



President's Message

"THE INTREPID MISSIONARY!"

Dear Elders and Sisters,

Webster's definition for intrepid is "resolute, fearless, fortitude and endurance." The intrepid missionary is "ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh a reason of hope that is in you", that Jesus is the Christ, he is the life and the light of the world, the means whereby all can gain eternal life.

President Gordon B. Hinckley has counseled us that "We live in a very complex time in the history of the world. We are subjected to all kinds of influences that speak to us and beckon us to do things that we shouldn't do. It takes self-discipline, faith, courage and vision to go forward." The intrepid missionary will go forward fearless and faithful in doing what's right. This missionary *knows* the importance of OBEDIENCE even in the little things. This fearless and courageous missionary knows salvation of others is the reason to heed the call of the Savior to "FEED MY SHEEP". He knows it is the right place and the right time to "reach out to everyone, thereby bringing many more souls unto Christ". Missionaries show their love for the Lord by doing his will... "Verily, verily, I say unto you, this is my gospel; and ye know the things that ye must do in my church; for the works which ye have seen me do that shall ye do; Therefore, if ye do these things blessed are ye, for ye shall be lifted up at the last day." (3 Nephi 27:21,22) In other words, YE SHALL MAKE IT.

Now is the time to go forth, to boldly teach and testify of Christ, to feed his sheep. It is the time to "serve him with all your heart, mind and strength", for we know here in the Utah Ogden Mission, "the field is white and all ready to harvest". President James E. Faust said recently, quoting D&C 5, "the church is coming forth out of the wilderness... clear as the moon, and fair as the sun, and terrible as an

army with banners." You are all a part of that army something really big. Like the armies of Helaman, you are called to teach the world the truth.

This mission and the missionaries serving here have been richly blessed. We feel the hand of the Lord guiding you, protecting you and blessing the lives of the people within this mission. Let us remember *always* to give thanks, heartfelt gratitude to our Father in Heaven for the success of our labors. Let us go forth seeking and reaching new levels of achievement, but, like Ammon, let us recognize where our strength comes from, not boasting of our own strength or wisdom, but rejoicing with full heart, with joy in God; knowing we are nothing without the strength of God and that with him we can do all things. "Therefore let us glory, yea, we will glory in the Lord; yea we will rejoice, for our joy is full; yea we will praise God forever." This is the work of the Lord, to proclaim his gospel to all the ends of the earth. It will not fail!

We love our Savior, Jesus Christ. He is the peace and the comfort he promised he would be in a world deficient of both. We need to always remember in times of discouragement these words from President Hinckley. "Believe in yourself. Believe in yourself as a child of God. Believe in your capacity to do good in the world, to spread the light and truth and understanding; to reach out to those in distress and need, to help and bless them."

We pray you will be blessed to know and use the POWER within you. We love and appreciate you and thank you for your desire to serve the Lord and his children here in the Utah Ogden Mission. May you be blessed to be valiant, obedient and an INTREPID servant of God.

We Love You,
President and Sister Jones

Elders and Sisters,

ASSISTANT'S MESSAGE

"The Book of Mormon is the instrument that God designed to 'sweep the earth as with a flood, to gather out [His] elect.' This sacred volume of scripture needs to become more central in our preaching, our teaching, and our missionary work." Those are the words of an inspired prophet given to us about the greatest Book on the earth. This marvelous Book is the key to our success in our proselyting efforts. It was written for our day, and our time, and our people. It is the great converter and sifter that we can use to find the elect of God. There is no greater witness of Jesus Christ in all the world. What a privilege it is to go forth and proclaim the truthfulness of the Book of Mormon. We must take every opportunity to read and learn from its pages and also share it with others. President

Benson also stated that "...No member of this church can stand approved in the presence of God who has not seriously and carefully read the Book of Mormon". It is no wonder that our latter-day prophets have asked us to read from it daily. We know that the Book of Mormon contains the words of Christ, and we will grow closer to Him as we read from it and share it with others. The Book is true, and Joseph Smith is God's prophet that helped bring the Book forward. We promise if we use the Book of Mormon as our key, we will see the bounteous harvest of souls the Lord has promised.

