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## Message From President McBride

### JESUS CHRIST—THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

As the Christmas season approaches, there isn't a better place to be in the world than right here in the Utah Ogden Mission proclaiming the gospel message and bearing personal testimony that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

What a blessing it is to be serving as personal representatives of Jesus Christ at this special time of year. It is a time when we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. He is indeed "the reason for the season."

As we read the Book of Mormon together as a Mission and highlight all the references to the Savior, we find His name hundreds of times and read His words and His doctrine. Our commission as personal representatives of Jesus Christ is to do what He wants done, to say what He wants said, to be a living, modern witness in word and deed of the divinity of His great and marvelous latter-day work.

As the Wise Men of old, we too have journeyed far from our homes engaged in a great search. Unlike the Wise Men, however, we bear a gift far more precious and valuable than gold, frankincense and myrrh. We have the gospel of Jesus Christ with all its saving principles and ordinances. Just as the star guided the Wise Men in their quest, so shall the Spirit guide us to the honest in heart. The Lord so wants us to succeed. He desires that we be

humble, prayerful, obedient and well prepared so that we may effectively teach His gospel by the Spirit.

We do not journey alone for He has stated, "...you shall have my Spirit and my word, yea, the power of God unto the convincing of men." (D&C 11:21). With this assuring promise, may we go forth confidently and successfully in bringing souls unto Him.

Our hope is that each missionary will focus on the Savior and emulate His life of service during this Christmas season. What better way to celebrate the Savior's birth than by having a truly "White Christmas" with baptisms on Christmas Day. Let us identify special acts of service to perform especially on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

May we focus on finding meaningful ways to enjoy this special holiday. By so doing, we will feel the real spirit of Christmas, and this Christmas will be the best ever.

Please know of our love and affection, and our faith and prayers, for all of you, our missionaries, not only at this season but always.

Love, President & Sister McBride



## ASSISTANTS MESSAGE

It seems we've all caught it...THE FINDING FEVER! We are out sharing the good word with renewed determination, and the Lord is truly blessing our efforts. 345 souls have come unto Christ in the last two months here in the Utah Ogden Mission. Great job Elders and Sisters! Let's keep that fever high as the colder months come along.

How appropriate it is that we've been focusing on finding as our attention now shifts to teaching. What a blessing it is to be serving at this time and to be involved in teaching the adjusted discussions in this inspired way! We've longed for the freedom to preach the gospel by the Spirit as the apostles of old, and now we've got it—so let's go work miracles! But first: Preparation Precedes Power. Focus your morning study time on meeting the needs of your investigators. In companionship study, prayerfully create outlines for each discussion appointment, and then seek the Spirit as you teach. Remember, "...treasure up in your minds continually the words of life, and it shall be given you in the very hour that portion that shall be meted unto every man" (D&C 84:85). Teaching in this adjusted way and asking inspired find-out questions will bring us **power** like never before!

Also, we must all qualify for the Spirit in greater measure than ever before: "What we need now is spiritually energized missionaries."—Elder M. Russell Ballard. We just don't have time for anything less.

As Christmas time approaches, may our hearts turn evermore to the Savior. May we all find a renewed love for and determination to serve Him. We love you missionaries. God bless us, everyone.

Love,

Elders Waldron & Andruski

## CONVERSION STORIES

I was serving in Green River, Wyoming when this experience happened. While on exchanges with the 6th Ward, I was making a visit from a prepared list of families in that ward which we received from the Ward Mission Leader. While glancing over the list, the Spirit prompted me to visit the "Mudd" family. With no further information besides the family name, address and telephone we were on our way. The door was knocked on and opened with a look of surprise. But we were warmly welcomed in. When doing BRT I found out that the wife and two children were not baptized. The husband was an inactive Elder. The family consisted of Damica (father), Laura (mother), Makaylah (daughter) and Coley (son). We also found out that Laura was from Elba, Al and because of that, the BRT was complete. A challenge for the discussions was given and accepted. We taught the family over a period of 4 1/2 months because of uncontrollable circumstances.

## CONVERSION STORIES

On September 20, 2002, Laura, Makaylah, and Coley were baptized by Damica Mudd, now active and a worthy holder of the Priesthood. As the Mudd family was baptized my "Joy was full". All the fasting, praying and hard work was our reward. They will forever be my eternal friends and I joyously await the Temple Sealing. Two years have come and gone so fast, but the memories, experiences and eternal friends will last forever. What joy comes from serving our Lord and Savior and seeing His Gospel change lives. Elder Thomas.

