

Armenia Yerevan Mission

April 2012

President's Message

Elders and Sisters,
I will be brief this month and simply recommend that each of us re-read and apply the *Morning Devotional* talk given by Elder Kikuchi of the Seventy. This is the one I emailed to all of you a couple weeks ago. Let me know if you need a re-send. Sometimes we lose track of whose work this is and try to do it all ourselves. If we are not careful we can work very hard but "outrun the spirit". This morning devotional will help keep all of us "connected with Heaven". I've heard from many of you who have begun doing the morning devotional. You have shared how it has blessed you in your daily work. I commend it to all of us. I'd love to hear back from each of you concerning blessings you've seen in this quiet time of pondering and prayer.
Love,

*President Carter
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MARCH BAPTISMS

Qnarik from Charentsavan, Mkhitar from Charentsavan, Hayk from Ajapnyak, Melsida from Gyumri, Violeta from Yerevan, Aida from Gyumri, Rafael from Avlabari, Herbert from Vanadzor, Meruzhan from Arabkir, Emma from Vanadzor

Missionary Mom

This week we also met a wonderful lady and her husband. They live by the canyon just across Zeytun. They actually don't have a lot and a little domik. But they're humble people and willing to listen. Actually it's rather interesting how we found them or well how they found us. So she found a Joseph Smith pamphlet with a call on it by her house. And she really liked it so she decided to give us a call. And then a few days later we met right before we had to go home, as we were walking to her house she mentioned that a church had been visiting them a lot but she didn't really understand what they were all about or the doctrine so I think God really made it work. She even told us "well I really like these pamphlets about Joseph Smith, maybe it was God's will for us to meet." God led us right to them. -Elder Harlan

Here is an experience I had during Sister exchanges.

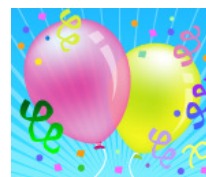
" I am enjoying my mission. I enjoy bringing others to Christ. I enjoy whomever I am in companion with. I enjoy following the promptings of the spirit. I actually have had an experience from Sister exchanges and Sister Boyle and I were walking and saying hello to everyone. There was this woman who I had met in the past and I didn't say hello to her thinking I didn't want to be overwhelming to people. I had this thought, "You need to say hello to her." I asked how she is." I turned around to wave to her then I thought, "You are going to look a little crazy."

Then a scripture popped in my head that I read that morning: Helaman 10:4, "Blessed art thou, Nephi, for those things which thou hast done; for I have beheld how thou hast with unwearyingness declared the word, which I have given unto thee, unto this people. And thou hast not feared them, and hast not sought thine own life, but hast sought my will, and to keep my commandments." That was the final straw. I walked right up to that woman and asked her how she was doing. She was caught off guard but she began to talk with us. We had a good conversation but we gave her an Articles of Faith card with our number on it and she left for the rest of her day. Sister Boyle and I were talking about that experience and she had actually thought we should talk with that woman as well but had the same doubts. It is wonderful how the spirit works. I'm glad that Heavenly Father trusted me with his daughter that day. "

Sister Beal

Here is a nice little story from Charentsavan:

After all plans had fallen through and a little while of unsuccessful mon galing, Elders Bott and Kurth wandered through the city of Charentsavan. It grew cold as night came, and the Elders' chances of meeting and talking to someone were dwindling. As all seemed lost and in vain to them, the Elders saw their investigator Zarik walking alone on one of the city's dark and deserted streets. Excitedly the Elders ran up to greet their good friend Zarik, and after a few friendly "hello"s, Zarik said, "Come." The two Elders obediently complied, and were led to the house of Zarik's hars, who then listened intently, and agreed to continue to meet. Zhena, the hars, became an investigator, and is currently preparing eagerly for baptism.



April

Birthdays:

President Watkins	April 3
Sister Carter	April 11
Sister Eyre	April 12
Sister Tolman	April 20
Sister Arslanian	April 21
President Reese	April 23
Elder Wahl	April 25
Elder Eyre	April 25
Elder Loveridge	April 25
Elder Reading	April 27
Elder Devin Davis	April 30

“Our Savior lived again. The most glorious, comforting, and reassuring of all events of human history had taken place—the victory over death. The pain and agony of Gethsemane and Calvary had been wiped away. The salvation of mankind had been secured. The Fall of Adam had been reclaimed.

“The empty tomb that first Easter morning was the answer to Job’s question, ‘If a man die, shall he live again?’ To all within the sound of my voice, I declare, If a man die, he shall live again. We know, for we have the light of revealed truth. ...

“My beloved brothers and sisters, in our hour of deepest sorrow, we can receive profound peace from the words of the angel that first Easter morning: ‘He is not here: