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# Message From President and Sister McBride

“For Them That Honour Me, I Will Honour.”

As we approach the 2002 Winter Olympics hosted by Salt Lake City, it may be an appropriate time to consider the story of Eric Liddle of Scotland who was selected to represent Great Britain in the 1924 Summer Olympics in Paris, France. As Eric was boarding the ship to travel to Paris, he found out that his race was scheduled for a Sunday. Eric had strong religious beliefs and knew the importance of honouring the Sabbath day. He informed his country's Olympic committee that he would not compete on Sunday. His decision was not accepted well by the country's leaders or the newspapers who denounced him and called him a traitor. He wouldn't give in. Eric bore his testimony with grace and dignity. He simply wouldn't run on Sunday. Out of deep admiration and respect for Eric's convictions, one of his teammates offered to take Eric's place in the Sunday race and let Eric run in his event, which would be run on a weekday. This event was a longer race that Eric had ever run before but he accepted the offer of his teammate. As he warmed up for this race, a competitor from another country handed him a note with the following scripture from 1 Samuel 2:30, “. . . for them that honour me, I will honour . . .”

God did honour him for his decision. He won that race and received a gold medal. Instead of cashing in on his fame and fortune, he became an outstanding missionary in China.

Eric was put in prison in a little 6 x 3 foot cell in China by the Japanese during World War II. They said he was the most Christ-like man in the camp. You can read more of his life in his biography entitled, “The Flying Scotsman.”

As we serve together here in the Utah Ogden Mission, let us remember the importance of honoring God. The best way to do this is to constantly strive to become more like His Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Let us remember to do all things the Lord's way and through our desire to develop charity and other Christ-like attributes and increase our personal spirituality, the Holy Ghost will be our constant companion. We will yield to the enticings of the Spirit and bring many precious souls unto Christ.

Let us honour God by always being loyal to Him, by putting aside the things of the world and developing a higher degree of faith and obedience. He will honor you as you honor Him.

## ASSISTANTS MESSAGE

Dear Elders and Sisters,

What a great month it has been working with the members. We are helping them keep their baptismal covenants by extending 1-Week Commits to every member. They are the key to finding people to teach.

As the members of the church continue to place trust in us with their friends, we need to make sure that we are doing our part and doing it right.

It is a sometimes overwhelming responsibility that the Lord has trusted us with. We cannot take it lightly. We never just "Teach to Teach"! Elder Jeffery R. Holland said regarding the teaching process, "It's the most important path this investigator will ever walk. But he or she doesn't always know that, at least not at first, but You Do. So take control, teach with Power and Authority...They must have a piercing, undeniable, unforgettable spiritual experience throughout that first discussion...If they don't, there aren't going to be many second discussions."

Elders and Sisters, we can do it. We all know what our commission is. We truly do represent our Savior and His beautiful work. God completely adores all of His children and has prepared a way for them to know what we already know. Often times it is through us and the way that we share it that they get that opportunity.

One of the resources that makes this the Great Utah Ogden Mission is the faith we exemplify and spirit we carry in "**Proselyting for The Elect**". This seemingly unused treasure is the inspired program to bring the Lord's message into the lives our brothers and sisters and allow them to recognize the spirit and make those solemn covenants themselves. We must take full advantage of the wonderful resources we have and teach with the great power and authority that the Lord blesses us with.

We trust and love you all so much. Thank you for everything that you do.

Love,

Elders Wright, Watson, Scheewe, Chabo

### COMPANIONSHIP STUDY

As you begin companionship study, first review your plan for the day. Prepare for the day by studying from the scriptures, discussions, missionary guide and missionary gospel study program those subjects that will help you to be successful in accomplishing your daily plan.

## CONVERSION STORIES

My companion and I decided that we would reach the mission goal of 70 OYM's. By Wednesday night we were short of the pace. We finished teaching our discussions that night at about 9:10 p.m. and decided that we would look for someone to talk to on the street to get another OYM. After driving for five minutes and finding no one, we came to our senses and remembered that all we had to do was randomly knock on a door. But, it was 9:15 and we didn't want to upset anyone by knocking so late. We almost talked ourselves out of it and headed for home, but as we came closer to our apartment we both felt strongly that we needed to talk to one more person. So we drove past our house and two blocks down, there was a house with all the lights on so we decided we would stop. We walked to the door with no clue what to expect or what to say. A young boy answered the door with a big smile and his dad came over after. They invited us in and we all sat down and got to know each other. After a few BRT questions we asked if they attended any particular church. The kids (boy 10, girl 12) and mom answered that they were members of our Church and that they went to the Kaysville 1st Ward. Then the dad spoke up and said, "They are all converts to the church, but I haven't joined yet." We testified that the Lord had sent us to them that night and that we were there to teach him about the same happiness in Christ that his family had. I know that the Mcollam family will be an eternal one.

Elder Brad Romney

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The greatest of all my experiences happened in Roy as I was serving with Elder Shade. There had been many appointments scheduled with a man named Ken, but they were unable to meet him. On my second day there, I got to share with him the first discussion. From then on Ken has been one of my best friends. The discussions went great. Ken was able to come back to church. He received the Aaronic Priesthood and began to prepare for the temple and greatest of all he began to talk and share what he knew. Ken and I would go teach together, and through that he was able to baptize another good friend named Kyle. Best of all Ken was able to receive his endowments. I will forever be grateful for the opportunity to meet Ken and for the great example he has set for me. I love the gospel.

