

President's Message

PRESIDENT GORDON B. HINCKLEY
ADDRESSES ALL THE WORLD ON MISSIONARY
WORK AND RETENTION

President Hinckley's spoke to the ward councils, stake councils and missionaries throughout the world. His message was a direct call to double the missionary work, calling on everyone to be a missionary. He said the last year there were over 300,000 convert baptisms. That is the equivalent of 120 new stakes. As astounding as that is, President Hinckley said, that is not enough, with sincere prayer and effort we can double that number. Didn't you want to stand up and cheer when he said, "members are a better way to find and teach." He asked the members to have friends in their homes and share their testimony with them. Be there to answer their questions and be there to be their friend.

President Hinckley then referred to 2 Timothy 1:8 "...be not ...ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ." He urged everyone to pray as did Adam "O Lord we pray for success to bring others to Christ, give us the power and the wisdom to bring others to thee." Again quoting from scripture President Hinckley admonished everyone, especially missionaries to "go forth with the power of (the Lords) Spirit as with the sound of a trumpet declaring to all nations repent ye for the kingdom of God is at hand. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

The statistics were very interesting... in Canada and the United States for the year 1987 42% of the baptisms came from member referrals... in 1997 only 20% came from members. President Hinckley then said, let's reverse that downward trend, the Lord will bless all who assist in this great work. Every prophet from Joseph Smith to President Hinckley has said the greatest and most important duty is to **PREACH THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST**. "It takes the best efforts of the missionaries and everyone ...God bless you in meeting this challenge."

President Hinckley devoted the second half of his address to retention. We cannot have missionaries bringing new converts through the front door and having them leaving by the back door because we have not loved and fellowshipped them. "Any investigator worthy of baptism becomes a convert worthy of saving." Bishops, when you don't think they know enough or are ready, remember the risk the Lord took as you were called to be a bishop. This certainly should add strength to the referral pool as our members are nourished and fellowshipped. They then will want to share the gospel with their friends and family. In closing, President Hinckley gave the missionary invite: he invited everyone to become a part of a vast army to assist the missionaries. **"THE FIELD IS WHITE AND READY TO**

HARVEST", shall we not take him (the Lord) at his word. This is God's holy work, this is his church and his kingdom.

Now the question is to us, what will you do to meet President Hinckley's challenge? "Go forth to proclaim my gospel...it is my will that you should go forth and not tarry, neither be idle but labor with your might...lifting up your voice as with a sound of a trumpet **PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH** according to the revelations and commandments which I have given you." (D&C 75:2-4)

We pray for the Lord to bless all of you, to protect you in fulfilling our Heavenly Father's great plan.

We Love You,

President and Sister Jones



Assistants Article

Elders and Sisters,

Last month was another record breaker!! Quite a trend we are setting. March will be a bit harder to break, 174 in 1997, but we know you can do it. Judging by our first week stats we will need some impressive finding in the first couple weeks to top the previous March months. On the other hand we have a huge force moving like a freight train that is hard to stop. Lets face it the Utah Ogden Mission is the BEST!!

We have so many great programs that we are now proselyting with and seem to be very confident in using. For this reason we thought it was time for some spice. Being creative in our finding and following up will help us grow closer to our investigators, members, and our areas. It's time to go the extra mile and not ask what they need but go ahead and do it. Leave little notes and things usually only the Sisters would do. Little things always make a big difference.

With the weather warming up outdoor service will be everywhere. Let us make better use of our service hours each week. Find a needy investigator or less-active, and do a project for them. Remember how effective being in the service of others can be. Many people will be touched and hearts will be softened. Sincere service will open doors for us that could be opened in none other way. We have many great ideas, so **LET'S USE THEM SHALL WE!** "We like the way you work it...ya got to preach it up!!" Let's put March 1999 on the map! Ahhh YEAH!!!

Your assisting friends,
Elder Anderson and Elder Fletcher

CONVERSION STORY

Dear Missionary President Jones:

Ya'teeh'hey' (Hello and/or Greetings). It is my hope that this letter is of encouragement to you.

My name is Thurman Balchinclowing (Many Children). I am a Navajo Indian, even more so, a Holy Man. Some even call us Medicine people. For thirty-one snows I have lived on this earth, which we as Indian people call our Mother. I was installed as a Medicine person at the age of sixteen snows by my great-great grandfather who passed on at the age of one-hundred five snows. All of these snows, all I have known is the principles taught in the traditional teaching-- that the earth is our Mother, and that there are four sacred mountains, rivers, directions, and colors.

