

AVANTE



"Let us reason even as a man reasoneth one with another face to face. Wherefore, I the Lord ask you this question --- unto what were you ordained? To preach my gospel by the Spirit, even the Comforter which was sent forth to teach the truth."

(D & C 11, 13 & 14)

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Guatemala-El Salvador Mission April 1970

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Dear Fellow Missionaries,

The following is a quote from a recent letter written under date of March 10, 1970 by Elder Delbert L. Stapley:

"Dear President Clark,

This will belatedly congratulate you and your missionaries for achieving, as a mission, the greatest number of converts last year. Your total of 4,031 topped your closest competitor by 781 --- their total for the year being 3,250."

Likewise, we enjoin our congratulations with his in recognizing your accomplishments of last year. The Lord has poured out his Spirit upon this mission; likewise, we must continue to be receptive to his Spirit if we are to carry on with a new and higher achievement for the year 1970.

Elder Stapley continues:

"We are looking forward to another substantial increase in baptisms this year over last. We know the missionaries can do it. Our nine missions with 894 missionaries baptized 13,283 against seven Germanic Missions with 1,038 missionaries with 1,503 baptisms.

Elder Richards and I are most proud of the accomplishments of the missions we supervise, and surely are happy about the excellence of performance by the mission presidents, their wives and the missionaries."

We who are the servants of God are entitled to bring forth his great work if we but live for it and seek the Spirit to guide us into the lives of His "elect," the chosen ones who will hear and except the gospel in the last days.

President McKay in his April Conference address of 1968 stated:

"I know that He will confer with his servants who seek Him in humility and in righteousness. I know because I have heard His voice, and I have received His guidance in matters pertaining to His kingdom here on earth."

Live by the Spirit. Seek for the guidance of our Heavenly Father. Rise to the challenge of a new and more successful year.

Faithfully yours,

President and Sister Clark

1st ASSISTANT

Dear Elders and Sisters,

One afternoon two young men sat across from each other in a small dormitory room and talked. They talked about their lives and the Church; their future. As they sat informally exchanging ideas one suddenly exclaimed, "You know, I've got my goals set on the Celestial Kingdom and I won't settle for anything less." The determination with which he made that simple statement set the other's mind pondering upon something which had never before seriously entered his thinking. What was he really seeking in life? Where was he going? Never before had anyone of his teenage friends made a statement like that to him.

Have we made our statement of commitment? Have we said it aloud in the presence of our friends, with unyielding determination? Can we express it outside of testimony meetings and away from investigators and Church environment without shame? Job, in the midst of his afflictions, cried out in reaffirmation, "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." (Job 19:25-26) This is the type of determination required of every missionary and Latter-Day Saint.

May we who have the sacred and holy calling of preaching repentance to our fellowmen be able to join with the Apostle Paul and say, "...forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 3:13-14)

Elder Edward Browning Quist

2nd ASSISTANT

Fellow Missionaries,

Two missionaries from this mission had just finished another lesson to their "golden investigator", and as they did so they ended the lesson with their testimonies. After they had both expressed their knowledge of the truthfulness of the gospel, the lady looked at them and said, "I know that the things which you have told me are true. I can see it in your eyes, and in the way you missionaries conduct yourselves."

Just how important is our testimony to our investigators? Do we really take full advantage of every opportunity to challenge and testify? Or do we strive to logically build the knowledge of our investigators until they can repeat the answer to each and every question that we ask them?

Brother Alvin R. Dyer recounts the experience that he had when he was first called to preside over one of the European missions. He decided to send a questionnaire to all of the recent converts, asking them the following question: "What has impressed you most about the missionaries, and what has attracted you to the Church?

What do you suppose the answer was? The way in which the missionaries were able to expound the scriptures? The wonderful way in which they were able to communicate with their fluent Danish or Norwegian? Ninety percent of the recently baptized members replied that the thing which had impressed them most was the sincerity of the missionaries.

What does it take to obtain this type of sincerity, which is so important to really communicate our message to these people?

Brother Dyer had asked all of the missionaries in his mission to bear their testimonies to anybody who would listen to them. The new members also stated that they had known almost from the beginning that the Church was true.

For us to obtain even greater success as missionaries, I feel that we need to bear our testimonies to everyone, with even greater sincerity. We must strive to truly love these people, overlooking the little things which bother or irritate us, and strive to be truly concerned for the salvation of the people with whom we are speaking. If we can do this we will be able to forget the present surroundings, and gain an insight into just how these people will be changed after having accepted the true gospel of Jesus Christ.