One of the many wonderful experiences that I had on my mission came with a lady named Carol Stokes. We were talking to one of our Ward Mission Leaders and discussed his neighbors with him. He happened to live across the street from the Stokes. He mentioned the Stokes family and said that she wasn't ready at the time and that we would probably have to wait a while. Feeling prompted to stop by, we knocked on her door. She was very happy to see us and immediately invited us into her home to talk to her and her husband, who was a member of the church and a High Priest. We talked for a little bit and challenged her to take the discussions. She gladly accepted and so we set up a time. Then we went over and talked to her home teachers, whom they knew well, and they said they would be happy to invite them over into their home. They did, and many wonderful, spiritual discussions at their home followed. Carol embraced the Gospel and was baptized into the Church. She continues to grow and learn. They recently took a trip to visit Nauvoo and see the Temple Open House. I know it's important to follow the Spirit in all we do and let the Lord guide us. Elder Ryan Miyake

In my last area, Malad Idaho we had a great experience. My companion had gone with a Ward missionary and asked a man, Brother Wolf to hear the discussions. Earlier in the month his wife had told a friend to back off and not talk about the Gospel to them. We now returned when Brother Wolf asked us. Then she allowed us to teach them. At the 3rd discussion we asked them how they felt about baptism. She said she wanted to be baptized Friday. With what we had explained about Joseph Smith and her reading of the Book of Mormon, she knew the Church was true and could not deny it. We taught the discussions every night until then and it was the most attended baptism I have seen. The Spirit there was so immense it caused me to quake as I bore my testimony at the end of the baptismal dialogue. In fact, the Spirit touched the heart of another person we were working with, Sister Mattox. She had the discussions 3 times and feeling that Spirit at Sister Wolf's baptism made her decide to be baptized soon thereafter. If all experiences were like this one I wouldn't ever want to go home. Elder Richard Bauer

One of the greatest experience happened to me the last week of the mission. On October 24th Elder Townsend, Brother Finley, our Ward Mission Leader and myself were tracting in Brother Finley's ward. We knocked on a door and a young woman came to the door. We visited for a minute then invited her to hear the discussions. We set the first discussion for October 27th. We taught her the first discussion and it went so good. When we came to the Joseph Smith principle we didn't need to pray, she bore her testimony of the Prophet! The Spirit was so strong. I felt prompted to issue a baptism challenge. I told her that I'm not the kind of person to start something and not finish it and that I would be going home on the 6th of November and I wanted to see her baptized. I then challenged her to be baptized on the 2nd of November. Carmelita accepted and was baptized on the 2nd! The baptism was so beautiful! I love the Lord and his work. This is His Church. Elder Tim Hill



# Action of The Month

■ TREASURE UP THE SCRIPTURES (D&84:85) ■

## MEMORIZATION HYMN FOR NEXT ZONE CONFERENCE

FAR, FAR AWAY ON JUDEA'S PLAINS, PG. 212

### NEW ZONE LEADERS

Elder Marcello Dos Santos  
Elder Matthew Hunt  
Elder Ryan Clark  
Elder David Olsen  
Elder Brendan Robertson

### NEW DISTRICT LEADERS

Elder Mark A. Fletcher	Elder Ryan W. Davis
Elder Francis C. Hutto	Elder Kevin L. Monson
Elder Darrin M. Cannon	Elder Brandon M. Asay
Elder Ezra C. Niessink	Elder Gregory E. Carruthers
Elder Jesse A. Richardson	Elder Nikolai Ravn-Peterson
Elder Leander M. Lehmann	

### NOVEMBER ARRIVALS



Elder Victor Hugo, Becerra  
Elder Robert Bowen  
Elder Michael Chessmore  
Elder Juan Carlos Fuentes  
Elder Erik Haugen  
Elder Matthew Holmes  
Elder Shawn Kelly  
Sister Kathleen Landon  
Elder Cory Lee  
Elder Elisha Keng Lim  
Elder James Maughan  
Elder Christopher Merris  
Elder Hector Morales, Jr  
Elder Daniel Murphy  
Elder Ikaika Oleole  
Elder Ryan Pearce  
Sister Lauren Rains  
Elder Clark Ramsey  
Elder Daniel Rapkay  
Elder Jeremy Thomley  
Elder Gordon Tilley III  
Elder Michael Wahlquist II  
Elder Jack White

Chillan, Nuble  
Bonifay, FL  
Emmons, MN  
Lo Prado, CHILE  
Dallas, OR  
Apple Valley, MN  
Santa Rosa, CA  
Mt. Shasta, CA  
Federal Way, WA  
Kuala Lumpur, Malasia  
Oconomowoc, MI  
Landisville, PA  
Gilbert, AZ  
Fairbanks, AK  
Laie, HI  
Orange, CA  
Roswell, GA  
Richmond, VI  
Gyor, HUNGARY  
Hattisburg, MS  
Kahuku, HI  
Bristol, FL  
Lakeside, CA

