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GUATEMALA-EL SALVADOR MISSION September, 1968

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DEVOTION.

8 WEEK PROGRAM OF DEDICATION AND SACRIFICE

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Dear Missionaries,

As we have met with your Zone Leaders and District Leaders during the first week of this month of September, we have felt a real enthusiasm for accomplishment during the next 8 weeks, starting September 9 and ending November 3. Thusly, we have asked that the missionaries prepare themselves according to the following:

- #1. Develop excellent companion relationship.
- #2. Continue with your thirty minute "pray-out" each day.
- #3. Follow the new schedule of study and proselyting as outlined to the Zone Leaders for the month of September.
- #4. SACRIFICE -- All movies, any reading material extraneous to the prescribed reading program of the mission, all long paseos, etc.
- #5. Real 100% dedication to your weekly goals as set forth.
- #6. Remove all sin and temptation completely from your lives.

When Elder Franklin D. Richards was here, he read to us from Section 29 of the Doctrine and Covenants the following passage which we should commit to memory and keep ever-present in our minds:

"Verily, I say unto you that ye are chosen out of the world to declare my gospel with the sound of rejoicing, as with the voice of a trump.

"Lift up your hearts and be glad, for I am in your midst, and am your advocate with the Father; and it is his good will to give you the kingdom.

"And, as it is written --- whatsoever ye shall ask in faith, being united in prayer according to my command, ye shall receive.

"And ye are called to bring to pass the gathering of mine elect; for mine elect hear my voice and harden not their hearts;"

Our work is clearly defined for the 8 WEEK PROGRAM OF DEDICATION AND SACRIFICE. Let us unite and gather the elect of our Heavenly Father.

President and Sister Clark

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CHARITY.

The prophets instruct us that the most valuable virtue to which a man may aspire is charity, or the true love of Christ. For this reason the method of its acquisition has been a topic of most serious study in my life. This concept was taught by the Christ to a group of self-righteous, taunting pharisees by explaining that "the great commandment of the law" is love. He did not, however, explain how to acquire this most coveted virtue until much later while with a group of men who were sincerely seeking it. He told Peter and others of his Apostles to show and cultivate love as He had done it, exhorting them to "... feed my sheep!" Yes, the way to learn charity is to teach his children, or serve our fellows by showing them how to live the truths of His gospel. This is the greatness of our calling, and if we are true to it, He promises us the possession of all things.

"He that is ordained of God and sent forth, the same is appointed to be the greatest, not withstanding he is the least and the servant of all.

"Wherefore he is possessor of all things; for all things are subject to him. . .

"But no man is possessor of all things except he be purified and cleansed from all sin.

"And if ye are purified and cleansed from all sin, ye shall ask whatsoever you will in the name of Jesus and it shall be done."

(D & C 50:26-29)

How is it that the Lord can make such a promise? Because He knows that one who has achieved such a state of purity is possessed of charity and would not ask that which is unrighteous.

Is the true love of Christ the aspiration of our life? This is the time and place to begin our search of it; today while we are engaged in the work of showing the way to truth. That we may all find the true love of a worthy servant is my prayer....

J. Carter Wendt First Assistant

and GOALS

It has often been said that if we don't know where we are going, it doesn't matter much which course we choose. This statement of truth immediately establishes the importance of setting goals in our lives, and after having conceived of our goals, marking out before us a straight course to the accomplishment of those goals. Furthermore, we cannot hope to accomplish our purpose without diligent sacrifice, 100% dedication, and a determination to achieve that which we desire.

The ability to succeed begins first with the ability to think success. David Starr Jordan would have us understand that "Man in his weakness is the creature of circumstances; man in his strength is the creator of circumstances. Whether he be the victim or victor depends largely on himself." Expanding Jordan's philosophy, James Allen, in his book, As A Man Thinketh, adds, "Man is the master of thought, the moulder of character, and the maker and shaper of condition, environment and destiny. Man is always the master, even in his weakest and most abandoned state; but in his weakness and degradation he is the foolish master who misgoverns his 'household.' When he begins to reflect upon his condition, and to search diligently for the law upon which his being is established, he then becomes the wise master, directing his energies with intelligence, and fashioning his thoughts to fruitful issues."

