

AVANTE

Guatemala - El Salvador Mission

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HOW THINK YE?

If a man have an hundred sheep,
and one of them be gone astray, doth he
not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth
into the mountains, and seeketh that which
is gone astray?

And if it so be that he find it, verily
I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep,
than of the ninety and nine which went not astray.

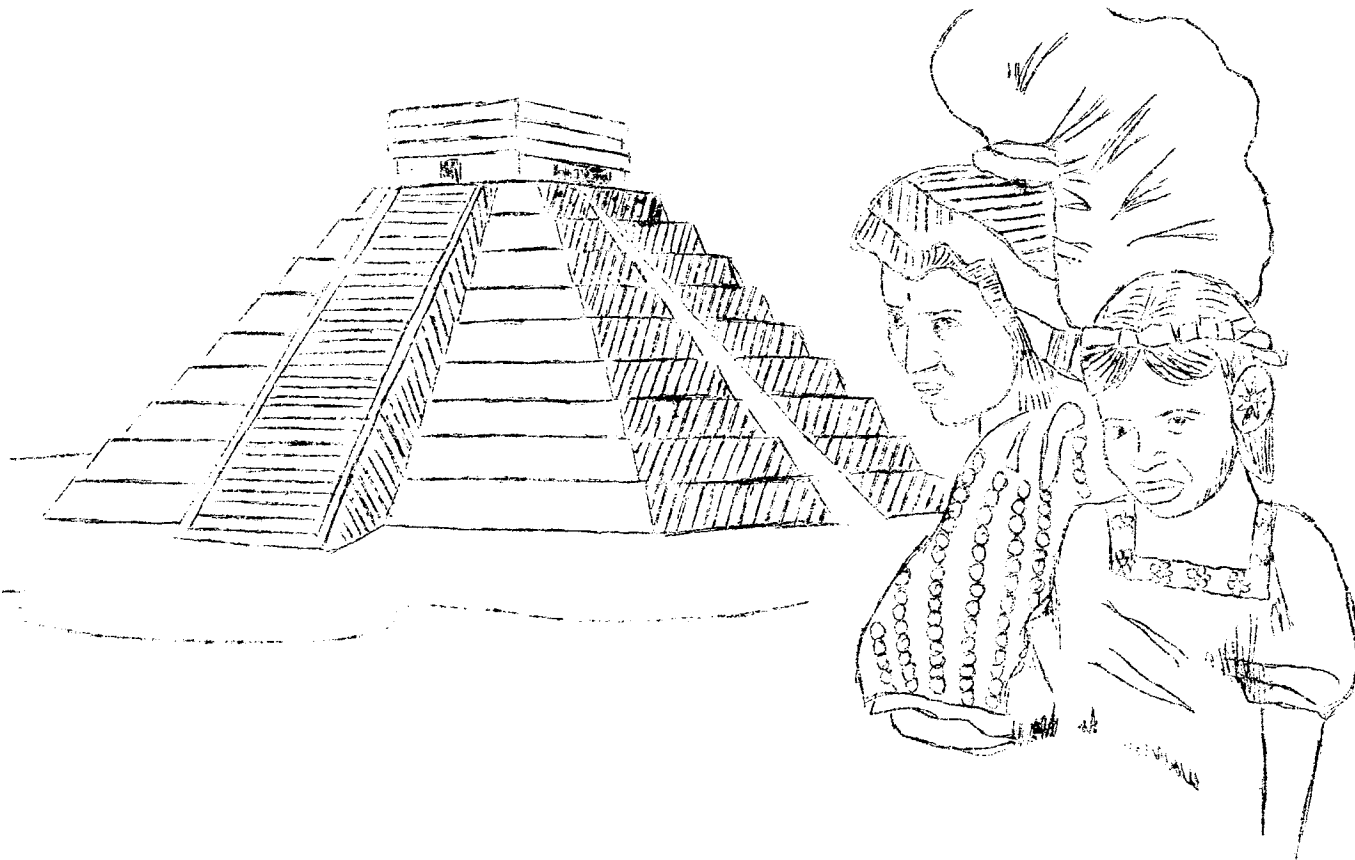
Even so it is not the will of your Father
which is in heaven, that one of these little ones
should perish. Matthew 18:12-14.

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Huehuetenango	Wilson

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Ron Smith	ZL
Brown	ZLC
Totonicapán	Curritt
Momostenango	Mortenson
Patzicía	Stapley
Sololá	Allred

Guatemala North

Hedelius	ZL
Bateman	ZLC
Florida	Green
Chimaltenango	Francom
Guatemala #4-6	Nielson
Jalapa-Jutiapa	Housley
Villa Nueva	Parson

Guatemala South

Blaser	ZL
Miner	ZLC
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Guatemala #2-5	Davis S. K.
Zacapa	Pitcher