It is my desire that we may all strive to bear our testimonies sincerely to these people, so that they too may obtain a spiritual conversion to the truthfulness of the gospel.

Sincerely,

Elder Ivan T. Jones

3rd ASSISTANT

Dear Elders and Sisters,

When I first became senior companion I found it very difficult to get close to the Lord in my prayers. I had even come to the point where I found it difficult to pray because of this feeling that I had. I mentioned this in a letter to my family and my parents sent me a copy of some quotations from the Discourses of Brigham Young that dealt with prayer. Those that impressed me the most are quoted here:

"It matters not whether you or I feel like praying, when the time comes to pray, pray. If we do not feel like it, we should pray until we do. And if there is a heavy storm coming on and our hay is likely to be wet, let it come. You will find that those who wait till the Spirit bids them pray, will never pray much on this earth. . . . But when the time comes to have prayers, let them be made, and there will be no danger." (13:155)

"Some of the brethren come to me and say, "Brother Brigham, is it my duty to pray when I have not one particle of the spirit of prayer in me?" True, at times, men are perplexed and full of care and trouble, their ploughs and other implements are out of order, their animals have strayed and a thousand things perplex them; yet our judgment teaches us that it is our duty to pray, whether we are particularly in the spirit of praying or not. My doctrine is, it is your duty to pray; and when the time for prayer comes, John should say, "This is the place and this is the time to pray; knees bend down upon the floor and do so at once." But John said, "I do not want to pray; I do not feel like it." Knees get down, I say; and down bend the knees, and he begins to think and reflect. . . . "But I do not feel the spirit of prayer." That does not excuse you for you know what your duty is. You have a passion, a will, a temper to overcome. You are subject to temptation as other men; and when you are tempted, let the judgement which God had placed within you and the intelligence He has given you by the light of the Spirit be the master in this case." (7:164)

"If the Devil says you cannot pray when you are angry, tell him it is none of his business, and pray until that species of insanity is dispelled and serenity is restored to the mind." (10:175)

"You know that it is one peculiarity of our faith and religion never to ask the Lord to do a thing without being willing to help Him all that we are able; and then the Lord will do the rest." (5:293)

Although I still have some trouble getting close to the Lord in my prayers, I have found it a great comfort to share my troubles with the Lord. I can never stay angry very long or build hate as long as I am having my daily prayers and presenting these matters before the Lord.

Sincerely,

Elder David E. Benton

RESULTS

DISTRICT	CHALLENGE	BAPTISMS	%
COAST	210	95	45%
ESQUINTLA	30	27	90%
MAZATENANGO	60	37	61%
RETALHULEU #1-2	60	19	32%
CUATEPEQUE	30	9	30%
ZL's	30	3	10%
SANTA ANA	270	71	26%
EL MOLINO	60	28	46%
EL JARDIN	30	9	30%
BARRIO NUEVO - EL MODELO	60	15	25%
EL CENTRO	30	7	23%
AJUACHAPÁN-CHALCHUAPA	60	11	18%
ZL's	30	1	3%
SAN SALVADOR SOUTH	270	67	25%
SANTA ANITA-MONSERRAT	60	26	43%
EL MOLINO	60	17	28%
CENTRAL-SAN JACINTO	60	15	25%
ZACATECOLUCA	30	6	20%
USULUTÁN	30	3	10%
ZL's	30	0	0%
SAN SALVADOR NORTH	240	59	25%
SANTA LUCIA-SOYAPANGO	60	28	47%
DELGADO #1-2	60	19	32%
LAYCO-MEJICANOS	60	16	27%
ZL's	30	4	13%
ZACANIL	30	2	7%
CHIMALTENANGO	210	44	21%
WARD 4	60	30	50%
CHIMALTENANGO	30	4	13%
FLORIDA 1-2	60	7	12%
ZL's	30	2	7%
PATZICÍA	30	1	3%
GUATEMALA NORTH	210	34	16%
WARD 5	60	13	22%
WARD 2-6	90	12	13%
ZACAPA-CHIMULULA	60	8	13%
ZL's	0	0	0%
QUEZALTENANGO	180	21	12%
ZL's	30	8	26%
XELA 1-2	30	4	13%
SAN PEDRO	30	4	13%
MOMOSTENANGO	30	3	10%
TOTONICAPÁN	30	2	7%
HUEHUETENANGO	30	0	0%
GUATEMALA SOUTH	210	16	8%
CIPTESALES-JOCOTALES	60	14	23%
WARD 1-3	60	8	13%
ZL's	30	2	7%
JUTIAPA	30	1	3%
JALAPA	30	1	3%
OFFICE	10	1	10%
TOTAL MISSION CHALLENGE	1,810	408	22%

