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GUATEMALA - EL SALVADOR MISSION

MAY 1968

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	Richard Dickson
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## DISTRICT LEADERS

Guatemala #1	John Davis
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Cakchiquel #1	John Tanner
Cakchiquel #2	David Allred
Quiché #1	Robert Brown
Quiché #2	James Yardley
San Salvador #1	Dale Mortenson
San Salvador #2	Carl Smith
San Salvador #3	Michael Dever
San Salvador #4	Bruce Blaser
San Salvador #5	Geoffrey Gibson
Santa Ana #1	David Fox
Santa Ana #2	David González
Sonsonate	Terrell Jones
San Miguel	John Chambers
Zacatecoluca	William Southwick

# FORMULAS

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Dear Fellow Missionaries:

To be prepared means opportunity is at hand. The Lord will place confidence in us as we prepare ourselves to receive this confidence. A missionary who does not get up at 6:00 A.M. and have his "Pray Out" indicates to the Lord he is not ready for His confidence. A missionary who does not have study class, indicates to the Lord he is not prepared. A missionary who does not leave the house by 8:00 A.M. , enthused and ready to work, gives not to the Lord reason for His confidence.

Please read and follow preparation steps as found in Alma 37:34, 35, 36, 37.

Teach them to never be weary of good works, but to be meek and lowly in heart; for such shall find rest to their souls.

O, remember, my son, and learn wisdom in thy youth; yea, learn in thy youth to keep the commandments of God.

Yea, and cry unto God for all thy support; yea, let all thy doings be unto the Lord, and whithersoever thou goest let it be in the Lord; yea, let thy thoughts be directed unto the Lord; yea, let the affections of thy heart be placed upon the Lord forever.

Counsel with the Lord in all thy doings, and he will direct thee for good; yea, when thou liest down at night lie down unto the Lord, that he may watch over you in your sleep; and when thou risest in the morning let thy heart be full of thanks unto God; and if ye do these things, ye shall be lifted up at the last day.

A prepared missionary in the lands of Guatemala and El Salvador, which the Lord has prepared for a rich harvest, will work miracles if he is prepared to receive confidence and trust from the Lord. When "preparation meets opportunity", there is no limit to success.

May the Lord bless you to this end: that you might fulfill your destined purpose from the foundation of the Lord's creatures.

Yours truly,

PRESIDENT AND SISTER DAVID G. CLARK

# MOTIVATIONS

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Dear Fellow Missionaries:

I would like to take this opportunity to refresh our memories a little on a subject very dear and important to each one of our hearts. Permit me to copy a small part of a letter we all received.

"Your presiding officers have recommended you as one worthy to represent the Church of our Lord as a Minister of the Gospel. It will be your duty to live righteously, to keep the commandments of the Lord, to honor the holy Priesthood which you bear, to increase your testimony of the divinity of the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ, to be an exemplar in your life of all the Christian virtues, and so to conduct yourself as a devoted servant of the Lord that you may be an effective advocate and messenger of the Truth. We repose in you our confidence and extend to you our prayers that the Lord will help you thus to meet your responsibilities.

"The Lord will reward the goodness of your life, and greater blessings and more happiness than you have yet experienced await you as you serve Him humbly and prayerful in this labor of love among His children."

Signed ..... David O. McKay

Missionaries, when we sent back our acceptance of that call, we agreed to the things set forth as standards by which we would live. Do we still remember the covenants we made, or are we becoming lax and forgetful of the great responsibility we have taken upon ourselves as Ambassadors of the Lord. The letter admonishes us to "honor the holy Priesthood which you bear." The Doctrine and Covenants tells us:

For whoso is faithful unto the obtaining these two priesthoods of which I have spoken, and the magnifying of their calling, are sanctified by the Spirit unto the renewing of their bodies. (D & C 84:33)

In order for us to be sanctified, we have to do more than fast and pray----we have to dedicate ourselves completely to the will of the Lord by giving ourselves over to the whisperings of the Spirit and the building up of the latter-day Zion. We read this promise in the Book of Mormon:

And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my zion at that day, for they shall have the gift and the power of the Holy Ghost; and if they endure unto the end they shall be lifted up at the last day, and shall be saved in the everlasting kingdom of the Lamb; and whoso shall publish peace, yea, tidings of great joy, how beautiful upon the mountains shall they be. (1 Nephi 13:37)

Elder Michael W. Smith  
First Assistant

# CHALLENGE

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Dear Co-Workers;

Let's challenge ourselves !

