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Message From President and Sister McBride

Obedience Is The Price

At our recent Mission Conference on May 30, we had the opportunity of being instructed by President Cree L. Kofford, a member of the Quorum of the Seventy and the President of the Utah North Area. He shared with us the success pyramid. You will recall that the foundation of the pyramid is obedience. Missionaries who follow the mission rules with exactness can pray for the constant companionship of the Holy Ghost with a clear conscience and find joy in the work. Elder Kofford said that when we dabble in the things of the world, we cannot keep the Spirit. May we prayerfully consider this counsel and also the following counsel from three great leaders of the church.

Elder Boyd K. Packer

Offering Obedience to the Lord

“Obedience to God can be the very highest expression of independence. Just think of giving to him the one thing, the one gift, that he would never take. Think of giving him that one thing that he would never wrest from you . . .

“Obedience – that which God will never take by force – he will accept when freely given. And he will then return to you freedom that you can hardly dream of – the freedom to feel and to know, the freedom to do, and the freedom to be, at least a thousand-fold more than we offer him. Strangely enough, the key to freedom is obedience. . .

“We should put ourselves in a position before our Father in Heaven and say, individually, ‘I do not want to do what I want to do. I want to do what thou wouldst have me do.’ Suddenly, like any father, the Lord could say, ‘Well, there is one more of my children almost free from the need of constant supervision.’”

President Spencer W. Kimball

Surrendering to God

“The time will come when there will be a surrender of every person who has ever lived on this earth, who is now living, or who ever will live on this earth; and it will be an unforced surrender, an unconditional surrender. When will it be for you? Today? In Twenty years? Two hundred years? Two thousand or a million? When? Again, to you . . . I say, it is not **if** you will capitulate to the great truth; it is **when**, for I know that you cannot indefinitely resist the power and pressure of truth. Why not now? Much time has been lost. The years ahead can be far more glorious for you than any years in the past.”

Joseph Smith

Be Cheerfully Obedient

“Now for persons to do things merely because they are advised to do them, and yet murmur all the time they are doing them, is of no use at all; they might as well not do them. There are those who profess to be saints who are too apt to murmur, and find fault, when any advice is given, which comes in opposition to their feelings, even when they, themselves, ask for counsel; much more so when counsel is given unasked for, which does not agree with their notion of things; but brethren, we hope for better things from the most of you; we trust that you desire counsel, from time to time, and that you will cheerfully conform to it, whenever you receive it from a proper source.”

Let us all prayerfully consider our personal standing in relation to this great counsel from our church leaders. May we all make a personal commitment to the Lord to be cheerfully obedient in all things.

Love

President and Sister McBride

MISSION SUCCESS REPORT
April 2002

<u>Zone</u>	<u>Companionships</u>	<u>Baptisms</u>	<u>Invest. L.A.</u>		<u>KEY INDICATORS</u>	
			<u>Disc.</u>	<u>Disc.</u>	<u>Disc.in</u> <u>Members</u> <u>Homes</u>	<u>Invest.</u> <u>at</u> <u>Church</u>
Wyoming	8	19	123	64		
Idaho	9	9	109	80		
Cache Valley	8	18	129	76		
Willard Bay	6	15	116	72		
North Ogden	8	11	131	78		
Ogden	6	11	134	46		
South Ogden	7	9	74	58		
Roy	7	8	87	41		
Clearfield	6	7	91	36		
Layton	7	16	114	51		
Kaysville	8	15	111	42		
Bountiful	8	<u>20</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>59</u>		
Totals		158	1317	703	44%	58%

Families United Through Baptism



Elder's Hemming/Hicks
Idaho Zone, Idaho



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



Elder's Jones/Silva
Ogden Zone, Mound Fort



Elder's Lowry/Weller
Cache Valley Zone, Cache South



Elder's Davidson/Lowry
Cache Valley Zone, Cache South



Elder's Albright/Miyake
North Ogden Zone, Ogden Bay View

Action of The Month

Teach Discussions in Members Homes

MEMORIZATION HYMN FOR NEXT ZONE CONFERENCE

“Come Follow Me”, #116

MEMORIZATION FOR ZONE CONFERENCE

NEW ASSISTANT

Elder Lincon Silva

NEW ASSISTANT COMPANION'S

Elder Jared Fort
Elder James Mortensen

New Zone Leaders

Elder Benjamin Andruski
Elder Adam Brown
Elder Spencer Waldron

New District Leaders

Elder Jared Benson
Elder Nicholas Elmore
Elder Jason Fairchild
Elder Thomas Luce
Elder Jonathan Naylor
Elder Gabriel Ruhnnow
Elder James Townsend

Zone Conference Commits

1. Make our discussion invitations specific and powerful by using the steps to set up appointments.
2. Confirm ALL teaching appointments the night before.
3. Encourage all members to “1 week commit” or “set a date” and follow-up.

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.

