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Message From President and Sister McBride

TALK TO EVERYONE ABOUT THE GOSPEL

As missionaries, we must use every opportunity to find people to teach. The most effective sources of finding are members and investigators, however, we cannot rely solely on these sources. We must constantly speak to everyone and use all the finding methods listed on pages 6 & 7 of your missionary handbook. By doing this, we allow the spirit to prompt us to share the gospel in different ways.

One of the great missionary finding stories of the New Testament is found in the fourth chapter of John. This story was dramatized in the video we saw at our last zone conference and is entitled, "The Woman at the Well."

In this brief encounter between the Saviour and the woman from Samaria, Jesus gave us a perfect example of an effective missionary when He:

- found someone to talk to
- started a conversation
- guided the conversation to a gospel subject
- invited the woman to bring her family and hear more
- bore His testimony.

Let's see how we can apply these examples to our own work. First, Jesus positioned Himself at Jacob's well in the desert where He was most likely to meet someone. Do we think about where we are working, and do we maximize our opportunities for contact?

Second, Jesus opened His mouth and initiated the conversation by asking for a drink of water.

President Monson has said, "The best way to make a friend is to ask someone to do something for you." We must take the first step and begin a dialogue.

Third, Jesus turned the conversation to the gospel by talking about "living water" and "everlasting life." Another opener for us might be to use Elder Brough's suggestions, "Tell me about your family." This could lead to a discussion of the proclamation on the family, family home evening, family history, eternal families, etc. Another question might be, "Do you like to read?" followed by a discussion or presentation on the Book of Mormon.

Fourth, when the woman said, "Sir, give me this water that I thirst not...Jesus saith unto her, go, call thy husband, and come hither." (John 4:14-15) Teaching families is our primary objective. Always involve the husband early just as the Saviour did.

Finally, "The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things." Then "Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he." (John 4:25-26) With that simple declaration, Jesus acknowledged His divine calling and gave us the perfect example of a powerful testimony.

I suggest we all reread this wonderful account in John 4:5-27 and apply the five principles of missionary work taught therein. No greater example can be given than that given by the Saviour Himself. Let us follow His example and speak to everyone about the gospel; thereby, creating greater success in bringing souls unto Him.

ASSISTANTS MESSAGE

Dear Elders and Sisters,

Is the glass half empty or half full? That question is often asked throughout the world to find out what kind of attitude different people have. If that question were asked about the work here in the Utah Ogden Mission the reply would undoubtedly be, "this is the greatest mission in the world for missionary work!!" Our attitudes are positive and there is a wonderful spirit of excitement and love of the work throughout the mission.

As we use our finding records effectively, we will see the success continue to grow. We have the Elders and Sisters to find those ready for the gospel, now it is up to us to do it. The finding records are important, so use them to seek out the elect. In D&C 29:7 the Lord tells us that we are "called to bring to pass the gathering of mine elect..." What can we use in our everyday proselyting to find the elect? "That's right, Proselyting for the Elect!" Learn it, study it, and make it a part of you, so that the Lord may bless you with his spirit to know what to say and when to say it. As we use Proselyting for the Elect we will find those who are ready to accept the gospel, "...for mine elect hear my voice and harden not their hearts."

Thanks for all that each and every one of you do for us. We are here to serve you in any way we can. We love and appreciate you all!

Love,
Elders Watson, Chabo, Thomas, & Romney

Use The Missionary Gospel

Nov	11	Faith
Nov	18	Repentance
Nov	25	Baptism
Dec	2	The Gift of the Holy Ghost
Dec	9	Obedience
Dec	16	Humility

MEMORIZATION HYMN FOR NEXT ZONE CONFERENCE

"The Spirit of God" Page #2

CONVERSION STORY

Erich was the type of investigator that had it his way or no way. If he didn't like a missionary, they didn't visit him until that missionary was gone. He really loved his young family and his two little girls were at the center of his life. He had grown up in Boston with rough circumstances and he still was very rough around the edges. The first time I met him, he found out I was from Washington DC and we became instant friends. I began visiting with him and his wife, Brianne, frequently and we all looked forward to it every time. The trouble was that it took so long to get the family settled enough to teach that it was over a month before we had finished the first discussion and it wasn't the most effective discussion either. I prayed daily to know what to do for him and, as He usually does, the Lord heard and answered my prayer. Not when or how I was expecting it but it was clearly answered as I look back. The all important answer came when I applied something that Elder Featherstone had taught us at zone conference. We had set up a time for the third discussion and my companion and I had prayed fervently that the whole family would be there and that the spirit would guide us. As we taught I felt the spirit stronger than I ever had teaching Erich before. By the time I got to the third principle, I realized that he had made some changes since our last visit. He was truly "hearing the word of the Lord". I then remembered that Elder Featherstone taught us that when an investigator is feeling the spirit and receiving a witness to the truthfulness of the message, you don't have to teach or expound at all. You just have to help them recognize what they feel and then commit them to act on their feelings. I did just that, in the middle of the principle I put the book down and looked Erich in the eyes and asked him if he knew the Book of Mormon was true. He smiled as if he was waiting for that question the whole time and said, "YUP, I'm afraid it is!" My heart was immediately filled and I continued, being full of the spirit with the next big question. I asked, "You know the church is true, don't you?" Once again, the same smile appeared and he said with conviction, "I do know, I don't know when I found out, but I definitely know now." It was so incredible because right when I needed the Lord, He came through with the spirit and as I listened, He guided me to say exactly what needed to be said to bring Erich to Christ. As I drove home that night I said within my heart that if that was the only experience I would ever have like that, the whole two years would be worth it. What I found out over the next 18 months of my mission is that the Lord is always willing to bless us and those around us with those experiences. All we need to do is be willing to listen and obey everyday!

