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Utah Ogden Mission

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Message From President McBride

FOLLOW THE PROPHETS

Dear Elders and Sisters:

We recently had the opportunity of being instructed and edified by prophets, seers and revelators at the 172nd Semi-Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Here are some of the notes that I took during the Conference:

-Elder Neal A. Maxwell:

True disciples undergo a happy and mighty change. Be of good cheer and overcome the world. Although we live in a failing world, we have not been sent here to fail.

-Elder M. Russell Ballard:

We fight against Lucifer, the father of all lies. We battle for the souls of men. We need the greatest generation of missionaries in the history of the Church. We need missionaries who know how to follow the Spirit.

-Elder Dallin H. Oaks:

It is not where you serve but how. Serving is not a sacrifice but a privilege. Remember the words of Hymn #278, "I'll Be What You Want Me To Be."

-Elder Henry B. Eyring:

See with your spiritual eyes. You are called of God. He knows you. Your call has eternal consequences for you and those you serve. You must act in faith, pray to know His will and be committed to do it. The prophet Joseph Smith said,

"let's cheerfully do all things with a prayer of faith that the Holy Ghost may come and magnify your calling."

-Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin:

Faith is not just what we believe but what we live.

-President James E. Faust:

Each of us must climb mountains in our lives that we have never climbed before.

-President Thomas S. Monson:

There are many demons that can wreak havoc in our lives. One of those demons is dishonesty.

-President Gordon B. Hinckley:

He constantly prays that he will be worthy to have the confidence of the members of the Church. He challenged all members to rise to the Divinity within us, to remember our divine nature as a child of God. There is room for improvement in every life. We can lower our voice, smile, exercise self-control and self-discipline. Let us be a happy people. Cultivate the spirit of happiness. There is too much criticism and fault finding.

Each of us should be a better individual as a result of Conference. Let us commit to our Heavenly Father that we will sustain our leaders by applying their teachings and be the best representatives of the Savior that we can be here in the Utah Ogden Mission.

Love, President McBride

ASSISTANTS MESSAGE

Dear Elders and Sisters,

What a wonderful time to be serving in the great Utah Ogden Mission! We had a magnificent month with 163 baptisms. We are working with our Ward Mission Leaders, and helping them feel the Spirit by using the commitment pattern. Prayerfully selecting a family to find someone to teach is working! We are teaching more and more discussions in members' homes, bringing many souls unto Christ with full fellowship in the gospel.

With the end of the year coming, we are striving to have more baptisms than last year. As we intensify our proselyting by catching the **FINDING FEVER** and more effectively using our **blue planner**, we will see increased success. The **Finding Fever** and the **blue planner** will help us set up a first discussion or have a 1-week commit everyday!

REMEMBER: Be a challenging and testifying missionary at all times and in all places. If you meet a wonderful family who isn't ready for a 1-week commit, give them the *mountainous missionary challenge*! Help them exercise faith and find someone for you to teach within 24 hours. These things will help us to find the most success the Utah Ogden Mission has ever had.

We have the best missionaries serving at this time, and we have so much potential. We must fulfill the measure of our calling and double our baptisms. We have the means and the methods to do this...We just need to do it! We love you, and may the Lord bless you in all your endeavors.