San Salvador South

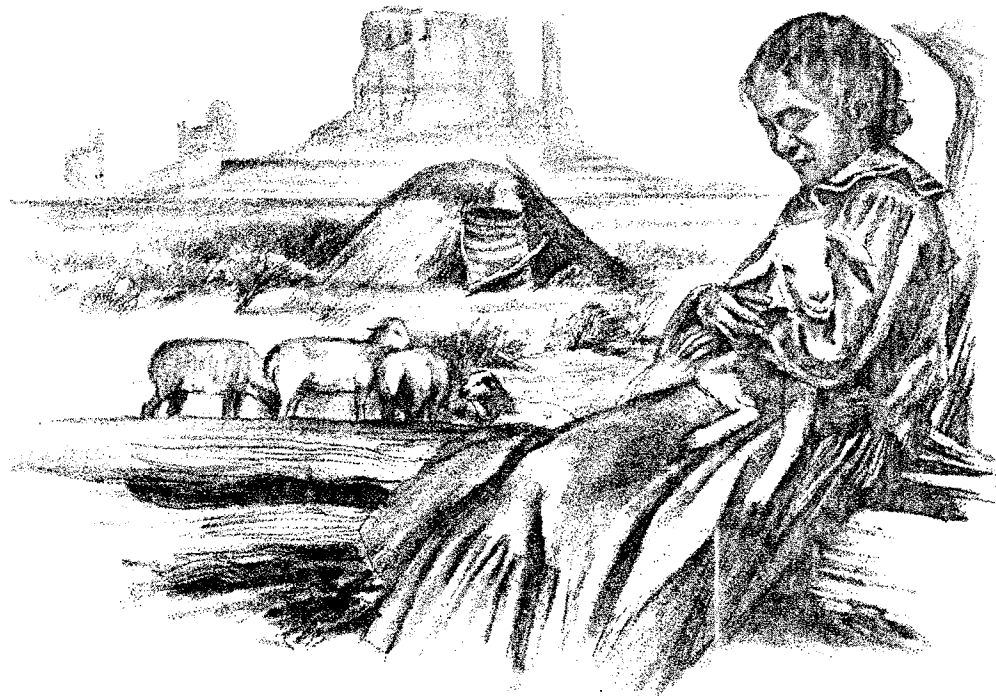
Smith N. R.	ZL
Morgan	ZLC
Central, SJ, Las Amer.	Jepsen
Santa Anita	Matthews
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San Miguel	Kohler

Santa Ana Zone

Smith R. C.	ZL
Thurston	ZLC
Santa Ana #1	Asay
Santa Ana #2	Smith Rosetta
Chalchuapa	Rudd
Sonsonate	Saunders

San Salvador North

Read	ZL
Hansen	ZLC
Layco, Atl., Mejicanos	Nisonger
Villa Delgado	Sheffield
Santa Lucia, Soyapango	Andrus
Zacatecoluca	Anderson



Dear Fellow Missionaries:

President Wilford Woodruff said that the Prophet Joseph Smith made the following statement, April 26, 1834, in Kirtland, Ohio:

I want to say to you before the Lord, that you know no more concerning the destinies of this Church and Kingdom than a babe upon its mother's lap. You don't comprehend it. It is only a little handful of Priesthood you see here tonight, but this Church will fill North and South America — It will fill the Rocky Mountains. There will be tens of thousands of Latter-day Saints who will be gathered in the Rocky Mountains and there they will open the door for the establishing of the Gospel among the Lamanites This people will go into the Rocky Mountains; they will there build temples to the Most High. They will raise up a posterity there, and the Latter-day Saints who dwell in these mountains will stand in the flesh until the coming of the Son of Man. The Son of Man will come to them while in the Rocky Mountains.

I am sure that the vision the Prophet had of these Latin-American Lands can only be comprehended by us in part, and yet we can get a glimpse of this vision especially as we labor diligently and success becomes a result of our dedicated labors.

In a recent letter from Elder Delbert L. Stapley to Sister Clark and myself, he reminded us of the direction we must place our efforts in order to accomplish our major objectives. We feel the March and April Program is the right step to take if we are to fulfill the great end in this part of Latin America, which Elder Stapley and all the Brethren of the Church have hoped and prayed for since the time of the Prophet Joseph Smith. We must declare the Gospel to every man, baptizing into the Church the Lord's "elect," (D&C 29:6), uniting families in the Church by completing the entire family unit through the blessing of the family not yet a member of the Church. We must train the Priesthood in their responsibility and teach dedication and sacrifice on the part of the brethren and sisters in the work of the Lord.

We pray the Lord will bless you as you become instruments in the hands of the Lord to bring about this accomplishment.

President and Sister Clark

Fellow missionaries,

One of the greatest problems we as missionaries face is that of discouragement. I am sure that we have all experienced to some degree this feeling of failure, and have watched the goal we had tried so hard to achieve slip out of our hands. At this time perhaps more than at any other time we examine ourselves, and ask ourselves why it is we are down here preaching the Gospel. Perhaps we question our decision to be missionaries. At this time we examine our motives.

I was most impressed in our last general conference at the talk Brother Hartman Rector Jr. gave on motives. I would like to quote from this talk:

I have seen instances where young men came...who were away from home and home influences for the first time in their lives. They had been taught the Word of Wisdom and laws of chastity, and they lived them. They didn't smoke because their fathers didn't want them to, or they didn't drink because their sweetheart didn't want them to, or they didn't gamble because their mother didn't want them to. Now these are good reasons for not doing these things. They had been good enough to serve these young men adequately for 18 or 20 years.

