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Our esteemed companions,

The next few months in our mission will be exciting ones as we begin to receive, once again, many new and enthusiastic missionaries ready to commence their labor of love and dedication among the wonderful people of the Guatemala-El Salvador Mission. We have watched with some degree of sadness, these last few months, many of our experienced and faithful missionaries conclude their two year call as full time missionaries. We have been trimmed down in numbers temporarily, and it now becomes our responsibility to welcome, with gratitude and thanksgiving, the opportunity of receiving new missionaries and seeing that they are properly oriented into the mission programs and anxiously engaged in serving their Lord Jesus Christ with all their heart, might, mind, and strength. What a tremendous obligation we have to be exemplary missionaries, so the new missionaries, seeing our good works, will catch the vision and spirit of their callings and become great servants of the Lord.

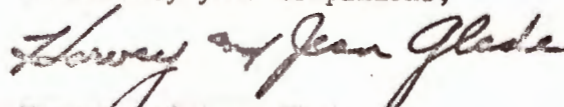
Not every senior will be given a new missionary as they arrive, but having a junior companion or a supporting senior is just as important as having the duty of starting a newly arrived missionary on his journey to become a successful and well oriented missionary. We all know how important the first companion relationship must be so the new missionary gets off and running in the right direction. On the other hand, isn't each companionship during your mission a special time to grow and learn? Are we all doing our utmost to see that the few months we are with any one companion are the most beneficial we can possibly make them? As juniors, are we striving to support our senior companions and help them to be better missionaries? As seniors, are we making sure our companions are being given the right example of a good missionary? Are we following the mission programs that are clearly indicated in our Mission Handbook? Do we make sure individual and companion study is taken care of daily so we will gain greater understanding of Gospel principles and become more affluent in communicating with these great Latin brothers and sisters? Do we obey the mission rules and standards, and by so doing, be entitled to receive direct personal inspiration and the companionship of the Holy Ghost as we put our lives in tune with our sacred callings as missionaries?

May each of us truly merit the Spirit of Christ in our daily labors, and may we accept the tremendous challenge before us as we receive more than forty new missionaries within the next few months.

Keep up the good work, our beloved companions. We are extremely proud of you, for you represent the finest group of missionaries serving in the finest mission in the world. The Gospel is true and we testify this to you in all sincerity.

May the Lord ever bless you in your important assignment.

Faithfully your companions,


Harvey and Jean Glade

Dear Companions:



"Well, you must be Elder Ramos."

"Yes, I'm Elder Ramos."

"Well, I'm Elder Diaz, your new companion. Welcome to Branch 2. How did you like San Miguel?"

"I liked it very much."

"Say, how much time you got now?"

"I've got today, how about you?"



How about you? How much time do you really have? One month, eight months, fifteen months? No, you've got today and nothing more. "Time", said the philosopher, "robs man of all but today, yet traps the unwary in endless corridors of non-existence, for yesterday is but a fleeting memory, and tomorrow, that enigmatic dimension, vanishes like the desert mirage, as one hastens to embrace it."

Time, or better said, today, along with the free agency to choose how we shall use today, are two gifts possessed by all men. To us, those who have embarked in the service of God, the Lord has revealed how we are to use today: "Therefore, whoso desireth to reap, let him thrust in his sickle with his might, and reap while the *day* lasts." D & C 6:3

To each of us--it matters not how soon we will terminate our mission, or how recently we began it--has been given today, and only today, and the commandment to work with our might during this day. How simple that is, yet how many of us, when the night has come, wherein no work can be performed, shall be constrained to admit that the day has slipped by, and we have wasted it.

As the song so aptly expresses:

Today, today, work with a will;
Today, today, your duties fulfill:
Today, today, work while you may.
There is no tomorrow, but only today.

May each of us so order our lives,

Sincerely,

Elder Paul W. Terry

Fellow companions,

As one comes to the close of his mission assignment, he thinks very seriously about what his mission has meant to him and how successful it has been. He contemplates the word of advice and counsel that were given him in the mission home, LTM, at home and especially those challenging words found in the scriptures. He looks back on his mission as just a moment of life, and all lightmindedness, leisure time, frivolity, etc. have no significance or real meaning. As one tries to pick out the good times, the great experiences, the growth, and the true feeling that the mission has left, or its true impact, his thoughts are directed to the fruits of his labors and the satisfying times when he knew he had done his best and labored with all his heart, might, mind and strength. He realizes what a personal experience his mission has been, between him and the Lord. He realizes that it doesn't matter what anyone else thinks of his mission. As long as he feels the Lord is pleased, he is pleased. He recognizes that his mission should have been directed by the Lord, to the Lord, and for the Lord.

