



Armenia Yerevan Mission

All Your Might

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President's Message

Dear Elders and Sisters,

I recently read a small book titled "Becoming The Bold Missionary" by George Durrant. I would like to share a few thoughts from it with all of you. The book teaches about seeking to be "spiritually bold." This type of boldness is not "self-confidence" it is "Christ-confidence." It is not "look at me" boldness, instead it is "look to the Savior" boldness. It is not "trust me" boldness, it is "trust Him" boldness. When you feel His Spirit, you will confidently and boldly speak His words in His name. You will know that the Lord will back you up when you declare His truths in meekness. My favorite thought of the entire book was "Meekness will come as you sense that the power you have in your words is not a power WITHIN you, but rather it is a power which God sends THROUGH you." The Lord will put a thought in your heart, and as you voice that thought, the Holy Ghost can testify that what you just said is true. Brother Durrant speaks of how you came on a mission with a big bundle of desire, surrounded with a good supply of hope that you would be a bold missionary. Because of that hope and desire to be a bold messenger of the truth, it doesn't matter if you are a quick learner or slow learner, tough guy or wimp, social butterfly or wall flower, extraordinary or ordinary, impressive or unimpressive, confident or fearful, because on your mission you CAN and will be bold. Alma told his son Shiblon, "Use boldness but not overbearance..." When you have the Spirit, you are bold. If you're just trying to do it on your own, you're overbearing.

If you sincerely invite the Spirit to be with you, you will never be alone. By following the whisperings of the Holy Ghost, you will know the will of the Lord. When you follow such promptings you can boldly teach truths, extend invitations, and make promises in the name of Jesus Christ. Knowing these things is the very key to being spiritually bold. As a missionary, you do not speak for yourself, you speak for the Lord. The seeds of boldness are within you. If you do not resist the enticing of the Holy Spirit these seeds will grow and you will be the means of doing much good. The message of the Lord will come THROUGH you to many others. Their entire eternity will be altered because you were bold in teaching them the truth.

It is my prayer that you will be a spiritually bold missionary.
President Carter and I love you and pray for your happiness.
Sister Carter

Happy Birthday!

7 July Sister Watkins
16 July Elder Wainwright
20 July Elder Reece



PARTING TESTIMONIES

Sister Crego's Parting Testimony

One of the biggest things which I have learned on my mission is how much I do not know; how the more I learn, the more I realize I have to learn. This much I do know, and I know it more clearly with each passing day: I know that Jesus Christ lives. I know that He truly did come to this earth and atoned for every sin, for every pain, for every sickness, for every frustration we will ever feel. If I can claim to have learned anything or accomplished anything while on my mission, I can say that the harder it has gotten, the closer I have gotten to my Lord and Savior. He has been with me every step of the way, and oftentimes He has even been carrying me. I have felt His encircling arms around me as I cried and struggled, when all seemed to fall apart; I felt those arms lift me up as I didn't think I could lift myself. He is my best friend, the only one who truly knows and understands me. I testify that this is His work, and He is with us, working right alongside us. I am grateful to have been given this gift of a mission to grow close to Him; it truly has been the most amazing gift ever!

This is Elder Lusk. I just wanted to share my testimony of this work and of the restored gospel. I know that Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ live. I have developed a close relationship with both of them. I love them very much. I know that they appeared to the boy Joseph Smith in the spring of 1820 and called him to a marvelous work. Through him, the church of Christ was restored once again to the earth. I miss them a lot. I don't know when I will be able to see them again, but I pray that I can live in such a way that will allow me to dwell in their presence forever. I know that this is the Lord's

work and that He is with us. His coming is near, and He has called us to prepare the inhabitants of the earth for that great day. I will forever remember these two years spent amongst this wonderful people.

From Elder Christensen

I know that God loves and watches over each and every one of us. He orders all things for our good, even when we are foolish. I know that Jesus Christ is the Savior and Redeemer of the world, and that the Book of Mormon is true by the power of the Holy Ghost. I also know that we as missionaries can't hold back or be afraid. The degree which we will cut down our own pride and obey, is the degree to which God will work miracles in our lives. Trust in Christ, he loves us, he suffered for us, he knows us better than we do ourselves. He will take perfect care of us.