Since these young men had never been away from home, they had never seen much of what really goes on in the world. And the ways of the world came as a rude shock to them. For instance, they found themselves living with young men their own age who lived none of their standards. Still, their new-found friends could run as fast and jump as high as they, and sometimes exceed them in feats of strength or mental ability. This had a very interesting effect on these young men. They began a serious re-evaluation of their standards. The fact that they were encouraged by their new friends to join in their immoral acts didn't help the situation either.

But the most crucial fact was that they were now thousands of miles away from their reasons for living the commandments. All too often influence varies inversely in proportion to the distance from it. I saw some of these young men slip down into doing the things they were sure they would never do because they loved their parents or sweetheart too much.

Now I wouldn't want you to think this was the fate of a great number of my young friends. It wasn't. Many came with the same high standards. They lived the same laws, but they did it for a different reason—their motives were different. Instead of keeping the commandments because they loved their mother or father or sweetheart, although it was quite obvious they did love them, they did it because they loved the Lord. They knew him and loved him, and this made a major difference in their conduct. It doesn't make any difference where you are or how many miles from home you happen to be; the Lord is still there.

Then love of the Lord becomes absolutely vital to salvation, because it forms the foundation of our motives for righteousness. No other reason is strong enough to hold us, and therefore is wrong.

Missionaries, if we came on our missions because of our parents, or our girlfriend (or boyfriend, as the case may be), although these are good reasons they will not hold us ultimately in the line of truth. May we get close to the Lord, know Him, and thereby receive the assurance and confidence we all seek from him. May the Lord bless us as we continue in His work, doing the right things for the right reason.

Your fellow missionary,

Elder Thomas Ralph Hardy
1st. Assistant

Dear Fellow Missionaries,

How Think Ye? These first three words of the theme for the "March and April" program are of great and varied significance.

How Think Ye? We are told in the scriptures, that as a man thinketh, so is he. That our thoughts control our actions is a proven fact of science, every voluntary action is preceded by a thought. We are constantly taught and reminded by great leaders in the church as well as great and famous men of the business world to rule our thoughts, to channel them in the right course. A man who masters or controls himself is mightier than the one who is a ruler of nations. We have been given many solutions as to how to control our thoughts, all we have to do is apply what we have been given.

A governing factor in how we think, is the attitude we have toward what we think. A positive, cheerful, and an "I CARE" attitude is a necessary attribute to successful missionary labor. I'm sure we all remember the childhood story of the little train who "thought he could" and "He Did". Before we can do anything, we have to think we can.

How Think Ye, of the value of your fellowmen? We as missionaries are engaged in the most important work on the earth, that of calling men to repentance, and of preparing them to return to the presence of their Creator. Do we think of this important calling and realize its importance?

During the program of March and April, let us Re-dedicate ourselves and Re-evaluate our thoughts. Let's control our thoughts, Let's think positively, Let's think of the value of the salvation of our fellowmen. Most important of all, Let's think BIG!

Your Fellow Missionary,

Elder J.V. Johnson
2nd Assistant

Dear Elders:

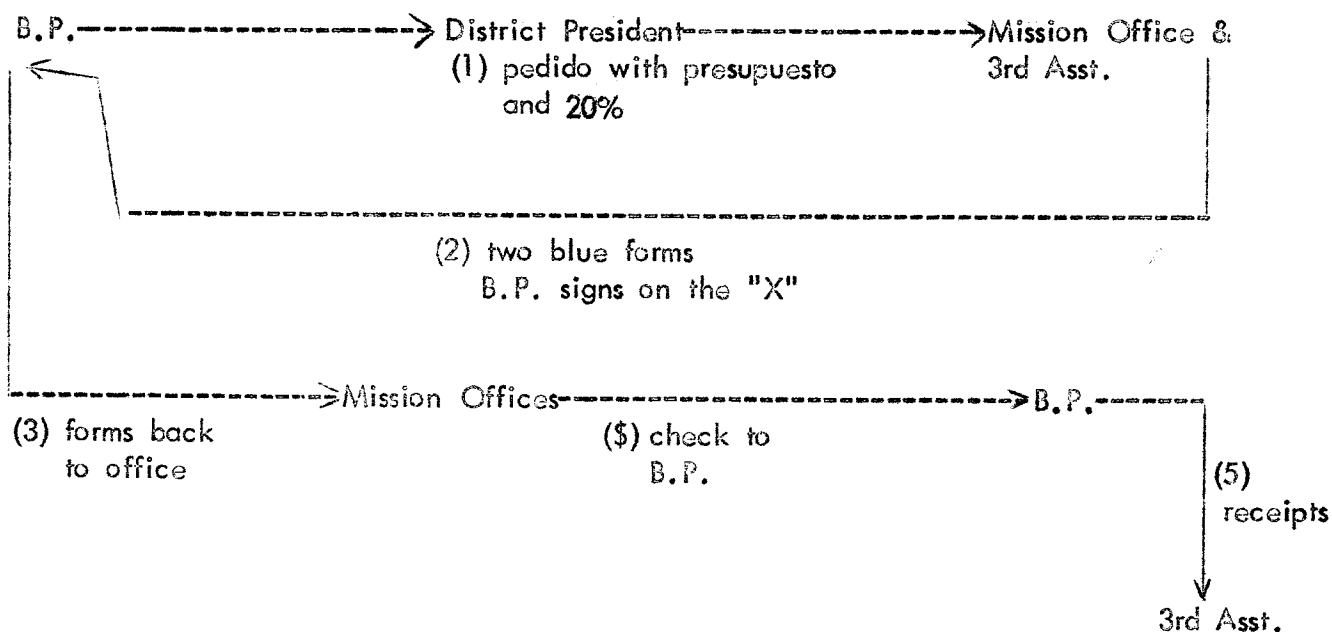
Most likely at one time or another during the mission you will have the opportunity to need something done to the branch you are working in. The branch will need paint, a clock, repairs, desks, benches, or even a pane of glass. The Branch President will be the one to talk to. He, in all probability, will come to you asking what to do. He should talk to the District President and the two of them should fill out a pedido.

