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My Dear Fellow Missionaries,

It has been said, "He who is not ready today will be less so tomorrow." I am sure we can apply this to parts of our mission program--specifically, he who does not study today will do less so tomorrow; he will know less tomorrow.

Every missionary has to remember to study constantly, no matter where he is. We should want to learn more; we should fall in love with the scriptures and make them part of our lives. We must make the scriptures live in our lives so that we can teach our investigators and members by example. To do this we must know the scriptures. This does not mean that our teachings will solely be scholastical. We read in Doctrine and Covenants 42: 14, "And the Spirit shall be given unto you by the prayer of faith, and if ye receive not the Spirit ye shall not teach." And, the best way to keep in tune with and receive the Spirit is to keep in touch with the standard works and other inspiring books of the Church.

Elder Gordon B. Hinckley has given us this advice:

I promise you that if you will read the words of that writing which we call scripture, there will come into your heart an understanding and a warmth that will be pleasing to experience. "Search the scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." (John 5:39) Read, for instance, the Gospel of John from its beginning to its end. Let the Lord speak for Himself to you, and His word will come with a quiet conviction that will make the words of His critics meaningless. Read also the testament of the New World, the Book of Mormon, brought forth as a witness "that Jesus is the Christ, the Eternal God, manifesting himself unto all nations."

The reason the mission program allows and insists on personal and companion study is not only to practice and refine the six discussions but also to understand and stress doctrine. Companion study is especially useful for discussing and researching gospel doctrine. However, as we study, let's not allow mysteries, deep concepts that we don't understand or questions to which answers have not yet been revealed upset us. The "number of angels that can dance on the head of a pin" has nothing to do with our salvation or the salvation of others. Faith, repentance, baptism, and the Holy Ghost should be the principles that matter most to us at this time. Some missionaries have the tendency to suppose and theorize, to build up mysteries in such a way that it assumes all their time and effort worrying about it and cuts down on their effectiveness as missionaries. Stick to the simple fundamentals!

We all desire to become more effective missionaries for the Lord and are constantly searching for ways in which we can improve. Let us emphasize study in our daily schedules this month and in the future, and we will have found one way to enjoy more rewarding missions.

The Lord tells us in Doctrine and Covenants 88:118: "Seek ye diligently and teach one another words of wisdom; yea, seek ye out of the best books words of wisdom; seek learning even by study and also by faith." Let this be our goal in the month of March and always.

Faithfully your brother,

*Harvey S. Glade*  
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A stone-cutter does not produce a beautiful diamond with the first cut; a constructor does not build a house with the first load of cement nor erect a skyscraper with one brick; an artist does not finish a painting with the first stroke of his brush nor the author a novel with one word. Completion requires more than one movement in all these cases.

And just as the stone-cutter, constructor, artist and author, a person does not form a habit with one action. It requires time and dedication or lack of dedication as the case may be, for a habit is a funny creature--it can be both good or bad--its nature depends entirely on us.

# HABIT

"Man is the sum result of what he thinks and does," said Elder Alvin R. Dyer. "Habit is the instrument that molds his character and makes of him essentially what he is. Habit can become a monster to tarnish and destroy yet proper behavioral traits can bring joy and achievement."

The secret behind habits is control--who will control who. As Elbert Hubbard expressed, "Cultivate only the habits that you are willing should master you." Whether we admit it or not, we choose the habits we have and decide those which will control our lives and we are responsible for discouraging those which will hinder our progress. Habits are man-made. They are not pre-fabricated, rather, we build them daily through our actions, the growth rate depending on our conviction or apathy. We

don't stumble over mountains. It seems we stumble over small things mostly. It is by small steps and seemingly inconsequential decisions that we arrive wherever we may be.

The mission field affords an opportunity to develop many positive habits that we can use throughout our lives and discontinue those not-so-good habits that may have crept into our lives, if we make the decision to do so and follow through. Habits of organizing, planning and scheduling can be initiated and improved upon. The routine of good study can be strengthened to aid not only our scholastic achievement but increase our spirituality and understanding of Church doctrine. The habit of service in the Church is another one that can become second nature to us if we allow it to develop during our missions. Punctuality, courtesy and other favorable traits can be fortified through diligence during our mission service.

Every habit requires a decision and commitment just as a house requires a plan and a foundation. Two quotations, the first by Robert Burns and the latter by Emerson, perhaps can sum up the importance of forming good habits in our lives: "Now's the day and now's the hour" to "Make the most of yourself, for that is all there is to you."

## ON LIVING WITH IMPERFECT PEOPLE - INCLUDING OURSELVES

One of the urgent lessons of life is to learn how to live with imperfect people--not only with the imperfections of others but also with imperfections we see in ourselves. It is often true that we do not even please ourselves, or at least not consistently, completely so. And if we do not altogether please ourselves, it should be easy for us to understand why often we are not altogether pleased with others.