I remember a story I once heard given by a Dale Carnegie representative at a stake fireside. He told of a member of a symphony orchestra some years ago who was going blind. He got to the point that he had to put his music up close to his face to even see it ..... So, he decided to memorize all the music. By his efforts, he finally memorized not only the entire repertoire for his instrument, but for the rest of the orchestra as well. One night, a catastrophe struck. The tickets were sold, the advertisement was out -- the concert had to go ahead as scheduled, but the conductor couldn't come. At the last minute, this member of the orchestra was called upon to direct the group for the performance. Although he was only 21 years old, the performance was magnificent. Who was the man? Arturo Toscanini, who later became leader of the NBC Orchestra, and was hailed as the greatest conductor of all time.

This man didn't waver in the face of adversity. He had a potential to develop. His hardship forced him to find his strength.

Then what's the process? First, let's set a goal—a goal that taxes that inner personal potential, not just that outer desire for gratification. Second, let's challenge ourselves to accomplish that goal. It can be done. Third, let's not just sit back and wait for results. We're responsible for our goal's fulfillment. Fourth, out of the corner of our eye, as we work, let's watch the goal slowly but surely realize itself.

Can we do it? You bet we can!

Sincerely,

Elder Robert A. Cloward  
Second Assistant

# CONGRATULATIONS

## BAPTISMS

Terrell Jones	19
Barry Flanders	16
Daniel McArthur	16
Bruce Blaser	12
Bruce Brower	12
Paul Pitcher	12
Louis Torres	12
David Hamilton	12
Pat Ballou	10
Bindy Boylin	10
Steve Colwell	10
Andrés González	10
Joe Green	10
Karl Jepsen	10
Kenneth Jones	10
George Matthews	10
Alen Miner	10
Robert Speaker	10

## LESSONS

Terrell Jones	108
Scotty Anderson	105
Brian Brown	86
Karl Jepsen	84
Kenneth Jones	84
Phillip Johnson	82
Ronald Smith	82
Keith Stowell	77
George Flake	76
Dale Mortensen	67
William Nelson	66
Corey Rudd	65
John Chambers	65
Ronald Hedelius	65
Michael VanLeeuwen	61



# DISTRICT OF THE MONTH

SALVADOR #3

Robert Speaker DL  
Morris Matthews

Elmer Chase  
Clinton Andrus

Last month's winning district hits the limelight again with high honors for May. With hard work and strong testimonies, they went the "second mile" with 21 baptisms. This gave them 105% of their monthly challenge.

CONGRATS, OTRA VEZ

# ZONE COMPETITION

## RESULTS:

The "Coche Rojo" was patronized again ..... this time by the happy members of the El Salvador Zone, who won Zone Competition for May, and steaks were enjoyed by all.

## STATISTICS BEHIND THE RESULTS:

El Salvador Zone	350.8
Zone Leader: Dan Carpenter	
San Salvador Zone	314.9
Guatemala West Zone	300.7
Guatemala City Zone	251.5
Lamanite Zone	71.8

