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UTAH OGDEN MISSION BRINGS 1889 SOULS UNTO CHRIST DURING 1998 President's Message

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"YE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD"

As a personal representative of the Lord Jesus Christ you have been a participant in His great work. This past year, we as a mission set high goals along with action items to strive for 1998. Congratulations in achieving and exceeding those goals.

We appreciate your hard work, diligence and greater obedience which has brought forth an abundance of blessings from the Lord. As obedience has increased the Lord has provided many more opportunities to teach, baptize, and magnify our calling. In 1998, we exceeded our goal of baptizing 1800 people and in ten of the twelve months, set new monthly mission records. November we reached what seemed for so many years to be "the impossible dream" of baptizing two-hundred souls unto the fold of Christ (we actually baptized 213). We all felt the joy described by Ammon: "...I do not boast in my strength, nor my own wisdom; but behold, my joy is full yea, my heart is brim with joy, and I will rejoice in my God. Yea, I know that I am nothing; as to my strength I am weak; therefore I will not boast of myself but I will boast of my God, for in his strength I can do all things..." (Alma 26:11,12). We salute you and express the congratulations from the Utah North Area Presidency on your achievements.

We reflect at this time on the special opportunities we have had to be together as a mission to hear the words of today's prophets. This year we had the great privilege to be with our Prophet Gordon B. Hinckley and Elder Henry B. Eyring at Regional Conference. We were again blessed to be able to be taught by Elder Eyring in the Ogden Temple chapel, dressed all in white, hearing the Lord's voice through His servant. Elder Eyring promised that if we serve with all diligence and in complete obedience as missionaries our sins would be forgiven. President Hinckley told us of the urgency of our labors, he also challenged us to stand a little taller and be a little better in all that we do. At the Christmas Devotional, we were privileged to meet and be taught by Elder Jeffrey R. Holland. Elder Holland reminded us that being the Lord's representative is the greatest work we can do.

He also admonished us that we will make or break our mission between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. every day.

We will never in this lifetime know the extent of our influence through our righteous labors. How one baptism can change not just one life but the life of many. In his first area, Elder Butler, one of our newer missionaries met Bishop Bruce Cowley. Bishop Cowley 38 years ago served a mission in England. He felt that he was less than successful because he had only baptized two people during his entire mission. His two converts were taught and baptized in his last month while in the field. He had worked hard and been very obedient his entire mission and in the last month was led by the Spirit to Elder Butler's grandparents. Those two baptisms have led to 30 of the immediate family becoming members of the church. How many hundreds of lives will be affected by Elder Butler and the rest of his family who have or will serve missions?

This next year will be a remarkable red-letter year. We close out not only the century, but mark the beginning of another millennium. What goals will you set and accomplish this new year? After all, "ye are the light of the world"...therefore, "let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven." (Matthew 5:14,16) In D&C 128:22, the Prophet Joseph Smith issues a challenge for this mission; "...shall we not go on in so great a cause, go forward and not backwards. courage... and on, on to victory; let your hearts rejoice, be exceedingly glad. Let the earth break forth into singing...let the mountains shout for joy...until the wonders of your eternal king!...let us, therefore, as a church and a (mission) a people, and as Latter-day Saints, offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness..." (D&C 128:22-25).

We appreciate you in all you do to push the Lord's work forward at a greater pace.

Love,

President and Sister Jones

Elders and Sisters,

Congrats on another superb month. After a smashing month of 213, we follow up with 154 people coming unto Christ! Once again setting a mission record! Lets keep this momentum going. We feel a lot of power coming in from January and know it will be terrific. Get to all those wonderful investigators who wanted to wait until "after the Holidays."

We have also heard some great stories about working with the in actives helping to re-ignite their flame. As we focus on helping them receive essential priesthood ordinances we will help bring Christ's sheep back to his fold.

Fellowshipping has increased a bit and will surely help those precious converts stay strong. It's not quite 100% but it's getting there.

We all have huge missionary forces in our Stake Missions. If we use them effectively, we will greatly increase the work in our areas. Most stake missionaries have the desire but lack the know-how. When we take the time to effectively train them in

meetings and also in evaluations of team-ups, they will be much more prepared and have the confidence to continue the work in their stake. We never said it would be easy, we only said it would be worth it!! Keep this momentum as we strive for 2000 by 2000!

