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## Messages from President and Sister McBride

### The Secret of Missionary Work is Work      Our Mission Song - "Chosen For All Time"

Missionaries often ask, "How can we find more people to teach? What is the best way to overcome homesickness? What do we need to do to baptize regularly? How can we increase member trust? What does it take to qualify for the Lord's help? How can my companion and I get along better?"

President Ezra Taft Benson gave the answer to these and similar questions when he said, "Work cures most problems in the mission field. When a missionary works, he gets the spirit. When he gets the spirit, he teaches by the Spirit...he converts and baptizes."

Yes, hard work is the answer to most of the challenges we face. Missionaries feel better when they work hard. Their confidence and faith increase, their enthusiasm grows and becomes contagious, they literally radiate the joy of the gospel. These missionaries are fun to be around. They immediately gain the respect of the members and their peers. It seems they always have people to teach and baptize. They are seldom homesick, and they can get along with any companion.

Nothing takes the place of work, it is the great equalizer in all human endeavor. Successful missionaries know that honest intelligent effort is always rewarded. President Spencer W. Kimball, who admonished us to "lengthen our stride" and to "do it now" said to a group of mission presidents in June of 1975, "You are not going to overwork your missionaries. There are few missionaries, if ever any that have been destroyed by overwork. They have been destroyed by over worry and too little work, but generally not by overwork."

We are admonished to serve with all our "heart, might, mind and strength," and when we do, we are promised that "the Lord will open up a way where there appears to be no way." (Pres. Hinckley) There is great satisfaction in giving all you have in the Lord's cause. It is a wonderful feeling at the end of a long day to kneel and give an accounting of your labors knowing that you have worked hard and done your very best.

Love, President McBride

At our last Zone Conference, you heard the words of our Mission Song and should have received a copy.

As we learn the words of our song, we should take these words into our hearts and really believe them and live them.

"We have been called, prepared and chosen for all time. The work we do this day, is not mine, but Thine. An instrument, I will be, through all Eternity. I will *listen* and *obey*, in *every way*."

It is not by accident that we are here together in this Utah Ogden Mission. We were called, prepared and chosen in the pre-existence to be missionaries and the Utah Ogden Mission is where the Lord needs us at this time.

Only as we listen and obey in all things will we be an instrument in the Lord's hand. Only then will we be a part of Heavenly Father's plan for us in this great mission.

As many of us have thought about the great tragedy in New York and Washington these past few weeks we realize that we never know if "tomorrow is the end."

"When my journey is too rough, and my faith is not enough." Our journey through this mortal life, right now our mission, is going to be rough – it is not meant to be easy, and sometimes our faith doesn't seem to be enough to get us through the rough times, then let us remember who we are. Sing the words of our mission song: We have been called, prepared, chosen for all time. . . .

May our Heavenly Father bless each one of you as you strive to be worthy to be an instrument in His hands.

Love,  
Sister McBride

## ASSISTANTS MESSAGE

Dear Elders and Sisters,

Finding all the time, has been a great action item of the month. As we continue to find those elect souls and bring them unto Christ we will truly see the blessings of the Lord in all aspects of the work. We love and appreciate the hard work and devotion which you are all giving to the Lord.

The Lord wants to bless us for our efforts. He loves us so much, but our blessings are predicated on our obedience. There is a particular key to being obedient that at times is overlooked. That key is the attitude of our obedience. We must have an optimistic, positive, attitude in everything that we as personal representatives of the Lord do. When transferred into new areas, when doing member work, working with our stake missions, tracting, OYM's, with our companions, and every other aspect of the work and our lives. Elders and Sisters, this is such a very important key to our success and our progression personally, and as a mission. We love you all, we really do. We want to serve you, and help you in any way we can. We may not be able to do much, but just want you to know that we will do our best.

Love,  
Elders Caffee, Chabo, Thomas, & Romney

## Quote Of The Month

**It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men as angels.**

**Saint Augustine**

**Please send in your conversion and activation stories to be included in the next issue of the Vision. We need them before November 5!!!**

## CONVERSION STORY

Kevin Heath was one of the most remarkable conversion experiences. The ward mission leader referred Sister Nacis and me to him in early January and we found Kevin with an elect, open heart. He accepted the gospel completely and kept his commitments. His wife had disappeared during the first discussion and we didn't see her again. We soon found out that she was very opposed to Kevin's baptism and he told us at the interview that she was threatening divorce if he did. She's even a member! Less-active and proud of it.

The baptism was cancelled in February and a long process of fasting, prayer and follow-up visits ensued. We found out that Kevin had tried to be baptized several times in his life and each time a friend or family member deterred him away. This time he was determined to do it.

The ward gave up on his baptism but we didn't! Kevin's wife slowly, slowly softened up when she realized we weren't going away. Five months after we started teaching Kevin he was baptized – on May 5, 2001. Half the stake mission was there because they had all been involved in the process. The greatest thing of all was that Tammy, Kevin's wife was there! That was more than we could have hoped for. A couple of weeks later she even started coming to church with him sporadically. That was a dream come true. Before I left Bountiful Tammy would even sit in the living room and talk with us.

I am so grateful that I was able to see a family turn around and come closer to the gospel. I know the Savior lives and is mindful of all of His children.

