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Dear Fellow Missionaries,

The mission tour last month with our Mission Representative, Brother Arnold, proved very stimulating and rewarding to me. I sincerely hope each and every one of you, also, were able to feel the spirit and sense the true significance of our callings as we received the inspired instructions from one who represents our beloved general authorities. Each zone, large or small, seemed to have its own personality, but I was able to clearly discern the Holy Spirit directing each meeting and felt the enthusiastic response of every missionary as you received the important messages. It was not difficult for me to leave each meeting with a new resolve to become a better missionary; and I'm sure each one of you must have felt the same enthusiasm as I did, and are now rededicated to the purpose of preaching the beautiful "Message of the Restoration".

Now as we enter a new year and leave 1972 to the past I feel impressed to suggest to each one of you, my beloved companions, that we should live every day of this new year to the very best of our ability. One of the important themes of the mission tour was the necessity of setting for ourselves challenging but attainable goals. For us to reach any goal requires a day by day effort therefore, every day must be better than the day before if we expect to reach our goals. If we follow Brother Arnold's suggestion to kneel each morning and pray for the companionship of the Holy Ghost to guide and help us be successful that day, and make that day the best one yet, we can't help but become a better person and of course a better missionary.

Achieving eternal life and exaltation has to be a slow but consistent day to day process, not something that happens overnight. The same holds true for a successful and honorable mission. One cannot wait until the last day, week, or month and expect to do all that was required during a two year mission call. When we fail to improve or make that day as it should have been we must do the necessary repenting and once again ask the Lord to help us overcome our weaknesses so we will become the type of emissaries He has called us to be. Every missionary is different as to personality, talents and even righteousness, but our Father in Heaven knows our strengths, weaknesses and talents and has given us our free agency to best utilize that which we have been given.

It is so easy to make long lists and set New Year resolutions, but unless we acquire the habit of living each day with our goals and resolutions well in mind, and act accordingly, I believe those resolutions become meaningless and the goals unattainable.

May each of us make every new day one in which we can honestly feel progress has been made towards our goals. May we daily show more love towards our companions, our members, our investigators and in so doing, more love for our Father in Heaven as we strive to prove our love through righteous service.

Faithfully your brother,

Harvey S. Glade
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Queridos Compañeros,

"Yesterday was a time of beginning--beginning to grow, to discover, to believe, to aspire, to achieve. Because of yesterday and those who lovingly taught you life's meaning, you begin today with a deeper knowledge of self, a sense of concern for others, a freshness of vision, new spiritual insights. Tomorrow is a time of fulfilling, which is nothing more, but never anything less, than doing and being your best."

I thought that was an appropriate thought to start the new year with. I am thankful for yesterday and even more thankful for today. At the beginning of each year I'm sure we all take time to review our progress over the past months and reflect on our achievements and failings. Reviewing what's been done plays an important role in our progress. Those that do not take time to meditate and to contemplate their past, have no basis with which to set new goals or even judge their achievements. Of course, one must not waste time brooding or gloating over the past. Incorporating the lesson that we've learned from our mistakes into that which we already knew should be our daily effort towards continual success.

I'm sure that after the conferences with Brother Arnold and with the dawning of the new year, we all set new years resolutions and made covenants with ourselves and with God. How many of us can say that we're still living up to our word? If so, that in itself should be encouragement enough to get us through tomorrow. If not, we have only to try again with a renewed determination and desire to do and be our very best. There is no shame in erring; the shame lies in the giving up and the glory in the overcoming.

How wonderful it is to be a servant of the living God. We have yesterday, today, and tomorrow at our disposal or advantage. We are being tested and proven and prepared for the eternities, as we are engaged in the greatest of all work. May the Lord bless our efforts so that all our yesterdays, and tomorrows are fulfilled by us doing and being our very best today.

Con abrasos y besitos,

Elder Randy Teel

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Dear Companions:

In a prayer of Joseph Smith, he uttered, "O God, where art thou? And where is the pavilion that covereth thy hiding place? How long shall thy hand be stayed, and thy eye, yea thy pure eye, behold from the eternal heavens the wrongs of thy people and of thy servants, and thy ear be penetrated with their cries?"

