

KOREA PUSAN MISSION NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Elders and Sisters,

Often we speak of leadership and of the power and authority given us through the Holy Ghost, and we come away from such discussions edified and spiritually recharged. At the last zone conference we spoke of discipleship – our emulation of the Master, Jesus Christ. I felt strongly moved by that message and by the responses and testimonies that you shared. I wish to share with you an impression that I have had regarding our discipleship, namely “followership”.

It goes without saying that we must follow the teachings, example, and doctrine of the Lord Jesus Christ, if we are to serve as His disciples. We become disciples of the scriptures and followers of the Lord's servants, the prophets and apostles.

Most often instruction comes to us from the Lord through a human voice. Often this voice is that of the prophets, but it may also be the voice of other duly authorized priesthood leaders. No man or woman can say that he or she follows the Son who disregards the counsel of His chosen servants!

You will have opportunities during your lives to lead and preside. You will hold the keys of presidency – of quorums, wards, stakes, and missions. You will preside over auxiliaries such as the Relief Society, Primary, Young Men, and Young Women. At these times you will be privileged to have counselors, and you will rightfully expect their support and love – so necessary for you to carry out the heavy responsibilities that fall upon your shoulders.

You will also have many opportunities to follow – to serve in a supporting role. At those times, you will be privileged to provide the support and love your leader so greatly needs. It is a privilege to lead, and it is a privilege to follow. In the Lord's work every single one of us has a priesthood leader, so each of us must learn the humility and obedience necessary to be a faithful follower. We serve best when we learn how to follow and support enthusiastically, as well as how to lead with patience and humility. No person who fails as a follower will succeed as a leader in this work!

In a mission, also each of us leads and follows. Most often we do both at the same time. We cannot reasonably expect the support of those we lead if we fail to give that same support to those called to lead us. It is important doctrine that each of us represents the Lord through the teachings of those appointed over us to those over whom we preside. The Lord's Kingdom is in no sense a democracy. Each of us may exercise agency to accept or reject the counsel of the Lord's servants who preside over us, but we do not “represent” those over whom we preside to our own leaders. Revelation flows in an established, orderly manner from the Savior to the Prophet and Twelve to the other General Authorities, the stake presidents and mission presidents, and to the bishops, quorum leaders, fathers, and general membership of the Church.

You will learn that there are differences in leadership style.

Some leaders will be easy to follow; others will not. Sometimes as counselors (or junior companions) your ideas will be valued and you will be given great individual responsibility; sometimes the opposite will be the case. Sometimes you will easily see the abilities of the leader; at other times you may find it difficult to understand why he or

she was called. Be assured that there is revelation and that the Lord knows His affairs! Learn to support with love, and learn to lead with love. Said Paul,

“Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children: And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God.” Ephesians 5:12

The reward for true discipleship is great. Mormon describes this reward in beautiful terms:

“Wherefore, my beloved brethren, pray unto the Father with all the energy of heart, that ye may be filled with his love, which he hath bestowed upon all who are true followers of his Son, Jesus Christ; that ye may become the sons of God; that when he shall appear we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is; that we may have this hope; that we may be purified even as he is pure. Amen.” Moroni 7:48

I pray that we may gain the humility and wisdom necessary to be great followers as well as great leaders. I pray that we may love and support each other, knowing that we are all weak and simple in the eyes of God. I pledge my support of the Brethren and my humble desire to share their teachings and the inspiration of the Spirit with you in my assignment to preside among you. I pray sincerely for your love and support, and express my appreciation for your many kindnesses and words of encouragement and love. Loving the Savior, I love you, my companions in this work.

President Slover

CONVERT BAPTISMS

Total Baptisms in 2001: 106

Goal for 2001: 300

Baptisms in June and July: 37

부산	Zone 2	마산	Zone 9
가야	Zone 2	진주	Zone 3
대구	Zone 5	제주	Zone 1
경북	Zone 2	울산	Zone 3
신라	Zone 3	동래	Zone 7

NEW MISSIONARIES

Welcome to our new missionaries who arrived July 10 and 11!!

박보현 자매	Seoul, KO
Sister Densley	South Jordan, UT
Elder Robbins	Riverton, UT
Elder J. Smith	Orem, UT

Welcome also to our missionaries who arrived August 14!

홍명경 자매	Seoul, KO
Sister Kearn	Lexington, KY
Elder Klein	Farmington, UT
Sister Perry	Vernal, UT
Elder D. Smith	Salt Lake City, UT
Elder Swenson	South Jordan, UT
Elder Thaler	Medford, UT

RETURNING MISSIONARIES

We will miss the following missionaries who have completed their missions and left for home.