XELA ZONE
Moulton ZL
M Harris ZLC

CHIMALTENANGO ZONE
Gifford ZL
Ellsworth ZLC

Marcos-Pedro
Gain DL
Carbine

Huehuc
Briggs DL
Everson

Patzicia
Howe DL
(Judd) Co-Sr

Chimaltenango
Methis DL
Hill

Xela #1
Stock DL
James

Momos
Talbot DL
Lunceford

Florida #1
Francisco DL
Hatch

Betania
Kougiouis DL
Benning

Xela #2
(Hadlock)
Brunnette

Toto
Zinn DL
Swertfeger

Florida #2
Drussel
Bundy

Ward #4
Hatch
Solano

G
U
A
T
E

COAST ZONE
Dixon ZL
Leavitt ZLC

M
A
L
A

Coatepeque
Welch DL
Curtis

Reutalhuleu #1-2
Bonus DL
Jackson
Kupfer
Hoenshell

Mazatenango #1-2
Porter DL
Rice
Ray
Davis

Escuintla
Erickson DL
Torres

GUATE NORTH
Greenwood ZL
Radford ZLC

Ward #6
Knight DL
Sainsbury
Burton DL
Simons

Ward #5
Thomas DL
Swallow

GUATE SOUTH
Berrett ZL
Shelley ZLC

Ward #2
King
Hunsaker

Zacapa-Chiquimula
RC Johnson DL
Harvey
(Workman)
Carter

Ward #1
Ashworth DL
Clawson
Weaver
Gamero

Jutiapa-Jalapa
Redd DL
Ardmore
Byrne
Weirman

Ward #3
R. Harris
Ashbaker

Jocotales
Poole
Hernández

Cipresales
Jacobs DL
Crest



~~SANTA ANA OCCIDENTE~~

~~Snow ZL~~
~~Palmer ZLC~~

SANTA ANA ORIENTE

Stone ZL
Herman ZLC

Barrio Nueva #1-2

Burton DL
Clason
Heles
Beck

Jardín
Henrie DL
Fairbanks

Ahuachapán

Pugmire DL
Heaton

Chalchuapa

Buhler DL
Norberg

Centro

Lines DL
Querden

Sonsonate

Tenney DL
Snedaker Co-Sr

Molino #1-2-2

Albaugh DL
Taylor
(Allen)
Dent
Carmichael DL
Wilcox

EL

SAN SALVADOR SOUTH

Pfeiffer ZL
Trump ZLC

SAN SALVADOR NORTH

Roundy ZL

Santa Anita

Alder DL
Webster

Montserrat

(Smith)
Tanner

Mejicanos

Corbett DL
Wright

Zacamil

Lohrke DL
Farmer

Central

Donaldson DL
Boyack

San Jacinto

(D Jones)
Callan

Layco

Ottley
Wade

Delgado #1-2

Turley
Sowards
Terry DL
Miller

Zacate

Bingham DL
Mellville

Chaparrastique

Donkin DL
R Johnson

Santa Lucia

White DL
Golden

Soyapango

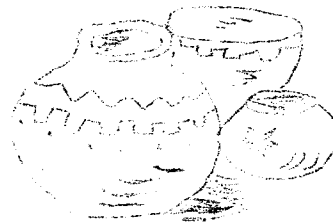
(Wanberg)
Bingham

Usulután

Petersen DL
Fugal

Merced

Proctor
Clark



SALVADOR

PAN AM BRINGETH.....