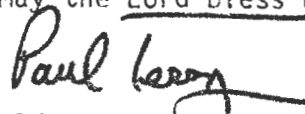
Such are the fervent appeals of the Prophet Joseph Smith, occasioned by his suffering in the Liberty Jail, and that of the saints in Missouri. Subsequently, the Lord comforted Joseph Smith, assuring him that although the influence of traitors would cast him into trouble, into bars and walls, his voice would be more terrible in the midst of his enemies than the fiercest lion. Then the Lord then elaborated upon the sufferings which the prophet possibly would experience, always with an omniscient "if", in an ever intensifying crescendo- "If thou art called to pass through tribulation; if thou art in perils among false brethren... if thine enemies fall upon thee... if the billowing surge conspire against thee... if the very jaws of hell shall gape open the mouth wide after thee"- as if the greatest conceivable blessing would be stated after, compensating and rewarding these sufferings. Yet that which follows, at first examination, is entirely anticlimactic, indeed a let down, for the Lord says, "All these things shall give thee experience."

But what of experiences? Let them not be underestimated. To promise Joseph Smith that his tribulations would give him experience was perhaps, the only suitable compensation for having to suffer them, for the experiences of life prepare and fit us, all of us, to receive the maximum blessings, even all the Father has.

Where then, is the dignity in living, and where do we find satisfaction? It is not in the experiences which come to us (we often have no control over this) but is in the way in which we accept those experiences and successfully pass them.

It is no different in the missionfield. Indeed, here we have perhaps less control over the situations in which we oftentimes find ourselves. But let us rest assured that whatever situation we are placed in has come to us of the Lord, and is for us to gain experience, experience we may greatly need to improve our character and prepare us. Let us not complain of our area, our companion, our branch, the situation at home, or anything else, but let us gain experience through our diligence in coping with these situations. There is no greater satisfaction to be gained, nor dignity to be had, than this.

May the Lord bless us all,


Elder Paul Terry

AND THE BEAT GOES ON

Gary Wilmore
Howard Demars
Mark Bake
Keith Williams
Robert Miller
Benjamis Harris

Indianola, Mississippi
Logan, Utah
Parma, Idaho
Pingree, Idaho
Hopkinton, Massachusetts
Rapid City, South Dakota

AND THE BEAT WENT

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Thomas Adamson
Craig De Waal
Matt Zollinger
Sandy Max Sanders
Neil Martinson
Douglas Stuart

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Pleasant Grove, Utah
Salt Lake City, Utah
Tremonton, Utah
Pomerene, Arizona
San Francisco, California
Roy, Utah

ZONE TOTALS -- DECEMBER, 1972

GUATEMALA ZONE 1 (XELA)	13 BAPTISMS
GUATEMALA ZONE 2 (GUATEMALA)	35 BAPTISMS
EL SALVADOR ZONE 3 (SANTA ANA)	13 BAPTISMS
EL SALVADOR ZONE 4 (SAN SALVADOR)	37 BAPTISMS

