



ARMENIA YEREVAN

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President's Message

Fellow missionaries,

Please consider with me one of the descriptions of Jesus' character as given in Acts 10:38 "Who went about doing good . . . for God was with him."

As in all things The Master is our exemplar. Many of us grew up in MIA thinking that service must be a "project". Often that "project" was the routine matter of picking up trash somewhere or raking leaves for instance. Perhaps a paradigm shift is in order.

In addition to his healing touch, surely Christ must have also lifted the hands that hang down by an encouraging word, a smile of approval, a listening ear, a small act of courteous kindness. In the DVD, "Finding Faith in Christ" he is depicted stooping down to pick up a piece of fruit dropped by an old man – a simple act of doing good, an opportunity easily missed, but it wasn't missed. Though it is a DVD, we suppose his life was such. We easily picture him as one who greeted all with a warm smile and who won their hearts by the genuineness of his love. During his ministry, he too sought after those who would recognize and accept truth. He must have taught when he found and found when he taught. He did not fear rejection and in very fact, his life was filled with it.

As missionaries we are surrounded each day by opportunities to be those who "Go about doing good . . . for God is with us." Let us not hold back from looking daily for every opportunity to speak and act in kind service, and in greater measure, God will be with us.

President Carter
Armenia, Yerevan Mission

SPECIAL MISSIONARY EXPERIENCES

We had a cool experience the other day. We have a Georgian bread shop across the street from our apartment. One day we were buying bread and the woman, Lia, who makes it, came up to us and started talking to us in Russian. We told her we didn't understand so she started doing motions and a mini missionary who was with us knew a little Russian and understood it. She also knew a little English that was nice. Well it ended up that this woman was from Georgia and wanted to come to church with us and she felt that we were the truth. Pretty cool. Well we picked her up from Church and we found out that she had seen the missionaries there when she had lived in Georgia and even attended Church there. This experience really strengthened my testimony that the truth of the gospel will be taught to all nations and they will feel the truth in our words and just by our examples - **Sister Beal**

We've had some cool experiences. First of all, I want to bear a small testimony about morning devotionals in connection with the promised blessings. I am witnessing it first hand. It is amazing. If you don't know what those blessings are, then I'd suggest you find out by experience. I'm not going to ruin the surprise. Anyway, on to the miracle. We've been teaching an elderly lady and she is stubborn as a horse. When she yells (always at other people), you want to hide and curl up and cry. When she doesn't understand something she's stubborn about understanding. Well, long story short, we had to teach some variation of 'Revelation through Prayer' 3 times this week and every time we had to pull out a tooth to get her to finally pray at the end of the lesson. Well, now she doesn't even ask who should give the prayer because she likes to pray--she just says it. **MIRACLE!!! Elder Wahl and Smith**

August Birthdays

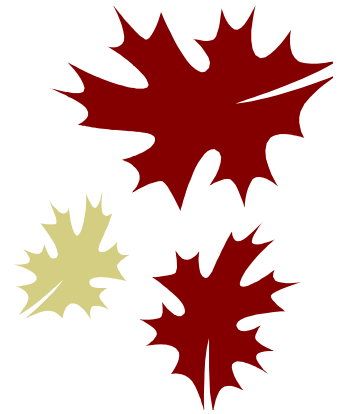
3 – Elder Orme
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12 – Elder Kurth
13 – Elder Maughn
15 – Sister Bobzien

So this one will be rather short. But I recently was able to baptize Gor and his mom Nazik. I think we taught them in a period of a month and a half before they were baptized. What surprised me was when we taught the Word of Wisdom we thought there were no problems with it. But then Gor told us that he smoked. So we talked about how he needed to quit to be able to keep the commandments. After that meeting - and 3 days later he had completely stopped smoking. Talk about a miracle. He was prepared well by the Hand of the Lord and it was my honor to teach him the Restored Gospel and to baptize him and his mom.

-Elder Hatch

Congratulations on the JULY BAPTISMS

Ruzanna, Nazik, Gor, Giorgi,
Nune, Manushak, Suzanna,
Daria, Arusiak, Tatevik, Julieta.



We welcome our new missionaries:

Sister Cl ove, Sister Robl es,
Sister Henriquez, (President &
Sister Carter) El der Conway,
El der Van Bl ankenstein, El der
Anderson