

AVANZANTE

MAY

1969

MISSION LEADERS LOCATION CHART

COAST ZONE

Wansley ZL
Bingham ZLC

MAZATENANGO.....Brown B.
COATEPEQUE.....Shurtleff
RETALHULEU.....Andrus
ESCUINELA.....Morgan

CHIMALTENANGO ZONE

Davis SK ZL
Tucker ZLC

FLORIDA.....Bateman
CHIMALTENANGO
TECPAN.....Torres L.
PATZICIA-PATZUN.Hancock
SOLOLA.....Meyer

GUATEMALA NORTH

Flow ZL
Benton ZLC

GUATEMALA #2.....Hansen
GUATEMALA #5.....Francom
GUATEMALA #4-6...Monroe
JALAPA-JUTIAPA...Housely

SAN SALVADOR SOUTH

Pitcher ZL
Reed K. ZLC

CENTRAL, JACINTO, AMERICAS.Alexander
STA. ANITA, MONSERRAT.....Flake
SANTA TECLA.....Blake
SAN MIGUEL.....Ethington

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS

RC Smith & Neilsen.....Xela
NR Smith & Asay.....San Salvador South
Gonzalez & Allen.....San Salvador North
Blazer & Hyatt.....Santa Ana
Rosetta Smith & Burton...Guatemala Central
Gledhill & White.....Guatemala Central
Reed & Matthews.....Coastal
Allred, Hedelius & Aker...Atitlan & Misc. Branches

XELA ZONE

Stapley ZL
Jones I. ZLC

XELA #1.....Taylor
MOMOSTENANGO..Mortenson L.
TOTONICAPAN...Curritt
SAN MARCOS....Miner
HUEHUETENANGO.Ceballos

SANTA ANA ZONE

Hudd ZL
Quist ZLC

SANTA ANA #1....Hewlett
SANTA ANA #2....Johnson P.
CHALCHUAPA-
AHUACHAPAN.....Saunders
SONSONATE.....Wride

GUATEMALA SOUTH ZONE

Mercer ZL
Corbett ZLC

GUATEMALA #1....Slater
JOCOTALES-CIP...Sheffield
GUATEMALA #3....Thurston
ZACAPA-CHIQUI...Goodwin

SAN SALVADOR NORTH ZONE

Kohler ZL
Redd ZLC

LAYCO, ATL, MEJ #3...Nisonger
VILLA DELGADO #5...Hoitsclaw
STA. LUCIA, SOYA #4..Jacobsen
ZACATECOLUCA.....Anderson



Dear Fellow Missionaries,

Now that the May Program has been introduced into the Mission it is important that all of us catch the importance of employing all the instructions that have been given us. The intent of this program is to bridge the gap that exists between the ecclesiastical work and the proselyting program of the mission. Through joining forces we might accomplish greater results in the field of proselyting, fellowshiping, priesthood advancement, and preparation of our branches and districts for wards and stakes. The following is a formula that was introduced into the program for the month of May and on the proselyting phase of this work. It pertains mainly to the missionary as he perfects his course of gathering souls in the gospel of Jesus Christ. Therefore remember the following:

1. Prepare yourselves.
D & C 11:21.
2. Testify to the world.
Matthew 28:18-19, D & C Section 4, and D & C 24:4-6.
3. Unite families in the church through carrying the gospel to part-member families.
D & C 68:25-28.
4. Baptize.
D & C 20:37.
5. Train Priesthood Leadership.
D & C Section 107.

As regarding the ecclesiastical cooperation in proselyting matters of the mission, it is essential that we in cooperation with the Branch Presidents complete the audit sheets, the March sheets, and the branch lists. Equally as essential is that we as missionaries visit the 10 families of those who have separated themselves from church activity, and that we teach in these visits the 8 lessons which have been designated to reactivate and rejuvenate these disadent members. The desired times for these visits are Monday evenings, Wednesday and Friday mornings. It is essential that we re-teach these people as if they were inhabitants of some "dark continent".

May the Lord bless you in your labors as you launch forth in your assignments is our sincere prayer.

