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Message From President and Sister McBride

The Spirit Is The Key

At our recent Zone Conferences, we discussed our Mission values, those principles that we must all value and practice to reach our full potential as personal representatives of the Lord Jesus Christ.

- 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

The Spirit is the key to our success. How do we qualify to always have the Spirit guide and direct our work?

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.”

Elder Boyd K. Packer shared this observation: “Now, as a missionary, you will mature, develop a confidence, learn to speak up, to organize, to set goals. You will learn about people and places, you will learn to learn, and many other things. These are lasting benefits that come as something of a reward for your dedicated service.

But these things do not compare with the most lasting reward. The choicest pearl, the one of great price, is to learn at an early age how one is guided by the Spirit of the Lord – a supernal gift. Indeed it is a guide and a protection.”

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.

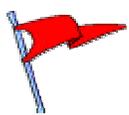
Love,

President and Sister McBride

ASSISTANTS MESSAGE

Dear Elders and Sisters,

We are coming off a great month of success, but with success comes opposition. We need to be the best that we have ever been. Satan will do all he can, but we can't let him succeed. How are we going to keep this level of success in the mission? Only through obedience, dedication, and hard work will we see the blessings the Lord has in store for us. This work is too urgent for us to waste any time. We cannot afford to waste time on unnecessary BRT. Remember to keep it short and centered on the gospel. How do we do that? By powerfully introducing ourselves and focusing the message on their individual



needs. Everyone is different, and has different needs so remember to follow the spirit. "The Spirit matters most" and as we carry the Spirit with us we will be prepared. But when the Spirit is not there, a

red flag must go up, and what will we do to get it back? Use a POWER combo! That's right, we will use a POWER combo! As we help others to feel and recognize the Spirit they will want to make the commitments that lead to baptism. With a total of 8 ways to bring in the Spirit, we should have no trouble finding a spiritual POWER combo to touch the hardest heart. With all these spiritual POWER combos available to us, we should have no problem using them in our OYM's, door approaches, follow-ups, member work, and anywhere else where the Spirit is needed.

Elders and Sisters the time is short. We are engaged in a fight for good. "What remains to be seen is where each of us personally, now and in the future, will stand in this fight—and how tall we will stand."

We Love you,

Elders Scheewe, Andruski, Thompson, & Brown

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

When I was serving in Bountiful, I had the privilege of teaching the Kirsch family. This family had been around members of the church since they became partners in a business. The Kirsch's had moved from California to Washington and then to Utah with this company. While the Kirsch's were moving into their house, one of their neighbors, Eric Higley, felt impressed to walk around the corner for some reason, but didn't know why. He followed this prompting and found the Kirsch family moving in and helped them to do so. In talking to Craig, Eric ask if he was a member of the Church. To this, Craig replied "no, not yet." We were called that night and a first discussion was set up. Because of the influence of members, the Kirsch family was interested in the Church. Craig and Jennifer Kirsch were baptized on the 10th of November and have a date to go to the temple a year from that day and be sealed together for time and all eternity.

Elder Hilton Markette

As I thought over the past 18 months I could not think of just an experience or conversion that stood out the most to me. But, as I thought about it I realized the whole 18 months have been a conversion. When I first came into the mission I did not know exactly what I was doing. All that I knew was that the Lord strongly suggested that I go on a mission. I was extremely shy and scared. The worse thing was that I did not know who I was. I hated myself and it was everybody else's fault. I had absolutely no confidence. I asked the Lord to teach me and to help me have confidence. He started to teach me. I had great companions who taught me and broke down the pride that I was holding on to. After I learned how selfish I was I learned about the atonement and how I can apply it to myself. After I learned these things I began to see how it can help others and how it can change their life for the better. I understood the Plan of Salvation more clearly. I had not realized how much I had grown until I was transferred back to my first area. On a daily basis I met people that were surprised to see how much I had changed. It helped me to realize how the Lord shapes our lives, when we give all that we can to Him.