Love, Elder Waldron & Elder Andruski

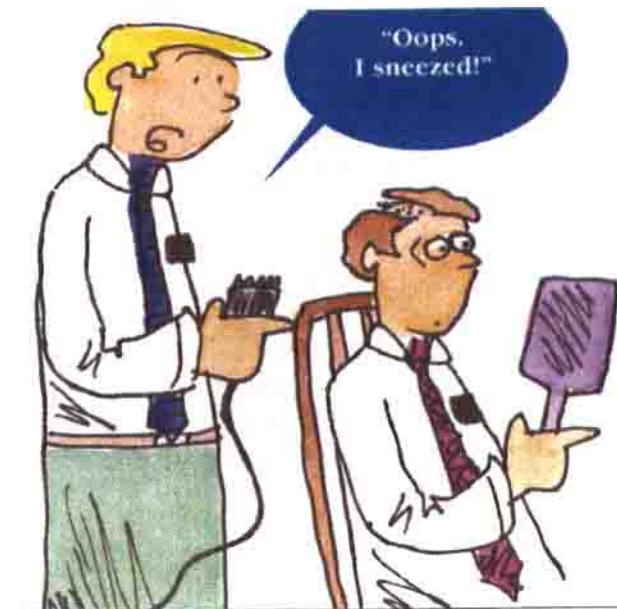
CONVERSION STORIES

When I was serving in Kanesville, I had the opportunity to meet John Paul Wagner. I had wonderful experiences teaching him the Gospel and learning from him also. As Elder Hamel and I taught him the discussions, it was amazing to see the progress he had made and the true friendship we formed during that period. Subsequently, I was transferred and the other missionaries continue to visit and teach him. A year later, I received a phone call from him asking me if I could baptize him. At that time I learned the principle that as servants of Jesus Christ we are able to plant seed in the hearts of His children and perhaps we may not be able to see the seed growing. But what a blessing I had to see his progress and his coming unto Christ by being baptized. If Brother Wagner had been the only baptism on my mission during these 2 years of my life, it would have been worth it. I thank my Heavenly Father for the wonderful opportunities that I had to see many of my brothers and sisters come unto Christ. Elder Silva

CONVERSION STORIES

A great conversion I was able to take part in happened in North Ogden. The family's name is Swift, they were a wonderful, well receiving family with three children, 2 of which got baptized with the parents. This family went through a lot of trials. They lost their nephew and cousin to a brutal gang, their house burned, and their truck was destroyed. The way we found them is by talking to their Bishop. He suggested we go to their home after they came to him asking for assistance. Elder Clark and myself found them very humble and ready to learn. They were married and baptized three weeks later, and have become wonderful members of the Church. Elder Stewart

What an amazing mission I had! One experience in my last area has a tender meaning to me. Elder Wright and a Ward Mission Leader were following up with a contact when Elder Wright was prompted to talk to Johnny Knox. When we met Johnny, he was the most despicable man I'd ever met. He reeked of alcohol and tobacco. He was coarse and garbling. He just oozed sin. His daughter is active in another ward. Johnny hated the church. Another daughter was converted 10 years ago. They sat in on his discussions. We taught them at the Ward Mission Leader's home. For the month we taught, Johnny read the scriptures, a change in this 58 year-old grouch began. He was kinder and more patient. His eyebrows weren't as heavy. His health got better, his language wasn't foul and he started to smile. The Spirit began to work in him and a change happened and he began to receive His image in his countenance. Our Heavenly Father sent his son, Christ, to save this man. Elder Wright and I were instruments in seeing it all happen. When he quit drinking and smoking, he was baptized. He came up out of the water with a smile from ear to ear, eyes drowning with tears. He expressed his love and thanks to his God verbally and spiritually. It was such a happy day. The night after his baptism we attended a small party. I walked into the kitchen and overheard he and his wife. He said to her, "Why is it that we're so happy, when just a few weeks ago we were filing for divorce?" She said, "You're becoming more of the man I want to be with for eternity. I excused myself and went to the bathroom and with tears in my own eyes, I offered a prayer of gratitude and I didn't every want to stop bringing this happiness into people's lives. Johnny Knox received the Priesthood recently and he and his wife and family will be sealed in the Temple in September 2003. Elder Jason Adams



Action of The Month

Enjoy the blessings of sacrifice

MEMORIZATION FOR ZONE CONFERENCE 1 NEPHI 3:7

MEMORIZATION HYMN FOR NEXT ZONE CONFERENCE

I'LL GO WHERE YOU WANT ME TO GO, #270

NEW ASSISTANT

Elder Spencer Waldron

NEW ZONE LEADERS

Elder Joseph Gale

Elder Jared Fort

Elder Alberto Estrada, B.

Elder Richard W. Gottsch

NEW DISTRICT LEADERS

Elder Benjamin Butcher

Elder Brigham T. Dorman

Elder John C. Allen

Elder David E. Becker

Elder Owens K. Bradshaw

Zone Conference Commits

1. Every day, prayerfully select an elect member family and ask them to find a family for you to teach in their home.
2. Use all 15 methods of finding every week and use your blue planner effectively.
3. Catch the FINDING FEVER by setting up a first discussion or 1-week committing a member every day.

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.

