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GUATEMALA - EL SALVADOR MISSION

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DISTRICT LEADERS

Guatemala #1	David Hamilton
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Guatemala #4	Dale Mortenson
Guatemala #5	Lowell Rex
Guatemala #6	Paul Mendenhall
Guatemala #7	David Fox
Guatemala #9	Alen Hunter
Office	John Peay
Xela #1	Norman Garrett
Xela #2	Telésforo Méndez
Mazatenango	Robert Willardson
Coatepeque	Geoffrey Gibson
Quiché #1	Robert Brown
Quiché #2	James Yardley
Cakchiquel #1	Leon Henderson
Cakchiquel #2	Burton Johnson
San Salvador #1	Bruce Brower
San Salvador #2	Carl Smith
San Salvador #3	Robert Speaker
San Salvador #4	Michael Dever
San Salvador #5	Melvin Peel
Santa Ana #1	Robert Alexander
Santa Ana #2	Kenneth Jones
Sonsonate	William Southwick
San Miguel	John Wendt

Fellow Missionaries,

The stage of life is draped with opposition and adversity. The great challenge of life is to face this opposition with the desire to conquer. There is not much appreciation for the goals we achieve, the prizes that are given, or the number we baptize unless we have had to struggle, pray, fast, and expend sincere effort on their behalf.

President Tuttle in his October conference address of 1967 quoted Joseph Smith as having said:

"... that afflictions come to all." (May we add, ... that oppositions come to all.)

Henry Ward Beecher said, "Affliction comes to us all, not to make us sorry, but to make us wise; not to make us despondent, but by its darkness to refresh us as the night refreshes the day; not to impoverish, but to enrich us."

President Tuttle adds:

"Too often we are shortsighted as we view the effects of adversity upon us. We fail to see the purifying and refining effect wrought by the flames of adversity. These flames are not meant to consume but only to purify us. Disguised as adversity, blessings are showered upon us."

As we work to arrive at our goals, let us learn to appreciate the value of struggle and hard dedication in the work.

The destiny of the mission will be determined on your individual dedication to achieve. May the Lord bless you all to this end.

The Mission Presidents,

David G. Clark
Bonnie Clark

I once heard a story about a small cobbler's shop in England where there were a number of what appeared to be silver coins nailed to the counter. Many people were puzzled by the coins and asked the little cobbler about them. His reply was always the same, "Well, you see sir, the coins are false, and to stop them from being circulated I nailed them down." The action of this man won him a lot of respect.

"We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all man." The above words found in a letter addressed to a Mr. John Wentworth, explaining in comprehensive statements the doctrine of the Church of Jesus Christ, later came to be known as "The Articles of Faith."

These statements were made at a time when occurrences like this were not unlikely, "twenty-nine houses were burnt down, while their occupants driven in to the bushes where men, women, and children laid drenched with rain through the night." Do you think these people, our forefathers, gave up the virtues they cherished so much as to take up arms in justice for what wrongs had been done them? No.

Honesty, cleanliness of thought and action, along with the other virtues, are such important factors in our daily meeting with people. It has been said that a person judges our character in the first few minutes after he has met us. In a world where craftiness and dishonesty abound, let's remember that these qualities are some of the first traits a person looks for in a Latter Day Saint.

Sincerely,

Elder Dennis E. Frazier
First Assistant

Our thanks go out to Elder Dennis Frazier for a "Job well done" as First Assistant to the Mission President for the 4½ months. Elder Frazier's persistent work with the branch leadership was a stimulus to mission progress. His successful planning and direction of a mission-wide Youth Convention that inspired young members all the way from Quezaltenango to San Salvador demonstrated his love for the youth. Elder Frazier truly gave us the example of a man of outstanding self-initiative and desire to serve.

Unfortunately, my job gives me a chance to spend a little time in the office of Pan American Airways, in Guatemala City. But even traumatic experiences like that give way to lessons we learn.

On each telephone in that office is a conservative little sign, reminding the employees: "Your voice is the voice of Pan Am." Ideally, each time he answers the ringing phone, the Pan Am worker is reminded by those simple words that he represents an entire company with what he says--- and how he says it.

Whose voice is yours, missionary?

"What I the Lord have spoken, I have spoken, and I excuse not myself; and though the heavens and the earth pass away, my word shall not pass away, but shall all be fulfilled, whether by mine own voice or by the voice of my servants, it is the same."

(D.&C. 1:38)

Whose voice is yours, missionary?

That's a pretty big responsibility, isn't it.

