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# Message From President and Sister McBride

## The Book of Mormon – Place It In Their Heart

Joseph Smith called the Book of Mormon the keystone to our religion, and then declared that “A man would get nearer to God by abiding its precepts, than by any other book.”

If you learn to love it, this book will be the greatest power that you have on your mission. If you learn to love the Book of Mormon and understand its teachings, you will then be able to testify of the book and you will have great converting power. You will never be the missionary you were destined to be until you love and live this book. It is the key to your converting power. It is the key to your retaining power. It is the key of our dispensation.

The main purpose of the book is to convince all people that Jesus is the Christ. That is the purpose of the Book of Mormon. That is what you must know, that is what you must feel, that is what you must understand. That knowledge of the book must be radiating from your very being. This is one of the reasons that you are instructed to read and study these pages for thirty minutes every day. When the Book of Mormon lives in our lives, then we will be pure disciples of Christ with great converting power. When we truly delight in the word, our ability to motivate our investigators to read the Book of Mormon will be enhanced significantly. When we delight, they will be delighted.

Every day, we should have a goal to place a specific number of copies of the Book of Mormon. Our goal should be to not just give them the Book but to place it in their heart. How do we do this? When you place a copy of the Book of Mormon, the investigator needs to feel your love so that you can both feel the Spirit. As you give them the

book, always pray in your heart and mind, “Is there something from the Book of Mormon that I could share with them that would touch their heart to bring them closer to God?” This needs to be in our minds every moment of every day. Is there something from the Book of Mormon I could share with them that would cause them to want to change? You will then share with them (preferably from memory) a favorite passage from the book and testify that this book truly is another testament of Jesus Christ. By doing this, you will place it in their heart. You will get a promise from them to read the book. You will explain to them that when they are reading, is when the Lord will testify to them it’s true. You will teach them to recognize the witness of the Spirit as explained in Galatians 5:22 that “the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith.” When our investigators feel these things, as they read the Book of Mormon, they’ll feel the Spirit and know that the book is true.

The Spirit is the key. We must teach and testify with love and concern. Simply teach the Book of Mormon. Preach from the book that was brought forth for our dispensation and let the Spirit bear witness of that book. The truthfulness of the Book of Mormon is the key, and we must help our investigators gain that knowledge.

As we approach this Easter season, let us especially share the message of our Saviour’s infinite atonement as described in 2 Nephi chapter 9 in the Book of Mormon. We must invite all to come unto Christ and be perfected in Him.

# ASSISTANTS MESSAGE

# CONVERSION STORIES

Dear Elders and Sisters,

We are seeing many great blessings which come from our hard work. By teaching with more power and feeling, we are bringing more and more souls unto Christ. Remember, "People change no faster than they make and keep commitments."- (Ed J. Pinegar). As we continue to help others feel and recognize the Spirit, by reviewing the Holy Ghost Dialogue, we will continue to see them progress towards the waters of baptism. Along with all the improvements in our teaching quality, we are seeing improvements in our use of all the 15 methods of finding. One way in which we can have greater success in our finding is to ask for referrals from everyone. "Missionaries are to seek referrals from every investigator. The [friends of other faiths] you are teaching, especially those who have committed to baptism, are a rich source of referrals. They have a circle of [friends], and they are excited to share their newly found faith. Often all you need to do is ask for a referral. Ironically, even with all of the instruction on this principle, many missionaries simply do not make this simple, obvious request" -(M. Russell Ballard) This is a simple, and extremely effective way to find **ELECT** people to teach. Just remember that it is a piece of C.A.K.E. As we help others to feel the Spirit, they will want their friends to feel those same feelings. We just need to open our mouths and ask. Remember "Ask, and ye shall receive; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." (D&C 4:7)

Elders and Sisters, go forth with faith and determination to do the Lords work. He will assist you as you rely upon Him. May the Lord bless you.

Love,  
Elders Watson, Hansen, Scheewe, Jahn

## 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.

While serving in the Richmond area, my companion, Elder DeMeo and I, have had many great opportunities to help many of our brothers and sisters come unto Christ. One in particular was a 13 year old boy named Joseph Smith. From what I understand, many missionaries have tried to work with him and he had taken the discussions a few times already. The key to this baptism turned out to be a great fellowshipping family, the Ballards. They were and will continue to be a great support to Joseph. We are promised and taught that the more we teach in members homes, the more we will see our investigators enter into the waters of baptism. I will forever be grateful for the opportunity that I had to baptize Joseph Smith all because of a missionary-minded family. (Elder Best)