My mission has been the turning point in my life. It's been the testing ground for my launch into eternal life. All I can say is that I'm thankful for every minute of it. Obedience is a key, along with service. Living each day to its fullest—one day at a time—, and treating everyone you meet as if he were your most beloved friend makes every day a pleasant and satisfying one.

"Having a great mission is just like shaving--no matter how great you do it today, you still have to do it again tomorrow."

May the Lord forgive us our weaknesses and bless our efforts.

Forever your brother in the faith,

Elder Randy Teel

Elder Randy Teel

"And after many days an angel of the Lord appeared unto Adam, saying: Why dost thou offer sacrifices unto the Lord? And Adam said unto him: I know not, save the Lord commanded me." Moses 5:6

Immediately afterwards, the angel explained the entire purpose for the sacrifice. But the explanation was not to convince Adam that he should follow the advice of the Lord. Adam obeyed because he trusted in the Lord. He knew that what our Lord desired in his perfect love and knowledge would, of necessity, be for the best welfare of his eternal life.

The principle of "blind obedience" is neither new nor uncommon. In 2nd Kings, chapter 5, we read of Naaman, a leper, who was told by Elisha that if he would wash himself in the River Jordan seven times, he would be healed. Naaman was outraged. He had expected an ostentatious miracle, and furthermore considered the rivers of Abana and Pharpar far better than the River Jordan. What was wrong with the Prophet Elisha? Why was he so unreasonable? As Naaman turned to go away in rage, his servants questioned him, "My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it?" So Naaman followed the advice and was immediately healed.

I would like to assure you that the same Lord who inspired Elisha in his directions to the leper, is leading our mission today. The instruction we receive are the counsels of our Eternal Father. Not just the "great things", but our every action should be based on his inspiration. We can be sure that if we follow the suggestions of our Omniscient Father for the welfare of his children, nothing will hinder our success.

May the Lord bless us in his work.

Sincerely yours,

Darrell K. Rigby

Elder Darrell Rigby



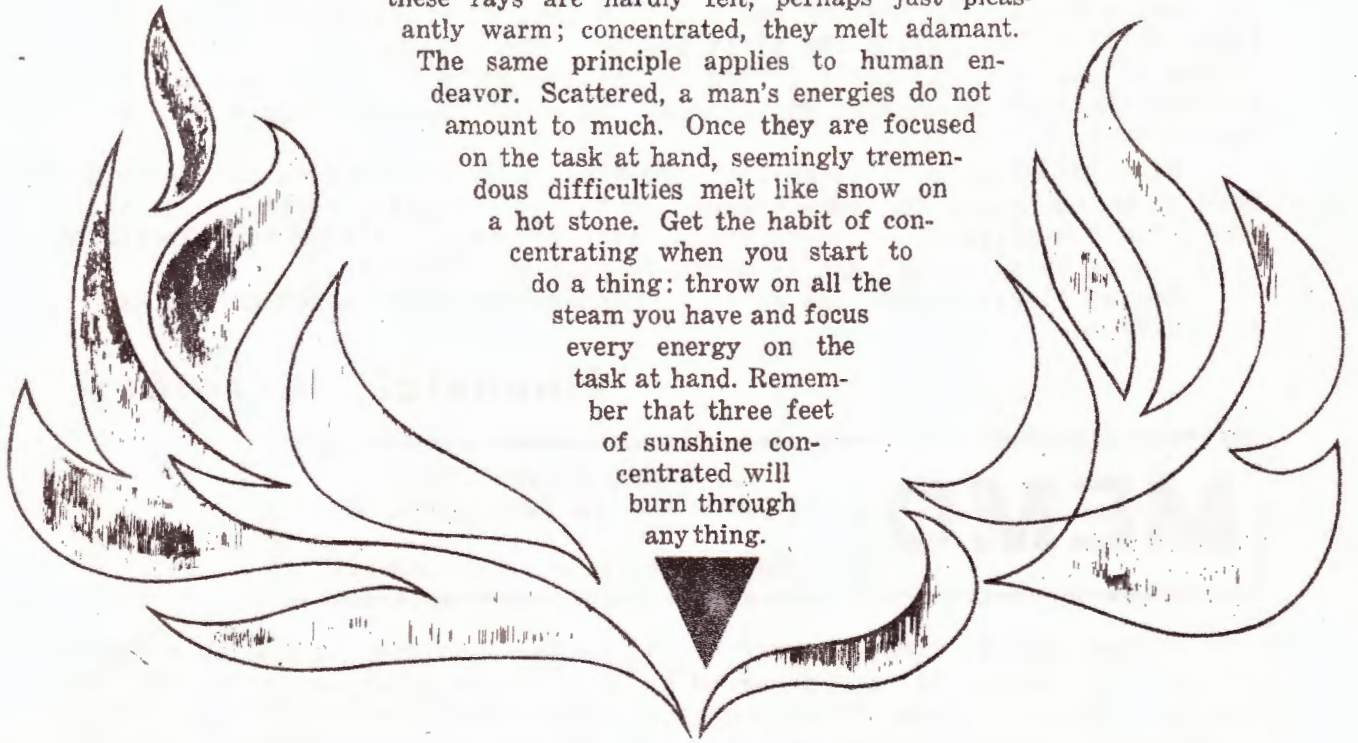
In one of the laboratories in Washington there is a great sun glass that measures three feet across. It is like the "burning glasses" we used to treasure when we were boys, only much larger. This great glass gathers the rays of the sun that strike its flat surface and focuses them in a single point in space a few feet below. That single spot is hotter than a blow torch. It will melt through a steel plate as easily as a red-hot needle burns through paper.