Love,
Elder Rausch and Elder Anderson

Action Of The Month **Work with and find through Ward and Stake Mission Leaders.**

Study Schedule

Week 1	Jan 3	- Nature of God
Week 2	Jan 10	- Jesus-Son of God
Week 3	Jan 17	- Prophets
Week 4	Jan 24	- Joseph Smith
Week 5	Jan 31	- Book of Mormon

Enduring Conversion

We have witnessed an incredible chain of events that we would like to share with all of you. A story—true of course—that has touched our lives and many others now and throughout all eternity.

It all began one day in July when a ward mission leader from Idaho Falls came to Soda Springs to buy a truck. Mike met a woman there while signing his loan papers and was impressed by her kindness and good-nature. He questioned her, "Stacey, are you LDS?" This was something she had been asked several times. Stacey replied, "No, actually I'm not." Mike left the parking lot with a feeling of urgency. He acted upon those feelings immediately and set out to find the missionaries. He had no idea where to look, but felt the Holy Ghost whisper to him, 'Just pay close attention.' He went to the local grocery

store to find the owner, the stake president, to get our address. Just as he went in, he turned his heart and saw the sister missionaries at the counter making copies. Mike excitedly related his experience and how he felt and knew that Stacey was

elect. The missionaries were persistent in calling, stopping by, and leaving notes at Stacey's house for 2 weeks. One evening, they finally caught her home. They sat under the maple tree in her front yard and began the first discussion. Although she had no religious background, Stacey agreed to pray about Joseph Smith with them. As Stacey prayed, she was seized by a dark, evil feeling and was not able to speak. She felt as if her tongue was bound. Stacey didn't know what this feeling was but she did know that it was horrible and never wanted to feel it again. Looking at the sisters, Stacey fought with these feelings. Unsure of how to express them she reflected back and shared feelings of peace experienced earlier. When the discussion was finished, Stacey ran into the house, and replayed the experience to her husband. Concerned, Scott said, Well, honey, I don't know what it is either, but it sounds like you'd better stay away from those Mormons.

Because of Stacey's frightening feelings while praying, she avoided the missionaries. She truly wondered why such a dramatic experience happened and wanted to understand. After 2 weeks she agreed to talk with the missionaries again. Stacey opened up and expressed her concerns and experience and wanted an explanation. They were able to resolve her concerns by reading the Joseph Smith experience—one very similar to her own. This brought great comfort to her, and she continued to listen to the discussions and learn more about the Gospel. She felt good about what she was learning and realized that Satan was trying to halt her progression. Stacey was baptized September 13, 1998.

Stacey's older brother, Eric Willis, came to her baptism. He came simply to support her. Eric was approached and welcomed by many people there. He was also approached by Mike Victor and the missionaries (surprise!!!) and was invited to hear the discussions. We continued to keep in touch with him over the next several weeks. In the meantime, Stacey's 10 year old daughter, Noel, took the discussions and was baptized on September 29, 1998. Eric attended Noel's baptism also and felt the spirit during the Holy Ghost Dialog and was visibly touched. Eric and his 8 year old daughter, Kassi, had the first discussion at a member's home and (of course), opposition was experienced. The elect member kept; stating, "I feel REALLY

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THE LAST
PREVENTABLE
ACCIDENT**

uncomfortable--I just feel so uncomfortable." The missionaries decided to wait, for now, to pray until another time. The end of the first discussion and the second discussion were taught at, Eric's in-laws house. They are very active members and were thrilled to help out. We invited both Kassi and Eric to be baptized at the end of the second discussion. Kassi immediately replied, "YES! I will", Eric asked if he could be baptized like Jesus, in a river and then said, "I don't, know, girls, but I'll think about it, I'm just, nervous." We asked him, "Eric, what are you so nervous about?" He replied, "All this." He was concerned about, being able to actually live the Gospel and keep the necessary commandments. But we knew early on that Eric had integrity and was ready, he just needed a little time and confidence. Just, as he told us about his concerns Kassi, pointing at her dad in a very firm, loud voice stated, "Dad, Grandma and Grandpa are here!" He looked over at her and said "Kassi, what did you say that for?" both of his parents died--his father when he was 5 years old and his mother when he was a teenager. So these were to people that Kassi had never seen or talked with before. She then got teary eyed and said "I don't, know daddy, but, they are here." As she did, we both had the most incredible feeling at the same time, one that we have never experienced at any time before, not even in the temple. We felt, like we were surrounded in a bubble of light inside and out. We each felt a whoosh through our entire bodies head to toe and the most calm, peaceful feeling stayed. We absolutely knew, without a doubt, that Eric's parents were truly in the room with us. Eye balls bulging out, of our heads we said, "Whoa, they are really here! Eric was scared and wanted to run out of the house understandably so. This was a very new experience for us all. We left and he didn't sleep a single wink all night long. We talk with him the next morning and explained that he was special and was being watched over very closely. We told him it, was a really cool thing that happened --a very special Experience.

