

ALL YOUR MIGHT

ARMENIA YEREVAN MISSION

November 2007



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Elders and Sisters,

October was another very good month. All of your faith and hard work have been rewarded by bringing many into the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

October was also a month of spiritual feasting. General Conference was made available to all the missionaries and members in Armenia and Georgia. What a blessing it is to have access to the words spoken by our latter-day Prophets, Seers, and Revelators.

We had a wonderful District Conference in Armenia and an inspirational Missionary Fireside in Georgia with Elder and Sister Paul. It was truly marvelous to be with them and receive their guidance and inspiration. Elder and Sister Paul taught us many things during the mission tour. I'd like to remind you of some of the things we were taught:

- Read the white missionary handbook and live it. Read two pages a day.
- Look for miracles. Record them and thank the Lord for them or they will stop.
- Always have at least 10 gospel conversations every day.
- The spirit of this work is "urgency."
- Don't give up when they won't accept the baptism challenge.
- Use the "indicator of truth." Use your priesthood. Pray with them.
- Act according to your calling and not your age. For some reason the Lord has seen fit to put the future of the Church on the shoulders of the 19-25 year olds.
- Keep it simple. Focus on essential things. The devil loves complexity.
- Be a "Preach My Gospel Missionary."
- Be strictly obedient. Follow the spirit. Pray with faith and determination.
- Focus your daily and personal study on the needs of your investigators.
- Plan each evening with exactness focusing on your investigators' needs.
- Maintain area books so that you would be happy to show them to the Savior.
- Teach as directed by the Spirit with power and authority.
- You must always follow-up on your investigators' commitments.
- Do everything in your power to get people to attend Sacrament Meeting.

Let's all do our best to follow this inspired council. Furthermore, I promise that if you will study (with a purpose), pray (with faith), work hard (with a plan), and obey mission rules (strictly), you will be instruments in the Lord's hands to bring to pass a great work here in Armenia and Georgia. Please do not just "get by." Always do your best!

Sincerely,

President Dunn



SISTER DUNN'S MESSAGE



A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped in anyway with our "Mission Tour" with Elder and Sister Paul. President Dunn and I are very grateful for your obedience, and for your following through with all of the assignments associated with the visit. It all went very well and we all benefited from each other's efforts. Thank you again!

Take care of yourselves so you can do the work. Let me know if illness stops you from moving the work along.

We love you and pray for your well-being and continued success.

Sincerely,
Sister Dunn





Spotlights

Elder L. J. Smith

Elder L. Smith is from Orem, UT. He is the third child in a family of 3 brothers and 1 sister. He also has sort of an additional sibling, a 90 lb. golden retriever who happens to be named "Little Brother."

The "J" in his name is from his grandfather, Joseph Morris. His parents thought it might be better to go by just the initial "J." However, Lance has always preferred to spell it out. (If you check his scriptures you'll find them imprinted with "Lance Joseph Smith.")

He enjoys life and challenges, which is one reason he has always liked sports and competition. He plays basketball, tennis, lacrosse, and has a passion for running. He especially loves cross country running, and has run all over the United States on training runs, while traveling with his family. He has participated in competitive cross country races on both coasts. The year before his mission, he completed both a triathlon and a marathon. Many people are surprised to learn that Lance is also a great dancer...he joined a competitive ballroom team in the 4th grade and participated until 8th grade, when he traded in his Latin heels for his first pair of Asics. (He still knows how to move, though!)

Lance listens to acoustic guitar music as often as he can, when he's not a missionary of course. He also plays the trumpet, French horn, and has taught himself to play the guitar. He never passes up a chance to be outdoors and really enjoys camping and hiking. He has been to both the highest point in Utah, King's Peak, and the lowest, the bottom of the Grand Canyon. His favorite hobby is photography and he has likely taken pictures of much of Armenia. He graduated from Timpanogos High School and he will return to BYU after he completes his mission.

When he's not walking the streets of Armenia, Lance prefers wearing Chacos (sandals). He could hardly wait to be a missionary and treasures the opportunity he now has to serve among a people and a country he deeply loves.



