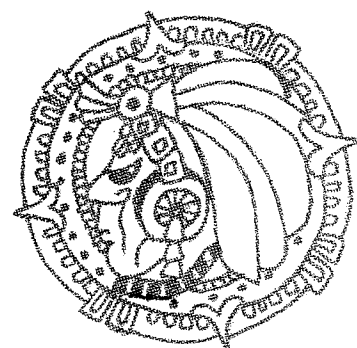


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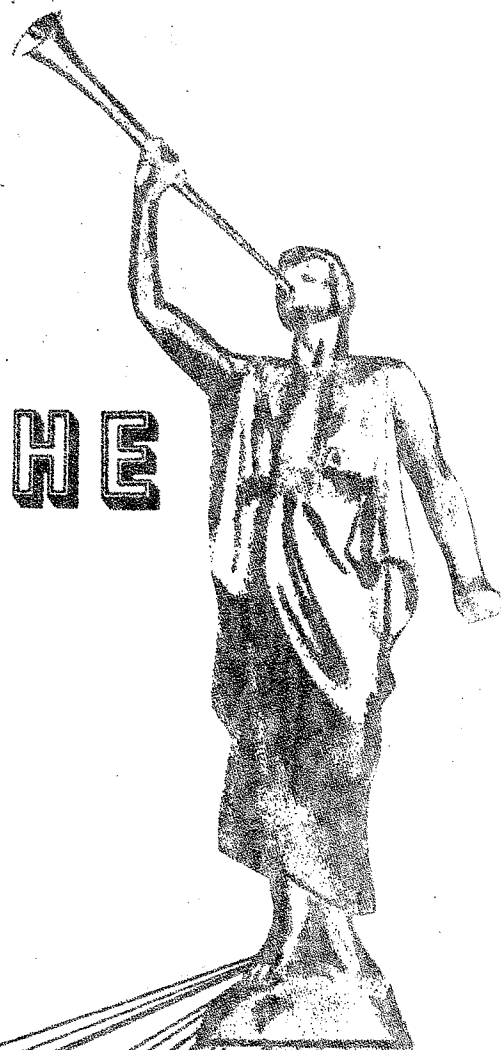
OF

THE

LORD

IS

TRUTH



...and whatsoever is truth
is light...

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his companion: Sister Bonita R. Clark

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and whatsoever is light is Spirit...

Mazatenango J. V. Johnson
Coatepeque Jepson
Retalhuleu Jacobsen
Escuintla McArthur

Xela #1 Goodwin
Xela #2 Hyatt
San Marcos Flake
Huehuetenango Wilson

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Sololá

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Allred

DISTRICT LEADERS

Florida
Hardy
Chimaltenango
Francom
Guatemala #4 & 6
Nielson
Jalapa-Jutiapa
Housley

Santa Ana #1
Santa Ana #2
Chalchuapa
Sonsonate

Pitcher
Gledhill
Rudd
Saunders

Guatemala #1 &
Allen
Joco.-Cipres.
Holtsclaw
Guatemala #2 &
S. K. Davis
Zacapa
Wamsley

San Miguel Parson
Santa Tecla Matthews
Santa Anita, Mont. Chase
Central, SJ, Las Amer. Flowe

Zacatecoluca Kohler
Villa Delgado Sheffield
Santa Lucia-Soyap. Andrus
Layco, Atl., Mej. Nisonger

even the spirit of Jesus Christ...

Dear Fellow Missionaries:

The instructions which Elder Stapley gave to each of us will have a great and lasting effect if we will apply them in our lives. He suggested that we live up to our "potential." The way we find out what is our potential comes through stretching ourselves, expanding our minds, and taxing our limits. He further stated that the way to overcome our weaknesses, which inhibit us from character growth is to do that which is difficult for us. When we persist in doing that which is difficult, by the process of doing, it becomes easier - hence the growth process.

The Lord is anxious for us to draw near unto him so that he may help us to be more and better prepared to labor in His Kingdom. The Lord told the Prophet Joseph Smith in Liberty Jail through revelation the following:

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"....the things of God are of deep import; and time and experience, and careful and ponderous and solemn thoughts can only find them out. Thy mind, O man! if thou wilt lead a soul unto salvation, must stretch as high as the utmost heavens, and search into and contemplate the darkest abyss, and the broad expanse of eternity—thou must commune with God. How much more dignified and noble are the thoughts of God, than the vain imaginations of the human heart! None but fools will trifle with the souls of men (Documentary History of the Church, Vol. III, page 295).