Eric and Kassi both continued to progress together and started living the teachings of the Gospel. Kassi was baptized on October 24, 1998. Eric gave the talk on the Holy Ghost and said "Kassi, I'm not, really sure what you want me to say. But having the Holy Ghost means that you're never alone and you always have a friend. It means there's always an angel in the backfield. OK? So, that's what the Holy Ghost is. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen. It was a memorable night, for a special little Girl where the spirit, was felt, and tears were shed.

Meanwhile, Eric had several more experiences helping him come closer to Christ, and the waters of baptism. He really wanted to buy a new truck and was ready to sign the papers and decided to pray about it first. He felt like he shouldn't buy the truck so he followed that, feeling. He told us, "Girls, oh I mean sisters, I'm trying to live more like Jesus would. You know, doing the things He would do." Kassi pointed her life more toward Christ also. After being baptized and confirmed she showed us a T-shirt saying, "See this T-shirt? It, has guns and a skull on it. I don't, want it anymore. I know that, the Holy Ghost can't be with me if I wear it. I'm throwing it, away. Big things and little things changed in their lives in accordance with the teachings of Christ. Eric and Stacey began giving referrals. Kassi's mother in New Mexico, their sister in Coldwell, Idaho, and now their aunt, Tony Willis, and her boys are taking the discussions and are excited about baptism--all of this a huge domino effect--because of the difference one man wanted to make.

Finally, Eric's baptism day came: Friday, the 13th of November, 1998 in the Utah Light and Power Reservoir here in Soda Springs, Idaho. Since the beginning, Eric wanted to be baptized like Jesus, in a river. It was 7:30 PM and after several short talks a procession of cars headed to the reservoir. As we got there and went to the bank it became very windy and cold. Sure, it was November, but had been

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

High Bapt. Stake	Ogden East Stake	7
ZONES		
Highest Baptizing:	Willard Bay	26
Highest Teaching:	Ogden	251
Most BOM's Placed:	Ogden	353
Most Adds:	Ogden	79

Companionships		
Highest Baptizing:	Elders White, Holdcraft	7
	Elders Hubler, Jimenez	7
Highest Teaching:	Elders Hubler, Jimenez	64
Most BOM's Placed:	Elders Habermann, Osmun	71
Most Adds:	Elders Hubler, Jimenez	26

Companionships baptizing 4 or more in December

Sisters Minns, Zulfayer	6
Elders Turner, Waggoner	6
Elders Gurney, Empey	5
Elders Fleming, Danielson	4
Elders Armenta, Cruz	4
Elders Silva, Moriera	4
Elders Hoover, Chao	4
Elders Johnson, Begin	4
Elders Scruggs, Ethington	4
Elders Cardinelle, Pacific	4
Elders Schoener, Bloomer	4
Elders Davis, Akau	4
Elders Woodruff, Butler	4
Elders Burd, Nunley	4
Elders Mack, Leonhardt	4

TEACHING ALL TIME RECORD

Elders Hubler, Jimenez	64
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very mild that day, then suddenly the temperature seemed to plummet. The wind was blowing very hard and left Eric and many others with chattering teeth. He shivered and asked, "Sisters, can we just forget this and go back to the font?" We smiled and Eric proceeded from the bank into the freezing water following his father-in-law, Ron Hart. The cold wind blew waves around their white, glowing bodies. But, as Ron lifted his arm to say the prayer, the wind ceased and the Spirit was strong as the baptism was performed. We know through feelings from the Spirit that Eric's parents were there. It was an incredible night--to say the least--one to always be remembered.

Eric was confirmed the next Sunday by Ron Hart. He was blessed to have a hunger for knowledge and a desire to receive the blessings of the temple. It was such a beautiful blessing.

Eric has continued to improve his life and it shows as his countenance becomes brighter and brighter. A few days ago he called us after having a tough morning. Actually, he wanted to pound somebody. He really wanted to smoke. He went out into his garage to jump rope, allowing him to increase his heart rate to replace the need for nicotine something he started as he quit smoking. He stumbled upon a new pack of cigarettes and grabbed the closest matches, rationalizing as he picked them up. Eric had a cigarette in one hand and a match in the other when suddenly, "the Spirit flooded over me and I felt so happy." He put them down and went into the house feeling so good and happy. He was so amazed at what a contrast in feelings he could have, without

even asking for strength--going from a miserable morning to becoming truly happy.