SEPTEMBER ARRIVALS



Elder Simon Bergman
Elder Travis Brown
Elder Bradley Burgess
Elder Michael Camp
Elder Nathan Crandall
Elder D. Galsanjamts
Elder Peter Lewis
Elder David McClelland
Sister Jennifer McDonough
Elder David McLeod
Elder James Parsons
Elder Grant Racer
Elder Lonnie Raddant
Elder Sean Redmond
Elder Jared Scott
Sister Christina Spickler
Elder Kendryck James Starks
Elder James Stewart
Elder Nathan Timms

Partille, SE Sweden
Eighty Four, PA
Greenacres, WA
Lovington, NM
Neenah, WI
Khoroo 4, MONGOLIA
Tucson, AZ
Springfield, VA
Roseville, CA
Hampstead, NC
Okeechobee, FL
Candler, NC
Gresham, WI
Victorville, CA
Lebanon, OH
Garland, TX
Bonaire, GA
Baton Rouge, LA
Lakeside, CA

Trainers

Elder Jesse A. Richardson
Elder Justin P. Dahl
Elder Roland Zickbauer
Elder David A. Olsen
Elder Sane d. Daughton
Elder Dannie R. Talbot
Elder David E. Becker
Elder Francis C. Hutto
Sister Meridith Hurren
Elder Kevin L. Monson
Elder Jared D. Hemming
Elder Nicholas K. Johnson
Elder Timothy A. Halstrom
Elder Leander M. Lehmann
Elder Gianmarco DeMeo
Sister Ann Arnold
Elder Aaron N. Zaugg
Elder Gabriel L. Ruhnnow
Elder David G. Brunner

SEPTEMBER DEPARTURES



Elder Jason Adams
Elder Chad Avery
Elder Richard Bauer
Elder Scot Bowen
Elder Carlos Eduardo Galvao
Sister Lisa Fehoko
Elder Bryan McGinnis
Elder Ryan Miyake
Elder Jason Scheewe
Elder Jose Lincon Silva
Elder Brian Thomas
Fayetteville, NC
Arnold, MI
Midland, TX
Shelby, M
Recife, PE BRAZIL
Hauula, H
Duvall, WA
Rockford, IL
Arden, NC
Tiangua Ceara', BRAZIL
Slocumb, AL

MISSION SUCCESS REPORT

July 2002

Zone	Companionships	Baptisms	Invest. Disc.	L.A. Disc.	KEY INDICATORS	
					Disc.in Members Homes	Invest. at Church
Wyoming	8	14	118	36		
Idaho	7	11	118	47		
Cache Valley	9	8	98	69		
Willard Bay	7	23	140	45		
North Ogden	8	11	107	47		
Ogden	6	7	95	32		
South Ogden	7	11	113	44		
Roy	8	23	153	73		
Clearfield	6	16	91	31		
Layton	7	5	99	48		
Kaysville	8	11	107	46		
Bountiful	8	18	122	55		
Totals		158	1361	573	48%	52%

Families United Through Baptism



The Rivera Family, Elders Ritter, Heller, Wy.Zone



The Coombs Family, Elders Monson, Waldron, Ruhnow, Heeger, WB Zone



The Hanson Family, Elders Daughton, Alldafer South Ogden Zone



The Watkins Family Elders Dos Santos, Peavey, Clearfield Zone



The Flint Family, Elders Asay, Navratil Clearfield Zone



The Hardy Family, Elders Proctor, Cloudesley Bountiful Zone



The Dunn Family, Elders Monson, Fort Roy Zone



Matthew/Rachel Hupp, Elders Asay, Goodman Clearfield Zone



The Dominguez Family, Elders Monson, Roy Zone

PRESIDENT'S REMINDERS



ONWARD & UPWARD

ACTION OF THE MONTH

Enjoy the Blessings of Sacrifice

REMINDERS:

- Now that fall has arrived, wear your suit jackets every day.
- On Halloween, return to your apartments after your dinner appointments, unless you have teaching appointments.
- If you wear sunglasses, make sure they are conservative. (No bright colors)
- On Preparation Day, you are encouraged to attend the Temple, which takes the place of your companionship study. You should still have Personal Study.
- On Preparation Day, you may email your family from a public place. Do not use computers in member's homes or businesses.
- **Do not call any church members on Monday nights after 6:00 P.M. We should never interfere with Family Home Evening.**
- **Send pictures and names of families united through Baptism to the office.**

ENJOY GOOD HEALTH

- Be in bed every night at 10:30 P.M. and arise at 6:30 A.M. or earlier.
- EAT A HEALTHY BREAKFAST (AVOID SUGARY CEREALS).

WELL DONE

- Thank you for sending in your weekly President's reports.
- WE HAVE RECEIVED MANY POSITIVE COMMENTS FROM PRIESTHOOD LEADERS ON HOW GOOD THEIR MISSIONARIES ARE.
- Thank you for wearing more conservative ties.