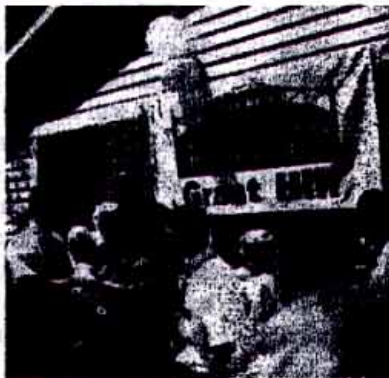
We Love Y'all,
Elders Allred & Ala

CONVERSION STORY

"GRANT HILL GETS A BOOK OF MORMON"

The day after I arrived in Brigham City, my companion (Elder Gulden) and I were eating at one of the free establishments in the area and happened to see a flier announcing Grant Hill was coming to Brigham City. We decided at all cost that Grant Hill would not leave Brigham City without a Book of Mormon. That night at dinner we found out that Thurl Bailey of the Utah Jazz, who incidentally was baptized last year, would be in town that Saturday. It was planned out perfectly. We would be able to have Thurl Bailey sign a Book of Mormon and then we would give it to Grant the next Tuesday. It sounded good but we had to pull it off. Fortunately, that Saturday Thurl Bailey obliged our request and we had the Book of Mormon all ready for Grant inscribed, "To Grant: Keep the Faith, Thurl Bailey".

For those who don't know, Grant Hill is an NBA player for the Detroit Pistons. He is one of, if not the



most recognized player in the league. Needless to say we were pretty excited to do this. Tuesday rolls around and we started our plan. We talked to some important people, it didn't hurt that most of them were members. One of the ladies we know introduced us to the Mayor, who then introduced us to a Fila representative, who then talked to someone and the next thing we knew we had a spot in the presentation. The Mayor, after proclaiming it Grant Hill Day in Brigham, called us up in front of the whole crowd to present Grant with the Book of Mormon. I got on the microphone and testified to him of the truthfulness of it and how it will help his life, while Elder Gulden gave the book to him. He said thanks, shook our hands, and then joined in with the round of applause as we walked off with big smiles on our faces. It was truly a highlight to give an NBA superstar the truth and definitely will be an experience we will not soon forget.

Yours with deep love,
Elder Fluckiger & Elder Gulden

POEM

LIVING CANDLE

We entered this world of darkness with a single unlit candle as our only possession. Although, not yet lit we ventured forward by the light of our parent's candle. During these first precious steps of life, we were taught the significance of the unlit candle we held: what would light it, how to keep it lit, and what would cause the candle to go out.

As our journey continued, our parent's light revealed the pits, the predators, and the hazards of the path we walked. Although we loved and cherished the light of those we traveled with, our own decisions lead us down our own path of life. Until, the day finally came when those whose lights we entrusted to guide our way would no longer reach the distance between our separate journeys. A curious phenomenon occurred when first left without a protecting light. The once unlit candle begins to flicker dimly, illuminating the path a few steps ahead.

The next few miles were critical as we learned how fragile the flame was, but how vital it was. The candle's strength was determined by our knowledge and application of

eternal truths into our lives. Essential for survival, the illumination from the candle outlined the ruts, the holes, and the obstacles that would stop or slow our progression. The closer we came to employing the eternal truths into our lives, the brighter the candle would burn. Allowing us to change our course in time to avoid danger or if no other course was available, allow us to find the best route through the obstacle with minimal time and damage.

There are other choices however, which lead away from those truths that fuel our candle. And in choosing these other choices, our candle's strength and our visibility would begin to diminish, until without warning the slightest breeze would destroy all strength from the candle. Leaving us blind, in a world of tremendous dangers.

Only when we began to follow those eternal truths taught long before hand, would our light be nurtured back to full strength. Then would we again see our path ahead; also help another begin their path home.

The candle dimly flickers and our first step is taken with our living candle.

Elder Gratiot

New Traveler New Zone Leaders



Elder von Harten



Elder Rorie



Elder Chapman

New District Leaders



Elder Gulden



Elder Smith



Elder Pollak



Elder Haentges



Elder Gammons

September

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| Elder David Wheeler | 2 Sep |
| Elder Bart Hillier | 5 Sep |
| Elder Daniel Terry | 5 Sep |
| Elder Robert Holdcraft | 6 Sep |
| Elder Jeffrey Williams | 6 Sep |
| Elder William Freeman | 7 Sep |
| Elder Matthias Habermann | 7 Sep |
| Sister Ulmaitua Tevaga | 10 Sep |
| Elder Toni Krongvist | 11 Sep |
| Sister Rebekah Bryson | 12 Sep |
| Elder Oscar Monta | 15 Sep |
| Elder Derek Kelly | 18 Sep |
| Elder Michael Pollak | 22 Sep |
| Elder Eric Lewis | 23 Sep |
| Sister Carol Packer | 25 Sep |
| Sister Sara Slagle | 25 Sep |
| Elder Zachary Smith | 25 Sep |
| Elder Hank Whipple | 26 Sep |
| Elder Owen Ala | 27 Sep |
| Sister April Wolf | 29 Sep |

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MEMORIZATION SCRIPTURE:

D&C 88:81

81. Behold, I sent you out to testify and warn the people, and it becometh every man who hath been warned to warn his neighbor.

