The group, called Atopani, was scheduled to return to their country on Aug. 15. Due to civil unrest that had flared in Togo, they, were forced to stay in Bountiful with their host family, the Holts. until the situation settled. In the meantime, this group had been introduced to the church in Idaho and in Utah and were intrigued by our teachings and values. They attended Temple Square on Aug. 30 and expressed a strong desire to be taught the gospel after their visit. A counselor in the mission presidency at Temple Square called President Jones and informed him of a need for twelve West Africans to be taught the gospel in French. their native tongue. As President relayed the story to me, he said that the Spirit told him immediately that I was to teach them, only knowing that I had had some background in the French language and that I was originally called to a French-speaking mission. President Jones told me a few more details as I told him some of the particulars of my French background. We made the necessary arrangements with our contacts in Bountiful and we scheduled a first discussion with the group for Tuesday, the following day. I was scared half to death and equally excited to teach the

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gospel in a language I had studied for six years. Realizing that I would need the gift of tongues because of a nearly two year absence from speaking or reading the language, Elder White and I fasted and prayed to be able



to do what was necessary to relay to them the message of the gospel. The first discussion was incredible. It was evident after the opening prayer that these people were solid Christians who were hungering after the word of God. As we shared the Joseph Smith story with them and prayed about it the Spirit overwhelmed them. We committed them to be baptized on September 20 and they all consented. All present at this discussion and the five that followed felt the direction of the Lord that He had given these people to be led to the truth. They soaked up all of it. They carry their Book of Mormons with them everywhere, literally, and take every opportunity to learn more of the gospel. Their prayers are like those that would flow from the mouth of a prophet. One of the group members. Koffi, expressed to us a desire to return to his country, and serve a mission. As we informed him that he couldn't because he has a kid that he's raising, he was disappointed. However, Koffi and the rest of the group realize that they will be missionaries in every, sense as they bring the gospel back to a country, that only has 25 members that meet informally in a small home and zero full-time missionaries. Their leader, Pascal, recognizes that this small group will be responsible for knowing the government of the church and our doctrine when the return to Togo. He tape records even-thing from the discussions to church meetings to their baptismal service. Their baptism was picture-perfect as eleven of God's children dressed in white and waited in line to receive their eternal ordinance. Over two hundred people were there in support. They continue to feast from the scriptures daily as they study, the gospel that has changed their lives. It was a miracle for them, as well as for me. The Lord preserved the last month of my mission for Elder White and I to assist these people to come into the Kingdom of God. I testify, that the Lord is in charge of His work and His workers. He knows what is best for us. Obedience and diligence allows as to receive all the blessings that the Lord has in store for us. My testimony has been strengthened greatly by, simply looking these people in their eves and seeing the glow that the gospel creates with those who are humble and ready to follow the commandments of God.

> Love, Elder Kingrey and Elder White

convenience Statisticals decisions

Action Of The Month Obedience -- Hard Work -- Success

Study Schedule

Week 41 Oct 11 - Charity

Week 42 Oct 18 - Sacrifice

Week 43 Oct 25 - Fasting

Week 44 Nov 1 - Tithing work



"We need not let yesterday
hold tomorrow hostage."
- Elder Neal E. Maxwell

The Simple Answer

I thought all day on a question That had long been on my mind And I knew who I must turn to To Understand the answer I'd find. I knelt in humble prayer to God. In reverent awe I felt him near. I began to call upon him for help On the question that brought the most fear: Oh Father, who am I in this world That your hand would guide uphold, That your hand would be given That your counsel would be given That I may return unto the fold? Oh Father, who am I in this world That I can enjoy your soothing voice? Who am I that your Son should die, So that I could have my own choice? And with that, A voice stopped me And I felt on my shoulder his hand. He called me by name and bid me To rise so together we could stand. Dear child, "Who are you?" you ask. In the toil of the world you should know The truth that you are my child And I will always guide you here below.

- Elder Hillier

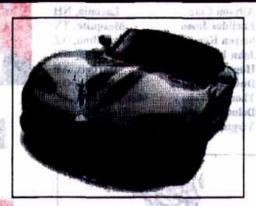
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We would like to thank the Tanner's for their great service to the Mission.



SPECIAL RECOGNITION

High Bapt. Stake	Bountiful UT Mueller Park Stake	12
ZONES	49	
Highest Baptizing:	Cache Valley	34
Highest Teaching:	Cooks Valley	224
Most BOM's Placed:	Ooden	84
Most Adds:	Cache Valley	63
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Highest Baptizing:	Elders Kuingrey, White	12
Highest Teaching:	Elders Hillier, Williams D	
Most BOM's Placed:	Sisters Puett, Wolf	
Most Adds:	Elders Witt, Martin	
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The high teaching luxury car stays in Clearfield Zone. Elders Hillier and Williams Rock Roy!