# WHERE'S YOUR DISTRICT?

<u>District</u>	<u>District Leader</u>	<u>April Challenge</u>	<u>Total Baptisms</u>	<u>Percentage of Challenge</u>
Salvador #3	Speaker	20	21	105 %
Santa Ana #1	Alexander	30	30	100 %
Santa Ana #2	Jones, K.	30	29	96.7%
Guatemala #1	Hamilton	30	23	76.6%
Xela #1	Garrett	30	21	70 %
Guatemala #3	Chambers	20	14	70 %
Salvador #1	Brower	30	18	60 %
Guatemala #6	Mendenhall	20	11	55 %
Xela #2	Méndez	30	16	53.3%
Salvador #4	Dever	20	10	50 %
Coatepeque	Gibson	20	9	45 %
Salvador #2	Smith, C. V.	30	13	43.3%
Guatemala #4	Mortenson, D.	30	13	43.3%
Cakchiquel #1	Henderson	20	7	35 %
Guatemala #7	Fox	20	6	30 %
Mazatenango	Willardson	20	4	20 %
Office	Peay	15	3	20 %
Sonsonate	Southwick	20	2	10 %
Salvador #5	Peel	20	2	10 %
Quiché #1	Brown	20	2	10 %
Guatemala #5	Rex	30	3	10 %
Guatemala #9	Hunter	20	1	5 %
Quiché #2	Yardley	20	1	5 %
San Miguel	Wendt	30	0	0 %
Cakchiquel #2	Johnson	20	0	0 %

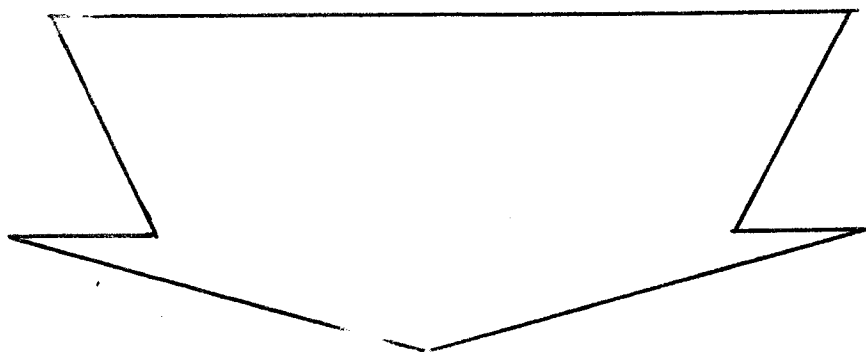
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*Handwritten notes:*  
 May 2nd District ... 267  
 April 1st ... - 8 ... total 259

MAY CHALLENGE

*The challenge for May  
was to ferret the means  
to get...*



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*for June*

# JUNIE

## FELIZ CUMPLIANOS

							1 G. PARSON 1946
2 M. SAUNDERS 1948	3	4	5	6	7	8	
9	10 G. DEAN 1947	11	12 K. BEECROFT 1946	13	14 B. BOYLIN 1941	15	
16 G. GIBSON 1947	17	18 R. SMITH 1945	19	20	21	22 J. DAVIS 1947 D. ALLRED 1947 G. FLAKE 1948	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 M. VAN LEEUWEN 1948	
30 P. CURRIT 1948							

EL SALVADOR ZONE

ZL HAMILTON  
ZLC READ

# ISAIAH 32:16.....

SANTA ANA #1

Fox DL  
PRETTYMAN  
BOYLIN  
HALL  
MCARTHUR  
GAIN

SONSONATE

JONES, T. DL  
SLATER  
HYATT  
MINER

SANTA ANA #2

GONZÁLEZ DL  
ALEXANDER  
HARDY  
CEBALLOS

CHALCHUALPA

BOLLA  
TUCKER

SAN MIGUEL

CHAMBERS DL  
SHURTLEFF  
GRANGE  
ALLEN  
PEARSON  
BURTON

ZAGATEGUECO

SOUTHWICK DL  
FLAKE

DISTRICT MISSION  
PRESIDENTS

SAN SALVADOR DIST.  
DAVIS, D.  
NELSON

SANTA ANA DIST.  
CARPENTER  
HERRING

OCCIDENTAL DIST.  
DEAN  
PERKINS



SALVADOR CITY ZONE

ZL LLOYD  
ZLC DICKSON

SAN SALVADOR #1

MORTENSON, D. DL  
JONES, I.  
GONZÁLEZ, A.  
THOMPSON  
LINDSEY  
WHITE  
OVARD

SAN SALVADOR #2

SMITH, C.V. DL  
CORBETT  
HYMAS  
TORRES

SAN SALVADOR #3

DEVER DL  
MATTHEWS  
COLWELL  
VANLEEWEN  
WILSON  
FRANCOM

SAN SALVADOR #4

BLASER DL  
MOULTON  
STOWELL  
SHORT  
RASMUSSEN  
MONROE

SAN SALVADOR #5

GIBSON DL  
CASTLE  
HOUSLEY  
JEPSEN

LAMANITE ZONE  
ZL JOHNSON, B.  
ZLC JOHNSON, P.

