

# ALL YOUR MIGHT

ARMENIA YEREVAN MISSION NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Elders and Sisters,

We have had two great zone conferences during the past two weeks. Thank you for your interest and participation. As promised, I'd like to remind you of some of the things we spoke to you about in zone conference.

"Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee" (Isaiah 60:1). Miles Coverdale's (1488-1569) translation of the same verse is... "Get thee up and be illuminated..." We become "illuminated" when we become intellectually or spiritually enlightened.

It seems the Lord is telling us to do at least two important things; first, to get up and get going and second, to become intellectually and spiritually enlightened. This sounds like excellent advice to me.

In the Doctrine and Covenants, the Lord declares..."He that is slothful shall not be worthy to stand" (D&C 107:100). As you recall, slothful is defined as a "disinclination to action or labor." A synonym is "indolence" which means spiritual apathy or inactivity.

The opposite of slothful is "diligent." The Lord tells us in the Doctrine and Covenants to..."Let every man [and woman] be diligent in all things" (D&C 75:29). A person who is diligent displays steady, earnest, and energetic effort. A diligent person is "intelligently enthusiastic" about the essential things of life.

From time-to-time is beneficial to conduct a personal inventory---to determine how we are doing. In doing so, I suggest we ask ourselves the following questions:

How diligent am I?

Could I be more diligent?

Should I be more diligent?

How can I become more diligent?

When will I become more diligent?

A careful pondering and an honest and sincere evaluation of our standing with the Lord are guaranteed to help us make necessary course corrections in our lives. Elder Sterling W. Sill once stated: "Woe to him who has lost his initiative. Woe to him who develops battle fatigue. Woe to him who does nothing. The Law says, 'Get thee up and be illuminated.' The alternative is to stay down and be eliminated, for spiritual death is banishment from the presence of God."

In order to "be illuminated" we must possess the quality of "intelligent enthusiasm." It has been said that "the difference between a mud puddle and gauzier is enthusiasm."

The power is in us as children of God to overcome our "natural selves" and not need to be compelled in all things "...for he that is compelled in all things, the same is a slothful and not a wise servant; wherefore he receiveth no reward. Verily I say, men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness. For the power is in them..." (D&C 58:26-28).

*Preach My Gospel* teaches us that our authority comes from our setting apart and our power comes from our personal worthiness (page 4). It is my prayer that we will consistently "get...up and be illuminated." The Lord has so commanded and he has endowed us with the power to do so.

Sincerely,

*President Dunn*

A Fond Farewell to:  
Sister Woolf Elder Kyle  
Sister Fuhrman



A Warm Welcome to:  
Elder & Sister Pincock



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Eld. Johnson— 1 Eld. Jonas—20  
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## SISTER DUNN'S MESSAGE

March

Dear Elders and Sisters,

We are so glad you are serving here in this mission with us. We love each one of you and want you to be safe, healthy and happy while you are here. A few important reminders for your well being: 1) Be aware of the gas heaters in your apartments. Make sure they are properly installed and properly vented. 2) Make sure your apartment CO2 detector is mounted low on the wall in your bedroom. Check the batteries in it often. 3) Keep your living quarters clean and orderly. It invites the Spirit and enhances your efforts in the important work you are here to do.

All the best to you,

*Sister Dunn*



# Spotlights



## Sister Fisher



Sister Carlie Delight Fisher was born on September 10, 1987 in Ontario, Oregon. She was named 'Delight' after her maternal grandmother, who died while Sister Fisher's mother was expecting her. Growing up, it was clear this was the perfect name for her. She was truly a "delight". She has a smile that lights up a room. Her license plate on her little yellow bug said, "MYSMILE". She is also known for her dramatic personality. She starred in several plays in community and school theater. If the occasion calls for it, she'll make her own stage, like standing on a chair in a restaurant and singing the Happy Birthday song. She enjoys snow skiing, camping, rafting and reading. Her worst form of punishment was being grounded from reading. She learned early how to keep up with the boys with her big, very active brother. When she was 10 and on a Boy Scout rafting trip with her dad, they stopped to jump off a rock into the river. The boys were looking over the edge, trying to get the nerve to jump off. Sister Fisher shot past them and into the water. Her dad asked the boys if they were going to let a girl show them up? One scout replied, "Carlie isn't a regular girl." No, she certainly is not. She can get dirty playing in the mud at the lake or wearing a formal gown with her hair styled beautifully. She's happy in either setting. She is a peacemaker with those around her and has a love and a gift for caring for the elderly. But she can come to the defense of others & herself when necessary as well. All this together makes for a great missionary and loved by everyone who knows her...and that means *you!*

If I was going to make a Mormon-themed breakfast cereal, it would be called **THOMAS B. MARSHMALLOW MATEYS**. And it would be especially good with **FULL CREAM MILK**.