Donald Kennard Davis
Albuquerque, New Mexico
To: Mazatenango 1 with Ray

Leslie Evan Bundy
St. George, Utah
To: Florida 1 with Drussel

James Fredrick James
Farmington, New Mexico
To: Xela 1 with Stock

Ira Dale Hatch
Ogden, Utah
To: Florida 2 with Francisco

Steven Robert Crest
Arcadia, California
To: Cipresales with Jacobs

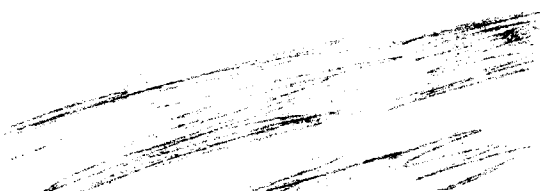
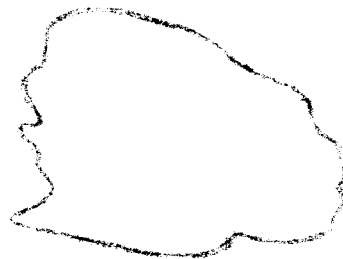
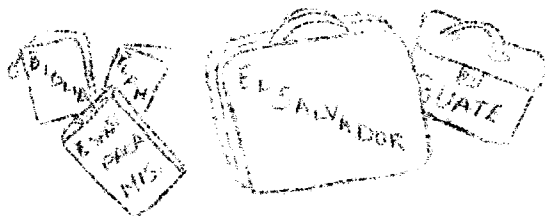
Jared Hernández
Fresno, California
To: Jocotales with Poole

Stanley Frank Jackson
Edmonton, Alberto, Canada
To: Retalhuleu with Bonus

Timothy Paul Wright
Provo, Utah
To: Mejicanos with Corbett

Paul David Callan
Las Vegas, Nevada
To: San Jacinto with D. Jones

Sister Brenda Lee Simons
Provo, Utah
To: Ward 6 with Sis. Burton



AND TAKETH AWAY

Michael Jonathan Rush
June 18, 1968 - March 18, 1970
Escuintla, San Marcos, Santa Ana,
Retalhuleu, San Salvador, Guatemala

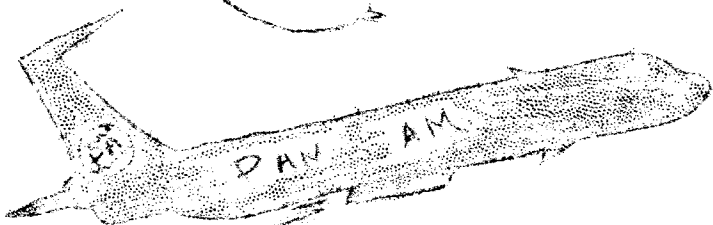
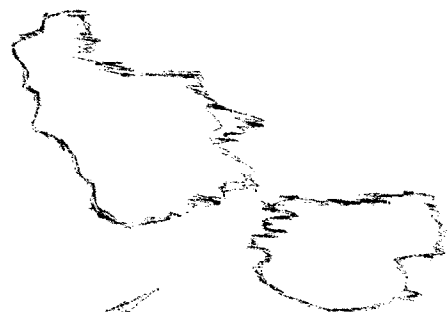
Robert Dean Thruston
March 20, 1968 - March 18, 1970
San Salvador, Escuintla, Huehue-
tenango, Santa Ana, Guatemala,
Chimaltenango, San Miguel

Ronald Duane Taylor
April 9, 1968 - March 29, 1970
Guatemala, Santa Ana, Office,
Xela, Chalchuapa, San Marcos

David Alan Shurtleff
April 9, 1968 - March 29, 1970
San Miguel, Totonicapán, Huehue-
tenango, Ahuachapán, San Salvador,
Coatepeque, Sonsonate, Escuintla,
San Marcos

Clifford Miles Peshell
June 4, 1968 - April 10, 1970
Guatemala, Chiquimula, San
Salvador, Jutiapa, Office

Alan Jack Juarez
October 22, 1968 - April 10, 1970
Huehuetenango, Zacapa, Santa Ana,
Chalchuapa, San Salvador, Guatemala,
Chiquimula



This poem was written to the missionaries shortly after this lady was converted to the Church:

A UN MISIONARIO

Camina misionero,
Camina a tu destino;
con amor y con buen tino.
Evangeliza al mundo entero.

No te importe si llueve o si truena,
el relámpago sea la luz en tu camino,
no te arredre el alma que se niega
ni te importe lo duro de su sino.

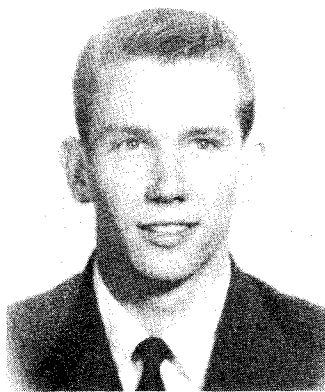
Si te cierran una puerta misionero,
cuantas pueden estar para tí abiertas
no te apenes pues no eres el primero
que encuentra en su camino almas yermas.

Enseña misionero el Evangelio,
No te importe tu pena y amargura
ten presente, tu gloria está en el Cielo
donde miden tu obra con holgura.

Funde con tú fuego de amor los corazones,
aún la roca se funde con la llama
y tu antorcha sea una ardiente flama
que enciendas con constantes oraciones.....