QUICHE #1  
TOTONICAPÁN  
BROWN DL  
MORTENSEN, L.  
SAN CRISTÓBAL  
EGBERT  
BROWN, B.

QUICHE #2  
SAN FRANCISCO EL ALTO  
SMITH, R. DL  
ANDERSON  
MOMOSTENANGO  
YARDLEY  
RUDD

GUATEMALA WEST ZONE  
ZL JONES, K.  
ZLC WILLIAMS

TOTONICAPÁN & HUEHUETENANGO  
TOTONICAPÁN  
HUNTER DL  
REDD  
HUEHUETENANGO  
CHASE  
MORTENSEN, C.  
SAN PEDRO  
SMITH, N. R.  
TENNEY

XELA  
REX DL  
MORGAN  
KOHLER  
ZINN  
TORRES  
CONKLING  
COATEPEQUE  
WENDT DL  
WELCH  
PITCHER  
RICHBURG

MAZATENANGO  
WILLARDSON DL  
WHITE  
WAMSLEY  
GOODWIN  
RETALHULEU  
SPEAKER DL  
BENTON  
PARSON  
ASAY

CAKCHIQUEL #1  
PATZICÍA  
TANNER DL  
MEYER  
TECPÁN  
GOODWIN  
HANSEN

CAKCHIQUEL #2  
SOLOLÁ  
STAPLEY DL  
HANCOCK  
PATZÚN  
ALLRED  
CURRIT

OFFICE  
ZL CLARK, B.  
ZLC CLARK, D.

SMITH, M. DL  
GARRETT  
CLOWARD  
PEEL  
MERCER  
FREEMAN  
GLEDHILL  
SMITH, R.  
BALLOU

GUATEMALA CITY ZONE  
ZL BROWER  
ZLC GREEN

GUATEMALA EAST  
ZACAPA  
SMITH, R.C. DL  
QUIST  
CHIQUIMULA  
DAVIS, S.K.  
REED, K.  
JUTIAPA  
BAGLEY  
JACOBSEN

GUATEMALA #1  
DAVIS, J.L. DL  
PESHELL  
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AKER  
SAUNDERS  
ETHINGTON

