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Message from President & Sister McBride Be Spiritually-Minded

As personal representatives of the Lord Jesus Christ, we must prayerfully consider our purpose, as stated by President Gordon B. Hinckley: "The whole fate of the world depends on us according to the revelations of the Almighty. We cannot waste time, we cannot be unrighteous in our living, we cannot let our thoughts dwell on immoral things. We have to be the very best that we can be, you and I, because the very relationship of God our Eternal Father to His children on this earth depends on their accepting what we have come to teach according to His magnificent word."

President Howard W. Hunter gave very specific counsel to missionaries: "You can't be 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."

President Spencer W. Kimball emphasized the importance of your mission from an eternal perspective: "... your mission is preparation. This is your school for the eternity. You won't forget that will you? That this mission is not a

two year stretch. This mission is not a time when you do just casual ordinary things, this is a time when you cultivate the seeds of Godhood to give them growth and strength and power so that you can attain your end; so you can be exalted yourself; so you can help other people on their way to exaltation. How small are we to think of this mission as just being a stretch of time, some special things to do, a little studying to do, some praying. This is the most purposeful thing that perhaps you will have ever done in your life and possibly the most purposeful thing that you will ever do. It is up to you, let it be your prelude to your life and let it be the beginning of a great and glorious program."

When we develop the following values, we will not only be successful on our missions, but also throughout our entire lives:

- Obedience is the Price
- Faith is the Power
- ? Love is the Motivator
- ? The Spirit is the Key
- ? Hard Work is the Answer
- ? Jesus Christ is the Reason

Remember the importance of being spiritually-minded (2 Nephi 9:39), of becoming more like Jesus Christ as we serve Him by bringing souls unto Him through the Balanced Effort of Conversion by the Spirit, Baptism, Retention, and Activation. By doing so, we will assist our Heavenly Father in fulfilling His plan and find joy in our labors now and throughout all eternity

Love,
President and Sister McBride

ASSISTANTS MESSAGE

Dear Elders and Sisters,

What a beautiful summer it is turning out to be! The sun is shining, birds are singing, and the mission is covered with new opportunities to share the gospel to every kindred, tongue and people. The atmosphere of missionary work is blossoming, and members are inviting their friends to hear the gospel every day.

We must continue to help our investigators progress towards baptism. Elder Holland gives us great counsel on how to do this. He tells us that we must teach with "power and authority." In Alma 17:2-3, the sons of Mosiah did that very thing. Their mission lasted 14 years! Can you imagine the joy and blessings that came into their lives as they shared the gospel and saw the Light of Christ light up in the eyes of their investigators? As we teach, the Spirit must be with us to testify of the truth.

To help us teach with power and authority, there are three principles to remember: Teach with faith, clarity, and personalize the message. As we work on our own Personal Development by memorizing and personalizing the discussions, these three principles will help our investigators more fully understand the gospel and climb the ladder to baptism. Remember, be a "Challenging and Testifying Missionary"!

We congratulate all of you Elders and Sisters who have completed the Bronze level! We encourage all to walk in the path of progression and continue to improve our skills and spirituality. As we do this, our success will continue to rise as we strive to share the gospel with the great people of Utah, Idaho, and Wyoming! Please know that we love and care about each one of you. Take care, and we look forward to another great month together!

Love,
Elders Bynum and Caffee

CALLING ALL POETS

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

CONVERSION STORY

I was in Farmington with Elder Best. One night we got back to the apartment at 8:30 p.m. with nothing to check on and so we decided to tract down the street in our neighborhood. We proceeded to so with no luck at all. Then we went up a dark street I've never been on and we knocked on a members home and proceeded into a member work dialogue. They told us about a temple worker, Charlene, who had just married a non member and he wanted to be taught. The next day was Sunday and we tracked him down in church and he said "I'm ready." We went to teach him. At the Pray Now he was in tears and couldn't move or talk and he just cried for a minute. He knew it was all true. He set a date to be baptized 8 days from that night. At the conclusion of the last discussion he said, "I called the missionaries, the Referral Center and even the mission president when I was in California a month ago and no one showed up. I know why now. You were the one that was supposed to teach me and baptize me. Will you baptize me?" Of course I said I would be honored. At his baptism, confirmation, and priesthood ordination, Carl Hill, 58 years old, cried just as he did at the Pray Now. We are all called to find the elect and even those we promised in the premortal world to bring the gospel to them.

Elder John Mitchem

I was in Malad, Idaho serving with Elder Brogan when we met a 55 year old gentleman called Lloyd Briggs. Many people in the city knew him. He has a beautiful family and his wife is the stake primary president. He loves the Lord and lives a devoted christ-like life, but throughout his life, he's never been a member of the church but he always supported his LDS family members. Lloyd's father died early in the year 2000. He loved his father and he started searching for light and changes he wanted to make. So Elder Brogan and I taught him and later Elder Galvao, Elder Slee and Elder Jennings. We spent all this time encouraging him to set a firm baptism date and before I was transferred to USU campus he committed himself for President's Day, but I was already gone. Here is a recent letter he sent me after his baptism.

"Dear Elder da Silve:

It was so nice to have got to know you. I truly appreciate all you have done to help me get activated in the right direction. I'm just starting to realize all the blessings that come with being involved with the church. I and my family are indeed grateful to you and your companions for the help and encouragement you gave to us. I will always remember your testimony and positive encouragement. As you said a small seed [planted and nurtured will grow and continue. I hope I can continue to cultivate it. Thank you, Lloyd Briggs"

I love you all and I'll miss you. I know this church is true and it means so much to me. Let's defend it at all costs.