The Lord desires that we become better servants, more effective missionaries, and that righteousness be our sword and shield of protection against the destroyer. Our goals deal with the "souls of men." We must not trifle with them but prepare ourselves to be more effective as we teach and baptize them into the Kingdom of our Heavenly Father here on earth.

Expand yourselves, overcome your weaknesses, strengthen your spirituality and labor diligently to this end. May the Lord continue His blessings upon each of you is our desire.

President and Sister Clark

*and the spirit giveth light to every
man that cometh into the world;*

Dear Fellow Missionaries,

I am sure that we all are still feeling the rich spirit that Apostle Stapley brought with him into the mission this month. It was a great privilege to be interviewed by him and to listen to his words of counsel and inspiration. At the same time, it kind of has given all of us a goal to shoot for. As in any sport or any type of work, and more specifically, missionary work, we need to be constantly aware of the spirit, and cultivate and build it to be more effective tools in the hands of the Lord.

Just the other day I wrote a letter to one of my first companions who had long since returned to the States, telling him about the progress that the people we had baptised have made. It made me start thinking about the things that have been most precious to me in my mission. It has most certainly not been the number of baptisms. Rather, it has been the learning situations, the knowledge that I have shared and the times I have truly felt the spirit. It has been watching a family go from complete disinterest in the Church, to a marriage and then baptism in the Church, and to a position as Branch President for the father. It has been watching a very humble man progress, get baptised, bring his entire family into the Church, and accept a position in the branch presidency. It has been watching the very first lady I baptised get married to a man who is now a branch president, to watch the two of them go to the Temple, and see their first child, born under the covenant, playing on the ground. It has been sitting in the congregation during sacrament meeting and having a man I baptised a week before pass me the sacrament. It has been bringing light and purpose into the life of a woman who had been searching for the true church for 25 years, and watching the entire family join her as members. It has been in performing blessings and marriages for wonderful people and watching their radiant faces as they step forth from the waters of baptism. It has been giving lessons in homes that have dirt floors and flickering candles for light. And it has been in feeling the spirit of the Lord in all of these situations.



I am sure that if we could all stop for just a second and take stock in what the most important things are in a mission, we would all strive a little harder to put our minds and actions in perfect order to be able to possess the spirit so necessary. It is only when we have this spirit that we are able to do an effective job. Thinking back over my mission, I would not give up one of those spiritual experiences for anything in the world, but I sure would trade the times that I was not in the spirit and not doing what I should have been doing. I guess that it all depends on what our goals and attitudes are. Let's all strive to cultivate the type of spirit that we can convey to our investigators so that we may enjoy the spiritual feast that a mission should be, and have the wonderful memories that are the real blessings of a mission.

Sincerely,

Joseph Green
1st Assistant

Esteemed Teammates:

"Have a Breakfast of Champions--Eat Wheaties!!" How many of us have read these or similar lines from the cereal box as we munched breakfast in the years past? How many of us asked Mom for second and third helpings of this "Magic Food" in hopes of being a Mickey Mantle, a Y.A. Tittle, or a Bob Cousy someday, goals which filled our dreams at night with touchdowns, knockouts, and homeruns. These goals and dreams still fill our lives, especially here in the Mission Field where we are striving for much the same goal as before--being champions. But with such tough opposition, we must be at our best. Here, we must be a top-notch, well-organized team in order to be champs, and compete in this most important tournament. Now, to become champs we need a big goal. What shall it be? Allow me to suggest a noble goal coined by my mother the day I came grumbling home from grade school with a black eye: "Son," she said, "The most important single lesson you must learn in life is that of getting along with people." How true this is for ALL of us. Now that we have our goal, that of "llevaring bien" with others, what magic formula must we prepare to overpower the opposition and become champions? Remember, its got to be good! Let's mix the following ingredients and observe the results:



<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>INGREDIENT</u>	<u>PURPOSE & EFFECT</u>
2 tons	C	Conquers fear of people, whether a 200 lb. lineman or a rich influential businessman.
1 truck load	H	Hustle--gives you zip and go. Nobody ever made a championship team without lots of this.
4 boxcars	A	Attitude--makes you growl and back down to nothing. Think loser--you are; think winner--you are.
7 wheelbarrows	M	Map your stratagem with teammates in the huddle. "M" organizes your mind and your efforts.
10 gallons	P	Prayer of faith--get the Lord on your side. Who could lose with such a good coach?
1 shipload	I	Interest in opposition. Can a team win without knowing the strengths and weaknesses of the opposition? (Don't be afraid to "Charlar").
8 buckets	E	Excellence--no champ was ever made in mediocrity--being half-do-the-job man.
2 pecks	S	Sportsmanship--keep a cool head and happy disposition whether winning or losing.