This terrific heat—it cannot be measured, for it melts all instruments—is just three feet of ordinary sunshine concentrated on a single point. Scattered, these rays are hardly felt, perhaps just pleasantly warm; concentrated, they melt adamant.

The same principle applies to human endeavor. Scattered, a man's energies do not amount to much. Once they are focused

on the task at hand, seemingly tremendous difficulties melt like snow on a hot stone. Get the habit of concentrating when you start to

do a thing: throw on all the steam you have and focus every energy on the task at hand. Remember that three feet of sunshine concentrated will burn through anything.



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* Just a tiny little minute, *
* Only sixty seconds in it, *
* Forced upon me, can't refuse it, *
* Didn't seek it, Didn't choose it, *
* But it's up to me to use it, *
* Give account if I abuse it. *
* Just a tiny little minute, *
* But eternity is in it. *

As missionaries, we have come here to serve the Lord, to forget the life we left at home. These two years are to be concentrate on teaching the Lamanite people of Guatemala and El Salvador. But can we forget everything that we left at home? Can we forget school, girl friends, and old times? Probably so. But there are somethings that we can't leave entirely behind, such as sickness and accidents.

We have recently had conferences in each of the zones, where we received some outstanding instructions on how to stay healthy, and to avoid common sicknesses and colds. Just because we are in the service of our Lord, doesn't mean that He will keep us healthy if we don't observe the "Laws of Health". The Sister Health Missionaries have given us excellent instruction. Let's try to follow their advice.

If you should become ill, or suffer an accident, there are ways in which the mission can help you out. First of all, if you do suffer an accident, most of us are covered by insurance, either by Murdock Travel, or a personal policy that you or your parents have. After an operation, or stay in the hospital, you might have a bill that is rather large. Instead of you having to pay out of your pocket, the mission will pay your bill, and then you can reimburse the mission once your claim is paid by the insurance company.

As for medical bills, say if you go to a doctor because you think that you have amoebas, the mission had a policy that it would pay anything over forty dollars, you paying the first \$40.00. The mission will still do this if you or your parents can't afford to pay the whole bill. If you are in a financial situation whereas you can pay the whole thing, it would be preferred that you do.

But, let me make it clear that the mission is always here to help. If you need to borrow money for some reason, if things are going pretty rough at home, don't hesitate to come to the mission for help. I know that President Glade loves us all, and that he wants to help us if he can.

May we always follow the rules of good health (and change our socks everyday).

financial secretary



In the book of Alma, chapter 37, it states that the Liahona is a type of the word of Christ. It was prepared by the Lord to guide and direct his followers. As we all know, it played a very important role in the lives of the righteous in Book of Mormon history. In the hands of the Prophets, the Liahona was a very valuable instrument to keep the Lord's followers on the straight and narrow.

As fellow missionaries, we know that a new convert to the church goes through a very strong trial period in the first few months of membership. The reassuring words of the living Prophet are always welcome to strengthen one's testimony. There are many members that would like to be up to date with the Church and with the words of the Prophet, but do not have an insight of the material available.

The Liahona, a very inspirational magazine, has carried the work of God to many Spanish homes. It is a guiding light to help one grow closer to our Father in Heaven and to understand the importance of the Church of Jesus Christ. Every new convert should have the opportunity to subscribe to the Liahona, giving him or her a better insight of the Church today.