Matsby

## Elder & Sister Dutson



Elder George and Sister Sandra Dutson were married in the Logan Temple on July 6, 1962. They came to Armenia from Lehi, Utah. They have also lived in Delta, Utah, where they raised 5 1/2 children. They raised the other 1/2 child in Blanding, Utah. On their honeymoon, they decided to serve a mission in their 'golden years'. But they got tired of waiting until they were old and went on a mission anyway! :-) And here they are in sunny Armenia! Meanwhile, they stayed busy raising their children. All but 1 graduated from college, all 3 sons served missions and all 6 have been married in the Salt Lake Temple. Their children have given them 14 1/2 grandchildren! Elder Dutson supported the family by being an electronics technician for 47 yrs. His hobbies include locksmithing, farming and his greatest passion, being a private pilot. Once, he invented a system where the pilot could key his mic 3 times and the runway lights would turn on. It saved small airports mucho \$ each year. Sister Dutson, between changing diapers, was on the Miss Millard Scholarship Pageant board, as well as the State Fair & Miss Utah Pageant committees for a total of 13 yrs. She was also a judge & has judged most of the pageants in Utah. Later, she was an executive secretary for San Juan School District for 13 yrs. Elder & Sister Dutson love the missionaries of the AYM and wouldn't have missed the chance to get to know & work with the finest in the church for anything in the world. To them, you are the BEST. As long as they have their minds, *they will never forget you.*

.....Go BYU!

## MESSAGE FROM THE A.P.'S ELDER ELLISON & ELDER CARLSON

Wow! Elder Carlson's calling has really stretched him, hasn't it?



Happy March everyone! We are so happy to be here with you in this part of the Lord's vineyard! We truly are very proud of all of you and grateful to have such a close association with you. For this newsletter segment we would like to take a moment to reflect on our lives. Stop whatever you are doing and think about where you are. Think about what things took part in your gospel conversion and your coming on a mission. Maybe you had a great example that inspired you, maybe you thought it would be a good adventure, or maybe you just simply have a solid testimony. Whatever the reason, we are all so blessed to be able to be here! Many of us were born into the church and those who weren't were humble enough to accept the message of the restoration. Is that not a huge blessing? Then you had a series of divine events lead to a testimony's seed planted within you, which grew and grew until you felt that it was important to serve the Lord. You then sent in your papers and the Lord decided you needed to come here. Are your testimony and the knowledge of your divine call not amazing blessings? You then arrived in the land of Noah's beginnings and met a group of people that you probably never knew existed. You had the opportunity to forget yourself and your worries and to get to know a people who have lived and died by the name of Christ. Is this not a great blessing? You then realized that life on a mission was hard. Maybe you struggle(d) with the language, maybe you struggle(d) loving the people, maybe you struggle(d) to lose yourself in the work of the Lord. But something interesting later happened (will happen). You realized that this place was your home. You noticed (will notice) that you really do love serving the Lord and that this is a wonderful time of your life. Is this heavenly help from a loving Heavenly Father not a blessing? We all have the opportunity to serve our God, our family, and our Armenian brothers and sisters. THIS IS A GREAT BLESSING! We want you to know that we truly LOVE this work and find it a high honor to be serving with all of you! Remember the blessings you have and who they are from. Remember the blessings that you are seeking for, and how willing our Father is to give them if we are ready to receive them. The church is true and we have the power of the everlasting priesthood in our lives and at our disposal. We are the Lord's chosen army, and we are a blessed people!

## Random Thoughts—by Gloria Glorious

The Book of Abraham facsimiles found in the Pearl of Great Price are probably the one thing most responsible for my testimony today. Because did you know that those facsimiles were released in 1835?

That is over one hundred years before the fax machine was even invented!

.....That's right, Spitat, read it and weep!!!

Matsby