And what have we come up with? "Champies" - how about a taste. Now, let's all take a second and third helping of this wonderful new Breakfast of Champions -----CHANPIES-----and go to work!!!! (It'll work for in-between-meal snacks too).

I sincerely hope and pray that each of us can put ourselves in order and then go out with diligence and do the work of the Lord.

Your teammate,

Terrell Jay Jones - 2nd Assistant

and everyone that hearkeneth to
the voice of the Spirit...

ZONE	CHALLENGE	BAPTISMS	%
San Salvador South	130	68	52
San Salvador #1	20	27	135
San Salvador #2	30	22	73.3
San Miguel	40	11	27.5
Z.L.'s	20	5	25
Santa Tecla	20	3	15
El Salvador	160	83	52
Santa Ana #1	60	46	76.6
Sonsonate	20	9	45
Chalchuapa-Ahuachapan	40	17	42.5
Z.L.'s	20	7	35
Santa Ana #2	20	4	20
Guatemala South	160	52	32.5
Guatemala #2-5	20	12	60
Guatemala #1-3	40	20	50
Z.L.'s	20	5	25
Jocotales-Cipresales	40	9	22.5
Zacapa-Chiquimula	40	6	15
Xela	130	38	29
Xela #1	40	19	47.5
Xela #2	30	12	40
Huehuetenango	20	4	20
San Marcos	20	2	10
Z.L.'s	20	1	5
Lamanite	140	27	19
Totonicapán	30	16	53.3
Momostenango	20	5	25
Patzicía	30	5	16.6
Solola	40	1	2.5
Z.L.'s	20	1	5
Guatemala North	160	30	19
Guatemala #4-6	40	14	35
Florida	40	9	22.5
Jalapa-Jutiapa	40	5	12.5
Chimaltenango	20	2	10
Z.L.'s	20	0	0
Coast	200	20	10
Escuintla	40	10	25
Retalhuleu	60	5	8.3
Mazatenango	40	3	7.5
Coatepeque	40	2	5
Z.L.'s	20	0	0
District Mission	15	3	20
OFFICE	15	3	20