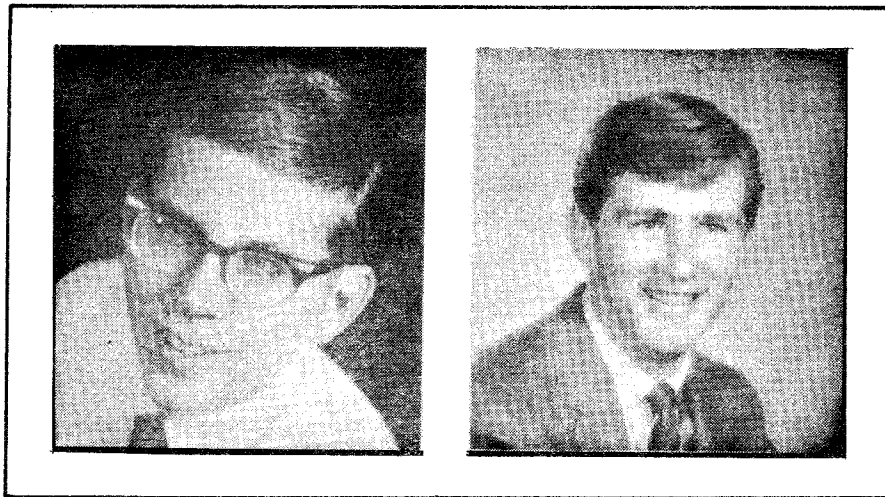
When Elder David Hamilton and I were working in Quezaltenango, we were humbled by an investigator's answer to the question, "Y, ¿cómo eran el Padre y el Hijo?" "They were just like you are," she said. Either she was mistaken, or we had a big responsibility to live up to.

Fifteen baptisms per pair per month? You bet we can do it, but only if our voice isn't ours, but the voice of Him whom we serve; only if we are not just Elder Tal and Elder Cual, but one and united with our Lord, and worthy to be as He is to this people.

May we mold our missionary lives toward that goal.

Elder Robert A. Cloward
2nd Assistant

LIST OF HONOR



"...and lo, he that thrusteth in his sickle with his might, the same layeth up in store that he perisheth not, but bringeth salvation to his soul..."

This month's List of Honor recognizes Elders Kenneth Jones and Ronald Hedelius, both of whom appear on all three "Tops for March" lists.

Congratulations to Elder Jones for his second month in a row on the List of Honor. He has earned it twice now by his diligent example as the District Leader of Santa Ana #2.

Elder Hedelius has served well in his assignment in Guatemala #3. He is to be commended for his outstanding achievement not only in his number of baptisms, but also in his average hours and total lessons.

DISTRICT OF THE MONTH

SALVADOR #3

Robert Speaker DL
Morris Matthews

Elmer Chase
Clinton Andrus

With a combination of four hard-working Elders and a bunch of missionary spirit, Salvador #3 took the honors in March as District of the Month.

Each pair put in half of the results as they brought 14 members into the Church, thus achieving 70% of their district challenge of 20.

ZONE COMPETITION

Too close for comfort was the judgement on the Zone Competition during March, and steaks were served up at Guatemala's "La Puerta", and San Salvador's "Coche Rojo." The points, given for baptisms with quality in mind and for number of lessons, added up like this in the two zones.

Guatemala City Zone 222.8 points
Zone Leader: Bruce Lloyd

San Salvador Zone 221.8 points
Zone Leader: Randy Harris

And thus the eternal ZL feud between Elder Randy Harris and Elder Lloyd ended happily ever after.

MARCH DISTRICT COMPARATIVES

DISTRICT	DISTRICT LEADER	MARCH CHALLENGE	TOTAL BAPTISMS	PERCENTAGE OF CHALLENGE
Salvador #3	Speaker	20	14	70.0
Guatemala #3	Chambers	20	12	60.0
Santa Ana #1	Alexander	30	16	53.3
Salvador #5	Smith, CV	20	10	50.0
Guatemala #4	Mortenson, D	30	15	50.0
Coatepeque	Gibson	20	9	45.0
Quiché #2	Yardley	20	8	40.0
Guatemala #7	Fox	20	7	35.0
Salvador #1	Brower	30	10	33.3
Guatemala #9	Hunter	20	6	30.0
Mazatenango	Smith, M	20	6	30.0
Santa Ana #2	Jones, K	30	9	30.0
Guatemala #5	Rex	30	8	26.6
Guatemala #1	Hamilton	30	7	23.3
Guatemala #6	Mendenhall	30	7	23.3
Salvador #4	Dever	30	7	23.3
Salvador #2	Dean	30	6	20.0
Xela #2	Méndez	30	5	16.6
Xela #1	Garrett	30	4	13.3
Cakchiquel	Henderson	20	2	10.0
Office	Peay	15	1	6.6
Quiché #1	Brown	20	1	5.0
Sonsonate	Southwick	20	1	5.0
San Miguel	Wendt	30	1	3.3
Cakchiquel #2	Johnson, B	20	0	0.0
TOTALS		600	172	28.7%