Each of us has experienced failure to some degree at a time when we were so convinced that success was just around the corner. The adversary takes advantage of such occasions to dampen our spirits. Consequently, such occasions call for a reconsideration of our goals, and as we develop a positive, tenacious desire to accomplish our purpose, dedicating sufficient time to prayerful meditation, and at the same time developing a sensitivity to the whisperings of the spirit, the Lord has promised us that our enemies cannot prevail.

Jacob and his brother set a great goal and marked out the course they were to follow in accomplishing their purpose. They went to it, looking neither to the right, nor to the left.

"For I, Jacob, and my brother Joseph had been consecrated priests and teachers of this people, by the hand of Nephi. And we did magnify our office unto the Lord, taking upon us the responsibility, answering the sins of the people upon our own heads if we did not teach them the word of God with all diligence; wherefore, by laboring with our might their blood might not come upon our garments; otherwise their blood would come upon our garments, and we would not be found spotless at the last day. (Jacob 1:18-19)

One of our immediate goals should be to take upon ourselves this responsibility of being diligently employed in the work of the Lord as were Jacob and Joseph. It is my prayer that we magnify our office unto the Lord, laboring with our might, so that our rewards will be great and our successes many.

Elder John Chamber Second Assistant

AUGUST

District	District Leader Leader	August Challenge	August Baptisms	Percent of Challenge
Santa Ana #1	Davis, D.	45	40	88.8%
Guatemala #5	Dickson	30	21	70.0
Retalhuleu	Davis, J.L.	30	20	66.6
Coateneque	Wendt	30	20	66.6
Villa Nueva	Williams	15	8	53.3
Guatemala #4	Hedelius	30	16	53.3
Mazatenango	Cloward.	30	15	50.0
Jutiapa-Jalapa	Smith, R.C.	30	13	43.3
San Salvador #3	Pérez	45	16	35.5
Xela	Rex	45	- v 14. v	31.1
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San Marcos	Smith, N.R.	30	. 9	30.0
El Salvador DM	Herring-Bagley	25	7	28.0
San Miguel	González, A.	4 45	12	26.6
Guatemala #1	Willardson	30	8	26.6
Totonicapán	Yardley	30	: 8	26.6
Guatemala #2	Stillman	45		24.4
San Salvador #4	Blaser	45	10	22.2
San Salvador #2	Mendenhall	30	6	20.0
San Salvador #5	Gibson	30	6	20.0
Huchuetenango	Stowell .	30	6	20.0
Zacapa-Chiquimula	Méndez	30	6	20.0
Escuintla	Lemmon	30	5	16.6
Santa Tecla	Read	30	5	16.6
Santa Ana #2	Green	45	6	13.3
Momostenango	Johnson, P.	30	4	13.3
San Salvador #1	Carpenter	4.5	4	13.3
Guatemala #3	Hunter	30	2	06.6
Sololá	Stapley	30	(2)	06.6
Cakchiquel	Allred	30	(2)	06.6
Zacatecoluca	Southwick	15	1	06.6
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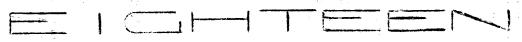
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Xela DM

San Salvador DM

Lamanite DM

THIRTY

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Cakchiquel
Guatemala #1
Guatemala #3
Zacapa-Chiquimula
Retalhuleu
Escuintla
Huehuetenango
Momostenango
San Salvador #4
Sonsonate