cometh unto God, even the Father

and the father teacheth

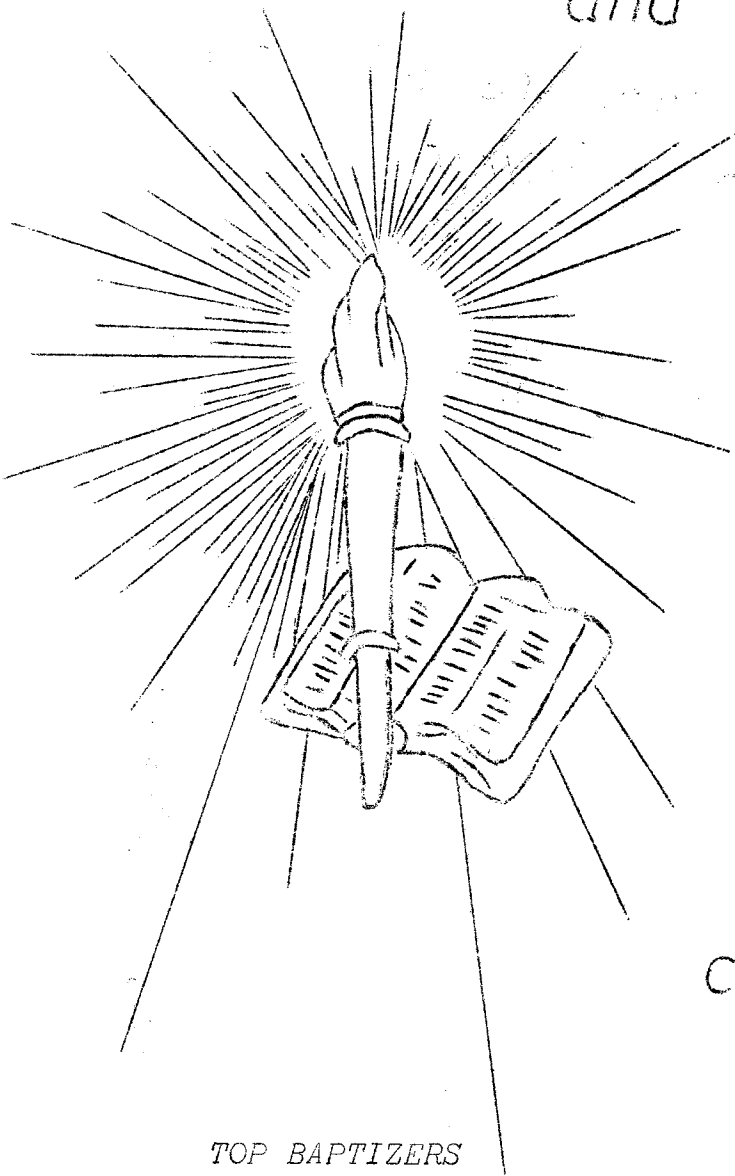
him of the

covenant

which he has

renewed and

confirmed upon you



TOP BAPTIZERS

Paul Pitcher	20
Ivan Jones	20
Clifford Peshell	20
Jay Kohler	19
Robert Thurston	18
David Benton	18
Michael Rush	18
Kenneth Snow	18
Curtis Flowe	17
Ronald Smith	15
Mark Harston	15
Larry Meyer	13
Alvin Hancock	13
Brian Brown	13

TOP LESSONS

Robert Thurston	79
Michael Rush	79
Russell Dixon	77
Ivan Jones	66
Jay Kohler	64
Kenneth Snow	64
William Redd	62
Clifford Peshell	61
David Benton	61
Mark Harston	59

which is confirmed upon you
for your sakes,

El Salvador

Santa Ana #1
Pitcher
Barrett
Hancock
Meyer
Thurston
Rush

San Salvador South

San Salvador #1
Flowe
Carmichael
Bateman
Bonus

Guatemala South

Guatemala #2-5
Davis SK
Peterson
Goodwin
Stone

TOP
DISTRICTS

Lamanite

Totonicapán
Smith R
Bingham
Van Luven
Shelly

Guatemala North

Guatemala #4-6
Hedelius
Prettyman
Mortensen
Knight

Xela

Xela #1
Asay
Ashsworth
Quist
Stock

Coast

Escuintla
McArthur
Howe
Castle
Moulton

San Salvador North

Zacatecoluca
Kohler
Snow

and not for your sakes only,

SAN SALVADOR NORTH

Read	ZL
Hansen	ZLC

San Salvador #3

Nisonger	DL
Gifford	
Aker	
Short	

San Salvador #5

Sheffield	DL
Evans	
Benton	
Harston	

El Salvador

San Salvador #4

Andrus	DL
Fugal	
Shurtleff	
Buhler	

Zacatecoluca

Kohler	DL
Snow	

SAN SALVADOR SOUTH

Blaser	ZL
Anderson	ZLC

SANTA ANA

RC Smith	ZL
Thurston	ZLC

San Salvador #1

Flowe	DL
Carmichael	
Bateman	
Bonus	

San Salvador #2

Chase	DL
Dixon	
Jones I.	
Peshell	

Santa Ana #1

Pitcher	DL
Barrett	
Rush	
Henrie	

Santa Ana #2

Smith Rosetta	DL
White	
Gledhill	
Ovard	

San Miguel

Parson	DL
Gain	
Redd	
Erikson	
Conkling	
Torres	

Santa Tecla

Matthews	DL
Talbot	

Chalchuapa-

<u>Ahuachapán</u>	
Rudd	DL
Alder	
Morgan	
White	

Sonsonate

Saunders	DL
Pfeiffer	

but for the sake of the whole world.

