



Armenia Yerevan Mission

All Your Might

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President's Message

Dear Elders and Sisters,

President Carter and I love and appreciate each one of you. We are grateful for the time we get to spend with you. Thank you for your service.

As missionaries we are all blessed with many experiences. Some of them are hard trials and some are wonderful blessings. In the process we learn many many life lessons. Some of these blessings are listed in President Hinckley's 21 Promises To Missionaries. I love them and want to share them with you so that when the difficult times come, you can focus on the promises.

- 1-You will come to know what consecration and dedication mean.
- 2-You will develop powers of persuasion which will bless your entire life.
- 3-Your timidity, your fears, your shyness will gradually disappear as you go forth with boldness and conviction.
- 4-You will learn to work with others, to develop a spirit of teamwork.
- 5-The cankering evil of selfishness will be supplanted by a sense of service to others.
- 6-You will draw nearer to the Lord than you likely will in any other set of circumstances.
- 7-You will come to know that without His help you are indeed weak and simple, but that with His help you can accomplish miracles.
- 8-You will establish habits of industry.
- 9-You will develop a talent for the establishment of goals of effort.
- 10-You will learn to work with singleness of purposes.
- 11-You will bless the lives of those you teach and their posterity after them.
- 12-You will bless your own life.
- 13-You will bless the lives of your family, who will sustain you and pray for you.
- 14-Your service will become an expression of gratitude to your Heavenly Father.
- 15-You will come to know your Redeemer as your greatest friend in time or eternity.
- 16-You will realize that through His atoning sacrifice He has opened the way for eternal life and an exaltation above and beyond your greatest dreams.
- 17-You will be a better husband/wife.
- 18-You will be a better father/mother.
- 19-You will be a better student.
- 20-You will be a better worker in your chosen vocation.
- 21-All that Heavenly Father has can be yours (D&C 84:33-38)

We pray that you will be able to recognize and be grateful for these promises being fulfilled in your life. We love you and pray for you daily.

President and Sister Carter

Happy Birthday!

15 Sep – Elder Offutt

MISSIONARY MIRACLES!

I feel bad calling this a miracle. If we are doing what we are supposed to, these things could happen every day of our missionary lives. So, this *ordinary* experience of being a missionary started on exchanges. After about an hour of walking around and talking to everybody, Elder Gerber and I decided our efforts were not yielding any immediate fruit and felt the need of further direction from the Lord. A quick prayer in a silent, possibly private park and we were out again talking to people, this time a little more conscious of the promptings of the Spirit. Maybe 15 minutes (and a lot of hankos) later we were walking down a street when some ashes fell before our face. We looked up to a balcony and heard a man grumbling "...believers...let's have them come up...see what they have to say...." 40 minutes later we walked out of that man's home with one more baptismal commitment.

President Carter has said something along the lines of "Hankos is how you prove yourselves to the Lord, that you are ready and willing to teach his children." Well, the Lord blessed us a lot that day. Two of the people Elder Gerber and I talked to in that little period of time before the "miracle" meeting became investigators later on. I have a testimony of reaping what you sow. I'm grateful for leaders who show us great examples of diligence which is the qualifier for those kind of experiences, which just happen to be in the job-description, and without which we can do nothing.

Elder Wahl



I Love to Ready the Holy Scriptures!

MISSIONARY MIRACLES, continued...

I love Sargis, our branch president, a lot. I loved our sacrament meeting yesterday, and it was the most spiritual experience I've had in a while. I went to church and the difference was that I was entirely prepared to go. It occurred to me that partaking of the sacrament was more significant and spiritual than doing an endowment session. I strove to keep the Spirit with me the whole time, and every question or concern I had was answered. All of them, without exception. I realized that a key to abundant revelation is to aim to learn the will of the Lord and do it, rather than seek revelation with an insistence on keeping some of your own interests or not doing some things you are uncomfortable with.

