



Armenia Yerevan Mission

All Your Might

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Elders and Sisters,

I'd like to share a recap of principles we've taught and worked together on the past six months. Progress is evident. We love you!

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Six Month Review

- The White Handbook has 150 years of experience behind it.
 - Obedience with exactness and honor
 - Perfect mornings begin our obedience for the day
 - Planning - Preach My Gospel chapter 8
 - Planning is a process of receiving revelation not an exercise in calendaring
 - During weekly planning follow the outline in your planner and use prayer
 - Nightly planning confirms and provides back up plans
 - Set goals and own them – District accountability report
 - Key indicators focus our efforts
 - Simplified Curriculum
 - Train and re-train until it's woven into the fabric of the mission
 - Role-play builds confidence
 - Has it permanently changed the way we teach the Gospel?
 - When fully implemented it will show up in key indicators
 - Finding
 - Nothing happens in missionary work until you find someone to teach
- **3 new investigators per week per companionship**
 - We are seeking the elect. They will have questions of the soul and will ACT
 - Pray fervently and learn to understand and follow the Spirit
 - Review and pray about the ideas from the "Finding" Zone Conference
 - Hankos. See Preach My Gospel 158
 - Good/Better/Best principle. We are the only ones here set apart to proclaim.
 - Avoid using the Lord's time on "time traps".
- Retention
 - Doctrine of conversion – conversion comes only by the Holy Ghost
 - Process of conversion – they must ACT to develop faith
 - A testimony of the Book of Mormon is foundational
 - Teach New Member lessons. They have the Holy Ghost & will understand more
 - Other
 - SYL and follow your language plan you created. Learn and use 7 new words a day
 - Budget 30 minutes for your letter to the Mission President and fill it in completely or it's just numbers and warm fuzzy. Discuss it in your weekly planning. It's designed to cause serious thought about how you can improve your key indicators BECAUSE they lead to baptism which fulfills our purpose to invite others to . . . because it is the ONLY way to salvation. There is no plan B.

New Members in Armenia!

Roman, Shushan, Samvel, Edgar, Sarine

MISSION COMPLETED

Elder Stutz

Happy Birthday!

6th – Siter Crawford

13th – Elder Morris

14th – Sister Southwick

17th – Elder Garner

17th – Sister Jones

20th – Elder Crawford

21st – Elder Crook

22nd – Elder Gerber

23rd – Elder Nelson

MISSIONARY MIRACLES!



From Elder Lush:

So the other week it was decided to really focus on improving the missionary work in the area and so we set a date to fast together. This involved the branch president, and we really pleaded with the Lord to trust us with His children. The following week we went to work as focused as ever and truly carrying a prayer on our hearts for the welfare of this people. As we continued in our efforts the Lord blessed us greatly with success. We were able to teach and share the gospel. It seemed, at times, as if these people simply appeared out of nowhere. We were continually amazed at the power of the Lord in carrying forth His work.

One such miracle occurred while trying to visit some less active and potential elders in our area. As we walked we received a call by an unrecognized number. As we picked up the phone the man introduced himself and asked to speak to a missionary that had served here about two years ago. As we told him that we were now the residing missionaries in our area, he began to express the enjoyment he had recently had in reading something that this missionary had given him. He then expressed his desire to meet with us as soon as he could. The following evening he called to ensure that we were going to call him to plan the next day to meet. He then beat us to the phone call again the next day to plan when we could meet. What a great blessing it has been to be a witness more than a servant in this marvelous work and wonder!

From Elder Santo:

When we were on exchanges, Elder Reece and I had left the church with about 10 minutes left until planning. We said a quick prayer, that the Lord would bless us with a contact on the walk home. As we walked, we talked with several members. With five minutes left, we saw two younger guys standing in the distance. As we got closer, they split up. Elder Reece said hello to the one that came our way, he stopped, and stared at Elder Reece. “What’s up?” questioned Elder Reece. The guy said, “Well, I’ve actually wanted to meet with you guys for a while, but with work and everything, it just hasn’t worked out.” Needless to say, we were surprised. “Well, can we have your number? We’ll call and plan up sometime,” I asked. He gave us his phone number, and we got home on time. The Lord really had blessed us, in the last few minutes of our day.



From Elder Reece and Elder Cook:

An older lady, named Olga, randomly walked into church. We of course started talking with her, and she says she only wants here to be in the church with Jesus’ name in it. We tried to meet with her, but she didn’t want to. Her family wants to maintain the family’s heritage, or in other words, the religion of their forefathers. She came to church the next Sunday as well. She still would not let us meet with her at her house or at the church. Then we saw her that Tuesday, she explained to us the story of Abraham and Isaac, described in the Pearl of Great Price. We were amazed. She was reading the scriptures and we hadn’t even asked her. She understood the details as well. The following Sunday we saw her walking to church in the rain. She had a hole in her shoe, but she said, “The rain is no reason to miss church”. After sacrament meeting we spoke to her, she had finished the Pearl of Great Price. She wanted to know what baptism was and “how it worked”. So she began to ask the members in the branch about baptism. After our last meeting we found her by the front door. She was waiting for us, she said, “When can I get baptized?” So we planned a baptismal date and planned a time to start teaching her the gospel.

“You have great expectations, not as the result of an unknown benefactor, but as the result of a known benefactor, even our Heavenly Father.”

Thomas S. Monson