Sister Skinner

## POEM

We are sweet and blessed souls,  
full of grace and beauty.  
In our hearts swells the truthfulness of Christ, and from our  
eyes radiates the pure love of our Redeemer.  
We give strength to those in need and support to all who  
fall.  
We are but a few in this ocean of many lights,  
But because of our steady burning,  
who knows how many ships have been saved?  
Elder Kevin Blandamer

# SPECIAL RECOGNITION

## Zones

Highest Baptizing : North Ogden	20
Highest Teaching : Cache Valley	235
Most Books of Mormon Placed: Ogden	272
Most Adds: Cache Valley	69

## Companionships

Highest Baptizing : Elders Martinson/Thompson	7
Highest Teaching : Elders Pirotta/Zabel	56
Highest Teaching (LA): Elders Markette/Nelson	30
Most Books of Mormon: Elders Waldron/Kalamafoni	64
Most Adds: Elders Dauphin/Smith	12

## Zone Conference Commits

1. Prepare new boards and use at every correlation meeting.
2. Have a constant prayer in your heart for a positive attitude.
3. Sing the Mission Song, "Chosen for All Time", three times a week during companionship study

## BAPTIZING 4 OR MORE

### August

Martinson/Thompson	7
Zabel/Pirotta	6
Ehrisman/Westerlund	6
Galvao/Clark	6
Hansen/Richey	5
Bauer/Richardson	4
Markette/Nelson	4
Stephens/Bauer	4
Brogan/Davis	4
Butcher/Powers	4
Scheewe/Michel	
Cartwright/Davidsen	4
Fosdick/Blandamer	4
Ducharme/Luna	4
Philips/Albert	4

*Action of The Month*  
**Have a positive attitude  
 and create success**

## Use The Missionary Gospel Study Program

Sep 30	Prayer
Oct 7	Testimony
Oct 14	Gifts of the Spirit
Oct 21	The Fall
Oct 28	Resurrection
Nov 4	The Atonement of Christ

## MEMORIZATION HYMN FOR NEXT ZONE CONFERENCE

The Utah Ogden Mission Song,  
 "Chosen For All Time"

**Classified Ads Call office for all Ads Send Ads to Sister Zundel**

Elder Quintero has a bike for sale: Mongoose - 20 speed - \$100.00

## New Zone Leaders



Elder Fredricksen



Elder Jahn



Elder Hrebien



Elder Thomas



Elder Chabo

## NEW ASSISTANT COMPANION'S

### October Birthdays

Sister Kirsten Petersen	1
Elder Jakob Mollenhauer	8
Elder James Mortensen	8
Elder Jonathan Poole	9
Elder Bryan McGinnis	13
Elder Eric Puster	14
Elder Richard Watson	16
Elder Jang Joo	18
Elder Matthew Porter	18
Elder Ryan Stewart	18
Elder Dannie Talbot	19
Elder Uchin Otgonnamar	21
Elder Steven Hubbard	22
Elder Adam Brown	25
Elder Benjamin Poulsen	28

### November Birthdays

Elder Adam Corriveau	2
Elder David Nelson	2
Elder Jonathan Shasky	2
Elder Kevin Homer	3
Elder Jesse Fleming	6

## New District Leaders



Elder Adams



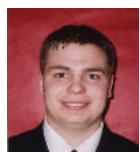
Elder Blandemer



Elder Brogan



Elder Brown



Elder Cartwright



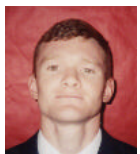
Elder Jones



Elder Quintero



Elder Sorenson



Elder Weller



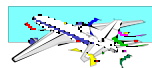
Elder Westerland

## MEMORIZATION FOR NEXT ZONE CONFERENCE D&C 121:34-36

### SEPTEMBER ARRIVALS



## Trainers



### SEPTEMBER DEPARTURES

Elder Owens Bradshaw  
Elder Shaun Calderwood  
Elder Davaadorj Duluun  
Elder Jared Fort  
Elder Nathan Hicks  
Elder Brandon Judd  
Elder Scott Kendrick  
Elder Randy Proctor  
Elder Jeremiah Ritter  
Elder Daniel Singleton  
Elder Stephen Thompson  
Elder Brandon Thurman  
Elder Ben Wakild  
Elder Daniel Waters

Higley, AZ  
Leesburg, VA  
Mongolia  
Round Rock, TX  
Pewee Valley, KY  
Vancouver, WA  
Byron, IL  
Fontana, CA  
Chesapeake, VA  
Mobile, AL  
Mesa, AZ  
Danville, VA  
Prospect, KY  
Pendergrass, GA

Elder Richard Gottsch  
Elder Jason Fairchild  
Elder Ryan Clark  
Elder Robert Jones  
Elder Stephen Brogan  
Elder Jason Artherton  
Elder Regan Wright  
Elder Nicholas Johnson  
Elder Jon-Paul Klepacz  
Elder Joseph Gale  
Elder Matthew Calloway  
Elder Ryan Hamer  
Elder Aaron Bauer  
Elder Matthew Hunt

Elder Scott Ford  
Elder Bryan Francis  
Elder Cameron Low  
Elder Erik Martinson  
Elder Tony Pirotta  
Sister Bonnie Skinner  
Elder Marshall Smith  
Elder Allen Walker  
Sister Connie Worthington  
Elder Kent Worthington

Brandon, FL  
Saratoga, CA  
Cardston, Canada  
Ferndale, WA  
Valrico, FL  
Camano Island, WA  
McLean, VA  
Phoenix, AZ  
Bountiful, UT  
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