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Message from President & Sister McBride

FIND JOY IN THE WORK

The quest for joy and happiness is a righteous desire. The Prophet Joseph Smith taught us that "happiness is the object and design of our existence."

The Lord has taught us what true joy is: "I will impart unto you of my spirit, which shall enlighten your mind, which shall fill your soul with joy. (D&C 11:13). Lasting joy is based upon our understanding of and living the gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and enduring to the end. (See D&C 14:7)

Remember the words of Prophet, Howard W. Hunter, given to missionaries on September 13, 1994: "You can't be a part of worldly things and also carry out your role as a representative of the Lord. The two are not compatible. Your objective has been clearly defined for you. From the day you were set apart you were charged to not be of the world meaning that you were transferred then from worldly things into a spiritual climate for the duration of your mission.

"If you have found yourself in this new climate, you are on your way. If you haven't, then you've got some work to do. Satan is always present and will do everything he can to hinder and block and defeat. We encourage you as companionships to help each other in this matter.

"When missionary companions comply with this directive to be spiritual "two persons dedicated, living in faith, and being prayerful can be an awesome force in the work of the Lord."

We must be anchored in the knowledge that Jesus Christ lives and desire to become more like him. As missionaries we must work constantly to have a mighty change of heart through prayer, gospel study and by living the principles of the gospel.

Missionaries who follow the mission rules with exactness can pray for the constant companionship of the Holy Ghost with a clear conscience and find joy in the work.

Let us continue to find joy together in the work. My membership in this church has brought me more fun, more happiness and more joy that I ever could have imagined. All of us can have these blessings. They come by devoting ourselves to our missionary responsibilities, in being true representatives of Jesus

Christ as we serve those around us, by keeping his commandments, by loving the Lord with all our heart, soul, and mind, and by loving our neighbors as ourselves.

Love, President McBride

"A striking personality and good character is achieved by practice, not merely by thinking it. Just as a pianist masters the intricacies of music through hours and weeks of practice, so mastery of life is achieved by the ceaseless practice of mechanics which make up the art of living. Daily unselfish service to others is one of the rudimentary mechanics of the successful life. 'For whosoever will save his life,' the Galilean said, 'shall lose it, and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.' (Matt: 16:25.) What a strange paradox this! And yet one needs only to analyze it to be convinced of its truth...Only when you lift a burden, God will lift your burden. Divine paradox this! The man who staggers and falls because his burden is too great can lighten that burden by taking on the weight of another's burden. You get by giving, but your part of giving must be given first." Spencer W. Kimball.

As missionaries we are, or should be, continually giving unselfish service to others. Whether it is to our companion, less-active, member or non-member, it makes no difference. It is not whom we serve but how we serve.

Do we serve with an eye single to the glory of God? Are we serving those around us because of our love for them? Are we serving because of our love for the Savior? If we are not serving for any of these reasons then we are not really serving. We are only going through the motions. Let us ask ourselves the question; Why am I here on a mission? It all begins with an abiding love for the Savior. When we are doing all in our power to develop this love then we will be serving for the right reason.

Let us not waste this precious time given to us to serve the people of the Utah Ogden Mission. But may we continually work to develop an abiding love for our Savior that our burdens may be lightened.

Love, Sister McBride

ASSISTANT'S MESSAGE

Aloha Elders and Sisters,

What a beautiful month we have just had. We ended up bringing 178 souls unto Christ through the ordinance of baptism. We have seen the power pyramid in effect. To what degree, is the next question. Are we doing everything in our power to be what the Lord wants us to be? Are we taking every opportunity to be successful? We have found many methods to help us be successful in this mission. But to be truly effective we need to plan. With all these methods and ways of finding, we need to turn it into productivity by planning effectively. Planning our day out in detail. Finding the most effective times to use certain finding techniques. Such as the ever so critical tools of tracting, using the Finding Records and of course backing them both up with our faith. Are we visualizing the people we contact in white? When you're out tracting, are you stepping into every door with faith? Or if they're busy, are you using the sampler? There's a lot of people who are just waiting to hear the word but don't know where to find it (D&C 123:12). Elder Gene R. Cook talks a lot about faith. Just recently we have gotten revisions upon the ever so successful "Proselyting for the Elect." As we all know the Spirit is the great converter and the main force behind this inspired proselyting method. Let's get out there, do it, and "rejoice, for the hour of your mission is come (D&C 31:3)!"

