



# Armenia Yerevan Mission **All Your Might**

August 1, 2011

## President's Message

Sisters and Elders,

At times I say a prayer where I ask for nothing but simply thank the Lord for blessings given. Such a prayer cannot be said without expressing gratitude for "our missionaries". You are beloved. You are the Lord's gemstones. You are those of a noble birthright preparing the Earth for His Coming. What a privilege to call you our friends.

*President and Sister Carter*

## Happy Birthday!

1st - Elder Jones 12<sup>th</sup> - Elders Bott & Kurth  
13<sup>th</sup> - Elder Maughan 30<sup>th</sup> - Elder Santo

## MISSIONARY MIRACLES!

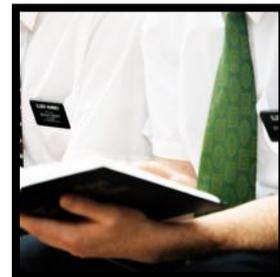
### From Elder Telyn Peterson

Well, we just tried to put on an activity at the Gyumri branch. We had planned on doing this activity since the beginning of June, which still really wasn't enough time. We finally got everything the way we thought the Lord wanted it and then last minute, so many things fell through. We wanted to do a tree of life, and other things, but people didn't show up and things weren't available, etc. But According to the hard work that we put into us, the Lord blessed us, and it turned out to be a huge success. (\*a lot better than we even thought it was going to be.) Many people came. Members and Investigators alike, learned about the importance of the book of Mormon. The Lord shaped it how he really thought it should go, and everything was there that was needed. It was truly a miracle. One day, we felt inspired to swing by one of our investigators house. We stopped in, and she was just about to drink some coffee. We reviewed the Word of Wisdom and told her to never drink coffee again. It was a little blunt, but by the miracle of the Spirit, she handed us the cup, we threw it out, and she hasn't drank coffee to this day.

### Elder Frye and Elder Cook

I had another experience this week with the Spirit, the Lord's guidance. This was a particularly special experience because we emphasized the importance of the spirit at district meeting that very day. We had a few potential investigators and an investigator in a housing development called "Moosh". Elder Frye and I went out to meet with them as planned. None of them were home. We were disappointed that people would so openly reject and/or forget their spiritual experiences. We

started to walk out of town when I was prompted to pause and pray "Is there somewhere that we should go before we leave Moosh?" I had a feeling that we needed to walk due west along a straight road. I felt a small tug in that direction. I wasn't sure, but I thought that it was a divine tug. I wasn't sure if it was me just thinking I was being guided or not so I tried a little experiment. I turned right (North) to walk down a different road when I felt another fascinating sensation. Right about where my heart is I felt as though a compass inside of me had turned and was pointing West, despite my turning North. So I tested the feeling again and I started walking South and the compass spun to point West. By this point I was convinced that it wasn't just me. We continued walking west. We reached a point when the tug and compass faded. Elder Frye and I were somewhat stranded next to a few apartment buildings. I saw a few men looking at us. They were standing by a wall, talking. I quickly thought of what we could do to approach them without them throwing up mental/social barriers. As I pondered what we could do to give them the best chance to talk with us. A question came to my mind, "Ask about the potential investigator's address here in Moosh?" So we walked over, politely asked if there was a 39th Building in the area. One of them replied, "No, you've been tricked." We thanked him and started to slowly walk away. He stopped us as we turned away and said, "So what are you two doing here in Armenia?" To make the story short, we spoke to these men. One of them was seeking to know how to feel free from the burden of sin. He wanted all of those guilty feelings to be taken away. The spirit was strong. We promised him that they could be cleaned through faith, repentance, baptism by water and receiving the Gift of the Holy Ghost. We planned a meeting for the next day and parted. I was amazed that God would so gently and yet so precisely guide us to his children who were seeking his help. I know that God is preparing his children for us. I know that Christ did leave that "Comforter". He did not leave us alone. He left it to bless us if we can but exercise a particle of faith. "And blessed are all they who do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled with the Holy Ghost." 3 Nephi 12:6



