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Message From President and Sister McBride

Love One Another

The great commandment, as taught by our Lord and Master, is to love God with all our heart, with all our mind, and with all our strength; and the next is like unto it; love thy neighbor as thyself, "on these hang all the law and the prophets." (Matt 22:37-40)

When we were baptized, we covenanted with the Lord to "bear one another's burdens...mourn with those that mourn,...and comfort those that stand in need of comfort." We have the responsibility to help without being urged or commanded.

President Joseph F. Smith: "The moment that a Latter-day Saint learns his duty, he will learn that it is his business...to be filled with the spirit of kindness, love, charity, and forgiveness."

C.S. Lewis: "Natural liking or affection for people makes it easier to be 'charitable' toward them. It is, therefore, normally a duty to encourage our affections-to 'like' people as much as we can (just as it is often our duty to encourage our liking for exercise or wholesome food)-not because this liking is itself the virtue of charity, but because it is a help to it. On the other hand, it is also necessary to keep a very sharp lookout for fear our liking for some one person makes us uncharitable, or even unfair, to someone else. But though natural likings should normally be encouraged, it would be quite wrong to think that the way to become charitable is to sit trying to manufacture affectionate feelings. Some people are 'cold' by temperament; that may be a misfortune for them, but is no more a sin than having bad digestion is a sin; and it does not cut them out from the chance, or excuse them from the duty, of learning charity. The rule for all of us is perfectly simple. Do not waste time bothering whether you 'love' your neighbor; act as if you did. As soon as we do this, we find one of the great secrets. When you are behaving as if you loved someone, you will presently come to love him. If you injure someone you dislike, you will find yourself disliking him more. If you do him a good turn, you will find yourself disliking him less. There is, indeed, one exception. If you do him a good turn, not to please God and obey the law of charity, but to show him what a fine

forgiving chap you are, and to put him in your debt, and then sit down to wait for his 'gratitude', you will probably be disappointed. (People are not fools: they have a very quick eye for anything like showing off, or patronage.) But whenever we do good to another self just because it is a self, made (like us) by God, and desiring its own happiness as we desire ours, we shall have learned to love it a little more or, at least, to dislike it less."

Let us each choose a person we may have difficulty loving and try to build a deeper relationship. It may be a companion, District Leader, Zone Leader, Ward Mission Leader, Ward Missionary.

How Can We Become Charitable?

One way is by studying the life of Jesus Christ and keeping His commandments. We can study what He did in certain situations and do the same things when we are in the same kinds of situations.

When we have uncharitable feelings, we can pray to have them taken away. Moroni urges us, "Pray unto the Father with all the energy of heart, that ye may be filled with this love (charity), which he hath bestowed upon all who are true followers of his Son, Jesus Christ."

We can learn to love ourselves, we must respect and trust ourselves. This means that we must be obedient to the principles of the gospel. We must repent of any wrong doings. We must forgive ourselves when we have repented. We will come to love ourselves only when we can feel the deep, comforting assurance that the Savior truly loves us.

As we love ourselves, our love for others will increase. We will not think we are better than other people. We will have patience with their faults. Let us become more aware of how to serve others.

Faith is rooted in Jesus Christ. Hope centers in His Atonement. Charity is manifest in the "pure love of Christ." These three attributes are intertwined like strands in a cable and may not always be precisely distinguished. Together they become our tether to the celestial kingdom.

We love each of you and desire to serve you.

Love

President and Sister McBride

ASSISTANTS MESSAGE

Dear Elders and Sisters,

It's a privilege and a learning experience to be in your service. You are wonderful missionaries and the Lord has blessed us with unique and different talents and as we fully immerse ourselves in this great cause we will "bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man" (Moses 1:39).