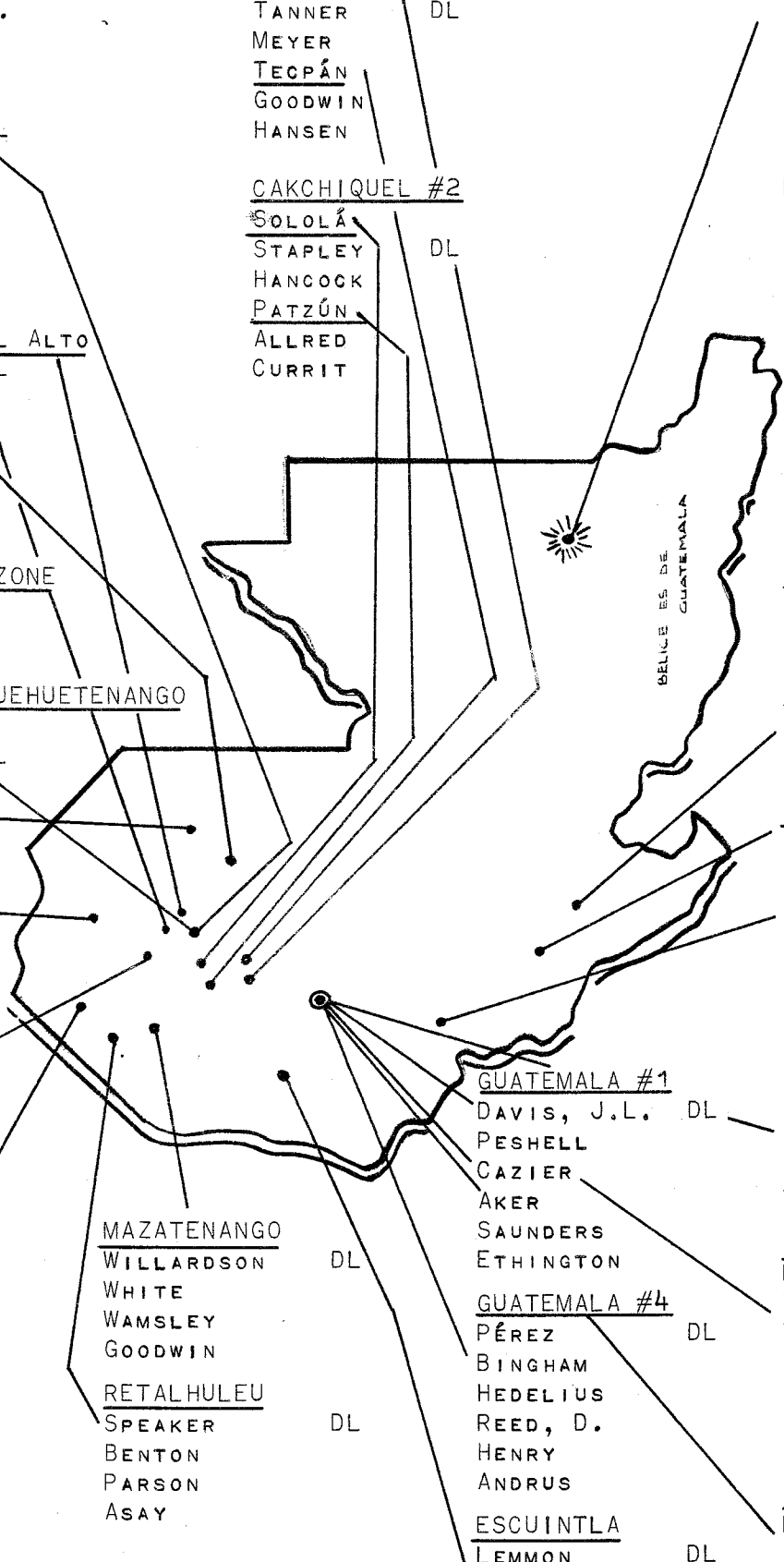
GUATEMALA #2  
STILLMAN DL  
HOLTSCLOW  
JOHNSON, J.V.  
WRIDE

GUATEMALA #4  
PÉREZ DL  
BINGHAM  
HEDELIUS  
REED, D.  
HENRY  
ANDRUS

GUATEMALA #3  
MENDENHALL DL  
TAYLOR  
THORNTON  
BLAKE  
JENSEN  
BEECROFT  
STEWART

ESCUINTLA  
LEMMON DL  
VAN LUVEN  
NISONGER  
THURSTON

GUATEMALA #5  
MÉNDEZ  
BATEMAN  
FLOWE  
SHEFFIELD



## VIEJOS- TRAILING ACHIEVEMENTS

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Dennis Evan Frazier

Worked In:

Retalhuleu, Quezaltenango,  
Guatemala, San Salvador,  
Office

Joseph Stanley Martineau

Worked In:

San Cristobal, Totonicapán,  
Quezaltenango, Guatemala,  
Quiché

Steven Jon Thorne

Worked In:

Quezaltenango, Sonsonate,  
Guatemala, San Salvador

Ralph John Peay

Worked In:

San Salvador, Guatemala,  
Sonsonate, Office

Daniel Jackson Carpenter

Worked In:

San Salvador, Guatemala,  
Santa Ana

Marvin A. Gardner

Worked In:

Guatemala, San Salvador  
Quezaltenango

Robert Harold Alexander

Worked In:

Guatemala, Sonsonate,  
San Salvador, Santa Ana,  
Quezaltenango

Adele Manwaring

Worked In:

San Salvador, Office,  
Guatemala, Santa Ana,  
Quezaltenango

Leon Charles Henderson

Worked In:

Santa Ana, Quezaltenango,  
Chimaltenango, Patzicía,  
Sololá, Itzapa

Randy Jay Harris

Worked In:

