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Message From President and Sister McBride

Jesus Christ – The Reason For The Season

There isn't a better place to be in the world this Christmas than right here in the Utah Ogden Mission proclaiming the gospel message and bearing personal testimony that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

What a blessing it is to be serving as personal representatives of Jesus Christ at this special time of year. It is a time when we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. He is indeed "the reason for the season." It is appropriate at this time of year that we consider the significance of:

My Missionary Commission

"I am called of God. My authority is above that of the kings of the earth. By revelation I have been selected as a personal representative of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is my master and He has chosen me to represent Him. To stand in His place. To say and do what He himself would say and do if He were personally ministering to the very people to whom He has sent me. My voice is His voice, and my acts are His acts. My words are His words and my doctrine is His doctrine. My commission is to do what He wants done. To say what he wants said. To be a living, modern witness in word and deed of the divinity of His great and marvelous latter-day work."

HOW GREAT IS MY CALLING!

At our mission conference, each of you received a bookmark on which was printed "My Missionary Commission." You were asked to place this bookmark in your scriptures

identifying your favorite passage about our Saviour, Jesus Christ. May this be a constant reminder of our responsibility to become more like Him, not only on our missions but throughout our lives.

As the Wise Men of old, we too have journeyed far from our homes engaged in a great search. Unlike the Wise Men, however, we bear a gift far more precious and valuable than gold, frankincense and myrrh. We have the gospel of Jesus Christ with all its saving principles and ordinances.

Just as the star guided the Wise Men in their quest, so shall the Spirit guide us to the honest in heart. The Lord wants us to succeed. He desires that we be humble, prayerful, obedient and well prepared so that we may effectively teach His gospel by the Spirit.

We do not journey alone for He has stated, ". . . you shall have my Spirit and my word, yea, the power of God unto the convincing of men." (D&C 11:21) With this assuring promise, may we go forth confidently and successfully in bringing souls unto Him.

Our hope is that each missionary will focus on the Savior and emulate His life of service during this Christmas season. Let us identify special service projects to perform, especially on Christmas eve and Christmas day. May we focus on finding meaningful ways to enjoy this special holiday. By so doing, we will feel the real spirit of Christmas, and this Christmas will be the best ever.

Please know of our love and affection, and our faith and prayers, for all of you, our missionaries, not only at this season but always.

ASSISTANTS MESSAGE

Dear Elders and Sisters,

What a wonderful last couple of months we have had. As our faith has increased and our work ethic progressed we truly can see the blessings that come from our diligence. Part of that diligence comes from our updating of the *Area Books* and working on our *finding records* with our Ward Mission Leaders. We still have work to do and many souls to find from those labors, so keep it up! This is an urgent message!

Because the gospel of Jesus Christ is so important we must carry the spirit of this work to everyone. President Hinckley has said referrals are not getting enough attention. We need to give this matter all of the attention that we can. One way to do this is during our dinner appointments. *We must 1-week commit!* If we want to reach our goals, *the 1-week commit will help us* to gain trust, and confidence in the members. They will know that we are here to help them with their loved ones.

If we are showing them how much we care while we are there at dinner, we must also show them how much we care by *following up* with them after dinner. It will not do us any good to commit and then not follow up. This matter is just as important as *following up* with ourselves on our personal goals, and following up on our investigators commitments. If we can keep the *1-week commit and follow-up* centered in our work, we will reach our goals. We know that to be true. We love you all, especially for what you teach us and the love that you show for us. We will do our best to love and serve you in any way possible. May we all live worthy to carry the spirit of the Lord with us at all times. This will enable us to accomplish the great work that He has for each of us individually, as a mission, and throughout the whole earth.

Love,

Elders Watson, Romney, McLane, & Chabo

COMPANIONSHIP STUDY

Every day during companionship study, both companions will share a favorite scripture or story about the Saviour, either from the Book of Mormon or New Testament.

MEMORIZATION HYMN FOR NEXT ZONE CONFERENCE

“Nearer, Dear Saviour, To Thee”, p. 99

CONVERSION STORIES

This week we taught someone named Rachel Anderson. A stake missionary gave us her name in correlation meeting. She came Church on her own. We followed up and when she opened the door, I knew I knew her, but couldn't put my finger on it. Her name popped in my head, and she embraced me. Then it hit me. Sister Sherrow and I taught her about a year ago in Clearfield. She wanted to be baptized then, but her life wasn't really in order. Shortly after, she moved to Ogden and got married. We never heard of her again. Well, she had been praying that a missionary who she knew from before would find her. So when she opened the door that night it was an answer to her prayers. What a great thing to be a part of before I go home.

Sister Stock

P.S. Rachel Anderson was baptized.

Recently I was blessed to witness the baptism of Geraldine Ocaranza. Thirteen months ago when I first arrived in the mission field, Elder Sandoval and I began teaching her father Miguel and her brother, Sebastian. They had the discussions and were prepared for baptism. I was asked to speak at the baptism. I agreed enthusiastically, even though my Spanish skills were quite meager. I remember while planning the baptism seeing his daughter, Geraldine, walking back and forth in the hallway of the home. I remember the baptism so clearly, it being the first I had been blessed with, and also because it united a couple and a family. However, Geraldine refused to hear what we shared with her family. I left that area, but not the memory of the Ocaranza family. I returned a year later. Geraldine told us that she wanted to take the discussions and be baptized. I had the same blessing to speak at the baptism. I bore humble testimony to them of the divinity of this the Lords work. Families can be together forever.

Elder Jahn

During our first week in Bountiful we were pretty lost. We had both been double transferred into a new area. The bishop gave us a list of names to visit. One name stood out – Anne Woods. She was a previous investigator of the Elders. She had been taught a couple of times before but would not be baptized. We went to Sister Woods home. She was 83 years old and still going strong. As we visited she told us that she new the Church was true but felt like she was never invited to do anything. Everything done was against her will and she felt forced. All these years and she was never invited! She got so frustrated with being forced into baptism that she finally asked the missionaries to leave and never return. We asked her if she would take the discussions again and she agreed. A few days later, we taught her the first discussion, and invited her to be baptized and she willingly accepted. In talking with her daughter we found that her mother had been investigating the church for 26 years. Aside from not being invited, Sister Woods had made a promise to her husband on his deathbed that she would never join the church. She was just waiting for an invitation. Her daughter was delighted that her mother was going to be baptized. She inquired during the discussions about taking out her temple endowments. That was a goal of hers and we told her we wanted to see her in white three times – in the waters of baptism, when she goes through the temple and again in the eternities. We know that God lives, and it is by his grace alone that we have met this sister of ours.

Sister's Macy and Fehoko

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Zone Conference Commits

Zones	
(Average per Companionship/ Total)	
Highest Baptizing :	Cache Valley 2.7 / 24
Honorable Mention: Ogden	2.6 / 23 - Idaho 2.6 / 21
Highest Teaching :	Ogden 23.1 / 208
Most Books of Mormon Placed:	Ogden 22.2 / 200
Most Adds: Wyoming:	6.2 / 56
Companionships	
Highest Baptizing :Elders Titz/Thomas	7
Highest Teaching : Elders Hamer/Thurman	53
Highest Teaching (LA): Elders Wright/Kendrick	37
Most Copies of the Book of Mormon Placed:	
Elders Fairchild/Garcia/Petterson	41
Most Adds: Elders Hamer/Thurman	17

1. During companionship study every Monday, study 1 Cor. 13 and set goals to help each other develop greater charity.
2. Study "Proselyting for the Elect: Member Work" twice a week in companionship study, and apply by 1-Week Committing Everyone!
3. Have effective follow-ups on 1-Week Commits by using the P.I.E. method, and the Follow-up Box!

BAPTIZING 4 OR MORE

October	
Jones/Corriveau	6
Sherrow/DeJong	5
Koopman/Thompson	4
Clark/Dulguun	4
November	
Titz/Thomas	7
Philips/Southerland	6
Klepacz/Ritter	6
Barney/Stephenson	5
Patterson/Michel	5
Puster/Luna	5
Estrada/Monge	4
Best/Townsend	4
Robertson/Mento	4
Wright/Kendrick	4
Silva/Dunn	4

POEMS

BE TRUE

by: Elder Seth L. Wege

Be true to the truths that we love and we cherish,
 Be true to the truths for which martyrs perish.
 Be true to the truths that we teach every day,
 True to these truths we must always stay.