STATISTICS:

Mission baptisms for Aug 2002 = 158	Aug 2001 = 130
Mission baptisms YTD 2002 = 1188	YTD 2001 = 1147
Discussions taught Aug 2002 = 1934	Discussions taught last month =

MEMORIZATION SCRIPTURE: 1 Nephi 3:7

MEMORIZATION HYMN: #270 "I'll go where you want me to go".

Allen, Joshua	Empey, Jamie	Layton, Brandon	Schenk, Laura
Alonzo Mejia, Stephanie	Fariás Reyes, Cristian	Layton, Shaela	Sierra Alvarez, Eveline
Anderson, Jayce	Furlan, Luiz	Layton, Shalise	Singleton, Megan
Andrade, Juventino	Galvan, Marcelo	Liu, Keharlani	Slocum, Stanly
Arevalo, Javier	Garcia Catalan, Jael	Longjohn, Christine	Smith, Booker J
Baird, Jordan N	Garcia Guerrero, Adrian	Loybal, Candice	Smith, Christopher
Ball, Diana	Garcia, Concepcion	Luna Dominguez, Marytini	Smith, Rooke
Ball, Summer	Garcia, Jose Manuel	Martin, Beverly	Smith, Shanda
Balls, Stephen	GarciaCatalan, Raul	Martin, Jennifer	Southwick, W. Bruce
Balls, Tyler	Gonzales, Carlos, Tomas	Martin, Kaysee	Spirrison, Scott
Baney, Shalto	Haglund, Alexandria	Martin, Rochelle	Stone, Christina
Bates, Thomas	Hamel, Erin	Mathews, Blaine	Story, Tyler
Beecraft, Dale	Hames, Gregg	Mattox, Shauna J	Stowe, Jeffry
Bell, Jared	Hanson, Brenda	Mecham, Jaimie	Stubbs, Jariah
Bell, Mitchell	Hardy, McKenzie	Mecham, Kendall	Swensen, Elizabeth
Bigelow, Mercedes	Harmston, Korin	Mecham, Leslie	Tayon, Martin
Bingham, Donna	Harper, Summer	Mittelstaedt, Isaac	Thayer, Yvette M
Bingham, Jason	Harvey, Casey	Moguel Medina Jose	Thompson, Shane
Bolduc, Benjamin	Heaps, Bette Sue	Mower, Brooke	Thompson, Troy
Bommer, Jillian	Hicken, Corey	Mudd, Laura	Thurman, Travis
Bowman, Karli	Hodge, Coley Dakota	Murray, Darrell	Tremayne, Rebecca
Bright, Barbara	Hodge, Makaylah Luren	Murray, Kathryn	Uscanga Gamboa, Domingo
Buchanan, Heather	Hogue, Charles	Naranjo, Jason	Valdez, David
Buehler, Eric	Hogue, Susan	Nelson, Debbie	Vasilenko, Alex
C'hair, Sandra	Holloway, Joshua	Parsons, Deborah	Victor, Tamera
C'hair, Travis	Howard, Jacob	Peterson, Alisha Kym	Wagner, John Paul
Camarena, Juan	Huesca Balbuena, Rosalina	Peterson, Darren	Watkins, Alyssa
Carlos Gonzalez, Fernando	Huesca Zetina, Joaquin	Pette, Catherine	Watson, Cory
Carter, Cassandra	Hupp, Marcia	Plancarte, Alejandro	Wennergren, Tori
Carter, Whitney	Hupp, Matthew	Plancarte, Gloria	Zampedri, Caleb
Caycho Tamayo, Daniel	Hupp, Rachel	Pryor, Brian	
Clayville, Kaitlyn	Hupp, Ricky	Quintana, Frank	
Cook, Cassandra	Iizuka, Kyoko	Radford, Jeric	
Cook, Kira	Jensen, Sherrae	Raub, Justin	
Crosby, Taylor	Johnston, Susanne	Riser Roxanne	
Cross, Kathleen	Johnston, Taylor	Roberts, Jessica	
Curtis, Donald	Kay, Annastasia	Robinson, Anna	
Day, Margaret	Kelley, Christopher	Rodriguez, Armando	
Desser, Jeremy	Kildow, Joe	Rodriguez, Daniel	
Dominguez, Anthony	Kittrell, Shannon	Rodriguez, Gina	
Dominguez, Brenda	Knox, John	Rubio, Ariadne	
Dunn, Christina	Kranedonk, Wilford, Jr	Santon, Louis	
Dunn, Gordon	Kruger, Danielle	Saxton, Brittny	
Dunn, Tanya	Lancaster, Tyson	Scates, Carrisa	
Eatchel, Alex	Langston, Charlotte	Scates, Chelsee	