Elder Benajmin D. Caffee

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Zones

★ Highest Baptizing : Idaho	33
★ Highest Teaching : Idaho	146
★ Most Books of Mormon Placed: Ogden	242
★ Most Adds: Cache Valley, Ogden	43

Companionships

★ Highest Baptizing :Elders Birdno/Puster	7
★ Highest Teaching : Elders Hamer/Thurman	41
★ Highest Teaching (LA): Sisters Sherrow/DeJong	32
★ Most Books of Mormon: Elders Vargas/Valverde	58
★ Most Adds: Sisters Peterson/Diiga	11

Zone Conference Commits

1. Work with your stake mission to update and use MIS Finding Records Effectively.
2. Study specific topics in Proselyting for the Elect twice a week and apply in every contact.
3. Talk to Everyone about the gospel

BAPTIZING 4 OR MORE

September

Birdno/Puster	7
Wright/Kendrick	6
Shade/Jenks	6
Sayer/Updike	5
Barney/Deason	5
Scheewe/Michel	5
Avery/Witbeck	5
Park/Hansen	4
Chambers/Youngblood	4
Sherrow/DeJong	4
Hubbard/Carruthers	4
Caffee/Chabo/Thomas/Romney	4

POEM

THE HOUSE OF THE LORD
by Elder Benjamin Poulsen

What would it be like to visit the Holy Land?
To stand on the beach and walk on the sand.
To sit in a boat where the Savior once sat,
To be with his apostles and listen as he taught.

What would it be like to walk in a room,
Where the Savior once taught against fear and gloom.
What would it be like to listen to him speak,
To look at his hand and kneel at his feet.
To watch the miracles happen.
To see the lives changed.
To be in his presence, what a wonderful thing.

Is there a place where the Savior can dwell?
A place of refuge and peace to know all is well.
"I love to see the temple, I'm going there someday
To feel the Holy Spirit, to listen and to pray."
I know what it's like, he's been here before.
He's seen the beautiful pictures and walked through that
door.
He's walked down this hall, and sat in this chair.

I love to hear his voice, I feel him when he's there.
I know my Savior lives.
To live with him again, is always in my heart.
My eternal and constant friend.

Action of The Month
Open your mouth and Talk to
EVERYONE about the gospel.

Classified Ads Call office for all Ads Send Ads to Sister Zundel

Elder Quintero has a bike for sale: Mongoose - 20 speed - \$100.00

NEW ASSISTANT



Elder Chabo

NEW ASSISTANT COMPANION



Elder Watson

November Birthdays

Elder Randy Proctor	11
Elder Mark Sanders	14
Elder Chad McLane	15
Elder Matthew Greenidge	16
Elder Jordan Ducharme	19
Elder Travis Chabo	21
Elder Ryan Davis	21
Elder Estrada Bernal	23
Elder Darrin Cannon	24
Elder Alejandro Monge	25
Elder Ben Wakild	26
Elder Joseph Phillips	30
Elder Derrick Hansen	30
Elder Jason Young	30

New Zone Leaders



Elder Ducharme



Elder Scheewe



Elder Toone

December Birthdays

Elder John Webster	9
Elder Seth Wege	9
Sister Yi Chin Lu	9
Elder Jason Morris	11
Elder Jason Scheewe	12
Elder Jesse Richardson	12
Elder Keith Powers	15

New District Leaders



Elder Buckley



Elder Clark



Elder Gale



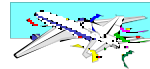
Elder Hamer

MEMORIZATION FOR NEXT ZONE CONFERENCE PROVERBS 3:5-6

OCTOBER ARRIVALS



Trainers



OCTOBER DEPARTURES

Elder David Becker
Elder Benjiman Christ
Elder David Deibel
Elder Christopher Dunn
Elder Scott George
Sister Yi Chin Lu
Elder Bryce Meldrum
Elder Daniel Mento
Elder Charles Mulkey
Elder Ezra Niessink
Elder Stephen Shenfield
Elder Golden Stephenson

San Angelo, TX
Brentwood, CA
Saginaw, MI
Crestview, FL
Roanoke, VA
Yilan City, Taiwan
Medicine Hat, Canada
Audubon, NJ
Priest River, ID
Benschop, Netherlands
Edmonton, Canada
New Windsor, MD

Elder Timothy Hill
Elder Jonathan Naylor
Elder Damon LeGrand
Elder Jose Silva
Elder George Westerlund
Sister Sarah Stock
Elder Nicholas Johnson
Elder Brendan Robertson
Elder Matthew Weller
Elder Jesse Fleming
Elder Kevin Blandamer
Elder Brandon Barney

Elder Benjamin Caffee
Elder Aaron Dauphin
Elder Adam Duggan
Elder Ammon Ehrisman
Elder Christopher Fosdick
Elder Steven Kinder
Elder Hyrum Ploeg
Elder Bryce Pogue
Sister Lynn Sherrow
Elder Nephtalie Vargas
Olney, MD
Moultrie, GA
Englewood, TN
Raleigh, NC
Mary Esther, FL
Baytown, TX
Auckland, New Zealand
Tacoma, WA
Mexico, MO
Belle Glade, FL