Be true to the truths that come from above,
 Be true to the truths of faith, hope and love.
 True to these truths, remember to be,
 For these truths were given for you and for me.

WHAT IS A MAN

by: Elder Thomas Bennett

What is a man? Nothing more than clay
 in the hand of the Father of the plan.
 Who reaches so deeply into the sea to rescue me.
 I often ponder the beauty of the water, sun, stars, and
 the moon.

The day will come soon when mine is the hand,
 mine is the plan, for he who once was mere clay
 will one day be the keeper or the way.
 What is a man? More than clay in the hand.
 For what was once mere element is now intelligent.

TEMPLE CLOSURES

BOUNTIFUL TEMPLE

January 1
 January 28 through February 11

LOGAN TEMPLE

January 1 through January 14

OGDEN TEMPLE

January 1
 January 14 through January 26

**MEMORIZATION FOR
 NEXT ZONE CONFERENCE
 JOHN 17:3**

NEW ASSISTANT COMPANION



Elder McLane

New Zone Leaders



Elder Thomas



Elder Zabel

New District Leaders



Elder Gottsch



Elder Hawes



Elder Hunt



Elder Joo



Elder LeGrand



Elder Puster



Elder Webster

Action of The Month
Obtain referrals by using the
1-Week Commit Dialogue at
every dinner and member work
appointment!

OCTOBER ARRIVALS



Trainers



OCTOBER DEPARTURES

Sister Ann Arnold
 Elder Brandon Asay
 Elder Brian Carroll
 Elder Brigham Dorman
 Elder Dustyn Hicks
 Sister Meridith Hurren
 Sister Amanda Knickerbocker
 Elder Robert Olsen
 Elder Christopher Portilla
 Elder Julien Serrano
 Sister Gemqui Ulziitegsh
 Elder Roland Zickbauer

Cochran, GA
 Alpharetta, GA
 Lancaster, OH
 University Place, WA
 Etna, CA
 Mt. Pleasant, SC
 Parkesburg, PA
 Huntington, UT
 Trujillo, Peru
 Echenevex, France
 Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
 Salzburg, Austria

Sister Rebecca Griffiths
 Elder Aaron Bauer
 Elder David Nelson
 Elder Curtis Birdno
 Elder Derrick Hansen
 Sister Laurie Fuller
 Sister Amy Allen
 Elder Stephen Jenks
 Elder Alberto Estrada
 Elder Jon-Paul Klepacz
 Sister Lisa Fehoko
 Elder Benjamin Cartwright

Elder Matthew Greenidge
 Elder Benjamin Poulsen
 Elder Jose Quintero
 Elder Mosiah Ramos
 Elder Drew Shade
 Sister Sarah Stock
 Elder Benjamin Titz

Bridgetown, Barbados
 Crestwood, KY
 El Dorado, Panama
 East White Plains, NY
 Middletown, DE
 Thibodaux, LA
 Euskirchen, Germany

December Birthdays

Elder Shawn Sayer	23
Elder Alan Jennings	26
Elder Marco Valverde	26
Elder Steven Jenks	27
Elder Craig Hull	29
Elder Daniel Albert	30

January Birthdays

Elder Jonathan Naylor	4
Elder Curtis Birdno	5
Elder Nicholas Elmore	6
Elder Jared Hemming	6
Elder Frederick Thomas	8
Elder Brandon Barney	9
Elder Dane Davidsen	10
Elder Matthew Hunt	10
Elder Benjamin Cartwright	11
Elder Andrew Deason	11
Elder Jose Silva	12
Sister Lisa Fehoko	15
Elder Stephen Shenfield	21
Elder Marlow Hilton	24
Elder Aaron Zaugg	25
Elder Paul Schramm	29
Sister Christina Macy	30
Elder Michael Hrebien	31