Eric is completely, totally, 100% converted. He is more loving and patient, more kind and humble. It has been an incredible experience for us to work with Eric and his family. He and his sister, Stacey, are preparing themselves and the names of their parents to go to the temple and do their baptisms.

We know without a doubt that the Lord is in charge of this work, that it is HIS work and we have this short, awesome opportunity to help Him right now. We know the Gospel is true and brings light into the lives of all people. As Stacey puts it, "the sun shines brighter now." So, let's keep sharing with EVERYONE so that NO ONE has to be without that light.

With love,
Sister Adams & Sister Wolf

ARRIVALS December 1998



Elder Logan Joulle	Pincher Creek, AB Can
Elder George Platt	Cannelton, IN
Elder William Schulz	Kaneohe, HI
Elder Brad Sprayberry	Cerritos, CA
Elder James Stevens	Kennewick, WA
Elder Ryan Still	Spring Coulee, AB Can



DEPARTURES December 1998

Elder Mark Allen	Hudson, OH
Elder William Allen	Muncy, PA
Elder Rocky Jordan	Farmington, NM
Elder James Labiszak	Fox Point, WI
Elder James Reynolds	Thurmont, MD
Elder Nathan Rinehart	Alvaton, KY
Elder Ronald Ruiz	Gaithersburg, MD
Elder Steve Tyndall	Covington, GA
Elder Robert Utterback	Batesville, IN
Elder Shane White	Versailles, KY
Elder Richard Woodruff	Camrose, AB, Can

High Teaching Luxury Car

Memorization Hymn:

#223 Have I Done Any Good

NEW ZONE LEADER

TRAINERS JANUARY 1999

Elder Daniel Gibson
Elder Donavan Hansen
Elder Daniel Johnson
Elder Daniel Hubler
Elder Erik Massey
Elder Jason Ganir

New District Leaders

Elder
James W. Bullock



Elder
Owen L. Ala



Elder David W.
Gurney



Sister Minns and Zulbayer
Rock Washington Terrace!

Elder
Chadwick Rorie



Elder
David A. Vargas



Elder
Lawrence R.
Snowden



Elder
Scott L. Newburn



Elder
Sebatian Ferro



Elder
David M. Osmun



February Birthdays

Elder George Platt	10 Feb.
Elder Benjamin Vinson	21 Feb.
Elder Brian Adair	24 Feb.
Elder Ron Nunley	24 Feb.
Elder Steve Tyndall	25 Feb.
Elder Ryan Still	27 Feb.
Elder Reid Byington	28 Feb.

Memorization Scripture:

"And behold, I tell you these things that ye may learn wisdom that ye may learn that when ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God.

-Mosiah 2:17

Quote of the Month

"Let us realize that the privilege to work is a gift, that the power to work is a blessing, that the love of work is success."-David O. McKay

PRESIDENTS REMINDERS
ONWARD & UPWARD



ACTION OF THE MONTH

**WORK WITH & FIND THROUGH WARD &
STAKE MISSION LEADERS!!!!**

REMINDERS:

- BE VERY CAREFUL WALKING ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD AT NIGHT, YOU ARE HARD TO SEE.
- *DON'T SLOUCH WITH FEET OUT, CRACK KNUCKLES, OR HAVE HYPER FEET OR KNEES. CONTROL HYPER ACTIVITY WHILE TEACHING OR ATTENDING MEETINGS.*
- IF YOU MUST YAWN DURING TEACHING OR MEETINGS, PLEASE COVER YOUR MOUTH. IF YOUR COMPANION IS FALLING ASLEEP IN MEETINGS, KEEP THEM AWAKE.
- ***DREAMS DON'T COME TRUE BY SLEEPING IN!!!***
- ***BE BOLD & SMILE***
- ***OBEDIENCE IS COOL !!!!***



LET'S GET SPECIFIC:

- ***DON'T CHEW GUM IN PUBLIC!!!***
- ***CONFIRMATIONS TO TAKE PLACE ONLY IN SACRAMENT MEETING, LET YOUR PERSPECTIVES KNOW THIS UP FRONT!!***
- ***DO NOT PULL ON HAND BRAKE WHILE CAR IS MOVING.***
- ***YOU MUST TURN IN BAPTISM RECORDS, CAR RECEIPTS AND REPORTS ON TIME!!!***

ATTABOYS - ATTAGIRLS

- *FANTASTIC CHRISTMAS DEVOTIONAL WITH ELDER & SISTER HOLLAND, INCLUDING GREAT TALENT IN THE MISSION.*
- A NEW DECEMBER RECORD.
- ***WOW!! A NEW RECORD FOR A YEAR, OLD RECORD 1656 IN 1990. NEW RECORD FOR 1998-1889 BAPTISMS***

STATISTICS

Mission baptisms for	Dec 98 = 154	Dec 97 = 150	Last Mo. = 213
Mission baptisms since	Jan 1997 = 1889	YTD since Jan 1996 =	1600
Discussions taught	Nov 98 = 1556	Discussions taught last month	1606

WHAT WILL YOU ADD THIS MONTH???