If it is a small thing, a minor repair, it should come out of the branch budget. But, as you know, the branches do not receive very much in the way of budget, and so have very little money to keep their buildings in good repair. The members should be paying their budget in order to pay the light, water, and keep the building in good condition.

However, when the need is larger than the branches ability to fill that need, the church will provide 80% of the bill and the branch will be required to pay or raise 20% of the cost. Now, if there is labor involved which the branch members can do and their hours of work are equal to or greater than the 20% required they don't have to pay money; their part will be considered labor.

PA' QUE SEPAIS

This is the order of things.



Thank you for your co-operation.

Elder Chase
3rd Asst.

GUATEMALA COAST ZONE

Mercer ZL
Torres ZLC

XELA ZONE

Gonzalez ZL
Ceballos ZLC

Mazatenango

Flake DL
Jacobs
Gain
Lohrke

Escuintla

Wamsley DL
Howe
Blake
Pfeiffer

Xela #1

Goodwin DL
Ashworth
Bingham
Francisco
Gledhill
Beecroft

Xela #2

Hyatt DL
Terry
Reed, Dennis
Donkin

Retalhuleu

Flowe DL
Briggs
Rush
Shelly

Coatepeque

Jacobsen DL
Stock

Huehuetenango

Wilson DL
Knight

San Marcos

McArthur DL
Donaldson
Prettyman
Fugal

OFFICE

Johnson, J.V. DL
Stowell
Hardy
Taylor
Burton
Hall
Stewart
VanLeeuwen
Chase

LANANITE ZONE

Smith, R. ZL
Brown ZLC

Quiche #1

Curritt DL
Short
Moulton
Mathis

Cakchiquel #1

Stapley DL
Ellsworth
Meyer
Hancock

Quiche #2

Mortenson DL
Thomas
VanLuven
Egbert

Cakchiquel #2

Allred DL
Zinn
Hewlett
Leavitt

GUATEMALA CITY SOUTH

Blaser ZL
Miner ZLC

GUATEMALA CITY NORTH

Hedelius ZL
Bateman ZLC

Guatemala #1

Allen DL
Burton
Tenny
Harmon

Guatemala #3

Holtsclaw DL
Porter
Reed, K.
Lines

Guatemala #5

Green DL
Roundy
Mortensen, C.
Stock

Guatemala #4

Neilsen DL
Harris
Tucker
Welch

Guatemala #2

Francom DL
Peterson
Monroe
Greenwood

Zacapa-Chiquimula

Pitcher DL
Juárez
Jones, I.
Durrance

Chimaltenango—Tecpán

Davis, S.K. DL
Kiougioulis
Castle
Pugmire

Jalapa-Jutiapa

Housley DL
Johnson, R.
Corbett
Albaugh

SAN SALVADOR NORTH

Read ZL
Hansen ZLC

San Salvador #3

Nisonger DL
Gifford
Aker
Harston

San Salvador #5

Sheffield DL
Evans
Benton
Proctor

San Salvador #4

Andrus DL
Hatch
Shurtleff
Buhler

Zacatecoluca

Anderson DL
Snow



SAN SALVADOR SOUTH

Smith, N.R. ZL
Morgan ZLC

SANTA ANA

Smith, R.C. ZL
Thurston ZLC

San Salvador #1

Jepsen DL
Carmichael
Quist
Bonus