Elder Corey Park

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I came to South Ogden in about March of 2001. The sisters before had been working with Mick. Mick had not been active in the church for about 62 years. He was described as the "mean old man on the block." On Christmas Eve of 2000 his wife passed away. He was lonely and unsure about what his future had in store. The sisters knocked on his door about two weeks later. Through many discussions and visits Mick finally started coming around. When I was transferred in we were finishing up the discussions and helping him quit a few bad habits. In May he received the Melchizedek Priesthood and in August he went through the temple. On Jan. 12, I had the opportunity to see his wife, Melba's, work get done. They were sealed together for time and all eternity. It was so wonderful to see the change that had taken place in his countenance. The sealing room was full of friends, neighbors, and ward members who also had witnessed this change in his life. They were there to support the "Friendliest old man in the neighborhood."

Sister Amy Allen

# SPECIAL RECOGNITION

## Zone Conference Commits

Zones	
(Average per Companionship/Total)	
Highest Baptizing : Ogden	3 / 27
Highest Teaching : Ogden	21.4 / 193
Most Books of Mormon Placed: Ogden	18.3 / 165
Honorable Mention: Wyoming	17.8 / 160
Most Adds: Ogden	4.7 / 42
Companionships	
Highest Baptizing :Elders Hamer/Santos	6
Highest Teaching : Elders Gale/Hull	43
Highest Teaching (LA): Elders Deason/Miyake	35
Most Copies of the Book of Mormon Placed:	
Elders Elmore/Deibel	36
Most Adds: Elders Gale/Hull	12

1. Use all 15 Methods of Finding listed on pages 6 & 7 of your Missionary Handbook every week.
2. Don't count discussions; make discussions count by reviewing the Holy Ghost Dialogue and the feelings felt in the Pray Now in order to help investigators recognize the Spirit at all discussions.
3. Invite the Spirit with testimony and the less-familiar "Ways to Invite the Spirit" and extend or follow up with life changing commitments at every discussion.

### BAPTIZING 4 OR MORE

December	
Hamer/Santos	6
Alderete/Monge	5
Estrada/Portilla	4
Toone/Waldron	4
Scheewe/Youngblood	4
Powers/Waters	4

## POEMS

The Olympics Of Life  
(Inspiration from Mosiah 4:27)

We are all enlisted in the Olympics of Life.  
The event I am in is called a "Mission".  
The "Mission" event is not a sprinting event.  
It is a Marathon.  
Do not run faster than you have strength.  
Be diligent and you will win the prize.  
The Olympics are not easy  
After each event comes another and another and another  
Till the gun shot sounds and the Olympics are over.  
Christ then hands out the prizes  
and innumerable people will take first prize  
For all things must be done in wisdom and order.  
You can take the Gold,  
It's called Life,  
The Olympics of Life.

Elder Shaun Earl Calderwood

## Action of The Month

During your weekly and nightly planning sessions, use the "Goals Checklist" to set specific goals to achieve greater success in bringing souls unto Christ.

### MEMORIZATION SCRIPTURE FOR ZONE CONFERENCE: D & C SECTION 2

MEMORIZATION HYMN FOR NEXT ZONE CONFERENCE  
"Hark All Ye Nations", p. 264

# Families United Through Baptism



## \*\* February Birthdays \*\*

Elder Curt Albright	1
Elder Marcelo Dos Santos	1
Elder Hilton Markette	2
Elder Travis Needham	5
Elder Brandon Thurman	7
Elder Abraham Denzer	8
Elder Jared Hawes	11
Elder Jeremy Leavitt	15
Elder Brendan Robertson	15
Elder Shaun Calderwood	16
Elder Dustyn Hicks	25
Elder David A. Olsen	27

## \*\* March Birthdays \*\*

Elder James Patterson	2
Elder Matthew Weller	3
Elder Carlos Galvao	3
Elder Scott Richey	3
Elder Matthew Chambers	3
Elder Ezra Niessink	4
Elder Julien Serrano	5
Elder Mikael Pettersson	9
Elder Craig LeGeyt	9
Elder John Robinson	10

## JANUARY ARRIVALS



## Trainers



## JANUARY DEPARTURES

Elder Joseph Boutin  
 Elder David Brunner  
 Elder David Francis  
 Elder Curtis Goodman  
 Elder Bradley Stanley  
 Elder John Tower

Marietta, GA  
 Seekirchen, Austria  
 Round Rock, TX  
 Homewood, IL  
 Farmington, NM  
 San Diego, CA

Elder Richard Gottsch  
 Elder Bryan Koopman  
 Elder Frederick Thomas  
 Elder Bryce Buckley  
 Elder Kevin Blandamer  
 Elder Jeremy Leavitt

Sister Amy Allen  
 Sister Laurie Fuller  
 Elder Corey Park  
 Elder Brad Romney  
 Elder Jonathan Toone

Grants Pass, OR  
 Ewa Beach, HI  
 Eagar, AZ  
 Thatcher, AZ  
 Magrath, AB Canada

## New District Leaders

Elder Benjamin Andruski  
 Elder Curtis Birdno  
 Elder Stephen Cambria  
 Elder Justin Dahl  
 Elder Abraham Denzer  
 Elder Jason Garcia  
 Elder David Nelson

## New Zone Leaders

Elder Jason Artherton  
 Elder Matthew Calloway  
 Elder Chad McLane  
 Elder Lincon Silva

## NEW ASSISTANT COMPANION'S

Elder Jason Scheewe  
 Elder Regan Wright