Se muy bien que ser un Elder y salir de misionero por el mundo, es duro y penoso, y se encuentran tantos obstáculos y peros, en la vida que se lleva, ojalá que cuando se sientan desanimados lean este humilde poema que les dedico y sientan estímulo para seguir adelante en la obra del Señor.

Su hermana que los estima.....



Elder Ronald Taylor

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Elder Kenneth Harvey

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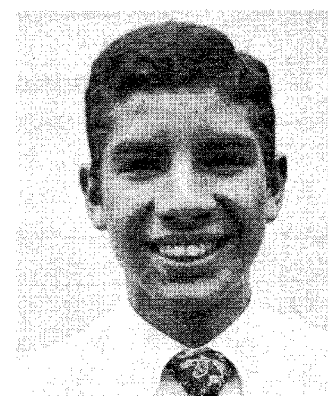
Elder Stanley Radford

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Elder Gary Bonus

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Elder Mario Salazar

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TOP BAPTIZERS

FEBRUARY

Morgan	16	Kougioulis	12
Poole	15	Heaton	12
Harris M.	15	Rpundy	12
Norberg	15	Hunsaker	12
Hatch	15	Tanner	12
Hoenshell	15	Terry	11
Stewart	13	Webster	11
Beecroft	13	Dixon	10
Berret	13	Kupfer	10
White P.	13	Turley	10

TOP LESSONS

Radford	102
Harvey	102
Roundy	84
Hunsaker	81
Melville	74
Hadlock	74
Heaton	69
Morgan	69
Hoenshell	69
Ardmore	68
Ashworth	65
Ashbaker	65
Kougioulis	65
Brunnette	62
Tenner	62

TOP HOURS

Henrie	75
Duerdon	75
Hunsaker	73
Poole	73
Hatch	72
Roundy	72
Orgill	71
Wade	70
Moulton	70
Beck	70
Radford	70
Clason	70
Francisco	70

COAST ZONE

Here is a special congratulations for the Coast Zone, after their outstanding showing last month. In the month of March, a five-week month of sacrifice, it seems the coast elders did a little extra sacrificing that paid off. They had a really good start with 15 baptisms in the first week. They followed that up with strong second, third and fourth weeks, and then with their fantastic week of 37 baptisms in the final lap, they finished with a grand total of 95 baptisms.

This sets a NEW RECORD for the coast which is a 48% increase over the old record of 64 baptisms in one month. This number also sets a new record for number of baptisms per missionary for the month. The old record, which was set just last month by the Guatemala South Zone at 5.56, was smashed by a new and fantastic 6.78 baptisms per missionary (95 baptisms with 14 missionaries).

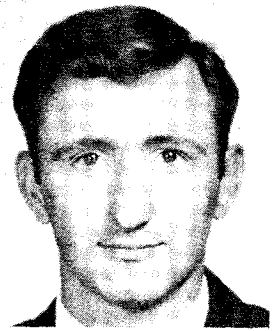
The zone was led to its high accomplishments by zone leaders ELDER RUSSELL DIXON and ELDER RALPH SHELLEY. ELDERS MONTE ASHWORTH and JAY RICE had great success, breaking challenge with 31 convert baptisms, thus setting a new record for "highest number of convert baptisms per pair of missionaries." They were followed by ELDERS WAYNE ERIKSON and JORGE TORRES with a total of 27 convert baptisms for a close second place. The rest of the great team effort came from ELDERS MIKE HARRIS and RICKIE HARRIS; BRENT BUHLER and GLENN CURTIS; STEVEN RAY and MICHAEL BINGHAM; GARY BONUS and STEPHEN WILCOX. Congratulations to them all once again for their outstanding united effort and a record month on the coast.