San Salvador #2

Matthews DL
Dixon
Redd
Peshell

Santa Ana #1

Asay DL
Trump
Johnson, F.
Henrie
Wride
Barrett

Santa Ana #2

Smith, Rosetta DL
White
Ballou
Ovard

San Miguel

Kohler
Radford
Ethington
Erikson
Conkling
Torres

Santa Tecla

Alexander DL
Talbot

Sonsonate

Saunders DL
Alder

Chalchuapa—Ahuachapán

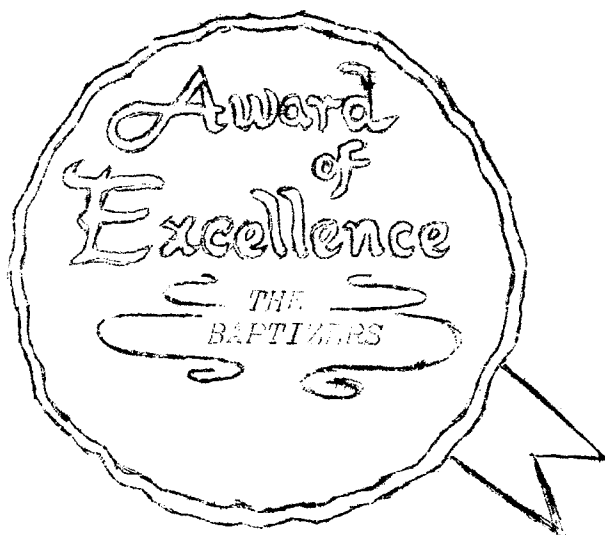
Rudd DL
Palmer
Slater
White, P.

Yea, open your mouths and
they shall be filled...

I. JONES.....	76
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DIXON.....	71
CHASE.....	71
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MORGAN.....	57
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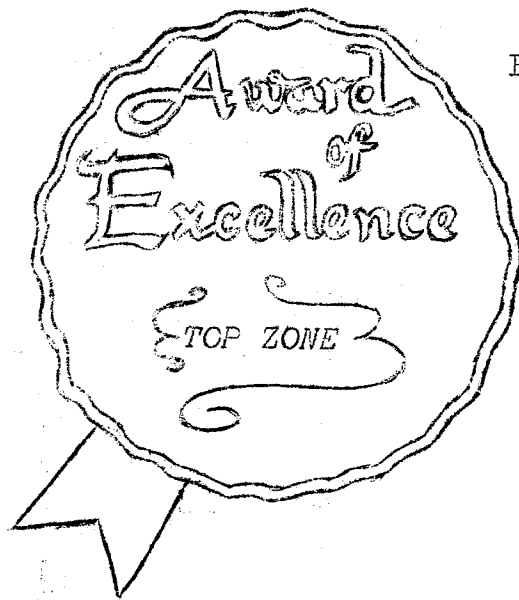


..and as many as were baptized
in the name of Jesus were...



ALLEN.....	23
TENNEY.....	23
BERRETT.....	22
PITCHER.....	22
FLOVE.....	18
HARSTON.....	18
BENTON.....	17
CARMICHAEL.....	17
BATEMAN.....	14
BONUS.....	14
RUSH.....	14

filled with the Holy Ghost...



EL SALVADOR COUNTRY

WITH :

374 LESSONS

AND :

74 BAPTISMS

EL SALVADOR COUNTRY

SANTA ANA #1 - 36b.

SAN SALVADOR SOUTH

SAN SALVADOR #1 - 32b.

GUATEMALA SOUTH

GUATEMALA #1 - 24b.

SAN SALVADOR NORTH

SAN SALVADOR #5 - 23b.

GUATEMALA WEST

XELAJU #1 - 17b.

GUATEMALA COAST

MAZATENANGO - 7b.

ESCUINTLA - 7b.

LAMANITE

PATZICIA-PATZUN - 9b.



GUATEMALA NORTH

GUATEMALA #4 - 8b.

ZONE	CHALLENGE	BAPTISMS	%
El Salvador	150	74	49
Santa Ana #1	40	36	90
Sonsonate	20	9	45
Chalchuapa-Ahuachapán	40	12	30
Z.L.'s	20	4	20
Santa Ana #2	40	7	17.5
San Salvador South	180	72	40
San Salvador #1	40	32	80
San Miguel	60	23	38.3
San Salvador #2	40	12	30
Santa Tecla	20	4	20
Z.L.'s	20	1	5
Guatemala South	160	51	32
Guatemala #1-3	40	24	60
Guatemala #2-5	40	12	30
Jocotales-Cipresé	40	12	30
Z.L.'s	20	1	5
Zacapa-Chiquimulá	20	1	2.5
Xela	160	31	20.7
Xela #1	40	17	42.5
San Marcos	40	3	15
Z.L.'s	40	3	15
Xela #2	40	3	7.5
Huehuetenango	20	0	0
Lamanite	170	17	10
Patzicía-Patzún	40	9	22.5
Momostenango	40	3	7.5
Totonicapán	30	2	6
Sololá	40	2	5
Z.L.'s	20	0	0
Guatemala North	180	18	10
Guatemala #4-6	40	8	20
Florida	20	4	20
Jalapa-Jutiapa	40	6	15
Chimaltenango-Tecpán	40	0	0
Z.L.'s	20	0	0
Coast	180	18	10
Escuintla	40	7	17.5
Mazatenango	40	7	17.5
Coatepeque	40	2	5
Z.L.'s	20	1	5
Retalhuleu	40	1	2.5
District Mission	15	0	0
Office	15	0	0

Use of cola drinks and Playing games of chance

Question: "please enlighten me in relation to the use of colc drinks and the playing of games of chance by members of the Church.