Love,
Elders Makuakane & Lau



CALLING ALL POETS

We Know You Are Out There!
Please send them to Sister McBride
Perhaps they will be published.

CONVERSION STORY

I had just been transferred to the Roy area and was going out with the Assistant's. Elder Rausch and I went to apologize to a father, who a month ago the missionaries had taught his 18 year old son and committed him, but his son hadn't told his father and his dad found out through a neighbor. When the missionaries went to teach the son the next lesson, the father came over and threatened the missionaries saying if they came near his son again he would break their necks, and that was the last contact missionaries had with him.

Elder Rausch and I prayed and went over to see the father and before I could apologize to him, he said he was sorry and that he didn't mind us teaching his son, Tyler, only he wanted us to teach at his house so he would know what his son was being taught. The first time we went to teach Tyler, I asked what happened to soften his dad and he said he had been fasting for his father and praying and a lot of changes had happened.

Then Tyler bore his testimony to me. He told me how his friend had given him a Book of Mormon and that is was the greatest gift he had ever received. Tyler spend one whole day reading it. He had skipped school to read it and kept it hid under his bed to read at night with a flashlight. His testimony was so strong. He was just so excited. Then at his baptism as he came out of the water he was crying. Afterwards he gave his father a hug and his whole family had tears in their eyes. His father told me to not be surprised when the rest of the family follows.

This is only one of many wonderful experiences. Thank you very much President and Sister McBride.

Use The Missionary Gospel Study Program

Apr 8 Eternal Family
Apr 15 Chastity
Apr 22 The Word of Wisdom
Apr 29 Courtesy
May 6 Chastity
May 13 Sacrifice

New Zone Leaders



Elder Chabo



Elder Duggan



Elder Ford

NEW ASSISTANT



Elder Lau

✍ APRIL Birthdays ✍

Elder Chad Avery	1
Elder Ammon Erishman	1
Elder Stephen Cambria	2
Elder Adam Fox	3
Elder Bryan Sims	5
Elder Thomas Bennett	9
Elder Jose Quintero	9
Elder Regan Wright	10
Sister Dashildelger	11
Sister Sarah Stock	11
Elder Benjamin Titz	13
Elder Marshall Smith	14
Elder Richard Jahn	16
Elder Michael Blank	25
Elder Mario DaSilva	26
Elder Brandon Hall	28
Elder Paul Heins	28

New District Leaders



Elder Bergquist



Elder Jahn



Elder Sandoval



Elder Toone

Quote Of The Month

“You may have heard the expression “mind over matter.” I would like to . . . phrase it a little differently: ‘spirit over body.’ That is self-mastery.”

- Russell M. Nelson -

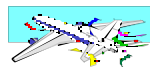
Action of The Month

Have 100% Faith and Be Sweetly Bold

MARCH ARRIVALS



Trainers



MARCH DEPARTURES

Elder Curtis Birdno
Elder Ryan Clark
Sister Lydia De Jong
Elder Andrew Deason
Elder Jason Fairchild
Sister Lisa Fehoko
Elder Craig Hull
Elder Matthew Hunt
Elder Jakob Mollenhauer
Elder Jonathan Poole
Elder Matthew Porter
Elder Nikolai Ravn-Petersen
Elder Jonathan Shasky
Elder Marco Valverde
Elder Seth Wege

Show Low, AZ
Albany, GA
Delft, Nederland
Gwinn, MI
Lucedale, MS
Hauula, HI
Tarpon Springs, FL
Falmouth, England
Pasadena, MD
Florence, AL
Lusby, MD
EGA, Denmark
St Paul, MN
Puerto Vallarta, Mexico
Cottage Grove, OR

Elder Zachary Anderson
Elder Corey Park
Sister Lynn Sherrow
Elder Micah Smith
Elder Daman LeGrand
Sister Sarah Stock
Elder Fredrick Thomas
Elder John Southerland
Elder Mario DaSilva
Elder Jordan Ducharme
Elder Jang Joo
Elder Joseph Phillips
Elder Eddie Grace
Elder Benjamin Poulsen
Elder Daniel Sandoval

Elder Bradley Buckman
Elder Jason Cook
Elder Lehi Demas
Elder Paul Heins
Elder Robert Knowlton
Sister Kristina Madsen
Elder Oleksandr Mutylin
Elder John Neely

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Tolleson, AZ
Kiev, Ukraine
Antioch, TN