Sister Kirsten Petersen

Action of The Month

Use The Follow-up Box Daily

MEMORIZATION HYMN FOR
NEXT ZONE CONFERENCE

“Let The Holy Spirit Guide”, #143

**MEMORIZATION FOR
ZONE
CONFERENCE**

NEW ASSISTANT COMPANION'S



Elder Benjamin Andruski

NEW ASSISTANT

Elder Matthew Thompson

Zone Conference Commits

1. Be sweetly bold in your contacts by having a brief BRT and introducing the Spirit with a Power Combo (8 ways).
2. Waste NO time by URGENTLY working everyday like it is your last.
3. Eliminate gossip and negativity.

POEM

Diagnosis
Harry & Joan Mier

Are things just not going right?
Nerves shattered, tensions tight?
Others at fault? That may be true;
But could it be, at least partly, you?

Examine yourself, and then look about,
Discover the cause and put it to rout.
Perhaps when self has been rearranged,
You'll discover all has happily changed.

New Zone Leaders New District Leaders

Elder Thomas Bennett
Elder Benjamin Cartwright
Elder Derrick Hansen

Elder Marcelo Dos Santos
Elder Jason Fairchild
Elder Jared Fort
Elder Steven Hubbard
Elder Tyler Lowry
Elder David Olsen
Elder Phillip Stephens
Elder Trevor Zezula

FEBRUARY ARRIVALS



Elder Simon Cloudesley	Kings Lynn, England
Elder Timothy Halstrom	Montgomery, AL
Elder Shane Kennelly	Highland, CA
Elder Henry Lopez	Elizabethtown, PA
Sister Ellene MacDonald	High Ridge, MO
Elder Isaac McLaughlin	Benton, ME
Elder Kevin Monson	Cardston, Canada
Elder Robert Tufuga	Apia, Samoa

Trainers



Elder Daniel Singleton
Elder Nikolai Ravn-Petersen
Elder David Nelson
Elder Andres Alderete
Sister Lisa Fehoko
Elder Jason Youngblood
Elder Spencer Waldron
Elder Kevin Blandamer

FEBRUARY DEPARTURES

Elder Curt Albright	Mesa, AZ
Elder Brandon Barney	Tuttle, OK
Elder Stephen Brogan	Okotoks, Canada
Sister Tsoodol Dashidelger	Mongolia
Elder Jared Hawes	Rochester Hills, MI
Elder Hilton Markette	Waycross, GA
Elder Chad McLane	Deer River, MN
Sister Kirsten Petersen	Pendleton, OR
Elder Himal Rathnakumara	Sri Lanka
Elder Mark Sanders	Garden Grove, CA
Elder Eric Sorensen	East Troy, WI
Elder Frederick Thomas	Colorado Springs, CO
Elder Richard Watson	Chandler, AZ

MISSION SUCCESS REPORT

March 2002

KEY INDICATORS

Zone	Companionships	Baptisms	Disc.	Disc.	Disc.in	Invest.
					Members	at
					Homes	Church
Wyoming	8	16	147	87	37%	30%
Idaho	9	9	116	65	42%	79%
Cache Valley	8	10	117	88	63%	57%
Willard Bay	6	13	132	64	46%	76%
North Ogden	8	21	121	93	48%	65%
Ogden	8	12	114	40	20%	61%
South Ogden	8	12	91	54	41%	47%
Roy	6	8	93	44	38%	48%
Clearfield	7	13	121	55	39%	64%
Layton	8	20	103	47	34%	81%
Kaysville	8	23	153	59	57%	87%
Bountiful	8	20	153	78	45%	74%
Totals		177	1461	774	43%	64%

Families United Through Baptism



Elder's Calderwood/Rhunow - South Ogden Zone, Ogden



Elder's Powers/Shenfield - Layton Zone, Layton



Elder's Joo/Fasteson - Willard Bay Zone, Brigham



Elder's Koopman/Brunner Bountiful Zone, North Salt Lake



Elder's A.Bauer/Sorensen - Cache Valley Zone, Hyrum



Elder's Carroll/Otis - Clearfield Zone, Sunset