Quezaltenango, Santa Ana,  
San Salvador, Guatemala

Vaughn Rennalá Sharp

Worked In:

Guatemala, Retalhuleu,  
San Salvador, Office

## NUEVOS- ROUSING OPPORTUNITIES

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Elaine White  
From: Cottonwood, Arizona  
To: San Salvador #1

Virginia Kay Conkling  
From: Salt Lake City, Utah  
To: Xela

Craig Robert Mortensen  
From: Logan, Utah  
To: Huehuetenango

James Wesley Bingham  
From: Tremonton, Utah  
To: Guatemala #4

Myron Wayne Tucker  
From: Riverside, California  
To: Chalchuapa

Stephen Sansom Corbett  
From: South Gate, California  
To: San Salvador #2

Roxie Lynee Stewart  
From: Las Vegas, Nevada  
To: Guatemala #3

William Harold Redd  
From: Grassy Lake, Alberta, Canada  
To: Totonicapán

Stevin Earl Van Luven  
From: Olympia, Washington  
To: Escuintla

Ivan Timothy Jones  
From: Northridge, California  
To: San Salvador #1

Richard Avery Zinn  
From: El Centro, California  
To: Xela

Cynthia Dott Burton  
From: Salt Lake City, Utah  
To: San Miguel

Ernest Glenn Richburg  
From: Gainesville, Florida  
To: Coatepeque

David Eugene Benton  
From: Idaho Falls, Idaho  
To: Retalhuleu

Edward Browning Quist  
From: Los Angeles, California  
To: Zacapa

Michael Thomas Gain  
From: Modesto, California  
To: Santa Ana #1

Dennis Calvin Reed  
From: Rigby, Idaho  
To: Guatemala #4

Harold Orlando Tenney  
From: Prescott, Arizona  
To: San Marcos

Constance Leigh Hall  
From: Payson, Utah  
To: Santa Ana #1

John Henry Prettyman  
From: Price, Utah  
To: Santa Ana #1

Larry Addison Moulton  
From: Heber, Utah  
To: San Salvador #4

Kenneth Arthur Reed  
From: Turlock, California  
To: Chiquimula



# FIRST DISCUSSION FROM

Let's try something new as a suffix to May's "Book of Mormon Month." Here's the core for a perfect lesson-starter after a Book of Mormon tract-out----- a list of scriptures to parallel the conclusions of the first discussion.

Do we need a prophet today?

Jacob 4:8-10  
II Nephi 28:29-30  
II Nephi 29:8-10  
Moroni 7:36-38  
Mormon 9:7-9

Do the Father and the Son have bodies?

Ether 3:6-16  
III Nephi 11  
Alma 18:34  
Mosiah 7:27

Was Joseph Smith a prophet?

II Nephi 3  
II Nephi 27:6-29  
Ether 5  
Mormon 8:12-17

Must the Church be the same today as in the time of Christ?

Mormon 9:9-10  
Alma 7:20  
Mormon 8:18

Are apostles and prophets necessary in the Church today?

III Nephi 12:1  
I Nephi 12:7-8  
IV Nephi 1  
IV Nephi 14

Is the Priesthood necessary to act for God?

III Nephi 11:19-22  
Mosiah 21:33-35  
Mosiah 23:16-17  
III Nephi 18:36-37  
Mosiah 18:17-18

# Book of Mormon

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Is there any Priesthood today without apostles?

IV Nephi 24-49

Mormon 1:13-14

Was there a complete and total apostasy?

I Nephi 13:24-42

II Nephi 28

Alma 45:8-14

IV Nephi 26-27

Mormon 8:25-32

Was there a restoration of the true Church and Priesthood?

I Nephi 13:34-40

II Nephi 3:6-15

II Nephi 9:1-2

III Nephi 27:1-8

IV Nephi 21

How do I gain a testimony of these things and a knowledge that I must be baptized?