Elder Mario da Silva

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Zones

Highest Baptizing : North Ogden	15
Highest Teaching : Cache Valley	201
Most Books of Mormon Placed: Cache Valley	227
Most Adds: Cache Valley	69

Companionships

Highest Baptizing : Elders McClane, Ruhnow	6
Elders Markette, Blandamer	6
Highest Teaching : Elders Pirotta, Webster	49
Highest Teaching (LA): Sisters Sherrow, Diiga	34
Most Books of Mormon: Elders Dauphin, Puster	48
Most Adds: Elders Pirotta, Webster	14

BAPTIZING 4 OR MORE

-May-

Elders Calloway, Corriveau	5
Elders Brogan, Jayaranga	5
Elders Lowry, Galvao	4

-June-

Elders McLane, Ruhnow	6
Elders Markette, Blandamer	6
Elders Jahn, Quintero	5
Elders DaSilva, Zezula	4

Zone Conference Commits

- ZCC1: Find elect families to teach through member families.
- ZCC2: Personalize the message by sharing an experience or an analogy in every discussion.
- ZCC3: Study "The Challenging and Testifying Missionary" with your companion once a week, and apply in your daily proselyting.

Poem by Wyoming Zone

In Wyoming grass is brown
But don't let brownness get you down.
Our zone is furnished with a prison,
The sun goes down after it's risen.

We wear Wyoming pins and buckles;
nothing good quite rhymes with buckles
They wrongly call prong-horn-sheep Antelope.
We cannot find much good-fresh cantaloupe.

We've got earthquakes, fires, stampedes and twisters
With all of this danger we're glad there's no sisters.
We travel for miles to get to our meetings
So how can we win the clean car award?

We do our best to have Zone unity
But we are not from one community.
Evanston, Lyman, Rock Springs and Kemmerer,
Green River, Rawlins, what could be betterer?

With all the trials, the anguish and sweat
The work goes on; but better yet
Although as of now our harvest is meager
To thrust in our sickles and reap we are eager.

It's not for us we labor here
But for God's children He holds dear.
Because at present we're the key
To bless them for time and all eternity.
compiled by Elder Fleming

MEMORIZATION HYMN FOR NEXT ZONE CONFERENCE

"As I Search The Holy Scriptures" p.277

MEMORIZATION FOR NEXT ZONE CONFERENCE D&C130:18-19

OGDEN TEMPLE CLOSURE DATES

July 4
July 24
August 4 thru August 20

New Zone Leaders



Elder Albright



Elder Meadows



Elder Park



Elder Bynum



Elder Caffee

NEW ASSISTANTS

New District Leaders



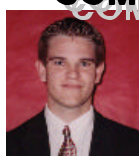
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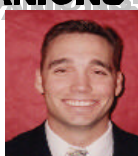
Elder Bennett



Elder Cook



Elder Ford



Elder Romney

NEW ASSISTANT COMPANIONS



Elder Fox



Elder Frederickson



Elder Hill



Elder Hrebien



Elder Martinson



Elder Mortensen



Elder Thomas

July Birthdays

Elder Ryan G. Clark	2
Elder Ryan S. Miyake	6
Elder Himah Jayaranga	7
Elder Benjamin Butcher	10
Elder David Bergquist	12
Elder Jason Youngblood	13
Elder Hyrum Ploeg	15
Elder Steven Kinder	16
Elder Sakari Vuorela	16
Elder Erik Martinson	18
Elder Andres Alderete	22
Elder Brad Romney	25
Sister Erin Waite	26
Elder Aaron Cook	30
Elder Jason Adams	30
Elder Richard Bauer	31

August Birthdays

Elder Christopher Fosdick	6
Elder Matthew Thompson	8
Elder Matthew Calloway	9
Elder Justin Dahl	10
Elder Gianmarco DeMeo	11
Elder Drew Shade	12
Elder Mosiah Ramos	12
Elder Christopher Alvarez	13

Quote Of The Month

Knowledge does not come to us in details,
but in flashes of light from heaven.

Henry David Thoreau

Ignorance is the curse of God, knowledge
the wing wherewith we fly to heaven.

William Shakespeare

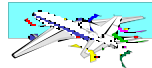
Action of The Month

Find families to teach
through member families.

JUNE ARRIVALS



Trainers



JUNE DEPARTURES

Elder Benjamin Andruski
Elder Jared Benson
Elder Benjamin Butcher
Elder Matthew Chambers
Elder Nicholas Elmore
Sister Kristi Goodman
Elder Seth Hamel
Elder Jared Hemming
Elder Jesse Richardson
Elder Scott Richey
Elder John Robinson
Elder Brian Upkide
Elder Spencer Waldron

Elnora Canada
New Milford, CT
Springfield, VA
Portage, MI
Kirtland, OH
Flagstaff, AZ
Bedford, NH
Marysville, WA
Thorold, Canada
Claremont, CA
Calgary, Canada
Broken Arrow, OK
Maple Valley, WA

Elder Michael Blank
Elder Nicholas Johnson
Elder Jeffrey Hardisty
Elder Jason Youngblood
Elder Benjamin Poulsen
Sister Laurie Fuller
Elder Jose Silva
Elder Ammon Ehrisman
Elder Bryan Koopman
Elder Hyrum Ploeg
Elder Abraham Denzer
Elder Matthew Calloway
Elder Jon-Paul Klepacz

Elder Christopher Arick
Elder Keith Fasteson
Elder Brandon Hall
Elder Jacob Hirtle
Elder Dee Montgomery
Elder Daniel Sandoval
Elder Wilson Sellers
Elder Bryan Sims
Sister Emily Stevens
Elder Steven Tubbs

Indianapolis, IN
Foster, RI
Raymond, Canada
Oliver, Canada
Altus, OK
Salt Lake City, UT
Jamestown, NC
Marianna, FL
Northport, AL
Glendale, AZ