AUGUST ARRIVALS

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| Elder David Bergquist | Irving, TX |
| Elder Michael Blank | New Port Richey, FL |
| Elder Mario Da Silva | Sao Jose, SC BRAZIL |
| Elder Keith Fasteson | Foster, RI |
| Elder Jacob Hirtle | Oliver, BC CAN |
| Elder Dee Montgomery | Altus, OK |
| Elder Wilson Sellars | Burlington, NC |



Trainers

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| Elder Ekufre Edouk |
| Elder Jon Denninghoff |
| Elder Ronell Hugh |
| Elder Corey Waggoner |
| Elder Brandon Fletcher |
| Elder Bryce Roberts |
| Elder William Mathews |



AUGUST DEPARTURES

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| Elder Kenneth Davis | Clay Springs, AZ |
| Elder Frederick Dunn | Prairieville, LA |
| Elder Ryan Konosky | Medicine Hat, AB CAN |
| Elder Scott Newburn | Eight Mile, AL |
| Elder David Osmun | Robertsville, MO |
| Elder Ryan Pedersen | Suwanee, GA |
| Elder Wendy Studer | Cecilia, KY |
| Elder Brian Webb | Leesburg, GA |
| Elder Andrew Witt | Baton Rouge, LA |

The Book of Mormon is the key, to set all people free

There is a difference between a convert who is built in the rock of Christ through the Book of Mormon and stays hold of the iron rod, and one who is not. I promise you that you will have more and better converts in every mission of the Church if you will teach and inspire missionaries to effectively use the Book of Mormon as the great converter."

"Would not the progress of the Church increase dramatically today with an increasing number of those who are spiritually reborn? Can you imagine what would happen in our homes? Can you imagine what would happen with an increasing number of copies of the Book of Mormon in the hands of an increasing number of missionaries who know how to use it and who have been born of God? When this happens, we will get the bounteous harvest of souls the Lord promised."

"The Book of Mormon has not been, nor is it yet, the center of our personal study, family teaching, preaching, and missionary work. Of this we must repent"

"The Book of Mormon is the instrument that God designed to 'sweep the earth as with a flood, to gather out [His] elect.' (Moses 7:62) This sacred volume of scripture needs to become more central in our preaching, our teaching, and our missionary work."

"I challenge our mission leaders to show their missionaries how to challenge their contacts to read the Book of Mormon and pray about it. Missionaries need to know how to use the Book of Mormon to arouse mankind's interest in studying it, and they need to show how it answers the great questions of the soul. Missionaries need to read with those they teach various passages from the Book of Mormon on gospel subjects."

"...No member of this church can stand approved in the presence of God who has not seriously and carefully read the Book of Mormon"

- Ezra Taft Benson (All of them)

"Great numbers have heard of the additional scripture, the Book of Mormon, which contains the fullness of the gospel, yet never have absorbed its truths. A million copies of it found their way in a million home libraries last year and other millions previously, yet procrastinating people have failed to complete their investigation and have remained estranged. 'Tomorrow I will read it,' they say; 'another day I will invite the missionaries to teach me.' But tomorrow is a sluggard and shifts along on leaded feet, and life goes on, and storms do come, and limbs are split, and trees do fall, and eternity approaches, and our sincere call goes unheeded."

- Spencer W. Kimball

"Men can get nearer to the Lord, can have more of the spirit conversion and conformity in their lives, hearts can have stronger testimonies, and can gain a better understanding of the doctrines of salvation through the Book of Mormon than they can through the Bible... There will be more people saved in the Kingdom of God, 10,000 times over because of the Book of Mormon than there will be because of the Bible."

- Bruce R. McConkie

The time has come for us as a mission to reach farther and sore higher. We have what it takes to get it done, and now is the right time to do it. The Book of Mormon is the key that will take this mission where it needs to be. It stands as a witness to all the world that Jesus is the Christ and that He lives. It is our privilege to share it with everyone. The Book of Mormon is true! May we all be courageous messengers who will share this Book of Books with everyone! Remember who you are and that you are called of God.

*We love Y'all,
Elders Allred & Ala*

PRESIDENTS REMINDERS

ONWARD & UPWARD



ACTION OF THE MONTH

"USE THE BOOK OF MORMON AS YOUR KEY TO SET ALL PEOPLE FREE"

REMINDERS:

- **WE ARE ALL TO ATTEND THE SATELLITE BROADCAST REGARDING MISSIONARY WORK AND RETENTION ON AUG 29 AT 6:00 P.M. (Follow-up to President Hinckley's February broadcast.)**
- **NO PAINT BALL OR LAZER TAG!!!**
- **REMEMBER: YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR GAS-FOR OVER MILEAGE.**
- **IF YOU HAVE AN ACCIDENT WHILE BACKING UP WITHOUT A SAFE BACKER - YOU AND YOUR COMPANION WILL NOT DRIVE AGAIN DURING YOUR MISSION.**
- **DREAMS DON'T COME TRUE BY SLEEPING IN!!!**
- **BE BOLD, SMILE, & BE POSITIVE AT ALL TIMES!!**

OBEDIENCE IS THE COOLEST !!!!



