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Message from President McBride

Be Quiet Doers

I received an interesting request from an outstanding Zone Leader in our mission. He requested that he be allowed to finish his mission as a “quiet doer of the word.” He said, “If there is any area in the mission that needs a boost, or any missionary who needs a good, supportive, loving junior companion, that is where I would like to serve.”

Contrast that attitude with another missionary who wondered why he had been “dropped down” from District Leader to junior companion. He did not understand that he had done nothing wrong, was indeed an excellent missionary, had not been “dropped down” and that titles mean very little in our mission. Serving as a seasoned junior companion is preparing him to better understand and appreciate each missionary in his zone. It is also helping him prepare for his future in the church where one day he may be a bishop and the next day a primary teacher. It is not “where” but “how” we serve in the Lord’s work.

Some of the Elders and Sisters for which I have the highest personal regard have served most, or all of their missions as junior companions. They are wonderful, successful missionaries. On the other hand, I have been disappointed by a few “so-called” leaders who become prideful, or let down in their level of intensity, or in the exactness of their obedience, after being called to a leadership position.

The Savior explained the true meaning of leadership: “He that is ordained of God and sent forth, the same is appointed to be the greatest, notwithstanding he is the least and the servant of all.” (D&C 50:26)

The Missionary Guide gives the following counsel: “In companionships, one missionary is usually assigned to function as the senior companion. Sometimes a more experienced missionary is assigned as the junior companion of another missionary who has not served as long or who has not had as much leadership experience. This practice teaches several important principles.

- Being called to be a leader or a senior companion does not mean that a missionary is more capable or worthy than others. Rather, such a calling becomes an opportunity to serve.
- In church service, people do not move up through leadership callings. A District Leader or Zone Leader may be called as a junior companion after his release.
- A release is part of a church call and does not mean that a missionary has served unfaithfully or has failed.
- In church service, one is always appointed to lead, so that there is order. Members should not use leadership positions to satisfy their own ambitions
- The leader is not a dictator. He makes final decisions but counsels with his companion to reach a decision on which they can both agree.

Some missionaries are simply so good at what they do, it would be a disservice to them and the work to distract them with a leadership responsibility. Others have the ability to understand and encourage a companion who may be having a difficult time. Such missionaries have literally “saved” the mission of an Elder or Sister, and thus had an eternal effect on the life of that individual. This is perhaps the most important work that one could do on a mission.

Yes, I have truly come to appreciate those who are the “quiet doers of the word.”

Love,
President McBride

ASSISTANTS MESSAGE

Dear Elders and Sisters,

This truly has been a great month. Our mission is consistently moving forward in spirit and might, we love all of the labor and dedication that has been given to increase the Lord's work. Our teaching skills are beginning to sharpen, and that is one key to bringing those souls to Christ. As we continue to teach with faith and clarity our investigators will keep their commitments, and as we personalize the message to them they will also understand how important and vital this gospel is.

With our teaching skills increasing we must go back one step. Of course before we can teach we have to find! Finding is first! We have a great responsibility to find people to teach, and we must do it effectively. The white handbook gives us 15 proven methods of finding, and we need a balance of all of them. Elder John B. Dickson tells us that we will "literally lose the spirit of the work" if we don't. We must do all we can in every way or means possible to find people to teach.

We need to do a lot more a lot better. Make high demands of yourselves, and you will reach high. We know that we have the potential, lets put ourselves to the test! We love you all, and know that the Lord loves what you are doing , and will love what more you do!

Love,
Elders, Caffee, Ford, Jahn, and Romney

Quote Of The Month

"Certainly the partaking of cola drinks, though not included within the measuring standard here set out, is in violation of the spirit of the Word of Wisdom."

Mormon Doctrine
Bruce R. McConkie

Classified Ads Call Office for Ads Send Ads to Sister Zundel

Bike for sale: 2000 Trek 830 with bike rack. Only used 5 months. Great condition
\$250.00. Elder Toone

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 do 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 nonmember and he wanted to be taught. The next day was Sunday and we talked to him in church and he said, "I'm ready." When we were teaching 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 at the referral center and even the mission president when I was in California a month ago, but 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 pre-mortal 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, 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. He was not 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 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. Before I was transferred to USU campus he committed to be baptized, but I had already been transferred. Here is a recent letter he sent me after his baptism.

"Dear Elder Da Silva:

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."

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 : Wyoming/Willard Bay	16
Highest Teaching : Cache Valley	223
Most Books of Mormon Placed: Ogden	246
Most Adds: Cache Valley	70

Companionships

Highest Baptizing : Elders Hawes/Avery	7
Highest Teaching : Elders Pirotta/Webster	58
Highest Teaching (LA): Elders Pirotta/Webster	29
Most Books of Mormon: Elders Hawes/Avery	*70
Most Adds: Elders Dauphin/Puster	19

Congratulations to the Utah Ogden Mission on surpassing our goal of 2400 OYM's on the 24th of July! Special recognition to the Cache Valley Zone, and Elders Pirotta and Webster for having the most in the mission!!