Memorization Hymn:

#263 Go Forth with Faith

Memorization Scripture:

"And no one can assist in this work except he shall be humble and full of love, having faith, hope, and charity, being temperate in all things, whatsoever shall be entrusted to his care."

Doctrine and Covenants 12:8

BALL

ARRIVALS October 1998

Elder Holakeituai Akau	Wahiawa, HI
Elder Ryan Begin	Ft. Myers, FL
Elder Luis Campos	Ozone Park, NY
Elder Duane Harden	Sonora, CA
Elder Thomas Holmes	Salmon Arm, BC
Elder Luis Jimenez	Conroe, TX
Elder Jared Lawson	Hampden, ME
Elder Oscar Monita	Rio Bravo, Mexico
Sister Carol Packer	West Point, UT
Elder Vernon Packer	West Point, UT
Elder Daniel Perriton	Kaneohe, HI
Elder Michael Pollak	Rialto, CA
Elder Corey Waggoner	Selah, WA
Elder Matthew Wallace	Cottonwood, CA



Duncan, OK

Elder Cameron Williams

October	1998
Sister Allyson Cote	Laconia, NH
Elder Euclides Jasso	Mesquite, TX
Elder Steven Kendall	Hamilton, NZ
Elder John Kingrey	Kettering, OH
Elder Hugh Vos	Burdett, AB
Elder Dustin Williams	Burlington, ON
Elder Thomas Wolsey	Medicine Hat, AB
Elder Delmar Tanner	Plain City, UT
Sister Virginia Tanner	Plain City, UT



Elder Robert Beste	2 Nov
Elder Shane White	3 Nov
Sister Rosalie Clarke	5 Nov
Elder Jeremy Gook	5 Nov
Elder Mark Hendrickson	8 Nov
Elder David Gurney	11 Nov
Sister Tilane Lawlor	13 Nov
Elder Holakeituai Akau	15 Nov
Elder Ben Rohrbach	15 Nov
Elder James Earl	19 Nov
Elder Paul Chapman	23 Nov

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25 Nov

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26 Nov

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Elder Jason Massey

Elder Lawrence Snowden

Elder Michael Root

Elder Joseph Mayes

Sister Abbie Warde

Elder Mark Allen

Elder Luis Jimenez

New Office Couple

Elder and Sister Packer





New Zone Le

Elder Jason Anderson



Elder Jon Denninghoff



Frederick Dunn

Elder

David Swenson

Elder

New District

Elder Jason Hoke







TRAINERS OCTOBER 1998

Elder Ryan Pedersen Elder Erik Massey Elder Juan Cruz Elder Stephen Turner Elder David Vargas Elder Daniel Gibson Elder Owen Ala Elder Jacob Camp **Elder Kenneth Davis** Elder Daniel Hubler Elder Richard Mack Elder Brian Buck Elder Daniel Johnson

Elder **David Osmun**



Elder

Elder Ronald Ruiz Andrew von Harten



PRESIDENTS REMINDERS ONWARD & UPWARD

ACTION OF THE MONTH

OBEDIENCE + HARD WORK = SUCCESS IT WORKS!!

REMINDERS:

- FOLLOW THROUGH WITH WML, STAKE MISSIONARIES AND STAKE MISSION PRESIDENT ON STAKE TRAINING.
- NO SERVICE ON SATURDAY, SUNDAY, OR EVENINGS DON'T CLIMB ON LADDERS, ROOFS, TREES OR USE CHAIN SAWS OR OTHER POWER TOOLS.
- NEWSPAPERS AND CATALOGS ARE NOT A PART OF MISSIONARY READING.
- . REPORTING STATS ARE NOT AN OPTION. THEY MUST BE IN ON TIME.
- THE "BIG Z" BREAKFAST IS CURRENTLY AN OPTION FOR ONLY THOSE BEING TRANSFERRED—IF YOU ARE LATE TO TRAINING MEETING, TRANSFER MEETING, GO THERE WHEN NOT BEING TRANSFERRED. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE YOUR APARTMENT IN "A+" CLEANLINESS, THE "BIG Z" WILL BE ELIMINATED!!!
- DREAMS DON'T COME TRUE BY SLEEPING IN!!!
- BE BOLD & SMILE
- OBEDIENCE IS COOL !!!!