We can help our converts to see a new light by introducing them to the Liahona. It is always our concern as missionaries to share our knowledge with others, likewise as the Lord has shared it with us. The Liahona is an active tool in our hands, Please share it with our brothers and sisters.

commissarian

"It matters not what else we have been called to do, or what position we may occupy, or how faithfully in other ways we have labored in the Church, none is exempt from this great obligation. It is required of the Apostle as well as the humblest Elder. Place, or distinction, or long service in the Church, in the mission field, the stakes of Zion, or where or how else it may have been, will not entitle one to disregard the salvation of one's dead.

"Some may feel that if they pay their tithing, attend their regular meetings and other duties, give of their substance to the poor, perchance spend one, two or more years preaching in the world, that they are absolved from further duty. But the greatest and grandest duty of all is to labor for the dead."

--Joseph Fielding Smith

In this passage, as in many other scriptural and literal references, the importance of genealogical work is reiterated. As the article states, even though we may serve faithfully as the finest of missionaries, we are not exempt from our obligation to help in this most important part of our Heavenly Father's plan. We may ask ourselves the question at this time, however, while serving on a full-time mission, just how actively engaged should we be in this endeavor?

Many times we have been told that we are here not to learn, but rather to teach. I believe that perhaps this could be a clue in the answering of the role we play while here in the Guatemala-El Salvador Mission. (We will notice that never were we admonished not to participate.) Although our time is, of necessity, very limited and restricted, there are ways in which we very actively can engage ourselves in the genealogical work. I refer to the importance of keeping the records of the Church in the proper order. From these books, many of the future genealogical records will be taken. This encompasses two parts of the program of which we as missionaries have very much control.

The first, naturally, would be the proper filling out of recommendation papers. Specifically, I refer to the baptismal papers we must complete before the baptism of any candidate. Please brethren, study once again the mission manual, pages 30-33, which explains very clearly the processes to be followed. The second part of the genealogical program, which at times concerns us, is the proper use of the "Hoja G". This form is directly correlated with properly recording the information to be used later in the genealogical work of the Church. Our mission is kept organized by the use of this form. Were it not for the form "Hoja G", we would be left in the dark as to the progress of the members of the Church here in this part of our Lord's Kingdom. Encourage the branch officials wherever you may be to fill it out completely and correctly on all ordinances, recommendation for ordinations, marriages, divorces, deaths, and of the moving of any branch members.

It would be my desire that we all concerned ourselves very much with the calling that is ours at this time to participate in the proper recording of all genealogical information. I remind you once again that, "It matters not what else we have been called to do, or what position we may occupy, or how faithfully in other ways we have labored in the Church, none is exempt from this great obligation."

membership secretary

"Bishops and branch presidents throughout the Church have been writing of their outstanding success with open houses; success arrived at mostly because of the enthusiastic participation of many of their congregation. Simply stated, an open house is an opportunity for members and missionaries to gather friends and neighbors by personal invitation into the house of the Lord to acquaint them with the Church, its members, its teachings, and its programs.

"It consists of a program featuring a Church film or a Church speaker; other informative and inspirational talks, films, or film strips; a tour of the building in conjunction with displays in the cultural hall and/or in the classrooms; and instructional demonstrations of Church programs or principles. Any combination of these, with enthusiastic participation by members, can create a wonderful spirit and can result in sincere fellowshiping. Community people will feel closer to the Church and its members as a result. Referrals will be gained, and the value of invitations to new converts for fellowshiping and teaching should not be overlooked."

--Church Information Service

The leaders of the Church are, and have always been, very much concerned in us, as missionaries, and in the tools that we have in order to be the best missionaries, ever. Through the years, many programs have been tried and tested, and today, we are provided with the best material possible, with not only much experience behind it, but also the directing hand of the Lord. Available to us here in the mission are many of these great and inspired teaching aids. We have been provided with many physical resources, as well as countless ideas in organizing and conducting a very successful and rewarding open house.

In the mission, we have a supply of almost everything you might need to pull off the kind of success that we all look for and desire. We have movies on 12 different subjects, for investigators, I Care Families, as well as the branch members, themselves. We are stocked with many posters, comprising six different sets, covering every phase of the Church and Gospel doctrine. Advance preparation is always necessary, and the facilities to make up announcements or flyers, we have here. Church Information Service is always sending us brochures and pamphlets to give us ideas and helps in our work. But if we don't use them, then they serve nothing, and they are worth a lot more than that!