Love, Elder Kurth

She was just barely baptized. She didn't want to read the Book of Mormon. She kept on saying, "I can't read it, I will not read it, I have no time." Such phrases made my heart hurt. I love the Book of Mormon with my whole heart. I never miss a day. She actually didn't even know who Lehi was. So I stopped everything we were going to teach her that day.

In District meeting we practiced reading with someone for an hour, of course we didn't read an hour in district meeting, but we practiced everything but the 1 hour thing. Well I remembered that. I was just going to use this with my investigators, but I felt impressed to do it then.

We started from the very beginning, reading the title page from Mormon, onto the introduction, to the testimony of Joseph Smith, then the testimonies of the 3 and 8, then onto the brief information about the book of Mormon.

While she was reading she kept on asking me "What does this mean? What does this mean?" I kept on telling her, "Soon you will understand." In the middle of Joseph Smith's Testimony she just started receiving revelation after revelation. She started understanding everything. She got goose bumps, and she said she has never felt like this before, she was filled with the Holy Ghost in front of my eyes, and she said she loves it, she loved the story of how Joseph Smith found the Book of Mormon by a miraculous means.

She was mad at the missionary who didn't even let her know about this, I was a little also, but my anger left me when she received that day an answer from God, that the Book of Mormon is important, that we need to read it. Yes it is a commandment, but more importantly it helps us feel the spirit. If any of you missionaries have a bad day, read in the awesome Book of Mormon. I know it is one of the reasons why we are here. If it would not be here we wouldn't be here. I know the Book of Mormon is the key to unlocking the gate way toward revelation

Elder Steggell

Elder Rich and I invited the Assistants to dinner at the Citi-Store Cafe. We did this so we could walk them by one of the shops above the store. One of the ladies up there always says Hi to us. I have bought some hankies from her on a couple of occasions. She always tells me that she loves Jesus and shows me her Bible.

Anyway, we thought we would take the missionaries and see if they could give her a Book of Mormon and talk to her. It turns out that she has been asking me to give her a book and I did not understand. So the Elders gave her their Book of Mormon and asked if we could come visit her at her home. She said not now because her mother (the grandmother) is not well, but she would like us to come later on. Great. So the

Assistants will follow up with her as well as us. She told the Elders that she loved Elder Rich and I and we were amazed, because all we do is walk by her store and say Hi and smile. It is amazing what seeds senior couples can plant just by walking down the street holding hands and smiling. Elder Rich and I really felt inspired to introduce her to the Elders. We know that this lady is loved by our Heavenly Father. When Elder Rich looked back as we left, she already had the Book of Mormon open and was reading. We will say our prayers for her. How wonderful if just one person can be touched with the spirit and brought to the truth. We love our Hy Missionaries. This made our day and to think I was feeling bad we didn't have a day off.

Love Elder & Sister Rich

This last week Elder Hammer and I were trying to work with the members. So we went to the church and were waiting for one of the members to show up. As we were, a lady come up to the door, stopped and tried the door, then continued walking. She was gone before we could do anything. Then only a few minutes later she passed the church again and tried the door. We ran to unlock the door and were able to catch her as she was walking away. She said she knew that we were nice people and be willing to help, so she asked us to help her carry a baby crib to her father's apartment. So after the effort of finally getting the crib to the apartment, we were able to go inside and talk with her and her father about the gospel. The father, Suren, said that he had actually met us before and had wanted to come. He had given the elders his number, but they never called! What a blessing it is that this is the Lord's work and that He truly guides His children!

Elder Lush

MISSION COMPLETED

Elders Allen & Bennett

New Members in Armenia & Georgia!

Susanna, Silvard, Lalia, Ruben, Hamlet, Tadevos, Lusine, Tegan



Our families will be happier, we'll get along better with others, and we'll feel more peace during hard times when we live according to Jesus Christ's teachings.

New Missionaries & Trainers!