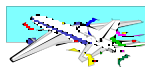
MAY ARRIVALS



Sister Mele Akaveka	Long Beach, CA
Elder Gary Bronson	San Antonio, TX
Elder Felipe DaCunha	Novo Hamburgo BRAZIL
Elder David Fairall	Hazleton, PA
Elder Stephen Heller	Islay, AB CANADA
Elder Jason Hymas	Madison, AL
Sister Aivale Lasi	Savaii, SAMOA
Sister Dolores Lee	Mead, WA
Elder Leander Lehmann	Fayetteville, GA
Elder Cigi Petrell	Glendora, CA
Elder Matthew Roney	Lawrenceville, GA
Elder Isaac Steele	Tigard, OR
Elder Adam Taylor	Momence, IL
Elder James Vann	Fair Play, MO
Elder Jonathan Whetten	Allen, TX

Trainers

Sister Lydia DeJong
Elder Ryan Davis
Elder Carlos Galvao
Elder Marcelo Dos Santos
Elder Jason Fairchild
Elder Bryan Koopman
Sister Lisa Fehoko
Sister Amanda Knickerbocker
Elder Ezra Niessink
Elder Joseph Gale
Elder David Olsen
Elder Stephen Thompson
Elder John Robinson
Elder Jared Benson
Elder Matthew Hunt



MAY DEPARTURES

Elder Jason Artherton	Purdy, MO
Elder Bryce Buckley	Boise, ID
Elder Jesse Fleming	Enderby, BC CANADA
Elder Adam Fox	Inglis, MB CANADA
Elder Richard Jahn	Langley, BC CANADA
Elder Steven Jenks	Garden Grove, CA
Elder Tyler Lowry	Cardston, AB CANADA
Elder Mikael Pettersson	Vallda, SWEDEN
Elder Damian Rhoton	Lock Haven, PA
Elder Matthew Thompson	Shasta Lake, CA
Elder Sakari Vuorela	Suomi, FINLAND

ASSISTANTS MESSAGE

Dear Elders and Sisters,

Recently we have been well instructed on how to serve the Lord more effectively. We have had great success by using the POWER combo's and helping others to feel the Spirit. We have also been given a formula to have success. President Kofford gave us the pyramid of success to see greater faith and miracles in our work. The foundation of this pyramid all starts with obedience. Remember we need to study and know our instruction book (White Handbook and other rules) so we can follow it with **exactness**. Second, effort in the work will show our dedication to the Lord. "Nothing ever got done without work." We need to show that we are willing to work hard before the Lord will bless us fully. Third, our own personal spirituality will affect the way we perform this work. "What we think about when we are not thinking about anything" tells us where we stand. Fourth, the quality of our work needs to improve. It is not enough to work hard, we need to work smart too. As we take these steps toward success the Lord will then bless us with a special gift, the FAITH to perform MIRACLES. "The KEY to success is to keep going."

As we follow this pattern to success we will have great opportunities to bring souls to Christ. As these opportunities come we have another pattern to help them come unto Christ – **The Commitment Pattern!!!** The first step is to *Prepare*. As we prepare people to feel the Spirit, and then *Invite* them to keep commitments miracles will happen. All of this preparation does us little good unless our Invitation is specific and full of faith. Lets make sure we are setting up teaching appointments instead of times to come by and "share a message". When we follow this pattern, our own personal teaching pool of investigators will grow.

This is the most important work in the world! We have all we need to be successful. We just need to follow the council we have been given and apply what we have learned. Elders and Sisters, we "Have to go DEEPER!" Dive deeper into the Lord's work.

We Love you,
Elders Scheewe, Mortensen, Silva, & Fort



CONVERSION STORIES

An inspirational experience I had came after reading Elder Jeffrey R. Holland's counsel to act devastated when an investigator doesn't read or keep one of their commitments. Rogger Lubas Tecocha was one of our investigators who wasn't catching the value of the Book of Mormon. On one visit, after verifying if and where he had read, we discovered he had not read. Throwing my hands up I exclaimed "you didn't read!!" Then looked to my companion and asked "what are we going to do? He hasn't read." I then put my head down. Rogger got my message and asked where he should read. I suggested he begin with 1st Nephi. He told us he would read and report to us his progress. Rogger is now one of the most faithful readers I know. Even the members of his ward have noticed his faithfulness.

Elder Damian Rhoton

I had only been in the mission field for 3 months and had just been transferred for the first time, so I was still learning how to be a missionary. Elder Ducharme was my companion and both of us were transferred into Rock Springs. After going over the part-member family list, we decided to visit the Suhr Family. Brother & Sister Suhr were both members of the church but had been inactive for quite a long time. They had four children ranging in ages from 7 to 15. The three older girls had not been baptized. Brother Suhr answered the door and in an annoyed voice ask what we wanted. After telling him who we were and why we were there, he told us we would have to talk to their mother. Elder Ducharme then asked for a glass of water and we were invited in and had a great conversation with him. Over the next 3-4 weeks we continued to stop by their home occasionally asking over and over again if we could teach the kids. One evening after exchanges Elder Ducharme told me that we had a 1st discussion in the Suhr's home the next Monday evening. We taught the three older girls the discussions, with the parents sitting in on all of them. The three girls were baptized. When I left the area Brother Shur was preparing himself to baptize his youngest son. The Lord does put people in your path to find when you look for them.

Elder Adam Fox

I was a young missionary and extremely excited to be in my new area of West Bountiful. The missionaries had been teaching Mark Sisam previous to my meeting him. I found out later that at that time he had decided to no longer meet with the missionaries. On the first two visits with Mark, he really opened and talked about himself and trials, etc. In his youth he was pretty much a foster kid raised in group homes. Through the years his experiences with members of the church wasn't always the best. His wife, Michelle, was fairly active and they had been married for 20 years. On the third visit we watched the 98 Missionary Open House video with Elder Eyring about the Book of Mormon. The spirit was strong and once he felt the spirit it all came together. We committed him to baptism, and asked him what he could do to prepare. He had a problem with smoking and coffee. We told him that we would like to help him quit by taking any supplies used for smoking or coffee. He seemed unsure of that but said I'll tell you at the top of the stairs. At the top of the stairs he took us into the garage and gave us his cigarettes, ashtrays, and coffee pots. It was awesome to see what the Spirit could do. He progressed and worked towards baptism and a month later I was privileged to baptize him. At this time they are striving to go to the temple. I am grateful to have had the chance to be a part of this great work.

Elder Matthew Thompson