LET'S GET SPECIFIC

- **STOP CALLING OTHER MISSIONARIES!!!.**
- **ELDERS, ALWAYS SHAVE ON P-DAYS - ALSO ALL OTHER DAYS.**
- **DO NOT USE SUN TANNING BEDS.**
- **NO AMUSEMENT PARKS - i.e. Lagoon, etc.!!!!**
- **IF YOU DRIVE ON P-DAY YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CAR AND ALL DRIVING PRIVILEGES . (Both companions.)**

ATTABOYS - ATTAGIRLS

- **CONGRATULATIONS TO ELDERS BEGIN & HORNUNG FOR HIGH TEACHING IN RIVERDALE.**
- **RECEIVING MANY COMPLIMENTS FROM STAKE PRESIDENTS ON THE GOOD WORK YOU ARE DOING IN THEIR AREAS.**
- **MANY CALLS AND REMARKS ON YOUR MUCH IMPROVED DINNER DECORUM.**

STATISTICS

(at least)

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| Mission baptisms for | Aug 99 = 98 | Aug 98 = 170 | Last Mo. = 166 |
| Mission baptisms YTD 1999 | = 1365 | YTD 1998 = 1205 | |
| Discussions taught | Aug 99 = 1386 | Discussions taught last month = 1122 | |

WHAT WILL YOU ADD THIS MONTH????

MEMORIZATION: D & C 88:81

HYMN: HOLD TO THE ROD #274

✶Baptismal Recommends Received Through August 20 1999✶

Charly Andrews
 Maxcine Archuleta
 Yulia Barrington
 Katerina Barrington
 Jorge Batres
 Michael Bennett
 Tanya Blair
 Twyla Bruce
 Jessica Carpenter
 Thais Cavazotti
 Robert Choma
 Brock Clements
 Brody Clements
 Jordan Cluster
 Dani'el Cluster
 Summer Coburn
 Olivia Davis
 Cydnie Davis
 Scott Davis
 Alyssa Duce
 Brady Eddings
 Heather Emerick
 Edika Esquivel
 Takysa Essick
 Pedro Estay
 Micheal Fernandez
 Lesha Fernandez
 Tiffany Ferrin
 William Franklin
 Hope Franks
 Nicholas Garcia
 Amber Green

Anthony Hall
 Marie Hall
 Lisa Hall
 James Hall
 Allison Hall
 Darryl Hankins
 Brady Hansen
 Elizabeth Hays
 Kaleigh Hensley
 Derrick Hepworth
 Romina Hernandez
 Tyrone Hess
 Skye Higgins
 Brooke Hogensen
 Anna Hopkins
 Kristoffer Howe
 Hope Huber
 Jamila Islami
 Jeremy Jarvis
 Joshua Jensen
 Zac Jeppson
 Mabel Jewett
 Nicole Knighton
 Jared Kraus
 Jessica Labatte
 Raymundo Leon
 Jasmine Link
 Joshua Link
 Lee Lish
 Richard Livingston
 Alexandra Lofland
 Brian Lowe

Reena Lucero
 Nickole Manning
 Carlos Martinez
 Candi Martinez
 Dean Mathis
 Christopher McInturff
 Isaac Membreno
 Andrew Merchen
 Tyler Moleika
 Taylor Moleika
 Lane Nalder
 Julia Ogburn
 Kelcee Oyler
 Maria Perez
 Mercedes Perez
 Carlos Perez
 Jenifer Peterson
 Lisa Peterson
 Jeremy Peterson
 Stephanie Powers
 Kirsten Quintana
 Crystal Quintana
 Ashley Quintana
 Saasha Rasmussen
 Wyatt Rasmussen
 Cayste Rhead
 Michelle Riggs
 Pauline Rockwell
 Chelsie Ross
 David Rufus
 Mary Rufus
 Race Russell

Mike Russell
 Keiko Ryuji
 Miriam Seabaugh
 John Simpson
 Danielle Slauch
 Don Smith
 Anette Smith
 Rodney Smith
 Raul Sosa
 Jeffrey Speer
 Megan Strong
 Keely Swanson
 Dillon Tate
 Angie Tipiani
 Charlotte Tutty
 Magin VanPut
 Judith Walden
 Shalynn Weaver
 Amanda Whitaker
 Carol Whiterock
 Cory Willey
 Ralph Williams
 Vernon Williams
 Christopher Winkelspecht
 Jennifer Witte
 Eduardo Zavala
 Mariz Zavala
 Alejandra Zavala
 Adolfo Zavala
 Eduardo ZavalaEscovar
 Taylor Zwenke