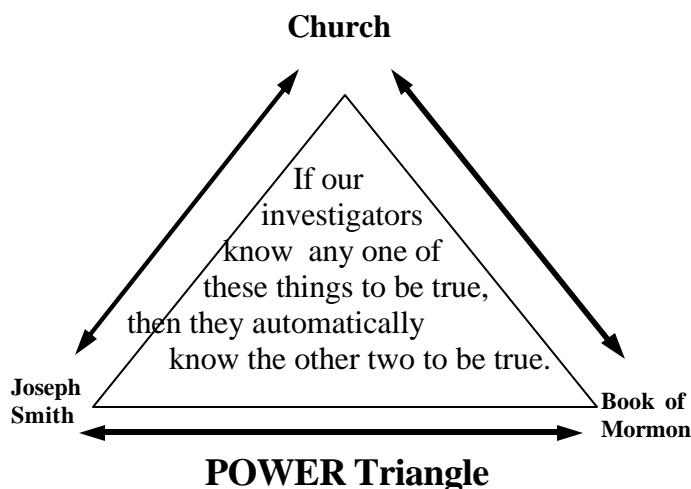
We are having great success using the appointment card and are setting up many more teaching appointments because of it. With all of this teaching, our number of investigators with concerns will increase. There is a reason why we have to keep moving our investigators baptismal dates back, there are hidden concerns! These concerns could be as small as, 'they feel church is too long' to 'not believing Joseph Smith is a true prophet'. However big or small they are, they can still hold a person back from becoming more like Jesus Christ. If they can stop someone's progression we need to know how to overcome these stumbling blocks in the work.

There are three steps that need to be taken to overcome the concerns we face. The first is to discover the concern. How can you help someone out if you don't know what they need? We need to dig to the root of the concern so as to better understand how to help them. That is why find-out questions, restating, and extending commitments is so important. When we do these things, often hidden concerns arise.

Once we discover the concern we need to discuss the concern with them. This is important for many reasons, first it helps show the investigator that you really care and that it has not damaged your relationship, and second it helps the investigator think of their own solutions for the challenge.

After we have discussed the concern with our investigators we need to help resolve the concern. There are many ways to help resolve a concern; explaining doctrine, testifying, sharing a personal experience, using scriptures from the Bible or Book of Mormon, or the POWER Triangle. As we use the POWER Triangle and persuade others to find out for themselves through prayer that the things we share are true, those so called concerns will melt away. However we resolve their concerns, the thing to remember is **The Spirit is the KEY!** Elders and Sisters, now is the time see the success the Lord has in store for us, what will we do to deserve it? Remember to work everyday like your last, for you never know when your last will be.

We Love you,
Elders Scheewe & Silva



CONVERSION STORIES

I have had the wonderful blessing of seeing many children of God enter the waters of baptism. One man in particular comes to mind. His name is Greg Johanson. It was quite a process to meet him but after a month of hit and miss we finally were able to deliver a referral Lamb of God video to him. Greg has lived in Cache valley for over 14 years and was searching for more, but not necessarily in our church. He was very active in the Catholic faith and worked with the youth there. Greg also served in the USAF and was divorced. He is also in remission of cancer. At the time we met him he was going to USU and was in his last semester before graduating. We began teaching him and committed him for March 15. My companion and I were so excited and shared this experience with our District the next morning. When we came home after the meeting we found a message from Greg saying he wanted to stop the discussions and that he needed to think things out more. We stopped by that night and he said that he would call us when he was ready. The next day he called and said he was ready to continue. We resumed the discussions that night. We resolved some concerns and prayed with him and gave him some scriptures to study. After the third discussion he was so excited to be baptized he wanted to be baptized the next day. Since his baptism he has received his patriarchal blessing and also a temporary recommend to do baptisms for the dead. He has helped in friend-shiping another student who was baptized a short time later. Greg truly is a spiritual giant and has overcome a lot.

Sister Macy

This happened when I was serving in North Ogden. I was on exchanges with Elder Carruthers. We were going over the MIS finding list and doing "selective tracting". I found a less-active young couple's name on the list and decided to knock on that door. I did not have a shadow of a doubt that it was the right address I was looking for. A little 10 year old boy came out. We started to OYM him and found that he attended church with his mother who was the Primary president. His father was not a member. Because his parents were not home we went back that evening and found his father to be very warm and kind. We found out that he was attending a Institute class and was reading the Book of Mormon. When we went back to teach Brother Martinez the first discussion, we found out that the door we were looking for from the "finding list", was the house next to Brother Martinez's. We also found out from Brother Martinez's home teacher that less than a year ago Brother Martinez wanted nothing to do with the church. The home teacher was amazed by the change of attitude of Brother Martinez. I have a testimony that the Lord prepares people in a marvelous and a wondrous way. I know that we were led to his door, not because we were mistaken with the address, but because the Lord led us to that door. Brother Martinez was baptized. He was one of the few baptisms I found by tracting. Elder Joo

My most inspirational experience was when I was serving in Rawlins, Wyoming with Elder Bennett. We were shopping and the cashier said her husband wanted to learn more about the church. She called us the next morning and ask us to come and teach her husband. When we arrived he was outside smoking. He told us he did not know about God so he did not believe, but he wanted to learn. We taught the 1st discussion and when we did the "pray now" he was crying and said he wanted to be baptized and ask what he needed to do. We taught him the Word of Wisdom. I had the opportunity to baptize Don Bennett two weeks later. He recently received his temple covenants in the Monticello Utah Temple.