However, it was three months ago that the missionaries came to visit with me. Being a traditional Navajo, I saw them as outside influences as well as what they had to offer. I told them that if they really wanted me to know these things, that they would need to build a foundation. A foundation of trust, since these things were foreign to me. As we built a foundation, I allowed them to begin teaching. It was necessary to build a foundation of trust, because I was always told by my great-great grandfather that these things belonged to the white people and that they were not meant for us. But I myself, had to find that out for myself, and I did!

I told no one that I was looking into this matter because surely my advisors would not approve of it. I told no one, even though there are several members of my family who are Christians. How they presented the gospel to me, only made me turn hard as a stone to it. But on my own I wanted to know for myself. This is what I shared with the missionaries.

These two missionaries known to me as Elder Grady Gammons and Elder Jason Butler were both entrusted with my life as I allowed myself to be taught these new things. It was not always easy, but the missionaries were very patient and understanding. You must imagine how frustrating this was for me at times, but I also wanted to know. In ten days I read the Holy Bible from Genesis to Revelation. I am currently re-reading the Book of Mormon. I have set a goal to read ten pages a day. Three months ago I couldn't even quote scriptures, but now I can. Elder Gammons and Elder Butler helped me find salvation in Jesus Christ. I know that Jesus Christ, Heavenly Father, and the Holy Spirit are real. These two Elders even went out of their way to answer all my questions. Elder Gammons even taught me the Book of Revelation. I learned about the four horses and seven seals. I have gone through the six discussions.

On 14 February 1999, for the first time in my life, I attended church. As these two missionaries invited me to attend the stake conference here in Logan, it was all good. It was here that Elder Gammons introduced me to President Chambers, an associate of yours. Later, Elder Gammons talked with me concerning baptism. At 8:00 o'clock that same evening, I was baptized by Elder Gammons. In attendance were Elders Butler, Bullock and Sampson. President Chambers even came to conduct the baptism. Ward and stake mis-

sionaries and the bishop also came. Even my friend the Mayor of Logan, Douglas Thompson came. It was a good day to be born again. The following Sunday I attended church at the Logan 15th Ward and was confirmed a member.

The missionaries and I have come a long way together. I have found what they had to offer to be the truth, and that their testimony is genuine in the essence of Jesus Christ. I have chosen a new way of life, which does not mean I have had to give up my culture and its history, but have added flavor to it. I have come to understand there are some things I can no longer do as a Holy person. But more important, I have come to know the gospel for myself.

I say for myself, because I turned away from my family members who are Christians, only because they would say that as traditional Navajos the belief was satanic, demonic, and a pagan religion. I cannot understand why they say these things. Not all my family members are Christians, some are as I used to be, a traditional Navajo. It was hard to bring two worlds together and still have a greater understanding.

I write this letter to you, to say I am very grateful that you were able to send Elder Gammons and Elder Butler to me so that I could learn and understand the true meaning in believing in Jesus Christ. I thank you.

Respectfully,
Thurman Balchinclowing

Memorization Lyrics

#304

"Teach me To
Walk in the
Light"

Art

By: Elder Gardner



Companionships Baptizing 4 or more

[illegible]

★ Elders Johnson, Still 8 ★

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★ Elders Hubler, Joulie 6 ★

★ Elders Laurens. Campos	6	★
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Sisters Hoover, Wolf, Lawrence	6
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★ Elders Von Harten, George 5 ★

Elders Camp, Jimenez	5
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★ Elders Ferro, Harden 5 ★

★ Elders Fasteson, Key 4 ★

★ Elders Saunders, Espenschied	4	★
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★ Elders Whipple, See 4 ★

Elders Hansen, Stevens 4

Memorization Scripture

Be Creative in Finding & Follow-Up



5 days since the last preventable accident



"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and he shall direct thy paths."

Proverbs 3:5-6

BAPTISM RECORDS

REMEMBER>

**DO NOT WRITE THE-
MONTH IN NUMBERS
ALWAYS IN LETTERS!!!!**

EXAMPLE: 14 JAN 1999

Please Print Clearly and Legibly!!!!!!

**LINE THREE MUST BE
TOTALLY FILLED IN.**

High Teaching Car

Elders Rorie And Tieru-Hatu Rock Washinton Terrace!!!!!!