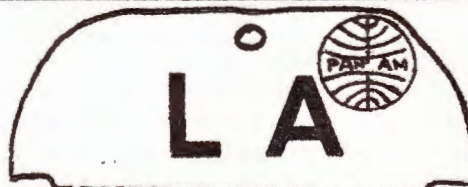
Your own imagination and your local resources, along with all these materials that the Church has provided us with, will suit what is needed for an effective open house program. Visitors will want to see the Church depicted in action through displays explaining Family Home Evenings, youth programs, auxiliary activities, and Priesthood projects. They will also be interested in the Book of Mormon, the restoration, and Church organization, history, and doctrine. Outlines and suggestions for a program on each of these topics, and several more, are available, giving us in detail, all that we need.

We have all the materials and resources you need to go along with your own ideas, enthusiasm, and initiative--all waiting here for your use. Let's take advantage of this outstanding and exciting program more often, and let it help us make our work easier and more effective. I am more than happy to help in any way that I can to help better your successes in your diligent missionary labors. (But, be sure to get your order in before the Christmas rush--EARLY!!)

mission secretary



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ZONE TOTALS FEBRUARY 1973

GUATEMALA ZONE 1 (XELA)	3 BAPTISMS
GUATEMALA ZONE 2 (GUATEMALA)	32 BAPTISMS
EL SALVADOR ZONE 3 (SANTA ANA)	10 BAPTISMS
EL SALVADOR ZONE 4 (SAN SALVADOR)	38 BAPTISMS

total 83

adams, j	soyapango	gudiel	ward 3	mortenson	el quiché	
adams, r	úsulután	guillen	xela 3	mundy	el modelo	
ahlstrom	occidente	gunnel	mazate 1	<u>nelson, j</u>	barrio nuevo	
aitken	delgado	<u>gwilliam</u>	ward 6	nelson, scott	ward 2	
allen, b	san jacinto	hansen	xela 2	nelson, steve	santa tecla	
allen, r	delgado	harris	santa lucía c.	nolte	sololá	
allred	chalchuapa	hatch	reu 1	page	layco	
alvarez	patzicía	hathcock	el centro	<u>peñate</u>	jalapa	
amesquita	zacamil	hearns	totonicapán	<u>reintjes</u>	ward 1	
anderson	jutiapa	hegerhorst	san pedro	reynoso	el quiché	
anthony	chimaltenango	henrie	occidente	<u>rhodes</u>	santa lucía	
<u>avarell</u>	reu 2	<u>hillery</u>	monserrat	<u>richards</u>	occidente	
bailey	sonsonate	hone	mazate 2	<u>rigby</u>	office	
bake	el modelo	huber	branch 8	rios	layco	
ball	chiquimula	<u>hughes</u>	oriente	roberts	ward 3	
baria	oriente	jenks	florida	robinson	ward 1	
barrus	office	johnson	xela 2	rodriguez	reu 1	
baxter	santa tecla	jones, j	chimaltenango	rogers	jalapa	
bentley	lourdes	jones, m	patzicía	roper	escuintla	
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blakesley	sololá	kaopua	santa anita	salazar	patzicía	
bond	el molino(s)	kempton	san marcos	salgado	el molino(g)	
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bunstead	barrio nuevo	LOCATION CHART			shirley	el centro
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<u>call</u>	san jacinto	<u>kleinman</u>	xela 1	smith	ward 6	
cameron	barrio nuevo	knight	patzún	stead	san pedro	
canmack	ward 2	kuehne	chalchuapa	steele	ahuachapan	
carlisle	el molino(s)	kulbeth	el molino(g)	stevenson	san vicente	
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curtis	santa tecla	<u>lee</u>	ward 4	<u>terry</u>	office	
daines	ward 2	<u>lefler</u>	ward 5	tew	jutiapa	
davis	lourdes	lewis	huehuetenango	theodore	antigua	
demars	usulután	lezama	layco	thompson	branch 7	
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draper	patzicía	<u>mc quarrie</u>	momostenango	twiggs	zacatecoluca	
dugan	zacamil	mack	santa lucía	vermillion	layco	
eddo	zacapa	mangus	occidente	waite	ward 4	
erskine	san vicente	marquez	antigua	wallace, d	reu 2	
escalante	florida	martinez	coatepeque	wallace, k	layco	
evans	xela 1	mather	santa lucía	weaver	coatepeque	
faye	patzún	<u>maurent</u>	ahuachapan	whitmer	el molino(s)	
gagon	oriente	<u>mauzy</u>	chiquimula	williams, a	oriente	
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<u>gardea</u>	sonsonate	millar, r	zacapa	williams, k	florida	
geller	santa lucía	montoya	totonicapán	wilmore	el centro	
golightly	sonsonate	moore	santa tecla	wilson	mejicanos	
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