Sololá
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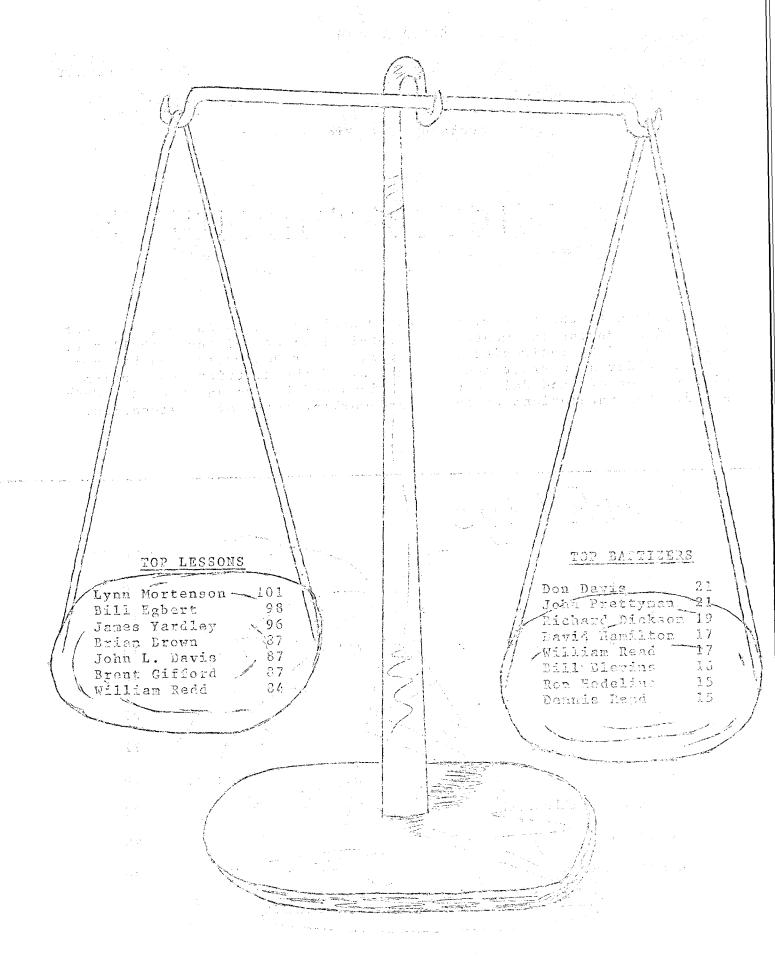
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Santa Ana #1

Santa Ana #2



Don Davis

John Prettyman

Katie Beecroft

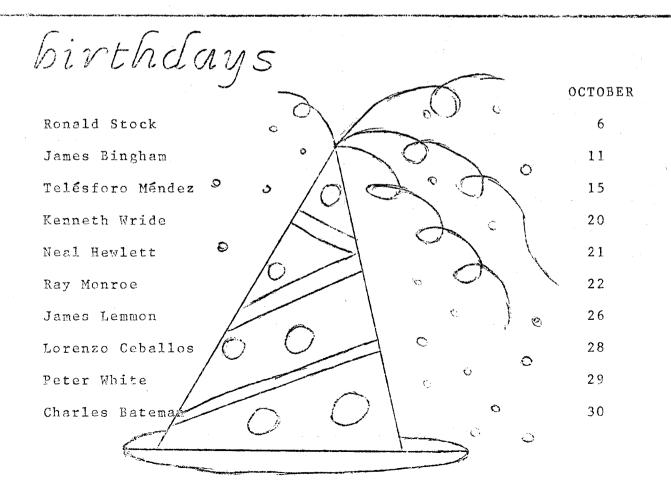
Connie Hall

Henry Jacobsen

Michael Gain

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In August, the "District of the Month" was Santa Ana #1, who got 40 baptisms during the month for a total of 88.8% of their challenge. They were led by their district leader, Elder Don Davis, and his companion, Elder John Prettyman, who got 21 of the districts 40 baptisms. Sisters Beecroft and Hall got 14 baptisms and Elders Jacobsen and Gain got 5. Congratulations to three hard-working pairs of missionaries.



STEPHEN KEITH GREENWOOD

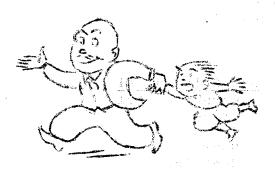
From: Sandy, Utah

Date of Arrival: September 3, 1968

First Assignment: to Chimaltenango as Junior to

Elder Asay

NUEVOS



BRUCE A. ROUNDY

From: Reno, Nevada

Date of Arrival: September 3, 1968

First Assignment: to San Miguel as Junior to

Elder González



VIEJOS

ALEN HUNTER

Entered the mission September 6, 1966. Worked in San Salvador, Guatemala City, Quezaltenango, El Salvador Zone, and Totonicapán. Left the mission September 6, 1968 bound for Raleigh, North Carolina.