New Zone Leaders

Elder Daniel Gibson



Elder William Mathews



New District Leaders

Elder Mauricio Silva



Elder Mathias Habermann



Elder Jason Burt



April Birthdays

Elder Hoilog	4 Apr
Elder Marcelo Moreira	6 Apr
Elder Ron Bolinger	8 Apr
Elder Adam Harris	8 Apr
Elder John Townsend	8 Apr
Elder Maija Lawrence	11 Apr
Sister Jones	12 Apr
Elder Kurt Schoener	12 Apr
Elder VerNon Packer	13 Apr
Elder Steven O'neal	17 Apr
Elder Jeremy Rausch	19 Apr
Elder Charles Saunders	21 Apr
Sister Emily Turley	22 Apr
Elder Scott Newburn	24 Apr
Elder Shawn Haentges	27 Apr



Arrivals and Departures



March Arrivals

Sister Joy Becker	Brighton, CO
Elder Christopher Cassell	Hays, KS
Elder Jason Cook	Hillsboro, OR
Elder David Foster	West Frankfort, IL
Elder Paul Heins	Bowler, WI
Elder Derek Kelly	North Richland Hills, TX
Elder Robert Pruitt	Cape Coral, FL
Elder Cameron Urry	Plano, TX

Trainers

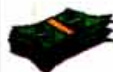
Sister Tilane Lawlor
Elder Marcelo Moreira
Elder Jeremy Gook
Elder Jeremy Rausch
Elder Daniel Hubler
Elder Jacob Camp
Elder Chadwick Rorie
Elder Ron Nunley

Study Schedule

Week 1	March 7 - The Fall
Week 2	March 14 - Resurrection
Week 3	March 21 - Atonement
Week 4	March 28 - Faith

Classified Ads

-Are you cold? Nice lined black overcoat
\$30 Contact Elder Anderson (used twice)



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Elder Clegg

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PRESIDENTS REMINDERS

ONWARD & UPWARD



ACTION OF THE MONTH

BE CREATIVE IN FINDING AND FOLLOW-UP!!!

REMINDERS:

- NO BAPTISMAL SERVICES SCHEDULED AFTER 5:00 P.M. ON MONDAYS (FHE).
- *NO YO YOS!*
- COMMENTS ON SOME BAPTISMAL SERVICES: NOT STARTING ON TIME OR ARE GOING TOO LONG.
- DON'T USE "MORMON SLANG" i.e. - FREAKING, FLIPPIN, FETCH, SUCKS, ETC., ETC.
- GETTING UP ON TIME IS NOT AN OPTION!
- ***DREAMS DON'T COME TRUE BY SLEEPING IN!!!***
- ***BE BOLD & SMILE***
- **OBEDIENCE IS COOL !!!!**



LET'S GET SPECIFIC:

- **LOCK YOUR HEART!!!!**
- ***"AVOID ALL LIGHTMINDNESS!!! ESPECIALLY FOOLING AROUND DURING PRAYERS.***
- **PROTEIN POWDERS - IF THEY ARE FOR ENERGY THEY ARE OK. IF THEY ARE FOR MUSCLE MASS, THEY ARE NOT APPROVED!!**

ATTABOYS - ATTAGIRLS

- **HIGH TEACHING CAR - ELDER JOHNSON & ELDER STILL.**
- **WOW! ANOTHER NEW RECORD FOR FEBRUARY.**
- **NOW RECEIVING LETTERS OF COMMENDATION AND THANKS FOR YOUR MISSIONARY EFFORTS.**
- **SINCE JUNE OF 1998 YOU HAVE BEEN THE HIGHEST BAPTIZING MISSION IN UTAH.**

STATISTICS

Mission baptisms for	Feb 99 =	184	Feb 98 =	152	Last Mo. =	213
Mission baptisms	YTD 1999 =	397	YTD 1998 =	313		
Discussions taught	Feb 99	= 1582	Discussions taught last month	1556		

WHAT WILL YOU ADD THIS MONTH????