Life is variable for all of us. Sometimes we are sad, fearful, discouraged, sometimes even when we have no apparent reason to be. Our troubles trouble us less at some times than they do at others; not necessarily that the troubles are less, but we are able to live with our troubles at some times better than others.

Human problems are complex. There are battles within ourselves, and battles outside ourselves. The good strives with us, the spirit that would lead to truth and peace and self-respect--the spirit that pleads to be heard and heeded--and finds itself in competition with the spirit that would tempt us to compromise, to be critical, indifferent, rebellious, to relax our standards, and do what sometime we shall surely regret.

And since everyone has his struggles, his better days and worse ones, his good impulses and less worthy ones, his arguments inside himself; since all of us need understanding, forgiveness, encouragement, all of us would well give compassionate consideration to others. One quality of character most needed in this world is compassion for other people. One of the urgent lessons of life is to learn how to live with imperfect people--including ourselves. And if we are not altogether pleased with us, it should be easy to understand why we are not altogether pleased with others. "Every man," said Henry Ward Beecher, "should have a good-sized cemetery in which to bury the faults of his friends."

Richard L. Evans

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Brother and Sister H.V. Overson returned to Phoenix, Arizona, on Friday, March 10, after Brother Overson terminated his tenure as area supervisor for the Central American Construction Area. His replacement will be Brother David Judd. The Oversons will long be remembered for the many kindnesses they extended to us; opening their home to elders attending conferences in Guatemala City and new missionaries arriving in the field. Before leaving, the Oversons were presented with a lovely, hand-carved chest, a gift from the Guatemala-El Salvador missionaries as a token of appreciation for all they have done.

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"GOOS-BYE MY LUNG" DEPARTMENT cont.

Melody Cluff  
Brenda Simons

Bisbee, Arizona  
Provo, Utah

## "Goos-bye my lung!"

Allen Grant Burk	Mesa, Arizona
Ivan Dalton Bushman	Joseph City, Arizona
Richard Dayton Call	Red Bluff, California
Ronald Jay Gardner	Provo, Utah
Reed Joseph Johnson	Soda Springs, Idaho
Steven Lanenga	Alhambra, California
Joseph Edward Lowry	Coral Gables, Florida
Dan W. Morris	Colorado Springs, Colorado
Clinton Ray Mortensen	Animas, New Mexico
Steven Pratt Osborne	Salt Lake City, Utah
Val Austin Palmer, Jr.	Syracuse, Utah
Bruce Allen Pearson	Monterey Park, California
Lance Peterson	Salt Lake City, Utah
Harvey Jay Ballantyne Platt	St. Johns, Arizona
John William Reed, Jr.	Mesa, Arizona
Layne Skeen Thompson	Ogden, Utah
Jorge Alberto Torres	San José, Costa Rica
Avon Kirk Francis	Bountiful, Utah
Paul Franklin Galbraith	Tempe, Arizona
Jerold Duane Gillespie	Mesa, Arizona
Warren William Rohrer	Greer, Arizona

## "¡Bienvenidos!"

Eileen Draper	Farmington, Utah
Carey J. Gunnell	Logan, Utah
Scott Richard Nelson	Salt Lake City, Utah
Ruth Violet Tueller	Geneva, Utah

### ZONE TOTALS - February 1972

GUATEMALA ZONE 1 (XELA)-----	28 baptisms
GUATEMALA ZONE 2 (GUATEMALA)-----	29 baptisms
EL SALVADOR ZONE 3 (SANTA ANA)-----	4 baptisms
EL SALVADOR ZONE 4 (SAN SALVADOR)-----	<u>35 baptisms</u>
<b>total</b>	<b>95</b>

