



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A "New Year" is upon us!!! All of us recognize a new year as a time of renewal and setting goals. It is a time of resolutions and trying to improve. A part of "enduring joyfully to the end" is to always be making progress and trying to become more like Jesus Christ and Heavenly Father.

President Carter and I both love the following quote by President Gordon B. Hinckley. We hope that you will find it encouraging and inspiring...

"The distance between mediocrity and excellence can be ever so small... The little extra effort we make becomes such a tremendous difference. I speak of the need for a little more effort, a little more self-discipline, a little more consecrated effort in the direction of excellence in our lives. This is the great day of decision for each of us. For many it is the time of beginning something that will go on for as long as you live. I plead with you: don't be a scrub! Rise to the high ground of spiritual, mental, and physical excellence. You can do it. You may not be a genius. You may be lacking in some skills. But so many of us can do better than we are now doing. We are members of this great Church whose influence is now felt over the world. We are people with a present and with a future. Don't muffle your opportunities. Be excellent!"

We encourage each of you to take some time for reflection, meditation, and sincere prayer as you seek guidance and direction in setting some "New Year's Resolutions" to help you in your progress. We pray for your health, happiness and success in this new year.

We love you,
President and Sister Carter

JANUARY 2013 BIRTHDAYS



8th – Elder Nicholas Smith
14th – Elder Joshua Lake
15th – Elder Conrad Davis
25th – Sister Kaycee Clove
27th – Elder Kopsa

BAPTISMS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2012

Liana	Kristine
Narkiz	Anahit
Alexandria	Anita
Shahen	Alvina
Garine	

"The little Church that started in 1830 with just a handful of members has now grown to more than 13 million Latter-day Saints in many different nations around the world, and we are well on our way to penetrating every continent, visiting every clime, sweeping every country, and sounding in every ear."

- Elder Russell Ballard, of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

We recognize that you have limited time at the internet on Preparation Day. It gives you just enough time to read emails from home, write back to family and write your letter to the President. It is difficult to find the time to additionally add a missionary experience to send to Sister Eyre for the Newsletter, and so consequently we are not receiving any. Two suggestions might help: I would be happy to have you call me with an experience and I will type it on the spot over the phone, or you could write it down and give it to me, whichever works best for you. These experiences can be taken directly out of your journal!

When you share personal experiences like missionary miracles, or ways that you have learned how to exercise faith in drawing upon the powers of Heaven in finding and teaching by the Spirit, other missionaries can be motivated and inspired in the work! The Lord has promised great rewards to those who reach out and strengthen their brothers and sisters. Prepare now for the next Newsletter to share what you are experiencing in those tender mercies the Lord has given you for your faithful service.