MEMORIZATION: PROVERBS 3:5,6

HYMN

TEACH ME TO WALK IN THE LIGHT #304

Baptismal Recommends Received Through February 28, 1999

Teisha Abeyta
 Barney Alverson
 Ana Andino
 Kreg Austin
 Kimberlee Baker
 Thurman Balchincloving
 Miguel Balderamos
 Cassandra Banta
 Sara Banta
 Steffen Banta
 Mindy Bare
 Wendy Barker
 Amanda Barnes
 Kayla Barney
 Brock Bassette
 Angelita Begay
 Rebecca Benton
 Theodore Bergeron
 John Bockas
 Mehmet Bocuk
 Mackenzie Booth
 Amanda Bosse
 Stephen Bottorff
 Eric Briggs
Dylan Broadbent
 Mary Brown
 Tiffany Bunn
 Blayne Burgett
 Russell Busche
 Kathy Bushnell
 Arturo BustosArroyo
 Shea Butterfield
 Jong Byun
 Aurora Cantu
 Teresa Carlos
 Wes Castillo
 Sofia Castro
 Jazmin Castro
 Marilyn Causer
 Kelly Christensen
 Tyler Church
 Michael Clement
 Serena Cogburn
 Clinton Cogburn
 GERALYNN Curley
 Zachariah Curley

Robert Cyr
 Julie Cyr
 Clifton Dawes
 Kristen Dawes
 Rhannon Dawes
 Jacob Dawson
 Antonio Devallie
 Michele DeVries
 Melissa Dias
 Aaron Doney
 Kevin Dunovan
 Aubrey Drawn
 Candice Drawn
 Shonda Duke
 Cory Eaton
 Julie Eaton
 Rita Ermatinger
 Thomas Evans
 Gary Fackrell
 Prescilla Fain
 Preston Fain
 Anna Flaim
 Tiffany Flanary
 Maralee Foster
 Rene Fuentes
 Megan Gallegos
 Darrell Green
 Kelly Grier
 Jennifer Gudmundson
 Matthew Gudmundson
 Valerie Hammond
 John Harbert
 Heather Hardgrove
 Robert Harper
 Jessie Harris
 Kelsey Hernandez
 Michele Hernandez
 Victor Hernandez
 Collus Hill
 Ronnie Holkan
 Sheryl Holmberg
 Katie Hood
 Jamie Houlihan
 Clara Irwin
 Maria Jaquez
 James Johnson

Ryan King
 Robert Kladis
 Bradley Korous
 Kevin Korous
 Derrick Kuni
 Angelica Lammers
 Mark Lawson
 Alicia Lawson
 Andrew Layton
 John Layton
 Jessica Lemons
 Ernestina LluchMelendez
 Hannah Loope
 Shawn Lund
 Jose Magana
 Luz Magana
 Sally Mamuzsics
 Nicholas Marston
 Juan Martinez
 Raul Martinez
 Gabriela MartinezBarajas
 Michele Mason
 Tetsuji Matsushita
 Cheleaste Mayne
 Leslie Mays
Jasmine McClure
 Howard McGarr
 Kelley McGarr
 Rafael Mendez
 Michael Midgley
 Alexander Miller
 Carol Mitchell
 Imelda Montano
 Victor Montano
 Anthony Moosman
 Chad Moosman
 Jennifer Morales
 Luz MoralesValenzuela
 Christopher Morey
 Ryan Morley
 Jaime Morris
 Patrick Murphy
 Cody Myers
 Jiraer Nersisian
 Margarit Nersisian
 Chase O'connell

Lacie Oliver
 Germain Ortiz
 Michese Oswill
 Vickie Owens
 Sandi Parker
 Brett Parker
 Byron Peart
 Jacob Price
 Stanley Pubigee
 Christopher Reeve
 Austin Richards
 Chance Robison
 Daniel Robles
 Virginia Robles
 Benjamin Rogers
 Jessika Rohloff
 Alfonso Salazar
 Jeremy Sayes
 Crystal Sessions
 Christy Shumer
 Julie Shumer
 Rosa Silva
 Lore SilvaQuiros
 Chelsea Skinner
 Tianna Smith
 Michael Sommer
Jeremy Speth
 Paul Stringer
 Carl Stuart
 Micheal Taren
 Kasey Thompson
 Sophronia Thude
 Kayla Visser
 Marty Vogel
 Brad Walling
 Spencer Ward
 Franklin Westbrook
 Stetson Whitworth
 Jaclyn Wilcox
 Jessica Wilcox
 Stephanie Willener
 Merelda Williams
 Kimberley Williams
 Kristan Wood
 Randy Workman
 Jade Yates