I Nephi 10:17-19

I Nephi 15:7-11

II Nephi 4:35

II Nephi 32:7-9

Enos

Alma 5:44-46

Alma 18:15-40

Alma 19

Alma 22:1-18

Alma 36:1-21

Alma 37:36-37

III Nephi 18:15-20

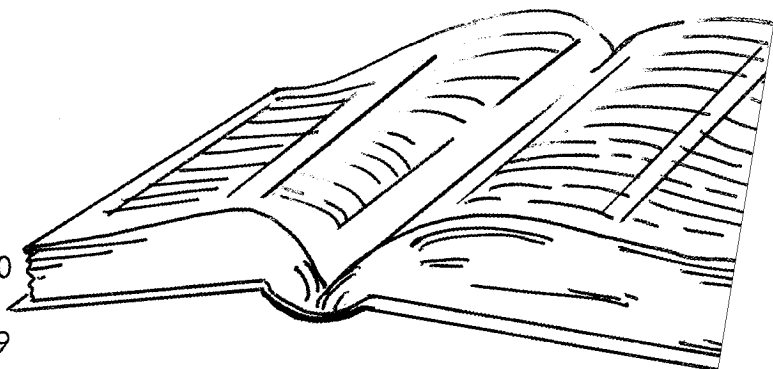
III Nephi 23:1-5

III Nephi 27:28-29

Ether 12:23-27

Moroni 7:12-19

Moroni 10:2-7



# AFTER..

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Words written at a time when feelings come to the surface are best hid, lest they be discovered, and the finder, perceiving the dead symbols yet sensing not the emotion of which they were born, misunderstands. Still, exists the hope that somewhere, enjoying the same communion, one may understand and feel with me, and we both be edified together. These feelings are written to those who will understand.

Elder Dan Carpenter

## REFLECTIONS OF A DEPARTING MISSIONARY

Not again will I knock on the door of he who knows me not,  
Yet knew me once before,  
And tell him of a message from the dust,  
And bear him my testimony -- in his own tongue.

Not again will they give me the best that they have,  
While those whom I teach sit on stools and dirt floors.  
Not just for the bearer who'er he may be;  
Respect more for the source of the message he brings.

Not again will I turn out the lights of a room in the noisy world  
Then sit in the back, forgotten,  
And feel the Holy Ghost replace the world with peace and quiet  
And the simple persuasion of a charla.

Not again will I, a twenty-year-old missionary, sit in a testimony meeting  
And listen to a mission say good-bye to it's president.  
A man whom I love as a father, and more, whose words I heed.  
In whose image I have created my dreams as a missionary.

Not again will I kneel with a group of my brothers  
In a small town in the promised land  
And cry the Father to pour out his spirit  
That these children might know what I know.

Hard and discouraging -- yes, but worth the time, now gone.  
For a first mission is only one.  
Though missions follow in the years to come,  
It's days and years can never be re-run.

Some opportunities, those well used,  
Are priceless now as understanding and wisdom gained.  
Others, passed by as too much trouble, are lost forever.  
Regrets on the road not taken.

Then watch a new president arrive, enthusiastic, divinely called,  
And see the mission change guiding hands, but not direction;  
And, as they bid each other good-bye, realize --  
Not even on these men is the church founded.

Not again will I stand on an airport balcony  
And stretch for a first look at a green companion  
More anxious than he, though I tell others no,  
Wondering: How do you teach feelings?

Not again will I, as a mission leader,  
Stop for a drink, though I really thirst only  
For the simple pleasure of sitting with another elder  
And talking -- heart to heart (or at least trying).

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*THOUGHTS*



## ODE TO THE MISSION LIBRARY

Once upon a time, in a mission office,  
A monton of books got lost.  
Books on poetry, books on talks,  
Even salvation (Doctrines of) got hid.

Now everyone knows that Cloward's head,  
Looks better where it's at.  
In order to help us keep it there,  
If you have a book, please send it back!

## ¡ OUCH!

The typhoid shot series we each received before entering the mission doesn't last forever. Each missionary must get a typhoid booster as a supplement to the series every year after the initial shots.

## OH, WHERE; OH, WHERE .....

Elder Mercer is patiently awaiting noticias on the whereabouts of the mission's 35 mm slide projector with the blue case.

## COURTESY PAYS

When you move in or out of a chapel, please advise the office of the date of the change so the records may be kept up-to-date as to rent owed on the chapel housing by the elders'.