The following left July 11:

Elder Cottrell

Elder Snow

Elder Henrichsen

Elder Sorensen

These missionaries left August 14:

고혜원 자매

Elder Bacon

Elder Sharp

Sister 이순연 is leaving for the Provo MTC July 24 to receive training for her mission at Temple Square.

윤혜진 자매

Sister Hunt

Sister Vial

정희순 자매

Elder DeCoria

Elder Williams

being, "No, I just need to do this now." So he said he would stop and ever since Tuesday night he hasn't smoked or drank. Needless to say, he was baptized on Sunday, July 22 and I was privileged to be able to perform it. His family later bore testimony of the change they saw in him and how wonderful it is. He also talked about that in his testimony. He is preparing to baptize his daughter, who will turn 8 in December. It is such a wonderful thing to see families brought together and lives changed through this gospel.

Elder Brown (minor)

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Remember to request advances early for travel or utility refunds

THOUGHT

Always Improving. What can I do better?
 Busy Every Moment. Am I wasting any time?
 Close with my Companion. Are we working together?
 Devoted to the Rules. Are they kept with exactness?
 Everyone's Friend. Do I help others in need?
 Full of Energy. Am I keeping a positive attitude?
 Good Thoughts of Others. Am I overly judgmental?
 Happy to Sacrifice. Can I be more selfless?
 Inspiration Seeking. Do I ask God for help?
 Justly Treat Others. Do I show praise and respect?
 Keep Open Perspective. Am I open to advice?
 Look for Chances to Serve. Do I show love in small ways?
 Maintain Dignity. Am I acting as I should?
 Never Forget the Spirit. Do I seek spiritual experiences?
 Overcome Fear. Is my courage based on faith?
 Plan for Success. Am I following the plan?
 Qualify for Blessings. Am I trying to earn God's help?
 Remember my Blessings. Do I thank God with all my heart?
 Seek God's Elect. Do I search with faith and purpose?
 Truly Love These People. Does my strength and desire stem from love?
 United with God's Desires. Are my desires worthy and whole-hearted?
 Very Goal Oriented. Do I believe I'm worthy of success?
 Work to Accomplish Goals. Am I keeping my own promises?
 Exercise Faith. Do I pray for the little things?
 Yearn for Opportunity to teach. Can I feel the Spirit when teaching?
 Zealously Keep Records. Am I writing my family, President, and in my journal?

Elder Justin Francom

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

선상진 and 박상미 have really tried so hard for so long to be baptized and it finally happened! I have to tell you honestly what I was thinking during the 침례식. After I baptized 선상진 and he went over to his wife with Elder Alverson, I thought he was going to do something weird. But, instead, out of pure love and concern for his wife's welfare, he helped Elder Alverson baptize her. That was such an amazing experience for me. They came to church yesterday (even though she is really sick) and I saw them hand their tithing to the Bishop. They are so wonderful and pure in motive. Also, the 침례식 yesterday morning was really good too, not quite the same turnout was there like Saturday's. But the same sweet spirit was prevalent. As they got up to give their 인사 말씀, 김경희 (their mom) broke down in tears and said she loves the gospel and because of her little daughter (엄혜영) she's getting baptized. What a blessing it was to work with them. But that's not all. 김중배 is going to get baptized tomorrow evening and he is so excited! Also, 이희숙 has made a baptismal date of July 28. She'd do it earlier but has to go to 서울 for one week and she is an amazing girl. She said as she reads the Book of Mormon and prays before she goes to bed, she always receives a "special strong feeling" and has really made a direct commitment to keep all the commandments with all her might

Elder Clites

Elder Smith and I had a great first full week together. On Tuesday we had the baptismal interview for 최도영, the father of 최수홍, who we baptized a couple of months back. Whenever we would visit his home he was always gone and once in a while if we were early we would catch him taking off. Well, we got him to come to the baptism and start the discussions after that. We had a great member, the first counselor, help us in the teaching process. We did the discussions, knowing the fourth would be fun, because he drinks and smokes. (A first, NO!) It seemed to be OK and when it came up he stated he would try, so we went on. Every time we talked about it, he said he was trying. So the time came for his baptism and Elder 이건욱 came down for the interview. Of course, in the interview (which was on Tuesday) the Word of Wisdom came up and he was not keeping it. Elder 이건욱 said they would probably have to postpone the baptism. I later found out, when he bore his testimony after his baptism, that he had two thoughts run through his head, one being, "Yea, lets just put this off for a while" and the other