President and Sister Clark

Fellow Missionaries,

Between the miracle of birth and the call of death exists that period of time known as mortality, when we as human beings, clothed with the garment of flesh and bones, set forth to determine our temporary and eternal state. We have received from the revelations the knowledge that we were valiant spirits before our birth, and were consequently fore-ordained to play eminent roles in the development of the kingdom of God. We seek, in our quest for excellence, our basic needs: happiness, fulfillment, success. We learn discipline. By trial and error we gain experience and knowledge. By study and faith we gain learning, and by applying the techniques of our knowledge and learning we obtain wisdom and understanding. And we reacquaint ourselves with our Eldest Brother, whom we intimately know and revered at one time: Jesus Christ. And with joy we learn that only through Him may we become like the Father who sent us here. When we stop to consider the times we have been most happy, they have been the times we felt most close to Him. And the fulfillment and joy we feel inside cannot be mistaken or substituted by anything mortal; no success could ever compensate for failure or betrayal to the soul.

Are you prepared and willing to receive Him?

Between the miracle of a mission call and the release date exists that period of time known as a mission, when human beings, clothed with the whole armor of God, set forth to influence and change the destiny, both temporal and spiritual, of mankind. From the revelations we know the tools with which we must work. The instructions are most clear and precise. The importance of our task is unsurpassed by anything else. We seek to provide the basic needs of mankind: happiness, fulfillment, success. We must teach discipline. We must impart knowledge and learning in such a way so as to inspire the application of same. We must reacquaint these people with their Eldest Brother, Jesus Christ, whom they too intimately knew and revered at one time. If we do so in the right manner, "then shall they rejoice; for they shall know that it is a blessing unto them from the hand of God; and their scales of darkness shall begin to fall from their eyes; and many generations shall not pass away among them save they shall be a white and delightsome people." (II Nephi 30:6) The joy and fulfillment they feel inside can never be substituted in any way by anything.

Are you prepared and willing to give it to them?

As the miracle of a mission passes, and draws to a close, there is a feeling of helplessness, as one realizes more and more the importance of his calling, and yet sees the time going and almost gone.

A missionary once wrote down the thoughts we both felt like this:

"The tears you could have shared,
The smiles you might have given,
The burden you could have borne:
Love Him.

Do you really?"

"If you do it not unto the least of these, your brethren,
You would not do it--no, not even for me."

Elder Thomas Ralph Hardy
1st Assistant to the President

Dear Fellow Missionaries:

One of the greatest pleasures or rewards of life is witnessing your own accomplishment, or the results of your labors. As missionaries we like to see as the result of our seventy hour week, of our fasting and prayers, of our extra study time, Some Baptisms. An interesting thing is this; That is just what it takes to baptize: long hours of work, fasting, prayer, and devoted study.

Every one of us wants to be happy and we want to be respected, but sometimes we expect these results without living in such a way by which these results can be brought about.

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said: "The world looks like a multiplication-table or a mathematical equation, which, turn it how you will, balances itself...You cannot do wrong without suffering wrong...Men suffer all their life long under the foolish superstition that they can be cheated. But it is...impossible for a man to be cheated by anyone but himself.

How true, and how applicable that statement is to life. If we want results, we have to do the things that make results happen. Brother Richard L. Evans tells us that: "If we want to realize our highest possibilities, we must have self-control, self discipline, and be willing to shape ourselves as responsible, dependable people."

As we read in Doctrine and Covenants Section 130, verses 20 and 21; "There is a law, irrevocably decreed in heaven before the foundations of this world, upon which all blessings are predicated...And when we obtain any blessing from God, it is by obedience to that law upon which it is predicated." In our labors as missionaries, I'm sure we consider our results or successes as blessings, which we receive from our obedience.

It is my hope and prayer that we may continue seeing results comparable to the results of the month of April as our Goals continue increasing.

Your Fellow Missionary,

Elder John V. Johnson
2nd Assistant to the President

Know That I Am!

By S. Dilworth Young
First Chapter of the Seventy

Youth speaks:

*I do not seek thee, Lord,
In highest hill or
Valley low,
The cloudy sky
Or stars which light the night
Are not thy face
I know,
Thou art the Son of God,
I thirst to touch thy garment hem,
To hear thy voice,
And to rejoice in thy
Calm presence, Lord.
A growing youth, I seek
To know thee and to
Hear thy word*

The Lord whom ye seek speaks:

*My will is in my word:
Written in the rock
With iron pen,
Or graven in the
Gold of ancient plates,
My will is spoken
Unto men
Through prophets,
My voice speaks through
These chosen ones
Who write my words
On the page for all to see,
And reading them—
Given by my power
In the hour
Of their need—
They are my voice
To you,
Young friend,
And reading, you can say
That you have heard my voice
This very day,*