BAPTIZING 4 OR MORE

-July-

Hawes/Avery	7
Frederickson/Best	6
Valentine/Wood	6
Weller/Morris	5
Buckley/Fairchild	4
Park/Westerlund	4

MEMORIZATION HYMN FOR NEXT ZONE CONFERENCE

“ More Holiness Give Me ” Page # 131

Zone Conference Commits

Devote your Thursday morning companionship study specifically to finding, then incorporate each of the effective proven methods of finding into your weekly planning session.

Message from Sister Worthington

Elder Neal A. Maxwell reminds us that it's much easier to pick up an item once than it is to step over it a hundred times. (hint, hint)

Keeping your apartments clean is much easier than making them clean. Please respect your apartments. Make them a home you are happy to come to at the end of the day. Let's be missionaries that make apartments better than how we found them.

?? Use only stick pins for items on walls. No tape or nails.

?? Empty full vacuum bags and replace with clean ones.

?? A healthy (clean) kitchen keeps bugs away.

?? Keep those air conditioners and lights off when not in apartment.

?? Be friendly and kind to your landlord.

It has been a pleasure to serve with you. I'll love and remember you forever. This is the Lord's work – of this I have no doubt.

I have a good one for you:

What is greater than God.

Worse than the Devil.

Poor men have it

Rich people want it

And, if you eat it you will die.

What is it?

Answer: Nothing

MEMORIZATION FOR NEXT ZONE CONFERENCE HELMAN 3:35

Use The Missionary Gospel Study Program

Aug 19 The Nature of God
Aug 26 Jesus Christ the Son of God
Sept 2 Prophets
Sept 9 Joseph Smith
Sept 16 Book of Mormon
Sept 23 Holy Ghost

New Zone Leaders



Elder Ehrisman Elder Southerland

NEW ASSISTANT COMPANION



Elder Jahn

New District Leaders



Elder Arther-



Elder Estrada



Elder Barney



Elder A.Bauer



Elder Fleming.



Elder Johnson



Elder Klepacz



Elder Sanders



Elder Wright

✂ August Birthdays ✂

Elder Kevin Blandmer	14
Sister Nina Bounds	14
Elder Joseph Gale	14
Elder Gabriel Ruhnow	16
Elder Trevor Zezula	20
Elder Nephtalie Vargas	21
Elder Stephen Brogan	23
Elder Shane Daughton	25
Elder Matthew Hutchinson	25
Elder Jason Artherton	28

✂ September Birthdays ✂

Elder Aaron Dauphin	4
Elder Timothy Hill	5
Elder Nicholas Johnson	8
Elder George Westerlund	11
Elder Kenneth Valentine	12
Elder Scot Bowen	19
Elder Gregory Best	20
Elder Stephen Thompson	21
Elder Owens Bradshaw	22
Elder Benjamin Caffee	27
Elder Daniel Anderson	28

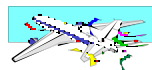
Action of The Month
Find ALL the time

PLEASEEEEE, when filling out a baptism record, always write out the month on birth, baptism and confirmation dates. Thanks for all you do.

AUGUST ARRIVALS



Trainers



AUGUST DEPARTURES

Elder Daniel Albert
 Elder Gregory Carruthers
 Elder Ryan Davis
 Elder Jason Garcia
 Elder James Holland
 Elder Maximo Luna
 Elder Michael Michel
 Elder Nicholas Otis
 Elder Paul Schramm
 Elder Ronald Spence, Jr.
 Sister Erin Stevenson
 Elder Dannie Talbot
 Elder James Townsend
 Elder Jeremy Witbeck
 Elder Aaron Zaugg

Ft Wayne, IN
 Fall City, WA
 Payson, AZ
 Wilmington, DE
 Smithfield, VA
 Moses Lake, WA
 Charleston, SC
 Grafton, WI
 Ridgecrest, CA
 Waco, TX
 Gresham, OR
 Falcon, MO
 Defiance, MO
 Tucson, AZ
 Cardston, Canada

Elder Joseph Phillips
 Elder Timothy Hill
 Elder Stephen Brogan
 Elder Brian Thomas
 Elder Chad McLane
 Elder Jordan Ducharme
 Elder Jason Scheewe
 Elder James Mortensen
 Elder Jose Quintero
 Elder Andres Alderete
 Sister Rebecca Griffiths
 Elder Gabriel Ruhnow
 Elder Richard Gottsch
 Elder Michael Hrebien
 Elder Patrick Fredrickson

Elder David Bergquist
 Elder Michael Blank
 Sister Mibi Bradshaw
 Elder Brad Butler
 Elder James Bynum
 Elder Aaron Cook
 Elder Mario da Silva
 Elder Jeffrey Hinman
 Elder David Lau
 Elder John Meadows
 Elder Anson Milner
 Elder John Mitchem
 Elder Brian Olsen
 Elder Curtis Wood

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 Rio Rancho, NM
 Milan, TN
 Muskegon, MI
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 Toledo, OH
 Honolulu, HI
 Dundee, FL
 Medicine Hat, Canada
 Verbena, AL
 College Ward, UT
 Calgary, Canada