MICHAEL DEVER

Entered the mission September 6, 1966. Worked in Santa Tecla
San Salvador, Guatemala City, Quezaltenango, Guatemala City
South Zone. Left the mission September 6, 1968 bound for Seattle, Washington.

ALBERT AND FANNIE MITCHELL

Entered the mission September 4, 1966. Worked in San Salvador, Office, and as special assistants in El Salvador. Left the mission September 10, 1968 bound for Baytown, Texas.

SAN SALVADOR CITY ZONE

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Jones, I.

San Salvador #1
Carpenter dl
Wride
Jepsen
Monroe
Conkling
Hall

San Salvador #3

Perez dl

Thompson
Wilson
Goodwin, S.

San Salvador #5
Gibson dl
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Allen

Snow

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Moulton
Dean
Pitcher

San Salvador #2

Mendenhall dl

Torres, L.

McArthur

Corbett

Xela District Mission
Chase Pres
Colwell Secy

San Salvador District Mission
Herring Co-Pres
Bagley Co-Pres

Lamanite District Mission

Brown, R Co-Pres

Tanner Co-Pres

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Here is a young man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was 30, and then for three years he was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put his foot inside a big city. He never traveled 200 miles from the place where he was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but himself.

While he was still a young man, the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had on earth, and that was his coat. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race and the leader of the column of progress.

I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that were ever built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth, as has that One Solitary Life.

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__Author Unknown

TEACH FROM THE SCRIPTURES

"And whatsoever they shall speak when moved upon by the Holy Ghost shall be scripture, shall be the will of the Lord, shall be the mind of the Lord, shall be the word of the Lord, shall be the voice of the Lord, and the power of God unto Salvation."

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"Search the scriptures -- search, the revelations which we publish and ask your Heavenly Father, in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, to manifest the truth unto you, and if you do it with an eye single to His glory, nothing doubting, He will answer you by the power of His Holy Spirit. You will then know for yourselves and not for another!

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"With us the Bible is the first book, the Book of Mormon comes next, then the revelations in the book of Doctrine and Covenants, then the teachings of the living oracles."

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"All my life I have been finding additional evidences that the Bible is the Book of books, and that the Book of Mormon is the greatest witness for the truth of the Bible that has ever been published."

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"The Bible...the Book of Mormon...the Doctrine and Covenants.... are good for example, precedent, and investigation, and for developing certain laws and principles; but they do not, they cannot touch every case required to be adjudicated and set in order; we require a living tree--a living fountain--living intelligence, proceeding from the living priesthood in heaven, through the living priesthood on earth."

-John Taylor

"When this Gospel or order of things which we have received, was presented to us, we carefully compared it with the Gospel recorded in the Scriptures, and found it alike precisely in every particular, as regarded its forms, ordinances, and the authority to administer them, its promise of the Holy Ghost and of the signs that should follow, together with a promise of a knowledge of its divinity."

-Lorenzo Snow

"Spend 10 minutes in reading a chapter from the words of the Lord in the Bible, the Book of Mormon, the Doctrine and Covenants, before you retire or before you go to your daily toil. Feed your spiritual selves at home as well as in public places."



The office staff is proud to announce that it will gladly receive the credit for all baptisms, where the yellow baptismal slips enter the office without the names of the rightful owners written on the back. Please include age and sex of baptism with corresponding points.

If you baptized more than you were given credit for in this issue of the "Avante" it is because your baptismal paper didn't reach our warm little fists before the "Avante" went to press. Sorry.

President David O. McKay celebrated his 95th birthday on the 8th of September. He was born on September 8, 1873. 73.

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Thought: "Seven days without prayer makes one weak."

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All elders who are in Guatemala should have their passports on file in the office. If you was a second work in Guatemala and still have your passport, get it to the office as soon as possible. If you move from El Salvador to Guatemala, make sure you drop it off on your way through.

If you are going home in the month of November, December or January and have not yet turned in your flight plan, you chance not being able to obtain space on the plane of your choice. These are busy months and flights are filling fast.

The California Study Guides are out of the Aduana (bless their hearts). They are available from your ZL.