Answered by

JOSEPH FIELDING SMITH

President of the council of the Twelve

D&C1:31-33; 37-39

grow old by repetition. The Lord has commanded members of the Church to improve their minds by study and by faith, and the ancient prophets have predicted a glorious day to come before the second advent of the Son of God a day when, as it is written, the Lord will make a new covenant with the house of Israel:

"And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity; and I will remember their sin no more." (Jer. 31:34)

What a glorious day this will be. Moreover, that day, according to the revelation given by the Lord, is near at hand. It is written:

"Verily, I say unto you, this generation, in which these things shall be fulfilled, and shown forth, shall not pass away until all I have told you shall be fulfilled." (Joseph Smith 1:34)

Answer: Time is precious and should be occupied in some useful pursuit or study in which the mind may be enlightened and spirituality increased. While there is no objection to the brethren and sisters meeting together from time to time to engage in some relaxation, the devoting of the time to some foolish practice as the playing of cards or games of chance is contrary to the spirit and teaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

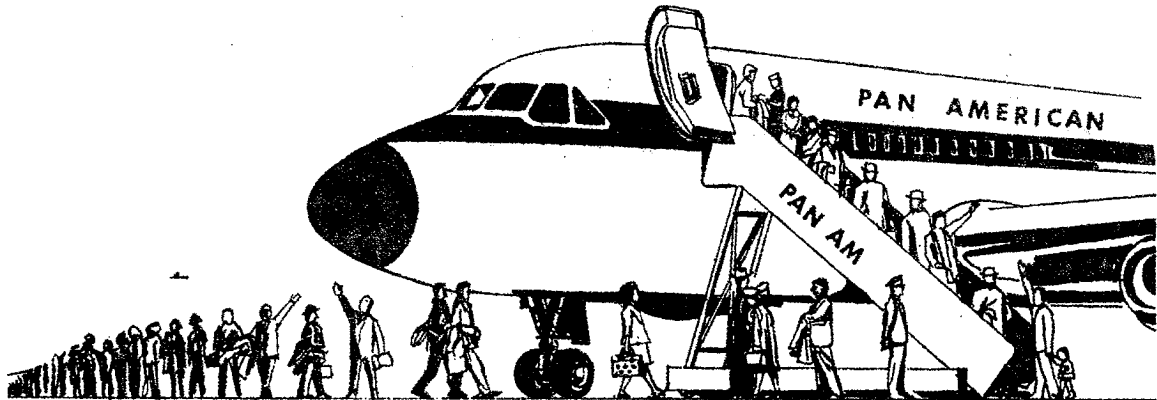
I was definitely informed by a chemist that the cola drinks are just as harmful as tea or coffee, and his advice was to leave all such substances alone.

Bingo, if I understand correctly, is a mild game of chance. How much better it would be if when a group of members of the Church comes together for some relaxation their time could be spent in a discussion of some of the vital principles of the gospel of Jesus Christ or listening to some historical narration pertaining to the history of the Church or a remarkable experience that would be faith-promoting as well as interesting to all who are assembled. There are so many ways in which groups, when they come together, for some reason, might be entertained and at the same time edified by the relating of some remarkable incident particularly in connection with the preaching of the gospel, the establishing of pioneer communities, and a thousand other things that would be faith-promoting.

The Old testament, the Book of Mormon, and even the history of the Church are replete with faith-promoting incidents that should never be forgotten and which never

VIEJOS...

Terrell Jay Jones
From: Malad City, Idaho
Released: March 5, 1969
Worked in: Guatemala, San
Salvador, Chalchuapa, San
Marcos, Sonsonate, Office



NUEVOS...

Frederick William Palmer
From: Montezuma, Iowa
Came in: March 4, 1969
Working in: Chalchuapa
With: Elder Rudd

Michael Lynn Harris
From: Evanston, Wyoming
Came in: March 4, 1969
Working in: Guatemala
With: Elder Neilson