LOCATION CHART -- MARCH 15, 1972

ABRAMS	CUSCATLAN	GWILLIAM	CENTRO	MUNDY	SONSONATE
ADAMS	WARD 2	HAACK	EL QUICHE	NELSON, J	SANTA ANITA
ADAMSON	TOTONICAPAN	HARDY	COATEPEQUE	NELSON, S	NUEVO
AGUILAR	BRANCH 5	HAWKINS	SAN JACINTO	<u>NIELSON, N</u>	WARD 5
ANDELIN	JUTIAPA	HEAPS	LA MERCED	NIELSON, P	SANTA ANITA
ANDREW	LOURDES	HEGERHORST	MEJICANOS	NYE	MAZATE 2
ANTHONY	LAYCO LOWER	HENRIE	ZACAPA	PALMER	ZACAMIL
AVARELL	JUTIAPA	HILLERY	HUEHUETENANGO	PAULSON	SAN VICENTE
BALL	AHUACHAPAN	HONE	CHALCHUAPA	<u>PARK</u>	SOLOLA
BALLS	VILLA NUEVA	HUGHES	SAN JACINTO	PEÑATE	MAZATE 2
BARIA	WARD 4	JENKS	REU 2	<u>PETERSON, M</u>	WARD 6
BARRUS	XELA 1	JONES	REU 1	<u>PETERSON, MC</u>	XELA 1
BENNION	USULUTAN	JORGENSON	MAZATE 1	<u>PHILLIPS</u>	DELGADO
BETENSON	OFFICE	KEATE	OFFICE	<u>PURDY</u>	LAYCO LOWER
BEUTLER	SOYAPANGO	KELLETT	BELEN	QUANTZ	CHIQUMULA
BLACKER	OFFICE	KILGORE	STA. LUCIA C.	RAPPLEYE	ANTIGUA
BLAKESLEY	MILAGRO	KLEINMAN	REU 1	<u>REED</u>	XELA 3
BORGQUIST	SAN PEDRO	KOELLIKER	CHAPARRIST.	REINTJES	SANTA LUCIA
BOWEN	LAYCO UPPER	KUSCH	OFFICE	RHODES	SOYAPANGO
BOWER	CHIQUMULA	LAMOREAUX	ZACAPA	RIGBY	WARD 1
BRIMHALL	BARRIO NUEVO	LANDEEN	SOLOLA	<u>ROSS</u>	WARD 2
BUNDERSON	SAN MARCOS	LARSON	ZACAMIL	ROUNDY	WARD 1
BUTTARS	ZACAMIL	LAURITZEN	PATZUN	SALAZAR	PATZICIA
CACUANGO	REU 2	LAYTON	CHAPARRIST.	SANDERS	MOMOSTENANGO
CALL, SW	JALAPA	LEE	XELA 2	SAUNDERS	WARD 1
CAMERON	WARD 3	LEFLER	WARD 2	SEEGMILLER	OFFICE
CANNON	MOMOSTENANGO	LEMUS	EL QUICHE	SHELLEY	ZACAMIL
CLARK, S	LA MERCED	LIPPINCOTT	HUEHUETENANGO	SHIRLEY	ESCUINTLA
CLARK, T	BELEN	LLOYD	SAN PEDRO	SORENSEN	DELGADO
CHAVEZ	XELA 3	MCCRACKEN	EL MOLINO	<u>STANLEY</u>	EL MODELO
CHENEY, D	WARD 2	MCDONALD	CIPRESALES	<u>STRONG</u>	BARRIO NUEVO
CHENEY, J	DELGADO	MCGAUGHEY	VILLA NUEVA	STUART	FLORIDA 2
COOK	MODELO	MCQUARRIE	PATZUN	STUMPE	USULUTAN
COOPER	ZACATECOLUCA	MACHULA	SAN VICENTE	SYMES	JOCOTALES
CORNISH	OFFICE	<u>MACKAY</u>	CUSCATLAN	TAFOYA	WARD 1
CROSBY	TOTONICAPAN	MAGYAR	PATZICIA	TAYLOR	FLORIDA 2
CUFF	ESCUINTLA	MAHONEY	LOURDES	TEEL	SANTA LUCIA
DAVIS, C	WARD 4	MANGUM	EL MOLINO	TERRY	EL MOLINO
DAVIS, LB	EL MOLINO	MARQUEZ	ESCUINTLA	TUELLER	NUEVA
DEWAAL	CENTRO	MARSH	TOTONICAPAN	TEW	SANTA TECLA
DIEHL	SANTA TECLA	<u>MARTINO</u>	JOCOTALES	VALLE	XELA 3
DOMINGUEZ	CHIMALTENANGO	MARTINSON	SANTA ANITA	<u>WALLACE</u>	XELA 3
DRAPER	NUEVA	MATHESON	AHUACHAPAN	WEAVER	XELA 2
EDDO	ESCUINTLA	MAUGHAN, BRO.	SANTA TECLA	<u>WHIPPLE</u>	WARD 3
EVANS	MEJICANOS	MAUGHAN, SIS.	SANTA TECLA	WHITMER	WARD 5
FARNSWORTH	STA. LUCIA C.	MAURENT	FLORIDA 1	<u>WILLIAMS</u>	FLORIDA 1
FRYAR	BARRIO NUEVO	MAUZY	SANTA ANITA	WOODMAN	CIPRESALES
GOMM	OFFICE	MELLENDEZ	BARRIO NUEVO	WRIGHT, SCOTT	SONSONATE
GONZALES	COATEPEQUE	<u>MONSON</u>	WARD 6	<u>WRIGHT, STEVE</u>	CHALCHUAPA
GRAHAM	LAYCO UPPER	MOORE	ANTIGUA	YOUNG, D	MILAGRO
GUDIEL	SAN MARCOS	MORGAN	JALAPA	YOUNG, V	BRANCH 5
GUNNELL	NUEVO	MOULTON	DELGADO	<u>ZOLLINGER</u>	MAZATE 1