CONGRATULATIONS



Elder Russel Dixon



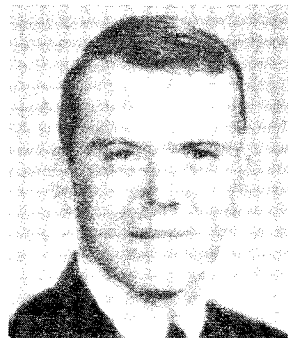
Elder Ralph Shelleg



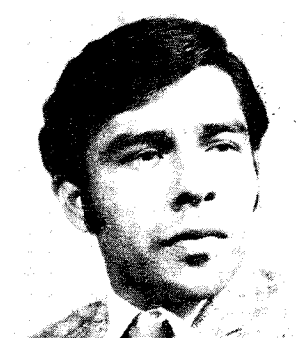
Elder Monte Ashworth



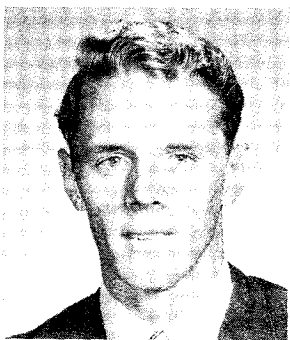
Elder Jag Rice



Elder Wayne Erikson



Elder Jorge Torres



Elder Mike Harris



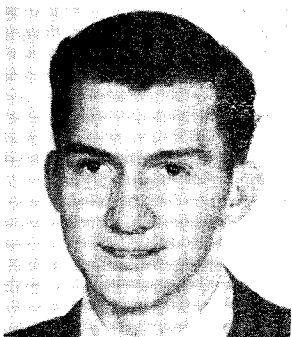
Elder Rikie Harris



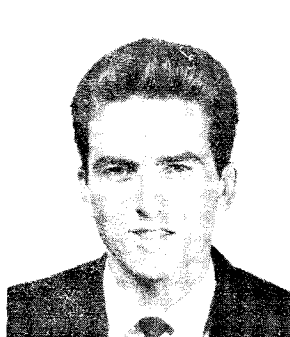
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Elder Alen Curtis