GUATEMALA CITY SOUTH

N.R. Smith ZL
Miner ZLC

GUATEMALA CITY NORTH

Hedélius ZL
Alexander ZLC

Guatemala #1

Allen DL
Burton
Tenny
Harmon

Guatemala #3

Holtsclaw DL
Porter
Reed K
Lines

Guatemala #5

Hardy DL
Roundy
Ethington
Stock

Guatemala #4

Nielson DL
Prettyman
Mortenson
Welch

Guatemala #2

Davis SK DL
Peterson
Monroe
Stone

Zacapa-Chiquimula

Wamsley DL
Juárez
Wride
Mathis

Chimaltenango-

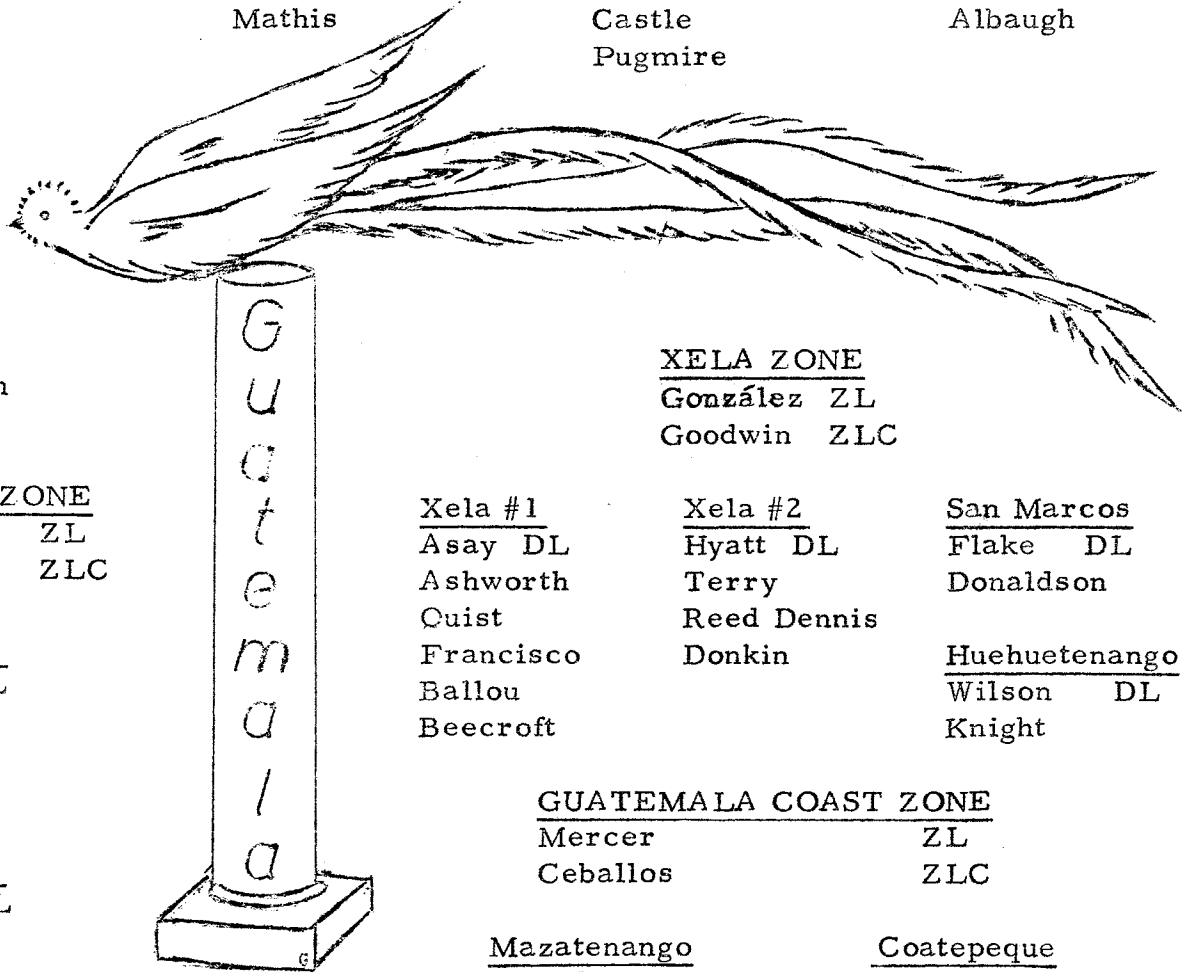
Tecpán
Francom DL
Kougioulis
Castle
Pugmire