LET'S GET SPECIFIC:

LOCK YOUR HEART!!!!!

- DO NOT CHEW GUM IN PUBLIC.
- USE OF BIKE HELMETS IS NOT AN OPTION—YOU MUST WEAR THEM AT ALL TIMES.
- NO "OFF ROAD" BIKE RIDING
- IF YOU HAVE AN ACCIDENT WHILE BACKING UP AND HAVE NOT HAD YOUR COMPANION BEHIND HELPING TO DIRECT YOU, YOU BOTH WILL LOSE YOUR DRIVING PRIVILEGES THE REST OF YOUR MISSION.

ATTABOYS - ATTAGIRLS

- CONGRATULATIONS TO ELDER KINGREY & WHITE, NEW RECORD-FRENCH SPEAKING BAPTISMS (12).
- MANY MORE CALLS AND LETTERS ON HOW WELL YOU ARE MAGNIFYING YOUR CALLING.
- WOW!! ANOTHER NEW RECORD FOR SEPTEMBER
- WAY TO GO—CACHE VALLEY HAD 34 BAPTISMS FOR SEPTEMBER (NEW RECORD)

STATISTICS

Mission baptisms for

Sep 98 = 156

Sep 97 = 133

Last Mo. = 170

Mission baptisms since

Dec 1997 = 1511

YTD since Dec 1996 =

= 1337

Discussions taught

Sep 98 = 1296

Discussions taught last month 1196

WHAT WILL YOU ADD THIS MONTH???? Missionary Attributes

MEMORIZATION:

D&C 12:8

HYMN

GO FORTH WITH FAITH #263

10/98



→Baptismal Recommends Received Through October 2, 1998-6

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Komlan Dossou Hiram Donley Komlatse Djahanou Clyde Cruz Shelton Anderson Atsu Agbeko Winifred Dikwa-Nkrumah Kodzo Dadzie **Kovi Dadzie** Adjo Avaga Mathew Anderson Koffi Abbey amuel Cruz Mark Cox Miles Colby **Eric Colly** Victoria Castorena Monique Beysson Carissa Barker Brian Askew lamilyn Askew ezley Antonio ustin Davis **kevin Burke** ayne Beutler **Sevin Beutler Srady Barker** aul Ayala ose Chavez mma Chavez essica Bell tephanie Beckstead ernard Budge onnie Budge aria Bell ance Campbel eather Bush

Samuel Foster Vanessa Finger Gloria Erazo Stevie Ekins Maricruz Lewis Bryce La l'orre Shantelle Johnson Accycdo Erazo Gilberto Erazo Levi Latham Catherine Lamoreaux Kwoko Kote Vance Johnson Kevin Horrocks Clayton Harper Natalia Hansen Allen Halbritter **Brandon Gill** David Gilbert Maria Garcia Charles France Nathan Evans Robert Kendrick risko Julson Katelyn Griffith Chelsy Griffin **Bradley Greely** Bruce Gill MaryAnn Geraci ohnny Humphreys Gena Hammerstaedt Madison Greene arry Hamblin oshua Greene uAnn Green anessa Green ercole Ede

Juliet Romero Monty Robinson Salvador Refuerzo **Amanda Ramos** Zulema Ramos Callista Putmar Matthew Price Mario Prado Carson Pope Codey Peterson Gregg Pedersen **Noel Patton** Maria Mejia Shellie McGugin Sherry McCormick Tamara McCollum Tania Marambio Carlos Marambio Maria Magana Holden MacKintosh Kodjo Locoh Akoelevi Ligu **Timothy Pilling Leigh Patton** Jessica Parker Robin Orr Joshua Norris Mclanie Newton Claude Nave Kyle Montag Tamara Mize Drake McColloch Trevor Maughan Eusebio Orozco Juan Mendoza Dario Muniz

Marieen Schmid

Sierra Wright Steven Sorg Elisa Wyatt Jessica Wrigh Rikki Wright Shauna William Sarah Werdeman Alex Tarbet **Eddy Sevilla** Amber Wolff Maria White Marissa Welling Braden Welker Shaun Weerhein Chloe Walker Grant Vogel Marisa Thomas Cole Tarbet Marvin Sevilla Melissa Schoept David Watson Don Wanner Jessica Walters Melissa Walters **Edward Vine** Maria Velazquez aura Vega Joan Vandever Carlos Ulloa Ty Thompson Carmen Spice Daniel Spencer Amanda Sinclair Benjamin Shepherd Danielle Sharp Iortencia Villanueva