Elder Morris

Action of The Month

**Be True Messengers of the Gospel
of Jesus Christ**

MEMORIZATION HYMN FOR NEXT ZONE CONFERENCE

“Lord I Would Follow Thee”, p. 220

**MEMORIZATION FOR
ZONE
CONFERENCE**

Zone Conference Commits

1. Use President Hinckley’s video to motivate members in their member missionary responsibilities.
2. Root investigators to the Book of Mormon by reading with them at least once a week.
3. Resolve all concerns by using the Power Triangle

New District Leaders

New Zone Leaders

Elder Robert Jones
Elder Jason Youngblood
Elder Trevor Zezula

Elder Christopher Alvarez
Elder Gregory Best
Elder Jared Hemming
Elder Tu’uta Kalamafoni
Elder Jonathan Klick
Elder Bryce Meldrum
Elder James Patterson
Elder Stephen Thompson
Elder Daniel Waters

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.

JULY ARRIVALS

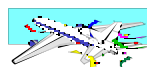


Elder Ted Alldaffer
Elder Erdenechimeg Bayarsaikhan
Elder Joshua Edwards
Elder Mark Fletcher
Elder Joseph Heeger
Elder Justin Isonhood
Elder Jacob McLaughlin
Elder Erin McMullin
Elder Lucas Stephenson
Elder Benjamin Walter
Elder Scott Wiser
Elder Jacob Wolf

Clarksville, IN
MONGOLIA
Algodones, NM
Salem, OR
Madison, AL
Gilmer, TX
Gettysburg, PA
Willard, MO
Tyler, TX
Weiz, AUSTRIA
Grapevine, TX
Nixa, MO

Trainers

Elder Aaron Bauer
Elder Stephen Cambria
Elder Brian Updike
Elder Patrick Frederickson
Elder Gabriel Ruhnnow
Elder Timothy Hill
Elder Brendan Robertson
Elder Justin Zabel
Elder Bryce Meldrum
Elder Ryan Clark
Elder Jared Fort
Elder David Nelson



JULY DEPARTURES

Elder Thomas Bennett
Elder Abraham Denzer
Elder Jang Joo
Elder Bryan Koopman
Elder Jeremy Leavitt
Sister Christina Macy
Elder Jason Morris
Elder Mathew Weller
Elder Marlow Hilton
Sister Sharon Hilton

Liburn, GA
Anderson, MO
Socho-ku, KOREA
Apple Valley, CA
Calgary, CANADA
Auburn, CA
Glendora, CA
Raleigh, NC
West Point, UT
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MISSION SUCCESS REPORT
June 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	11	105	38		
Idaho	9	12	122	88		
Cache Valley	8	13	103	47		
Willard Bay	7	12	86	59		
North Ogden	8	12	122	45		
Ogden	6	7	97	51		
South Ogden	7	7	94	40		
Roy	7	12	102	63		
Clearfield	6	14	73	38		
Layton	8	5	81	46		
Kaysville	8	8	97	45		
Bountiful	8	20	129	60		
Totals		133	1211	620	40%	55%

Families United Through Baptism



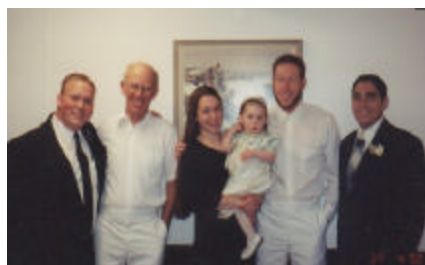
Sister's Ulzitegsh/Macy
Cache Valley Zone, Logan Central



Elder's R.Bauer/Avery
Clearfield Zone, Syracuse



Elder's Frederickson/ Miyake
North Ogden Zone, North Ogden



Elder's Silva/Waters
Ogden Zone, Mound Fort



Elder's Scheewe/Youngblood
Roy Zone, Roy Utah Central



Elder's Scheewe/Youngblood
Roy Zone, Roy Utah North