The Doctrine of Christ is the only way to be saved. I know there is no other way. God will help us to get this message to his children who are ready to hear it. There is a promise in your call letter which tells you what you have to do to have God lead you to those that are ready to be baptized. Do it, it works. I am weak, and I have made a lot of mistakes, but when I have done it, it worked. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

ELDER JOHNSON

My mission has been the best experience of my life. I have learned so much being out here in the service of the Lord. Here where Christianity has been a state religion for the longest time, I found God. I found what every man seeks to find in life and what everyone desires to have. I found the truth. I formed a relationship with him and grew to trust Him more than any other source. God is our Father and Jesus is the Christ; they are in heaven and they love us. No matter what happens nothing can go seriously wrong if we hold to the faith and trust in them.

In Alma chapter 8 verse 15 we read: Blessed art thou, Alma; therefore, lift up thy head and rejoice, for thou hast great cause to rejoice; for thou hast been faithful in keeping the commandments of God from the time which thou receivedst thy first message from him.....

From this we learn that when we are doing what we are supposed to and obeying God, it is our privilege and RIGHT to be happy. We have great cause to rejoice being out here serving the Lord and helping our brothers and sisters back to the path that we all knew before this life. I am grateful that God has blessed me with this knowledge and that I am able to share it with others. I love the people of Georgia more than there are words to explain; but more I love my Savior and my Father above. Thanks be given to Him. I write this my testimony, in the name of our Savior and Friend; Jesus Christ, amen.

Elder Wainwright

I am so grateful for the opportunity I have had to share the things that are most precious to me with these people in Armenia. God's works really are marvelous. He loves each one of us and wants us to be happy. I know that true happiness only comes from living the Gospel of Jesus Christ and being obedient to our Heavenly Father. Sometimes I feel so insignificant; without Christ I really am. I know that Christ lives and that he atoned for our sins. As we follow him, we can find eternal peace, happiness and joy. What a blessing it is to be able to act in His place in helping his children repent

and come unto Christ. I hope I can always be worthy to do whatever God calls me to do. Thank you for all of your great examples to me. We'll never really know how much of an effect our lives will have on others.

Elder Lowe

I hope that you have all seen evidences of my testimony through my actions as I try to live my life as God and Christ would have me live it. But if not then try to feel with me for a moment the depth of my testimony. I know that Jesus Christ is the author of our salvation. He is my Savior, and he is your Savior just as much as he is mine. I have learned to cherish the opportunities granted to us as missionaries to bear testimony of Jesus every day. I know that the Book of Mormon testifies of Christ. I know that a living prophet guides our Church. I know that through the process of overcoming our weaknesses, we are forced to rely on Christ, and in the process we become stronger, and our understanding of Jesus and his Atonement grows. I know the gospel has blessed my life and my family. I am grateful for your testimonies which have served to strengthen my own.

Testimony of Elder Hartley

Well my mission has been a long and interesting, yet wonderful "train-ride." I am truly grateful that I came on a mission and experienced the things that I did. I would not say that I love difficult experiences, but I cherish the trials of my mission. I sincerely testify of Jesus Christ and of his divine existence. Joseph Smith saw God and Jesus Christ and the Book of Mormon: Another Testament of Jesus Christ is that proof! I will miss a lot of things about being a missionary. Take advantage of it while you can. I am glad to call you all friends! I say these things in Jesus' name.



MISSION COMPLETED

Sisters Deaver & Hallewell

Perhaps one reason they (pioneers) sacrificed and endured was to leave a legacy of faith for all of us to help us feel our urgent responsibility to move forward in building up the Church throughout the world. We need the same dedication today in every one of our footsteps as the pioneers had in theirs.

Elder M. Russell Ballard



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From Elder & Sister Jones

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