CHALLENGE FOR APRIL

Guatemala #1 . . . . .	.30
Guatemala #3 . . . . .	.20
Guatemala #4 . . . . .	.30
Guatemala #5 . . . . .	.30
Guatemala #6 . . . . .	.20
Guatemala #7 . . . . .	.20
Guatemala #9 . . . . .	.20
Xela #1 . . . . .	.30
Xela #2 . . . . .	.30
Mazatenango . . . . .	.20
Coatepeque . . . . .	.20
Quiché #1 . . . . .	.20
Quiché #2 . . . . .	.20
Cakchiquel #1 . . . . .	.20
Cakchiquel #2 . . . . .	.20
Salvador #1 . . . . .	.30
Salvador #2 . . . . .	.30
Salvador #3 . . . . .	.30
Salvador #4 . . . . .	.20
Salvador #5 . . . . .	.20
Santa Ana #1 . . . . .	.30
Santa Ana #2 . . . . .	.30
Sonsonate . . . . .	.20
San Miguel . . . . .	.30
Mission Office . . . . .	.15

GUATEMALA CITY ZONE

ZL Lloyd
ZLC González

GUATEMALA #1

Hamilton DL
Miner

Read
Alexander, S

Davis, JL
VanLeeuwen

GUATEMALA #3

Chambers DL
Hedelius

Cazier
Housley

GUATEMALA #4

Mortenson, D DL
Taylor

Herring
Blake

Jensen
Beecroft

GUATEMALA #5

Rex DL
Monroe

Williams
Nisonger
Wride

GUATEMALA #6

Mendenhall DL
Bateman

Henry
Thornton

ESQUINTLA

Perkins
Davis, SK

GUATEMALA #7

Fox DL
Currit

Pérez
Hansen

OFFICE

Peay DL
Bagley
Freeman

Frazier
Smith, M
Sharp

Cloward
Grange

Mitchell, A
Mitchell, F
Gledhill

GUATEMALA #9

Garrett DL
Goodwin

Flowe
Sheffield

GUATEMALA WEST ZONE

ZL Gardner
ZLC Lemmon

XELA #1

Hunter DL
Holtsclaw

Manwaring
Torres, G

HUEHUETENANGO

Blaser
Pitcher

XELA #2

Méndez DL
Morgan

Colwell
González, A

SAN MARCOS

Smith, NR
Ethington

MAZATENANGO

Willardson DL
Aker

Wamsley
Ceballos

RETALHULEU

Gibson DL
Jacobsen

Blevins
Parson

LAMANITE ZONE

ZL Martineau
ZLC Tanner

QUICHE #1

Totonicapán
Brown, R DL
Mortenson

San Francisco el Alto

Johnson, P
Smith, Ron

QUICHE #2

Momostenango
Yardley DL
Egbert

San Cristóbal

Rudd
Wilson

CAKCHIQUEL #1

Itzapa
Henderson DL
Stapley

Patzicía

Goodwin, RT
Meyer

CAKCHIQUEL #2

Sololá
Johnson, B DL
Allred
Hancock

DISTRICT MISSION

San Salvador
Carpenter, T
Davis

Quezaltenango

Thorne
Dean

SAN SALVADOR

ZL Harris
ZLC Dickson

SALVADOR #1

Brower DL
Torres, L

Smith, RC
Francom

Lindsey
Smith, R

SALVADOR #2

Smith, CV DL
Green

Hymas
Asay

SANTA TECLA

Johnson, JV
Kohler

SALVADOR #3

Speaker DL
Matthews

Chase
Andrus

SALVADOR #4

Dever DL
Thurston

Rasmussen
Saunders

SALVADOR #5

Peel DL
Castle

Bolla
Hewlett

EL SALVADOR

ZL Carpenter, D
ZLC Stillman

SANTA ANA #1

Alexander, R DL
Hyatt

Baylin
Ballou

Flanders
McArthur

SANTA ANA #2

Jones, K DL
Jepsen

Hardy
Neilsen

CHALCHUAPA

Jones, T
Anderson

SONSONATE

Southwick DL
Slater

Nelson
Flake

SAN MIGUEL

Wendt DL
Shurtleff

Mercer
Allen

Pearson
Ovard

NEW FACES

Patricia Jane Ballou
From: Albuquerque, New Mexico
To: Santa Ana #1

Janine Ovard
From: Salt Lake City, Utah
To: San Miguel

Robert Dean Thurston
From: Pingree, Idaho
To: Salvador #4

Jimmie Ray Slater
From: Ogden, Utah
To: Sonsonate

Ray Neil Monroe
From: Scipio, Utah
To: Guatemala #5

Charles Samuel Bateman
From: New Plymouth, Idaho
To: Guatemala #6

Kenneth Tillman Ethington, Jr.
From: Salt Lake City, Utah
To: San Marcos

Robert Read Aker, Jr.
From: Morenci, Arizona
To: Mazatenango

Kenneth Wayne Wride
From: Aberdeen, Idaho
To: Guatemala #5

Franklin Taylor Morgan
From: Salt Lake City, Utah
To: Xela #2

Louis Joe Torres
From: Fontana, California
To: Salvador #1

Elvin Eugene Castle
From: Ephraim, Utah
To: Salvador #5

Katheryn Pearl Beecroft
From: Salt Lake City, Utah
To: Guatemala #4

Ronald Duane Taylor
From: Duchesne, Utah
To: Guatemala #4

David Alan Shurtleff
From: Ogden, Utah
To: San Miguel

MEMORIES

ROGER HOWARD EGAN

Worked in:

Santa Tecla, San Salvador, Santa Ana, Guatemala City, Quezaltenango, Retalhuleu.

LARRY STEVEN FELT

Worked in:

Guatemala City, San Salvador, San Miguel, Esquíntla, Quezaltenango, Office.

RAYMOND CHACON MORALES

Worked in:

Santa Ana, Guatemala City, Retalhuleu, Office.

DANNY CLYDE FARAR

Worked in:

San Salvador, Guatemala City.

GERALD SCOTTY SIMONTON

Worked in:

San Salvador, Guatemala City, Mazatenango, Quezaltenango.

THOMAS DEE HUMPHREY

Worked in:

Chalchuapa, Santa Tecla, Guatemala City, San Salvador.

MICHAEL LEROY THOMPSON

Worked in:

Guatemala City, San Salvador, Santa Ana, Coatepeque.

DAVID BRENT EDMUNDS

Worked in:

Guatemala City, San Salvador, Sonsonate, Santa Ana.

ROBERT CHARLES WITTEN

Worked in:

Guatemala City, San Salvador, Huehuetenango, Esquíntla.

WILLIAM EDWARD CORPRON

Worked in:

Guatemala City, San Salvador, San Marcos, Santa Ana.

KEITH VERN THOMAS

Worked in:

Guatemala City, San Salvador, San Miguel, Esquíntla, Quezaltenango, Office.

ROBERT DOUGLAS FRASER

Worked in:

Guatemala City, Coatepeque, Sonsonate, San Salvador, Quezaltenango.

BIRTHDAYS

Robert Stapley

April 5, 1948

Fannie Mitchell

April 7, 1909

Karl Jepsen

April 18, 1948

Steve Colwell

April 19, 1947

Donald Davis

April 20, 1947

David González

April 28, 1947

Hal Allen

April 29, 1948

David E. Hyatt

April 29, 1948

Richard Williams

May 1, 1947

Bill Blevins

May 2, 1946

Michael Dever

May 8, 1945

Roger Sheffield

May 12, 1947

John Chambers

May 23, 1947

Jordan Nielson

May 30, 1948

May...