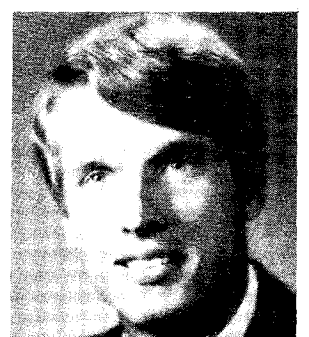
Elder Steven Ray



Elder Michael Bringham



Elder Gary Bonus



Elder Stephen Wilcox

MARCH

TOP BAPTIZERS

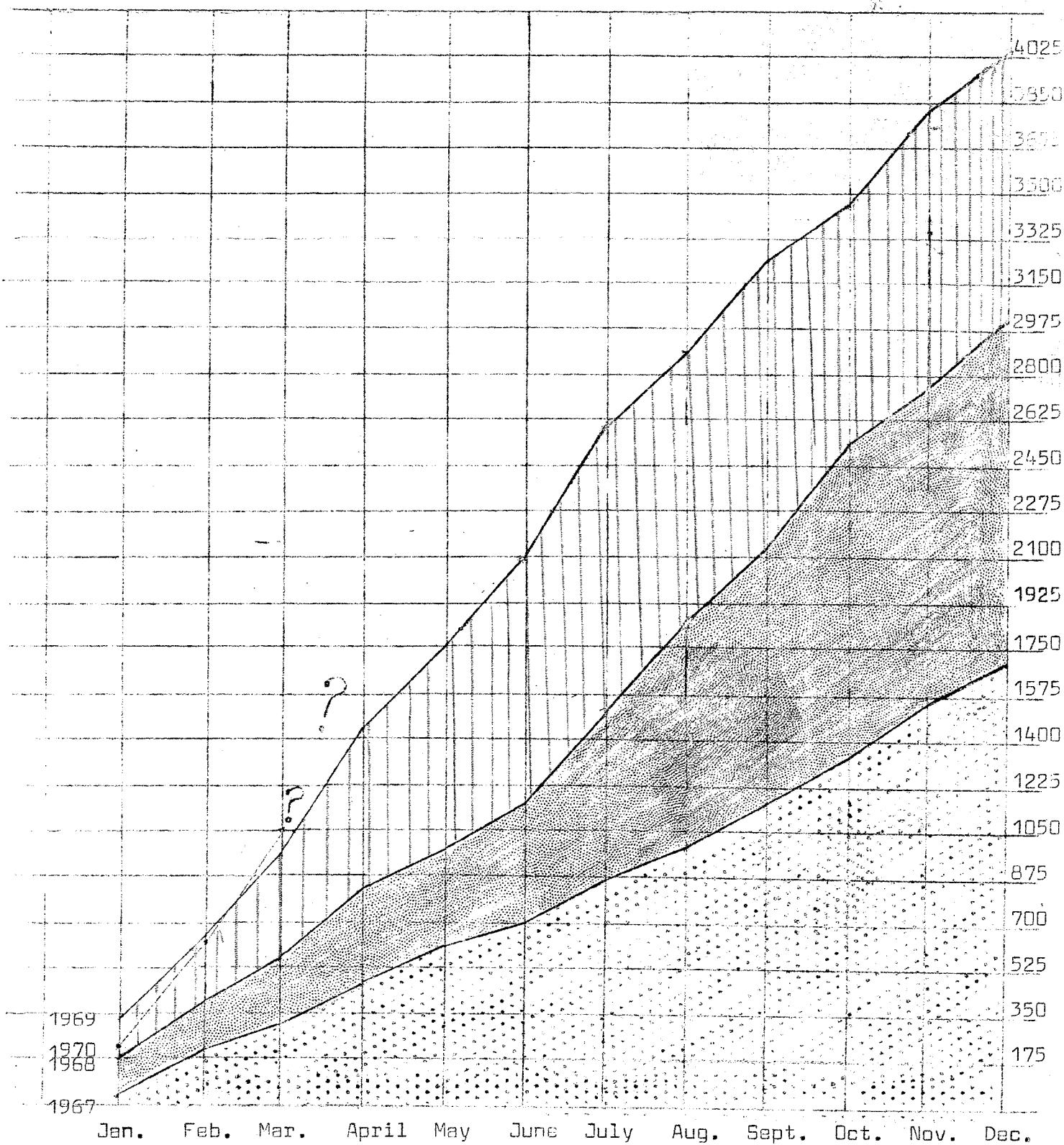
ASHWORTH	31	MELVILLE	14
RICE	31	ALBAUGH	13
ERIKSON	27	HILL	12
SOLANO	24	DONALDSON	11
PALMER	20	GREENWOOD	11
TORRES	19	CORBETT	10
HARRIS R.	19	HOENSHELL	10
HENRIE	16	ALLEN	10
WEBSTER	16	TANNER	10
TAYLOR V.	15	KING	10
HARRIS M.	14	CARBINE	10
SNOW	14	ROUNDY	10
BRUNETTE	14	BENNING	10
HADLOCK	14	DUERDEN	10
		MOULTON	10