**Replace Water
Filters Number 1
& 2 this month!**

Sister Waldron

Sister Waldron was born on May 12 in Santa Monica, CA. Her father was attending dental school at USC. She is the third child of seven. She grew up in Las Vegas, where there is plenty to do. Her family loves to be active, so they have enjoyed camping, hiking, boating, snow skiing, beach activities, etc.

As a young lady, Sister Waldron was involved in clogging and took piano lessons. In school she participated in basketball and volleyball. She attended college at BYU Hawaii where she played on the girls volleyball team, then transferred to Dixie College in St. George where she also played on the volleyball team while she was attending dental hygiene school.

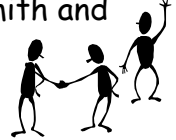
She worked as a nursing assistant to put herself through hygiene school. Once she finished school she helped coach volleyball and worked to save for her mission. She works hard and plays hard. She likes to have fun and be on the go, collects "Disney" movies, has a great love for our Heavenly Father, and a strong testimony of the gospel.

She has a natural beauty that is both inside and out!!! Her family loves her dearly and they are greatly blessed by her service.

Note: Her Mom said that the only pictures they have of her when she was younger are either with her hair cut (by herself) or with bruises!



**Farewell to Elder Smith and
Sister Blair! All our
best to you!**



Happy Birthday!

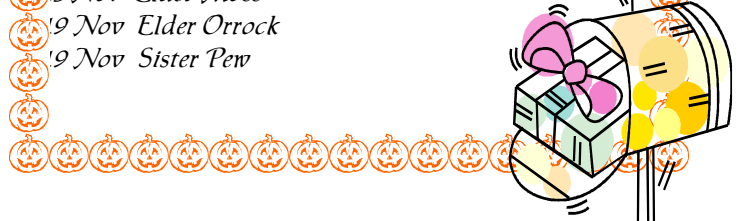
16 Nov Elder C. Smith
12 Nov Elder Horgmo
13 Nov Elder Moss
19 Nov Elder Orrock
19 Nov Sister Pew

20 Nov Elder Erler

24 Nov Elder Rasmussen

29 Nov Elder Leavitt

29 Nov Sister D. Smith



Message from the Assistants

Elder Moss and Elder Leavitt

This last month we had the great honor of being visited by President Paul of the Europe East Area Presidency. When he visited all of our zones he gave us some wonderful advice. We know that the Lord sent him to our mission at this time to give us specific counsel on what we can improve and change. He has done so by instructing us to get more investigators to sacrament meeting, talk to more people, and never give up.



As a mission we have had an increase of investigators with a baptismal date, but no increase in the number of investigators attending sacrament meeting. We know that sacrament meeting is one of the greatest opportunities for an investigator to feel the converting power of the Spirit and make friends with church members. Getting our investigators to attend church can be difficult, but here are three suggestions to increase our sacrament meeting attendance. First, go and pick up your investigators before church yourself, or give one of your members the assignment to pick them up. Second, call all of your investigators the night before and remind them to be in church on Sunday. Third, stress frequently the importance of attending church in the meetings with your investigators. We know that as we implement these three simple standards we will increase the number of our investigators attending sacrament meeting.

President Paul emphasized the importance of talking to people wherever we go and reemphasized the standard of ten gospel conversations every day introduced by Elder Ballard. This doesn't mean that we limit ourselves to only ten gospel conversations every day. "And thou must open thy mouth at all times, declaring my gospel with the sound of rejoicing." D & C 28:16

The final point that President Paul emphasized is to "never give up." This does not mean that we should stop thrashing investigators, but rather that we should work harder to resolve our investigator's concerns through the Spirit. This is the whole idea behind thrashing; committing people to change and repent and resolving their concerns with the guidance of the Spirit. Thrashing does not mean dropping an investigator at the first sign of a concern. It does mean that we drop investigators when they stop progressing. We should especially never give up when someone has received a confirmation of truth through the Spirit.

Remembering to follow this inspired counsel will bring peace of conscience and an increase of converted investigators who are being baptized and confirmed.