Jalapa-Jutiapa

Housley DL
Johnson
Corbett
Albaugh

Office

Jones DL
Stowell
Green
Taylor
Burton
Hall
Stewart
Van Leeuwen



XELA ZONE

González ZL
Goodwin ZLC

LAMANITE ZONE

Johnson P ZL
Mortenson ZLC

Xela #1

Asay DL
Ashworth
Quist
Francisco
Ballou
Beecroft

Xela #2

Hyatt DL
Terry
Reed Dennis
Donkin

San Marcos

Flake DL
Donaldson

Quiché #1

Smith DL
Shelley
Bingham
Local

Huehuetenango

Wilson DL
Knight

Quiché #2

Currit DL
Brown
Egbert
Van Luven

GUATEMALA COAST ZONE

Mercer ZL
Ceballos ZLC

Cakchiquel #1

Stapley DL
Greenwood
Meyer
Hancock

Cakchiquel #2

Allred DL
Zinn
Hewlett
Leavitt

Mazatenango

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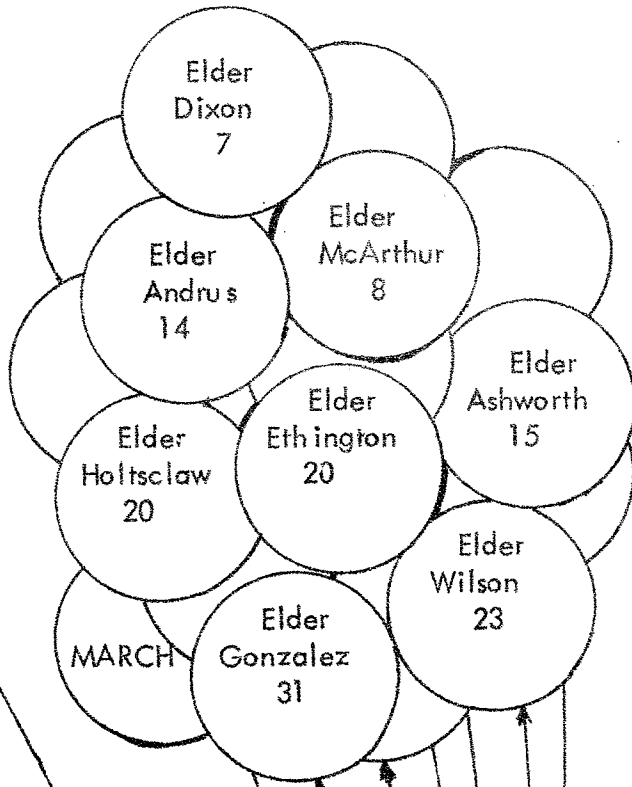
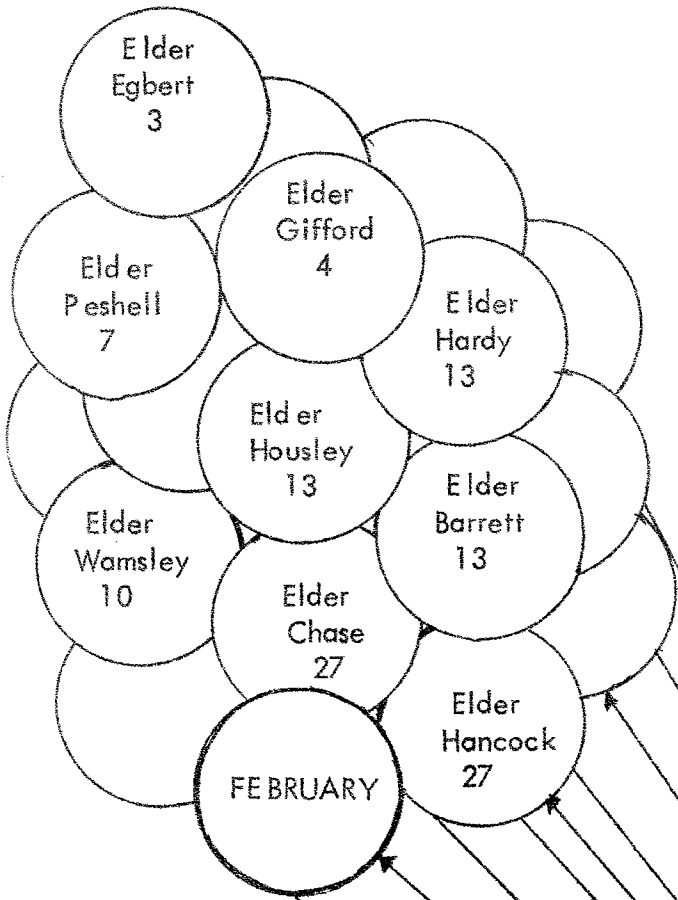
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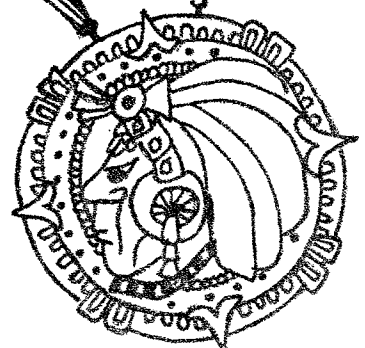
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Tucker
Ellsworth