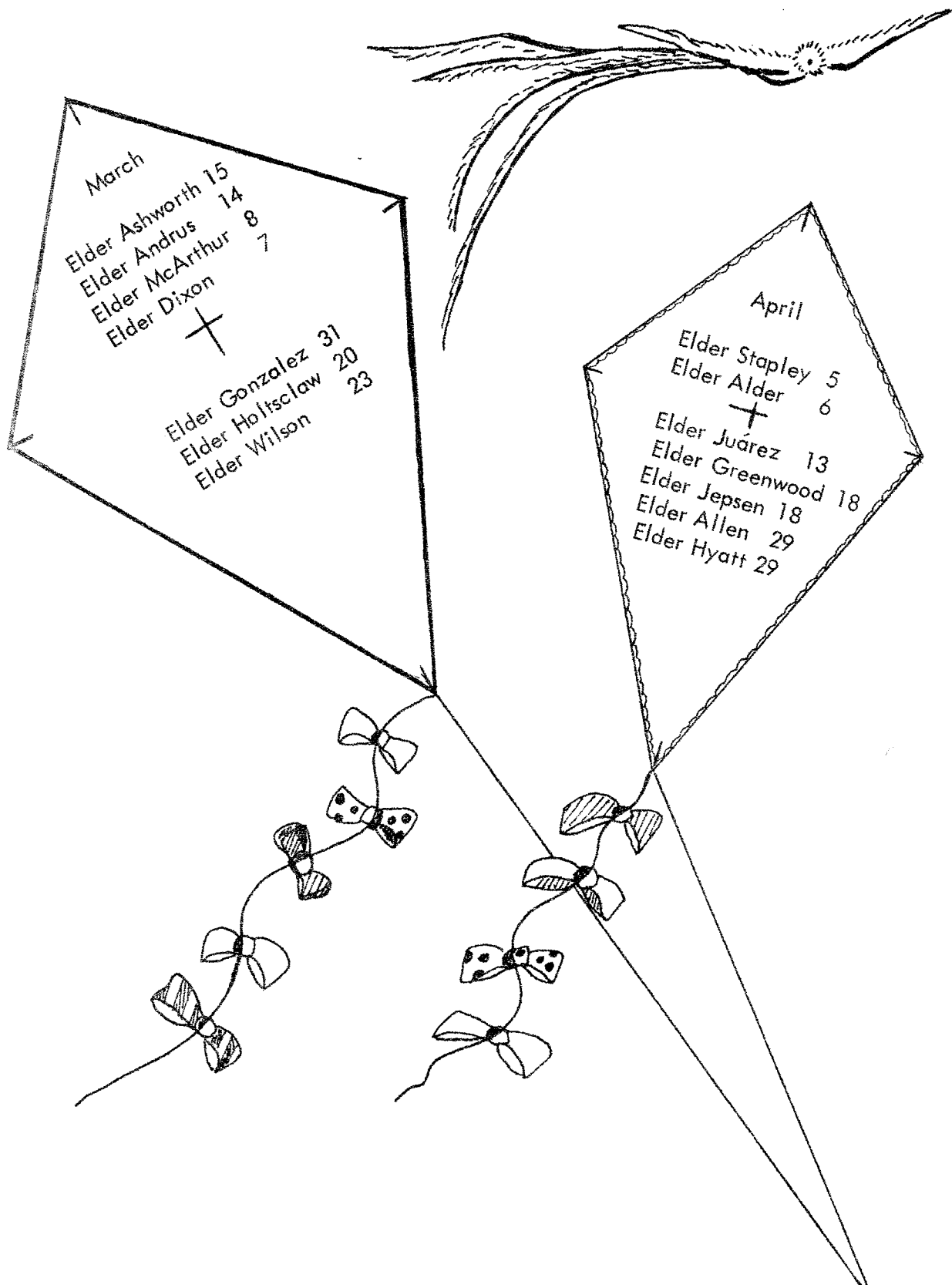
James Bruce Trump
From: Bountiful, Utah
Came in: March 4, 1969
Working in: Santa Ana
With: Elder Asay

Robert Waldon Durrance
From: Bunnell, Florida
Came in: March 11, 1969
Working in: Chiquimula
With: Elder Jones

Michael Ray Proctor
From: Van Nuys, California
Came in: March 11, 1969
Working in: San Salvador
With: Elder Benton

David Brent Hatch
From: Blackfoot, Idaho
Came in: March 11, 1969
Working in: San Salvador
With: Elder Andrus

Stanley Allen Radford
From: Salt Lake City, Utah
Came in: March 11, 1969
Working in: San Miguel
With: Elder Kohler



BIRTHDAYS

PA' QUE SEPAIS

All elders in the Mission are asked to have a nice pair of white baptismal trousers for their own use when baptizing. Let's cooperate with the wards and branches by providing our own baptismal clothing.

"No one is great for himself alone. He is great because of what he believes in and stands for and fights for. Lincoln was great because of what he stood for; Joseph Smith was great because of what he stood for. The most humble of us can stand for the greatest things. Neither are we great for what we are, but we are great for what we may become. And we will become tomorrow what we stand for today..."

--Sterling W. Sill

Another friendly little reminder to all missionaries; the office is a busy place, and crowded as it is. Please do not enter without receiving first the permission from the Second Assistant. Office workers also eat. Please come at a time other than meal time. For those who may have forgotten, here is the schedule of hours:

Daily	9:00-12:30
	2:00- 5:30
Tuesday Night	6:30- 9:30
Saturday	9:30-12:30

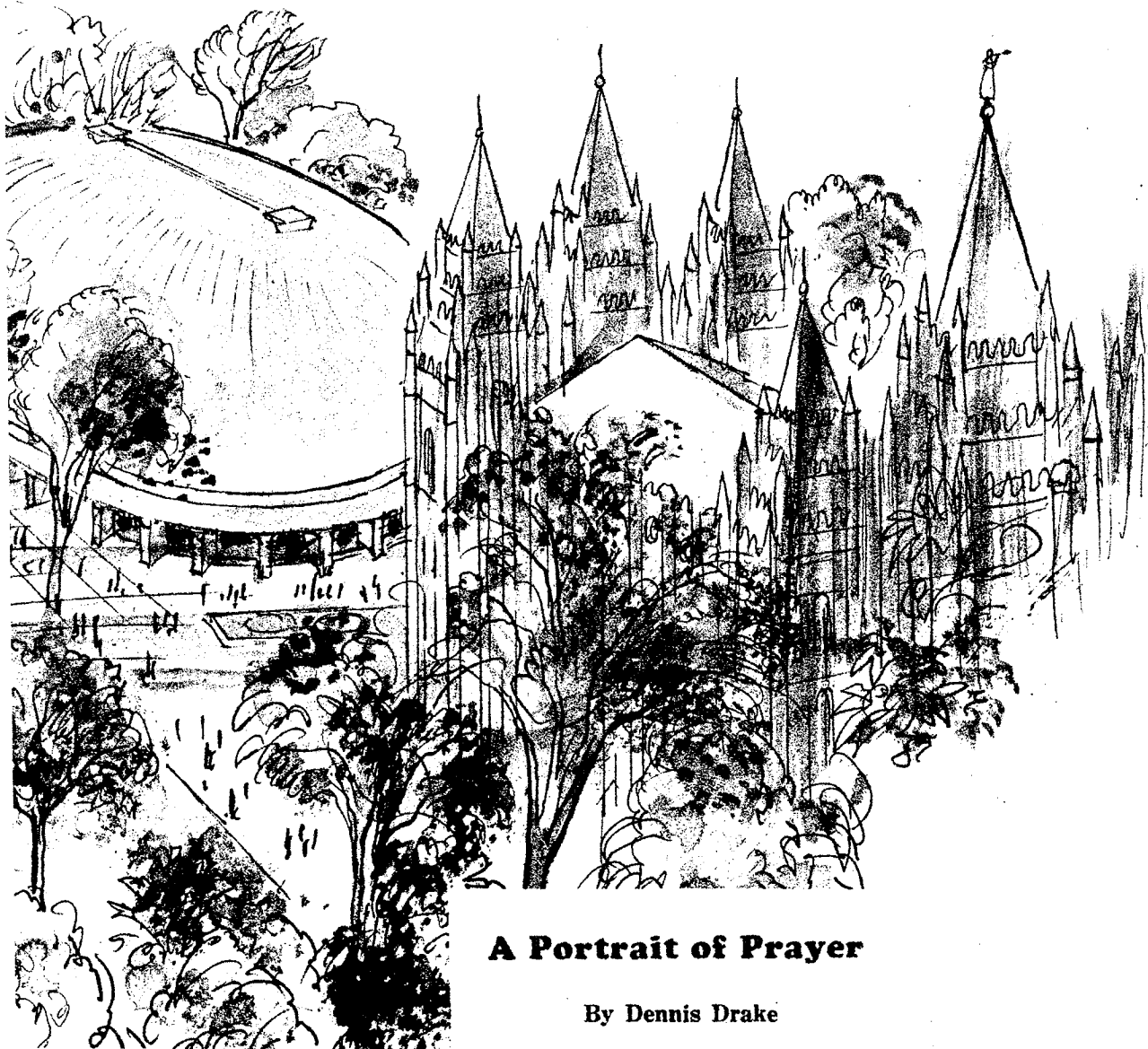
CLOSED SUNDAY & MONDAY

"There is a story about a peculiar custom of a group of ancient Chinese. If you visited in one of their homes and admired a certain object, you might find that your Chinese host would wrap this particular article up and send it to you as a present. You admire it and so you get it. But that is exactly what life does to us all of the time. Whatever you truly love and admire, you get. If you love honesty, you get honesty. If you love friendship, you get friendship. If you love integrity or industry, or any other trait, good or bad, life wraps it up and sends it to you as a present."

--Sterling W. Sill

"We may differ widely in environments, education, learning, knowledge, or lack of it, and in our personalities, our likes and dislikes. But if we set ourselves the task, we'll find a meeting place, somehow and somewhere."

--Faith Baldwin



A Portrait of Prayer

By Dennis Drake

● Prayer is a dialogue, not a monologue. It opens a spiritual channel between man and his Immortal Guide. President McKay says that prayer is "a message of the soul. . . . The language is not mere words but spirit vibration."

Prayer can predict our progress. If it is a true blueprint of our intent, it will articulate the best of each of us.

Prayer constitutes deep thoughts and institutes deeper ones. It is part of the key to wisdom. The Prophet Joseph was instructed by Moroni: "Forget not to pray, that thy mind may become strong."

Prayer requires faith, and builds it, and permits each of us to experience the feelings of gratitude, humility, and hope.

Prayer provides relief from mundane burdens through sharing the responsibilities of life with another. It is an

invigorating prescription, an antidote for unnecessary cares and qualms, a catalyst for further spiritual endeavors.

Prayer provides an individual with an honest analysis of himself. It teaches him the ability to appraise himself realistically and rightly—not as compared to the neighbors next door, the group at the office, or his graduating class, but to himself and how well he is running the race of life as an individual, evaluated only according to his inherent "talents" and his use of them.

Prayer teaches, indeed admits, the reality of God. It is a testimony of faith, a daily autobiography, a personal portrait.

Prayer can resolve any doubt, remove any fear, guide and inspire, and teach the eternal truths.

Is God really dead? Ask him!

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