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My greatest single experience serving the Lord Jesus Christ occurred during the last couple of weeks. While serving in Ogden we had met a family, the Epps. The Father was an inactive member and his wife was interested in learning more. Both having rough past histories, but wanting to improve their lives, began the process of feeling the promptings of the Spirit. We had taught them several discussions and they had been progressing rapidly. Then 'ol scratch moved in and tried to stop it all. The Epps had custody of her sisters children. This made it difficult for them to keep any portion of the Spirit with eight people in a 2-3 bedroom house and handling the troubles of everyday life. I was transferred and was not able to keep track of their progress. Two weeks prior to leaving, I was on exchanges in North Ogden with Elder Poole. He said he didn't know why he was following up with an investigator family. We walked in and lo and behold...it was the Epps. We set up an appointment to finish the discussions. We arrived that evening and gave the sixth discussion. The spirit was strong and we were in tears. We sang, testified, and challenged them to take those steps toward returning to their Heavenly Father. Tanya told us that she had been praying to know if she was on the right step, and we had come by that day. Tanya is progressing toward baptism and Chelsie, their youngest daughter, was baptized on the 26th of February. I know that many prayers were answered that day. It has shown me that you never know what effect your example will have to influence the life of another child of our Heavenly Father! The Epps are my eternal friends and I look to the day to see them all in white in the eternities!

(Elder Chabo)

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In my last area of Woods Cross, we went to church one Sunday and after Sacrament meeting we were talking to different people and a lady came up to us. She said that she wanted her fiancée to take the discussions. She then introduced us to Kyle Cummings. He was excited to meet us and we set up a first. On the first he accepted the challenge to be baptized and we asked about Christmas day. He said that he wanted to wait until after they were married in January. When Kyle told his father that he was taking the discussions, he father gave him a black eye. By the way Kyle is 32. But that didn't stop him. He continued with the discussions and then one day we got a message from him to call. I called and he said that he had been praying and he felt like he should be baptized on Christmas day. We had a wonderful Christmas filled with service and the best part was the "white Christmas." I am thankful to be a part of this work and everything that I have learned I will take home and Kyle and Faith Cummings have become friends forever.

(Elder Hutchison)

# Action of The Month

## Ask for Referrals from EVERYONE!

### MEMORIZATION HYMN FOR NEXT ZONE CONFERENCE

“God Loved Us So He Sent His Son”, p. 187

### MEMORIZATION FOR ZONE CONFERENCE MY MISSIONARY

#### NEW ASSISTANT

Elder Jason Scheewe

#### NEW ASSISTANT COMPANION'S

Elder Derrick Hansen  
Elder Richard Jahn

### New Zone Leaders New District Leaders

Elder Aaron Bauer  
Elder Regan Wright

Elder Shane Daughton  
Elder Jeremy Leavitt  
Elder Brendon Robertson  
Elder John Robinson  
Elder Paul Schramm  
Elder Spencer Waldron  
Elder Jason Youngblood

# Zone Conference Commits

1. Ask for Referrals at every finding opportunity. (It is a piece of C.A.K.E.)
2. Study Referral Invitation weekly and apply at every discussion.
3. Share Book of Mormon scriptures on the Atonement at least three times a day with your Investigators and OYM contacts.

# POEM

Smile

I hope, in a way,  
To have brightened your day  
With a chuckle, a grin, or a song.  
And with some happy thought  
One more fear is forgot  
As you tread-ever faithful-along.

It was good, once begun,  
To see others have fun  
And to see them serve God merrily

I found it no bother;  
While lifting another  
The one I was lifting was me.  
Elder Fleming

### FEBRUARY ARRIVALS



Elder Jonathan Clark  
Elder Justin Ebbs  
Elder Chad Fasteson  
Elder Mark Freeman  
Elder Francis Hutto  
Elder Isaac Little  
Elder Christopher Lowry  
Elder Sheldon McLean  
Elder Anthony Misseri  
Elder Ronaldo Rodriguez  
Elder & Sister Richard Clark

Tucson, AZ  
Portland, OR  
Foster, RI  
Fontana, CA  
Mt. Pleasant SC  
Newcastle, Australia  
Gainesville, FL  
Calgary, Canada  
Fisherville, Canada  
Argentina  
Ft Collins, CO

### Trainers

Elder Benjamin Andruski  
Elder Jason Garcia  
Elder Jang Joo  
Elder Jason Adams  
Elder Marcelo Dos Santos  
Elder Stephen Cambria  
Elder Stephen Brogan  
Elder Jon-Paul Klepacz  
Elder Jared Fort  
Elder Paul Schramm  
Office Couple



### FEBRUARY DEPARTURES

Elder Travis Chabo  
Elder Jordan Ducharme  
Elder Matthew Hutchinson  
Elder Damon LeGrand  
Elder Joseph Phillips  
Elder John Southerland  
Elder John Webster

Bryan, TX  
Wetaskiwin, Canada  
Independence, LA  
San Diego, CA  
Knob Noster, MO  
Miami Shores, FL  
Bakersfield, CA