Escuintla

McArthur DL
Howe
Blake
Moulton



BIRTHDAYS



BARRACUDA OR BASS?

One of the stimulating stories I have heard recently came from John K. Edmunds, Chicago attorney and church leader. He told a group of us about a retired client who had moved to the Pacific coast. He was a dentist, and on the coast he had taken up fishing. "He told me he had been fishing in the Pacific for both barracuda and bass," John Edmunds recalled. "The dentist said he had caught nothing in either attempt. But added that fishing for barracuda was much more exciting than fishing for bass."

Most of us seek something in life. Too often our goals are not high enough. We go for bass, when our objective should be barracuda.

Along the hilly, oak-bordered roads in the area where we live, you are apt to find running in the gray of the early morning a handsome, brown-haired youth in a worn sweatsuit. His friends tell me that he runs some 12 to 15 miles a day. As he runs, he probably has his eye on one day reaching the Olympic Games. And so, while others sleep he runs and runs. He may not make the Olympics. Suppose he does not. Has his painstaking effort been lost? Hardly. For in his long try toward a lofty goal, he has brought his body into wonderful condition. He has also learned the strength of self-discipline; something which will help him in seeking other goals. But perhaps more important than all, through the months and years of hard training he has learned the joy of reaching high, of fishing for barracuda instead of bass.

Ralph Waldo Emerson advised, "Hitch your wagon to a star." In the same piece he also wrote: "Everything good in man leans on what is higher." George Herbert, the English poet, said some two centuries earlier: "Raise thy head; take stars for money

But Jesus set the supreme goal for all men, when he said in the Sermon on the Mount, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." Jesus not only asked us to aim for perfection; he gave us a supreme Exemplar to follow, a Heavenly Father interested in helping to pull each of us upward.

The other night we had a discussion in our family as to which bird flies the highest. Our Boy Scout chose the eagle, and so did his teen-age sister. And older daughter the hawk and another girl the skylark. I did research. We were all wrong. The highest flier: the goose. Why is the goose the highest? There are probably many reasons. But our encyclopedia gives evidence that geese fly the highest--they have been observed winging over the Himalaya mountains in Central Asia. The Himalayas reach over 29,000 feet in height.

If those towering mountains did not challenge the geese, give them something lofty to fly over, the birds would probably not ascend nearly so high. Most birds we learn seldom fly higher than 3,000 feet in their migrations; usually they stay under the lowest clouds. Wise is the man who gives himself Himalayas to ascend.

Years ago a group of us young fellows gathered at the stucco home of the late Earl S. Glade, mayor of Salt Lake City and a pioneer leader in radio. I recall his pulling from his pocket a little black book. "I have written some of my aims in life," he said quietly. "So far I have achieved some of them. But there are others to reach." He did not tell us what his aims were. I doubt if he told anyone. He became a candidate for governor. He lost. But he will be remembered longer for good than most men who have held that office in our state. Earl Glade always seemed to have an exciting time "fishing for barracuda." And many who watched caught his spirit. Among them are many of the city's leaders. Want to have more fun in life? Start casting for barracuda!!!!!!!!!!

--Wendell J. Ashton--

NUEVOS.....

