



Armenia Yerevan Mission

All Your Might



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Elders & Sisters,

Since we all will be reading The Book of Mormon together I want to share my testimony of scripture reading with you. I love the scriptures. When we pray and study the scriptures our day goes much better. One of the best ways to feel close to Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ is to read and ponder the scriptures. Reading the scriptures and doing the other things that we know are right, will help us feel the guidance and sustaining power of the Spirit in our lives more often. The scriptures are a calming and stabilizing influence. I love the scriptures. I believe that the more time that we give to searching the scriptures, the greater blessing they will be in our lives.

President Ezra Taft Benson taught, "There is a power in The Book of Mormon which will begin to flow into your life the moment you begin a serious study of the book. You will find greater power to resist temptation. You will find the power to avoid deception. You will find the power to stay on the strait and narrow path."

President Gordon B. Hinckley said, "Without reservation I promise you that if you will prayerfully read The Book of Mormon, there will come into your life and into your home an added measure of the Spirit of the Lord, a strengthened resolution to walk in obedience to His commandments, and a stronger testimony of the living reality of the Son of God."

I pray that daily scripture study will be a habit you keep for your entire life. I testify that your life will be blessed as you do. I love The Book of Mormon. I know that it is true. I pray that all of our testimonies will be strengthened as we read The Book of Mormon together. President Carter and I love all of you. Our prayers are with you. Sister Carter

New Members in Armenia!

Arman & Marine – Ajapnyak
 Ani – Gyumri
 Greta & Dzianna – Vanadzor
 Kristine & Shiraz – Charentsavan
 Gia – Saburtalo
 Karapet & Aram – Ashtarat
 Arman – Center

Happy Birthday!

1st – Sister Blunck
 25th – Elder P. Larson
 26th – Elder Lucas
 31st – Elder Andersen
 31st – Elder Watterson



PARTING TESTIMONIES

A wise man once said, "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6). I have found this council to be a guiding light in my life. The Lord will lead us by the hand as we put our trust in Him. This is His work and we are His servants. I know that the Book of Mormon is the word of God.

Joseph Smith was a prophet and Thomas S. Monson is God's living prophet today. The only way that we can be saved is through faith in Jesus Christ, repentance, baptism by immersion, receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost, and enduring to the end. May we all press forward on this path toward eternal life.
 Elder Stutz

I look back over my service in Armenia and the things that I have learned and how I have changed, and I can't help but sit in awe and wonder at the power of God, and the importance of a missionary serving a mission. I feel like I have grown in ways and learned things that will not only bless me but others and my future family.

The church is a living church and this is a living gospel. I have wasted time not realizing that, and using it to the blessing of my life and the lives of others. But I am grateful to have served with all of you and to have learned and grown from

you all.

As I close in on the final weeks, I can only look back with gratitude in my heart for the blessings I have received and how I have grown and changed. The Lord lives and loves us. He uses us, although we are imperfect and full of faults to the blessing of others. Enjoy this time here, because it passes so fast. I love all of you and pray that the Lord will continue to bless the people of Armenia and the missionaries who serve here.

Elder Larson

Dearest Friends, It is with a thankful spirit and a joyful heart that I leave with you the contents of my heart.

I know that Jesus is Messiah, the promised one. The light, that if we look to him we will be made whole.

Christ is the mender of broken things, the carpenter of Nazareth. He is my brother, the light that I carry in my heart and show to the world.

I know that you and I are children of God, that he loves you and me in the most beautiful way. He loves all his children; he hears their prayers and answers them. We need him and Christ, our older brother in our lives.

Through a living prophet today, scriptures, and the Holy Ghost we can listen to our Father and Christ.

Receiving the guidance that you and I need for today.

With all my love I ask you to turn your eye of faith to Christ and to not look back to lesser things.

Envision your heavenly home and family and the heavenly home and family you desire for those you love. Start investing in it now.

I love my mission and I love the children of God who live here, who we serve. I know that the Book of Mormon contains the fullness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, that Joseph Smith brought forth the "marvelous work and a wonder," that Isaiah prophesied about, that God speaks today and I know that my Redeemer lives, which fills me with hope.

With all the love of my Jewish heart, I testify of these things in the holy name of Jesus Christ, Amen. - Elder Thylin

Two years flies by. I won't write anything too elaborate but God lives. Christ is His Son. His Atonement is the most important thing we have in this life. We can have as close a relationship to God as we really want and He will never hide himself from us if we're really looking for Him.

Joseph Smith really was a prophet and that line is continued by Thomas S. Monson today. Time is short.

Soak it up. I love you all!

Elder Chaney

My name is Elder Coltrin aka Coaltrain and I am a missionary, and have been a missionary for about 2 years now, and I am happy to be part of the AYM support group. I know the church is true I am proud to be a Georgian Missionary. I have learned a lot, among that I have learned, we all have a lot to learn. I'm glad to know that Christ is my Savior along with being your guys' Savior as well. That's a big burden I know, despite how much he still loves as and cares hence we have his Church and a living prophet, and as it is written in the good book, "For as in Adam all die in Christ all are made alive." Pondering that today I realized that goes deeper then, the

depths of the ocean. But we must not forget, "Adam fell that men might be and men are that they might have JOY!!" And this I leave my parting testimony in the name of the One Jesus Christ, Amen

A mission is such a great experience. Although at times I doubt and wonder about the wisdom in sending 19 and 21 year olds out into the wildernesses of the world to do such an important work, with all our youthful follies and inexperience. I have learned that the Lord always provides the way, and that those who are searching for the truth will not be deprived of it. He really is aware of everybody, and I have come to love these people more as I have tried to see them from his perspective. There are so many things that I still do not understand, both secular and spiritual, but I know several things which have helped me through the hard times on my mission. I know that Jesus is the Christ, and that it is never too late for anyone. I know that God loves and cares for his people here in Georgia (and Armenia) and he has a plan for his church here. I know that he loves us, and that he wants to bless us if we will humble our pride and submit ourselves to his program. He hears our prayers, he answers our prayers, and he wants us to be happy, and what a great opportunity we have to share in his happiness in helping others come unto him. I know that I have found more happiness than I ever before have in being a missionary, and everyone else has that same opportunity. I love you all!

In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Elder Lucas

**WELCOME!
NEW MISSIONARIES ARRIVED
December 4th**

**Elders Bott, Cook, Frye, Gropp, Kurth,
Steglich, Watterson & Wahl
WELCOME!**

**MISSION COMPLETED
Sister Christensen
Elders Carlson, Stephenson & Williams**

**We all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas Season.
We ate, we Skyped, shared our talents and
hopefully the result was what President Monson
says below:**

**"There is no better time than now, this very
Christmas season, for all of us to rededicate
ourselves to the principles taught by Jesus the
Christ."**

—President Thomas S. Monson

**The mission will be reading the entire
Book of Mormon during these next
three months!**