TOP LESSONS

ROUNDY	118	BOYACK	81
BENNING	118	KOUGIOULIS	81
HENRIE	107	FAIRBANKS	81
WEBSTER	107	DONALDSON	80
PALMER	102	CLASON	80
SOLANO	102	ALBAUGH	80
RADFORD	101	TAYLOR	80
NORBERG	101	DRUSSEL	78
BURTON	92	OTTLEY	78
WEAVER	92	HADLOCK	77
ASHWORTH	88	MELVILLE	77
RICE	88	CORBETT	75
FRANCISCO	81	HOENSHELL	75

TOP HOURS

PALMER	72
SOLANO	72
ASHWORTH	71
WEBSTER	71
ALBAUGH	70
HENRIE	70
ORGILL	70
WADE	70
RICE	70
TANNER	70
TAYLOR	70



CONVERT BAPTISMS FOR THE GUATEMALA - EL SALVADOR MISSION
for the years 1967 through 1969

1967 --- 1,689

1968 --- 3,002

1969 --- 4,031

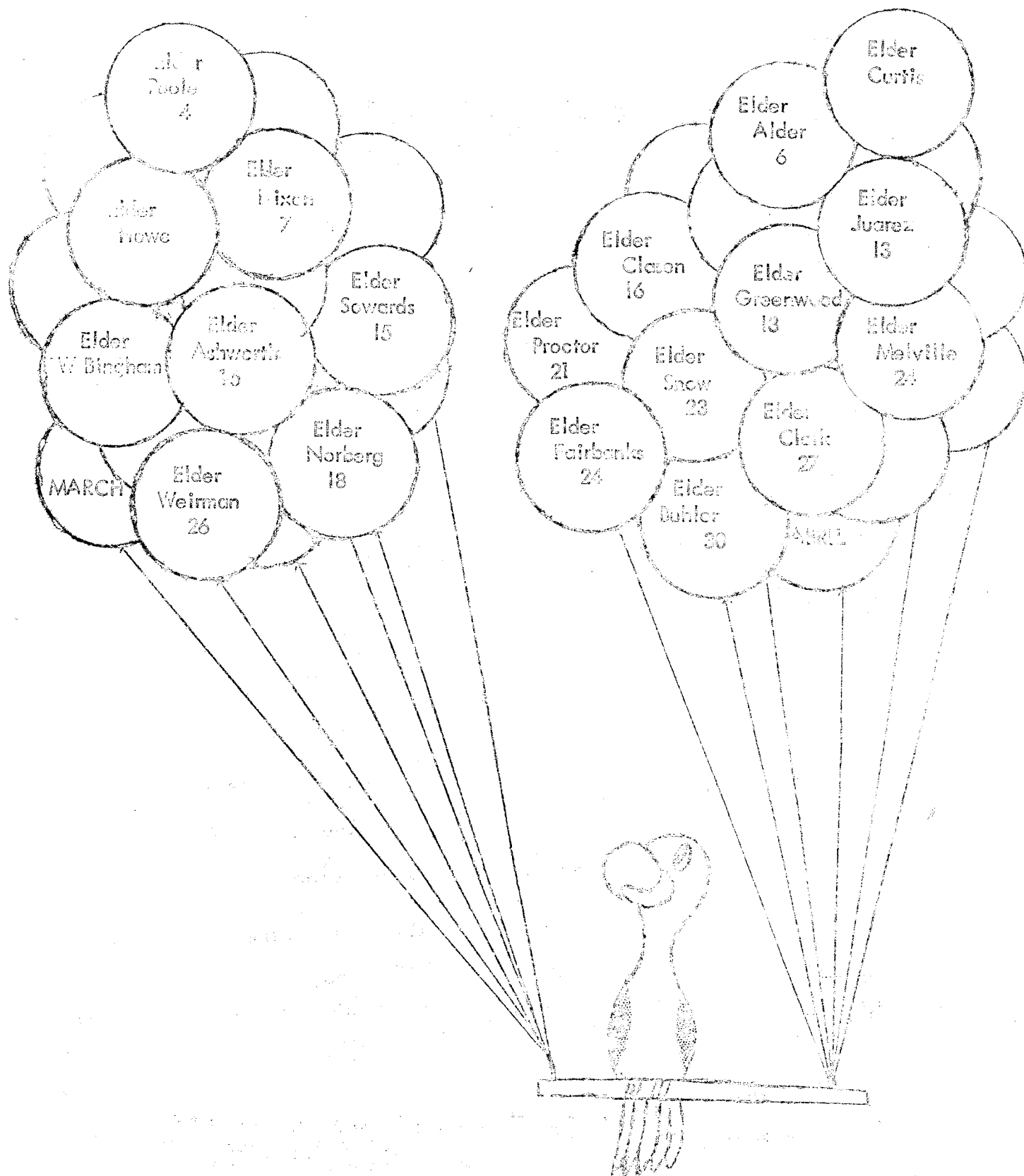
Dear Fellow Missionaries,

We would like to take an inventory of all the radio tapes that we have in the mission. Therefore, we are asking your help in this project by complying with the following:

1. Sending us a list of the tapes that you have in each individual town, including NAME AND NUMBER of each tape.
2. If you have a radio station in your town that is at this time playing our tapes, we also want a list of the tapes they have at present, with the name of the station.
Example: Radio Tic Tac of Guate City is now playing the series of Reflecciones. They have played tapes 1 through 12 and we still have 13 through 25. They play one a week therefore we have enough for 13 weeks more.
3. While you are talking to station managers, find out which tape series they have run.
4. Please send into the office all tapes that have already been used in your area so we can use them in other areas.
5. We also need a list of any and all radio stations in your towns so that we can set up a radio program with them. Please send us their name, address, and name of manager if possible.

Thank you for all your help.

President David G. Clark
Elder Mark B. Harston
Public Relations Director



BIRTHDAYS

RA QUE SEPAIS

All Zone Leaders are responsible to see that the names are turned into the office for district members when the district has won district competition two months in a row so that their names may be added to the Tikal list.

All Elders should have their own white baptismal pants. If you have them, wear them. If you don't have them.....get them!!

"The greatest mistake you can make in life is to be continually fearing you will make one."

"An error doesn't become a mistake until you refuse to correct it."

How to be confused:

Incomplete information
Inaccurate information
Failure to see others' point of view
Failure to sift facts from "hunches" or opinions
Failure to relate facts together in terms of their importance

How to think clearly:

Do I have all the necessary facts?
Are the facts correct?
How does he see (or think about) these facts?
Have I sifted the facts away from opinions?
Which are the most important facts?

"Dodging work is the hardest work of all and yields the poorest returns."

A gentle reminder:

It has been felt on the part of the mission presidency and a few General Authorities that Cola drinks should be done away with. So unless prescribed by a doctor, there shall be no more Cola drinks purchased or consumed by the missionaries.

All missionaries should carry their missionary cards with them at all times. These cards may also be called for when you enter into El Salvador, so be sure to put your picture onto the card.

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EL JSN