David Livingston Donaldson
From: Provo, Utah
Came in: January 28, 1969
Working in: San Marcos
With: Elder Flake

Wayne Dee Erikson
From: Rexburg, Idaho
Came in: January 28, 1969
Working in: San Miguel
With: Elder Redd

Ralph Kent Shelley
From: Pocatello, Idaho
Came in: January 28, 1969
Working in: Totonicapán
With: Elder Smith, Ron

Thomas Ray Lines
From: Chandler, Arizona
Came in: January 28, 1969
Working in: Jocotalés
With: Elder Reed, Kenneth

Robert Jay Henrie
From: Blanding, Utah
Came in: February 11, 1969
Working in: Santa Ana
With: Elder Rush

Mark Harker Burton
From: South Jordan, Utah
Came in: February 18, 1969
Working in: Guatemala #1-3
With: Elder Allen

Russell Scott Donkin
From: Portland, Oregon
Came in: February 18, 1969
Working in: Quezaltenango #2
With: Elder Reed, Dennis

Dean Leon Harmon
From: Price, Utah
Came in: February 18, 1969
Working in: Guatemala #1-3
With: Elder Tenney

David William Terry
From: St. George, Utah
Came in: February 18, 1969
Working in: Quezaltenango #2
With: Hyatt

VIEJOS.....

Belinda Boylin
From: Rosemead, California
Released: January 24, 1969
Worked in: Guatemala City,
San Salvador, Santa Ana, San
Miguel, Retalhuleu

Robert D. Willardson
From: Encino, California
Released: January 24, 1969
Worked in: Guatemala City,
Huehuetenango, San Salvador,
Mazatenango, Office

James A. Lemmon
From: Hurricane, Utah
Released: January 29, 1969
Worked in: Guatemala City,
Santa Ana, Huehuetenango, Escuintla,
San Salvador, Office, Quezaltenango

Robert Grady Henry III
From: Tujunga, California
Released: February 8, 1969
Worked in: San Salvador,
Santa Ana, Quezaltenango, Office,
Guatemala City, Chimaltenango

PA' QUE SEPAIS

Where who's at???? (AGAIN) Due to the lack of response from the last notice we are hereby forced to repeat----We are in the process of making an address and telephone chart so we are therefore asking your cooperation in filling out your Weekly Reports with the COMPLETE information for the next couple of weeks. Also, there have been several people who have not been sending in their reports every week. So unless you wish to suffer the consequences of being a DRIP (Delinquent Report Information Producer) and being subjected to the wrath of Terrible Ter, you'd better get those reports in! ! !

Advertising is wonderful. What other medium could picture children going back to school with big smiles on their faces?

Lots of people think it's all right to go out on a limb because that's where the fruit is.

Nature seems determined to make us work. The less hair we have to comb, the more face we have to wash.

The gentleman stopped to talk to the wee girl who was making mud pies on the sidewalk. "My word," he exclaimed, "you're pretty dirty, aren't you?" "Yes," she exclaimed, "but I'm prettier clean."

Old English Proverb

Never put off till tomorrow that which you can do today.

Old Spanish Proverb

Never do today that which you can put off till tomorrow.

The tongue, being in a wet place, is likely to slip when going too fast.

Two Indians watched the white man building a lighthouse. One night after it was completed, the Indians took up their accustomed stations as a thick fog started to roll in. Said one Indian to the other, "Light shine, bell ring, horn blow, but fog come in just the same."

You can't plow a field by merely turning it over in your mind.

There are two freedoms---the false, where a man is free to do what he likes; the true, where he is free to do what he ought.

A very large red-faced woman, much overweight, boarded a crowded bus. After glaring at the seated passengers she snapped, "Isn't there one gentleman going to offer me a seat?" Following a tense moment of strained silence, a scrawny little man arose from a side seat he had squeezed into. He tipped his hat and said shyly, "Ma'am, I'm willing to make a small contribution."

Education is a process between 4 and 16 years of age. At 4 we have all the questions and at 16 we have all the answers.

"What's your occupation?"

"Well, I used to be an organist."

"But why did you quit?"

"The monkey died."

The friendship of one wise man is better than the friendship of a host of fools.

Revelation

By James E. Finkbeiner

*Usually
revolution doesn't come
like a wave
which glides across the ocean
to suddenly rise
and throw
its fluid, tumbling body on the beach
with pounding sound,
but
like a redwood seedling
that's covered with fertile,
green-brown mold,
working
to push its head through the surface.
Then finally
emerges
slightly bowed,
prey for an unwary foot,
and with time
and circumstance
slenderly grows
unnoticed
until it strides
by grunting,
accepted as fact,
its existence presupposing time.*





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Guatemala - El Salvador Mission