MEMORIZATION: MOSIAH 2:17

HYMN

HAVE I DONE ANY GOOD #223

1/99

Baptismal Recommends Received Through December 31, 1998

William Adams	Brittany Fullmer	Ashley Lund	Shane Robinson
Christopher Almy	Jose Garcia	Robert Lynch	Shaylin Roper
Richard Arnold	Laura Garcia	Jerry Mabbott	Minerva Sanchez
Jysicca Baker	Jacob Garcia	Kao Martin	Raven Scadden
Norma Baldwin	Robert Gardner	Jeffery Martinez	Gavin Scadden
Cass Barnett	Shannon Geib	Mika Maruyama	Arthur Schreib
Daniel Beckstead	Justin Hall	Heidi May	Zienab Selim
Ronald Bennett	Christopher Halter	Andrew McCarroll	Esteavon Sepulveda
William Berg	Karl Hamby	Patrick McCurdy	Mercedes Sepulveda
Shaylie Bernier	Michelle Hammans	Juan Mendoza	Sylva Sepulveda
Bryson Berrett	Kelley Harper	Andrea Miller	Juan Sepulveda
Jessalyn Bowman	RacAnna Harres	Kui Min	Michael Sims
Douglas Brainerd	Jennie Harrison	Michael Mitchell	Christopher Sims
Jennifer Burgess	Tiffany Hayes	Tony Montrone	Marcia Slaven
David Chadwick	Oncimo Hernandez	Sari Montrone	Douglas Slaven
Cathy Charlesworth	Juan Hernandez	Jewel Moore	Lindsey Sleight
Cacey Christensen	Duan Highfill	Daniel Moran	Terry Smith
Natalie Clapham	Christopher Holcomb	Jerrica Morland	Chelsea Smith
John Clifton	Danielle Huff	Sierra Morley	Dustin Smith
Brayden Coles	Kristi Jenkins	Robert Mullen	Craig Smith
Hobie Collins	Sandy Jennings	Zurmyles Mulvey	Dustin Smith
Megan Compton	Shilah Johnson	Jarrod Murphy	Clay Sniteman
Keith Compton	Justin Johnson	Ashley Nelson	Leticia Solorfo
Emily Cooper	Joshua Johnson	Joshua Nelson	Julio Solorio
Matthew Cooper	Misty Johnson	Ashlee Nielson	Tressa Spencer
Janis Cranford	Jenna Johnson	Beatrice NkrumahDikwa	Austin Stacy
Justina Day	Casie Johnson	Christopher Norcross	Elizabeth Stanley
Monica Dickey	Leslie Jones	Jamie O'Reilly	Jade Taylor
Lonna Dismukes	Robert Jorgensen	Mary Oberg	Anyia Tingle
Jessica Dominguez	Etie Kabwasa	Felica Olsen	Tristan Triantafelo
Enrico Downas	Lyn Kamp	Lori Patrick	Stephen Turner
Lori Draper	Hailu Kebede	Trevor Pederson	Kathryn Turner
Troy Duersch	Alan Knudsvig	Chatelaine Pete	Michael VanDever
Tinia Duncom	Lisa Knuttl	Spencer Peterson	Megan Voeltz
Amber Eddy	Jason Knutti	Erica Peterson	Jesse Waite
Kara Edwards	Jessica Kuni	Natasha Phillips	Brandon Walker
Ryan Egli	Chase Lamborn	Jenni Pilling	Michelle Weaver
Aaron Egli	Albert Lane	Brody Porter	Klint Whitney
Dasha Feinstein	Andrea Leiva	Tyson Powers	Arthur Whittier
Curtis Fisher	Skyler Linford	Ashlee Reader	Stephenie Wilson
John Fitch	Daniel Long	Jessica Reeder	Brenton Winders
Amanda Fortune	Trever Loosemore	Jesse Reekers	Joce Witter
Amanda Franklin	Jesus Lopez	Tabitha Reel	William Wizom
Teresa Freshour	Yolanda Lopez	Mario Reyes	Dustin Wright
Brandon Frew	Jessica Lopez	Kira Richards	Evan Wright
Jerremy Fullmer	Bradin Lund	Thomas Riggs	Jordan Yearsley