## MISSIONARY MIRACLES, continued...

### Elder Steggell and Elder Offutt

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We just got out of the Metro. We were waiting to take a member somewhere. We decided to sit down and do nothing. Not smart. I then got a prompting to just stand up and walk like 15 feet, my companion followed. We asked someone a question about the Georgian language. After this we just stood in the middle of the side walk, just waiting for the member. Then all of a sudden this person started speaking to us. He said, "What organization are you from, Mormons?" Usually when that happens people start yelling and tell us to get out and go back to America. It didn't happen like that though, he started telling that he lived in Greece for a little bit, and went to church almost every day there. He has the Book of Mormon. He then asked me, "How can I become a part of your church?" I told him we want to come and teach you about how you can do that. We got his number and set up a time for the next day at 7:00. He took our number, and was so happy. I know it isn't big, but if we were not standing there, and we instead were sitting where no one could really see us, I really don't think we would have met him and set up the meeting. I feel this is a Mission Miracle.

### Elder Smith

This week Elder Wainwright and I had a miracle we can share. We met a man who invited us over to his house and we invited him in the first meeting to be baptized and he accepted and took a Book of Mormon. We acted on the prompting to give him the invitation and did it in the first lesson and it worked out!

## PARTING TESTIMONIES

My Dear Friends,

It has truly been a privilege to serve among you, learn from you, and grow with you. Serving a mission is the greatest thing any of us could be doing at this time. What a tragedy it is for anyone to forsake the opportunity to serve the Lord full time and consecrate ourselves completely for the building up of Zion, a privilege few men have.

I am grateful for the inspired leaders I have been able to work with and the many things I have learned from them. Always support your leaders, they see things you don't see, and love you and want what's best for you. I am grateful for the opportunity I've had to study a foreign language. I feel bad for missionaries who don't get that opportunity. My mission has taught me a love of knowledge and learning. Never stop learning.

The apostasy has become quite real to me while serving here, and the need of the restoration more clear. Joseph Smith was the man chosen by Jesus Christ himself to bring to pass the great latter-day work prophesied of and foretold in every age. The gospel truths and the saving ordinances through the sacred Atonement of Jesus Christ are again available to men on earth,

and we have the sacred calling to proclaim that gospel! What a blessing it is to be able to tell others that there is something better out there, that they don't have to just suffer through doubt and despair, that there is hope! Christ is that hope, and as we come unto him and learn to trust him that hope in Christ becomes an anchor to our souls in a world where there are few things to anchor to.

I love this gospel, and it has the power to change and make us more than we can become on our own, I know that is true. Our time is short, our work is urgent, our purpose is clear, and our Guide is reliable. Keep your eye single, free yourself from petty concerns and work with all your might that you will bring "salvation to your soul," and to the souls of many others.

**Elder Allen**

Well I have enjoyed and appreciated my time as a missionary. I have been blessed and grown on my mission and I know the Lord is aware of us and that he does all he can for us. I believe I am leaving Georgia (and Armenia) in good hands. I know that the Lord is able to do his work and am glad to have been able to participate in that process. I know that Jesus Christ is our Savior, that Joseph Smith did translate the Book of Mormon and that it is the word of God. I know that as you put in your best and increase your efforts the Lord doth immediately bless you, though not always in the way you may expect. I know that Thomas S. Monson is a prophet today. I know that families are eternal and need never be separated again after this life. Trust the Lord, trust he hears your prayers. I know he answers prayers when we sincerely seek him with pure intent. I know that increasing our commitment increases only our joy and that true Christianity is unconditional, unconditional love and dedication to God. Stay true to faith and make the most of your missions. Love you all

**Elder Bennett**

### MISSION COMPLETED

Sister Crego, Elders Wainwright, Lusk, Christensen, Johnson, Lowe & Hartley

### Arriving August 10

Sisters Boyle, Kohler, Tolman  
Elders Maughan, Seegmiller, Skidmore,  
Mejia, & Hammer

### New Members in Armenia & Georgia!

Harutyun, Mariam, Lida, Ando, Armine,  
Larissa

From Elder & Sister Jones

**AUGUST 1**

All filters & 'O' Rings need to be replaced.

Change your CO Detector Batteries

Check your 72 Hour Kit