## Trainers

Elder Brian R. Updike  
Elder Ezra Z. Niessink  
Elder Christopher L. Alvarez  
Elder Marco A.C. Valverde  
Elder Jakob P. Mollenhauer  
Elder Stephen M. Thompson  
Elder Brian J. Carroll  
Sister Ann Arnold  
Elder Andrew H. Deason  
Elder John W. Robinson  
Elder Benjamin G. Butcher  
Elder Steven K. Hubbard  
Elder Jonathan F. Klick  
Elder Michael A. Michel  
Elder Kevin E. Blandamer  
Elder Stephen J. Cambria  
Sister Erin E. Stevenson  
Elder Nikolai Ravn-Petersen  
Elder Golden C. Stephenson  
Elder Daniel D. Singleton  
Elder Owens K. Bradshaw  
Elder Aaron N. Zaugg  
Elder Nicholas K. Johnson

## MEMORIZATION FOR ZONE CONFERENCE D&C 20:37

### Zone Conference Commits

1. Create an outline for each discussion appointment during companionship study and teach by the spirit.
2. Ask inspired 'find-out' questions to discover if investigators believe and understand what they are being taught.
3. Identify special acts of service to perform during the Christmas season.

### COMPANIONSHIP STUDY

As you begin companionship study, first review your plan for the day. Prepare for the day by prayerfully preparing discussion outlines for your teaching appointments. Also study from the scriptures, the missionary guide and the missionary gospel study program those subjects that will help you to be successful in accomplishing your daily plan.

### NOVEMBER DEPARTURES



Elder John Allen  
Elder Gregory Best  
Elder Adam Brown  
Elder Matthew Calloway  
Elder Justin Dahl  
Elder Shane Daughton  
Elder Timothy Hill  
Elder Thomas Luce  
Elder James Mortensen  
Elder Uchin Otgonnamar

Midland, Tx  
Springfield, VA  
New Marshfield, OH  
Duluth, GA  
Lakeville, MN  
Tappan, BC Canada  
Payson, AZ  
Marietta, GA  
River Falls, WI  
Ulaanba.MONGOLIA

## SEPTEMBER 2002

ZONE	COMP	BAPT	INV. DISC.	L.A. DISC.	KEY INDICATORS	
					D's IN	INV. @
					MHOME	CHURCH
Wyoming	8	11	112	31	31%	50%
Idaho	7	15	147	35	37%	45%
Cache Valley	9	14	118	51	66%	56%
Williard Bay	7	7	89	51	40%	48%
North Ogden	8	10	111	42	32%	36%
Ogden	7	16	72	37	28%	58%
South Ogden	7	7	92	53	58%	65%
Roy	8	18	126	68	66%	52%
Clearfield	7	21	106	35	36%	44%
Layton	7	4	104	65	47%	57%
Kaysville	8	17	127	40	61%	80%
Bountiful	8	13	130	63	58%	58%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>1334</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>47.68%</b>	<b>52.35%</b>

## OCTOBER 2002

ZONE	COMP	BAPT	INV. DISC.	L.A. DISC.	KEY INDICATORS	
					D's IN	INV. @
					MHOME	CHURCH
Wyoming	8	4	122	40	57%	45%
Idaho	7	10	174	63	33%	51%
Cache Valley	9	19	218	99	60%	48%
Williard Bay	7	14	119	84	41%	71%
North Ogden	8	14	168	47	44%	44%
Ogden	7	5	114	58	25%	46%
South Ogden	7	17	215	99	45%	44%
Roy	8	15	148	66	39%	45%
Clearfield	7	11	129	41	21%	44%
Layton	7	18	121	63	58%	63%
Kaysville	8	19	201	45	60%	52%
Bountiful	8	18	133	78	58%	54%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>2050</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>45.40%</b>	<b>49.84%</b>



Elders Asay/Goodman, Clearfield Zone  
The Hupp Family



Elders Santos/Peavey, Clearfield Zone  
The Garcia Family



Elders Santos/Peavey, Clearfield Zone  
The Bingham Family



Elders Monge/Wege, Cache Spanish, Cache  
Valley Zone, The Plancarte Family



Elders Santos/Peavey, Clearfield Zone  
The Baird Family



Elders Kennelly/Allen, Roy Zone  
The Thompson Family



Elders Vann/Diebel, Layton Zone  
The Johnston Family



Elders Freeman/Wiser, Kaysville Zone  
The Evans Family



# BAPTISM REPORTS RECEIVED FOR NOVEMBER 2002

Aardema, Kolby	Farmer, Michael	Lewis, Alix	Shaw, Billie
Aleman, Armando	Florence, Tyler	Linares, Brittny	Shepherd, Kayla
Ayer, Cecile	Gates, Darcie	Lopez, Monique	Short, Christina
Baker, Crecia	Genta, Kenneth	Lyda, John	Soberanis Arceo, Manuel
Ballenger, Steven	Genta, Rebecca	Maple, Kevin	Sommer, Tyann
Bell, Jared	Gilhespie, Rachel	Marquez, Ernesto	Sorenson, Michael
Bell, Mitchell	Goulden, Erica	Martinez, Rebecca	Sparkman, Brittany
Bell, Savoy	Gray, Jennifer	Maza, Marc	Stathis, Ayzee
Bishop, Keeley	Gunn, Jessica	McAfee, Richard	Stathis, Ryles
Bismarck, Francis	Gunn, Katilyn	Mercade, Mike	Stevens, Julie
Brandt, Madison	Halliday, Lachelle	Merrill, Shelby	Symes, Cassidy
Bricker, Kayla	Hart, Jypsie	Miller, Douglas	Thaeler, Stephen
Brown, Timothy	Hartmann, Jamie	Miller, Kinsey	Thompson, Rainey
Byrd, William	Henager, Jennifer	Morrow, Steven	Tondini, Glenn
Campos, Rosa	Henager, Kenny	Muncy, Michael	Tuft, Austin
Cannon, Nilah	John, Emily	Nelson, Misty	Vouros, Constantine
Carlson, Sharon	Johnson, Jesse	Niles, Jeremy	Waiters, Danta
Carver, Kade	Johnston, Andrea	Obermire, Brandon	Willis, Sydnee
Christensen, Jason	Johnston, Ehrich	Omweri, Jackson	Wilson, Preston
Cummins, Anthony	Jones, Elana	Peraza, Emilse	Witbeck, Jordan
Daniels, Austin	Jones, Gretchen	Phelps, Phillip	Young, Trevor
Delaney, Robert	Jonson, Kyla	Phinney, Nicholas	Zarate, Jose
Devito, Felicia	Jorgensen, Kaylyn	Pinnow, Megan	
Devito, James	June, Gina	Powell, Christopher	
Donnell, Sarah	Justice, Krysta	Powell, Darryl	
Doud, Timothy	Keding, Joshua	Rader, Katelyn	
Downs, Royce	Keith, Nathan	Reichenberg, Joseph	
Eliertson, Kristine	Knaus, Bob	Reimann, Ken	
Ekker, Melissa	Knox, Lindee	Rochfort, Emmet	
Empey, Kiersty	Kruger, Danielle	Sanson, Gary	
Etheridge, John	Langdon, Lucy	Schooley, Jamie	
Evans, Jacklyn	Lara, Estacia	Seligman, Kathleen	

# **PRESIDENT'S REMINDERS**

## **ONWARD & UPWARD**

Nov 2002

### **ACTION OF THE MONTH**

Treasure Up the Scriptures (D&C 84:85)

### **REMINDERS:**

- If using e-mail, please begin using your new mission mailbox addresses immediately.
- Christmas Eve & Christmas Day are great opportunities to be involved in acts of service.
- **For Thanksgiving, Christmas day, and New Years day; your preparation day will consist of Tuesday to 1:00 p.m. and the Holiday until 1:00 p.m.**
- Please be in your apartments no later than 8:30 p.m. on New Years Eve. Use this extra time to set personal goals for the 2003 year.
- Phone your family collect on Christmas day and have them call you back at your apartment. Your calls should be limited to a few minutes.
- Send pictures and names of families united through baptism to the office.
- **ON PREPARATION DAY, DRESS IN PROSELYTING CLOTHES IN PUBLIC (INCLUDING MEMBERS HOMES). ALWAYS WEAR YOUR NAMETAGS EVEN IF YOU ARE WEARING GYM CLOTHING.**
- Do not leave your area to take advantage of free meals at restaurants.
- If visiting the home of a single sister, either for dinner or proselyting purposes, Elders must be accompanied by a Priesthood holder age 21 or over.
- When using Church buildings for meetings or interviews, please put away all chairs, turn off all lights and lock all doors when leaving the building.

### **ENJOY GOOD HEALTH**

- Take 1000 MG. Of Vitamin C daily along with a multi-vitamin.
- **DO NOT EAT FOODS THAT ARE WARM - MAKE SURE FOOD IS HOT TO AVOID FOOD POISONING.**
- **Do not overeat during the Holiday Season. Accept only one lunch and dinner invitation per Holiday.**

### **WELL DONE**

- **THANK YOU FOR SENDING IN YOUR WEEKLY PRESIDENT'S REPORTS.**
- **THANK YOU FOR WEARING MORE CONSERVATIVE TIES.**
- **Thank you for shining your shoes regularly.**

### **STATISTICS:**

Mission baptisms for	Sep 2002 = 181	Sep 2001 = 140
Mission baptisms	YTD 2002 = 1369	YTD 2001 = 1287
Discussions taught	Sep 2002 = 1916	Discussions taught last month = 1934

**MEMORIZATION SCRIPTURE:** D&C 20:37

**MEMORIZATION HYMN:** #212 - Far Far Away on Judea's Plains.