Book of Mormon

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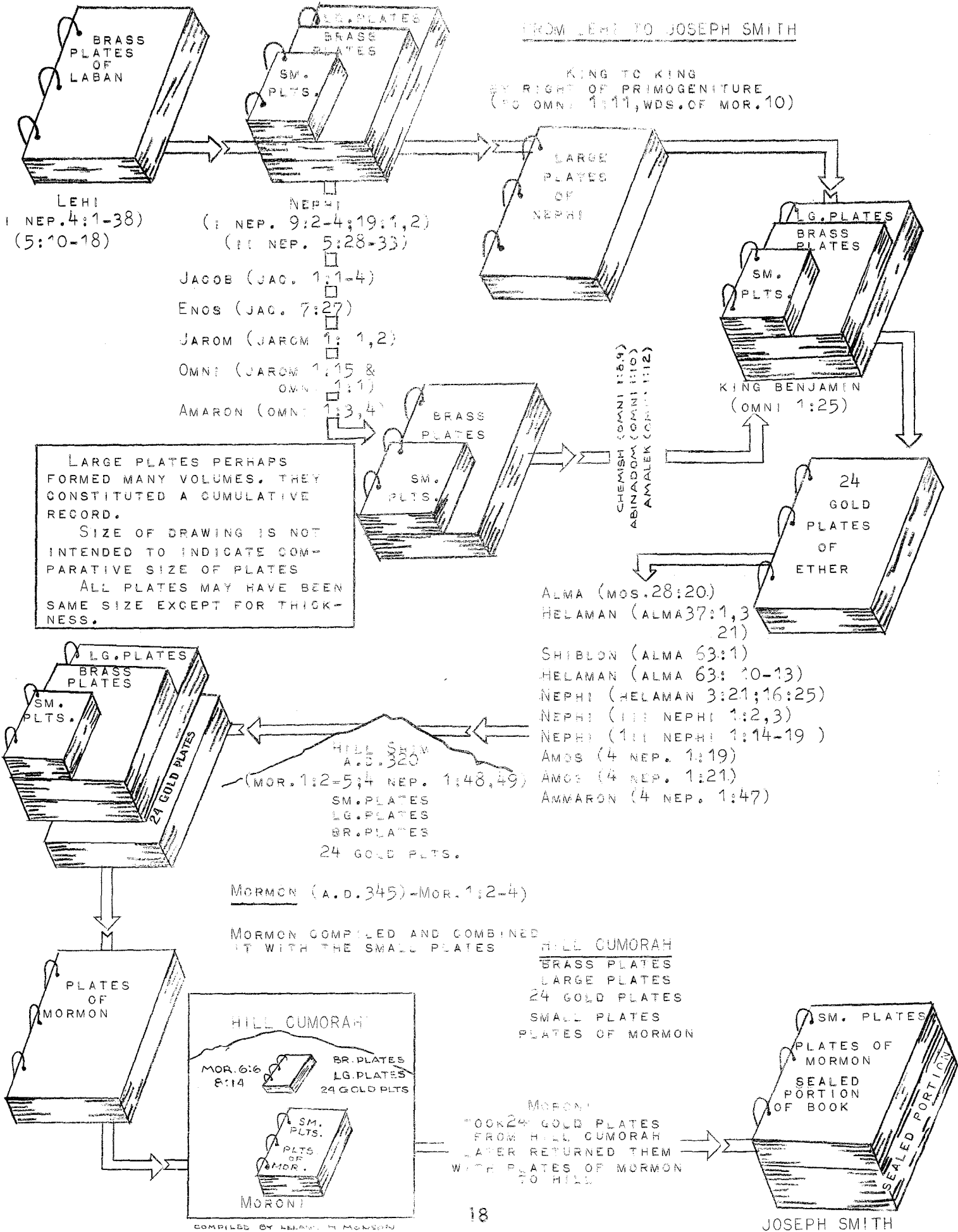


A Mormon booth in the Guatemalan National Fair and 5000 copies of the Book of Mormon piled in President Clark's office launched us into "Book of Mormon Month" in May. The booth was an outstanding success, reaching the ears of 10,000 with the message of the Book of Mormon.

THE BOOK OF MORMON

FROM LEHI TO JOSEPH SMITH

KING TO KING
BY RIGHT OF PRIMOGENITURE
(10 OMNI 1:11, WDS. OF MOR. 10)



LARGE PLATES PERHAPS FORMED MANY VOLUMES. THEY CONSTITUTED A CUMULATIVE RECORD.
SIZE OF DRAWING IS NOT INTENDED TO INDICATE COMPARATIVE SIZE OF PLATES
ALL PLATES MAY HAVE BEEN SAME SIZE EXCEPT FOR THICKNESS.

AVANTE LANGUAGE:

Thank you for your response to the "What language do you want your Avante in?" note in last month's edition. The vote favored English so "Así sea."

INDIAN PROGRAM ELDERS AND OTHERS INVOLVED:

The Latin American Construction house (alias: the Smithson's) is a church directed building and the cost of staying there is the same as that of living in a chapel: \$7.50/month or \$.25/day. If you have stayed in the house for any period of time without paying for it, please send the money to the office. Many have used this house for overnight stays without notifying us, so add up your own bill.

GOSPEL QUESTIONS:

The Avante board of directors welcomes your question on a gospel subject. We'll research it and do our best to answer it in the Avante. --Just one more way for you to keep us busy!

FOR SALE:

One Sony TC-900A taperecorder - cheap. See Elder Williams.

HEARD AROUND THE MISSION:

When is Coward finally going to get his Annual out?