T O T A L S 9 8

LOCATION CHART -- JANUARY 12, 1973

abrams	usulutan	guillen	xela 3	nelson, scott	ward 2
adams, j	sta. lucia c.	gunnell	mazate 1	nelson, steve	santa tecla
adams, r	ward 2	hansen	xela 2	<u>nielson</u>	ward 4
ahlstrom	occidente	hardy	momostenango	noite	solola
aitken	delgado	harris	ward 3	page	layco
allen, b	san jacinto	hatch	Retalhuleu 1	peñate	jalapa
allen, r	office	hathcock	centro	<u>reintjes</u>	ward 1
allred	chalchuapa	hearns	totonicapan	rcynoso	el quiche
alvarez	santa lucia	hegerhorst	xela 1	<u>rhodes</u>	santa lucia
amesquita	zacamil	henrie	occidente	richards	occidente
<u>andelin</u>	centro	hillery	monserrat	<u>rigby</u>	layco upper
anderson	jutiapa	<u>hone</u>	mazate 2	rios	oriente
andrew	ward 6	<u>hughes</u>	oriente	roberts	cipresales
anthony	chimaltenango	huber	milagro	robinson	ward 1
<u>avarell</u>	reu 2	jenks	sonsonate	rodriguez	retalhuleu 1
bailey	florida 2	johnson	xela 2	rogers	jalapa
bake	modelo	jones, j	florida 1	ropcr	escuintla
ball	chiquimula	<u>jones, l</u>	monserrat	roundy	ward 6
baria	oriente	jones, m	patzicia	salazar	patzicia
barrus	office	jorgenson	office	salgado	jocotales
baxter	santa tecla	kaopua	santa anita	schlosser	soyapango
bennion	milagro	<u>kellett</u>	mejicanos	sellick	villa nueva
bentley	lourdes	kempton	zacamil	shelley	office
blake	monserrat	<u>kilgore</u>	ward 6	snirley	san pedro
blakesley	el quiche	kirk	mazate 2	skiba	totonicapan
bond	molino	<u>kleinman</u>	xela 1	smith	chimaltenango
<u>borgquist</u>	layco upper	knight	patzicia	steed	san pedro
<u>bower</u>	zacamil	kuehne	chalchuapa	steele	ahuachapan
bumstead	barrio nuevo	kulbeth	ward 3	stevenson	san vicente
buttars	patzicia	lamoreaux	modelo	stewart	ward 1
<u>cacuango</u>	ward 6	<u>landeen</u>	patzun	stoker	ward 1
<u>call</u>	san jacinto	<u>lauritzen</u>	xela 3	stumpe	huehuetenango
cameron	barrio nuevo	lange	xela 3	symmes	zacatecoluca
cammack	branch 8	layton	chiquimula	taylor	branch 7
carlisle	el molino	lee	jocotales	teel	office
<u>cheney</u>	san marcos	<u>lefler</u>	sonsonate	terry	office
<u>clark, s</u>	branch 8	lewis	centro	tew	jutiapa
clark, t	sta. lucia c.	lezama	layco	theodore	antigua
cobabe	sta. anita	<u>lippincott</u>	xela 3	thompson	branch 7
curtis	santa tecla	<u>mc cracken</u>	florida 1	trejo	ward 5
daines	ward 2	mc gaughey	soyapango	tueller	totonicapan
davis	lourdes	<u>mc quarric</u>	momostenango	twiggs	zacatecoluca
demars	usulutan	mack	sonsonate	stuart	el molino
dodge	san marcos	<u>mahoney</u>	ward 3	vermillion	layco
<u>dominguez</u>	cipresales	mangus	occidente	waite	ward 4
draper	patzicia	marquez	antigua	wallace, d	retalhuleu 1
dugan	zacamil	martinez	coatepeque	wallace, k	layco
eddo	ward 2	<u>martinson</u>	san vicente	weaver	coatepeque
erskine	san vicente	mather	oriente	whitmer	el molino
escalante	jocotales	matheson	delgado	williams, a	oriente
<u>evans, m</u>	barrio nuevo	maughans	florida 1	williams, keith	florida 2
evans, r	huehuetenango	maurent	ahuachapan	williams, d	florida 2
faye	patzun	<u>mauzy</u>	escuintla	wilmorc	centro
gagon	santa lucia	molendez	oriente	wilson	mejicanos
gamboa	jocotales	millar	ahuachapan	<u>wright</u>	florida 2
gardea	santa lucia	millar, r	zacapa	wylie	mazate 2
golightly	villa nueva	montoya	totonicapan	young	monserrat
<u>gorn</u>	barrio nuevo	moore	santa tecla	<u>zollinger</u>	layco upper
goodman	office	morgan	office		
graham	sonsonate	mortenson	ahuachapan		
gudiel	ward 3	mundy	solola		
william	zacana	nelson, i	ward 5		