The voice in the words:

*These words are not of men nor of man,
But of me; wherefore, you shall testify
They are of me and not of man;
For it is my voice which speaketh
Them unto you;
For they are given by my Spirit
Unto you,
And by my power you can read them
One to another; and save it were by
My power, you could not have them;
Wherefore, you can testify that you have
Heard my voice, and know my words.
(See D&C 18:34-36.)*

*And would you seek His face?
Then look upon your fellow
In distress and succor him,
The living presence of the Lord
Cannot be found
Until you do what he once did:
Help those in need:
Show love in word and deed,
Do you now hear his voice?
Inasmuch as ye have done it
Unto one of the least of these my brethren,
Ye have done it unto me. (See Matt. 25:40.)*

*This done, now hear
The voice once more;
Verily, thus saith the Lord:
It shall come to pass that every soul
Who forsaketh his sins and cometh
Unto me,
And calleth on my name,
And obeyeth my voice, and keepeth my commandments,
Shall see my face
And know that I am. (See D&C 93:1.)*

SAN SALVADOR NORTH

Kohler ZL
Redd ZLC

San Salvador # 3

Nisonger DL
Gunn
Stock
Harston

San Salvador # 4

Jacobsen DL
Hatch
Reed D.
Kougioulis

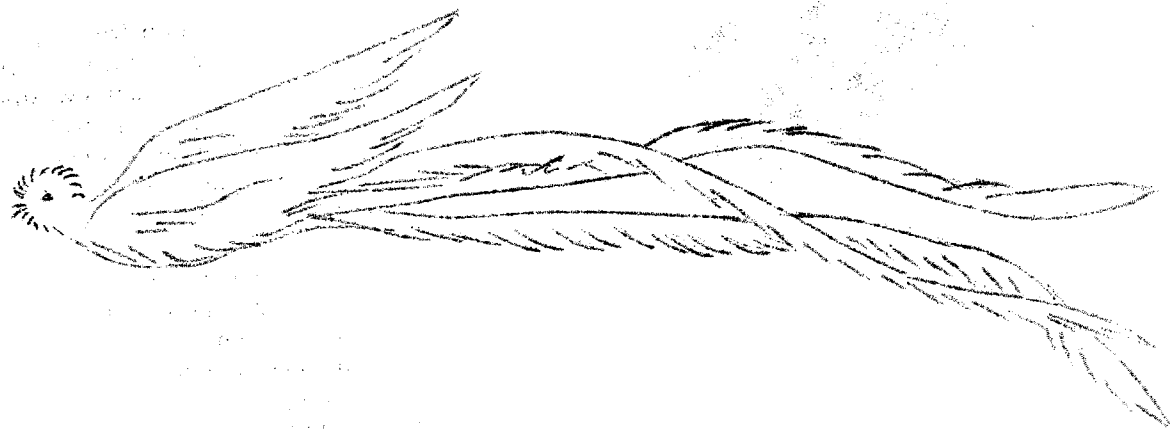
San Salvador # 5

Holtsclaw DL
Byrne
Peshell
Kupfer
Gifford
Donaldson

Zacatecoluca

Anderson DL
Henrie

Special Assistants.....Gonzalez & H. Allen



SAN SALVADOR SOUTH

Pitcher ZL
Reed K. ZLC

SANTA ANA

Rudd ZL
Quist ZLC

San Salvador # 1

Alexander DL
Pugmire
Berrett
Porter

San Salvador # 2

Flake DL
Snedaker
Stone
Lines

Santa Ana # 1

Hewlett DL
Johnson R.
White P.

Santa Ana # 2

Johnson P. DL
Ray

San Miguel

Ethington DL
Wanberg
Fuhler
Workman
Balica
Conkling

Santa Tecla

Blake DL
Carmichael

Trump

Stewart
Weaver

Chalchuapa-

Ahuachapan
Saunders DL

Sonsonate

Wride DL
Harris M.
Thompson
Alder

Juarez
Tenney
Terry

Special Assistants..N.R. Smith & Asay

Special Assistants..Blaser & Hyatt

Guatemala Coast Zone

Wamsley ZL
Bingham ZLC

Xela Zone

Stapley ZL
Jones I. ZLC

Mazatenango

Brown B. DL
Dixon
Donkin
Hadlock

Escuintla

Morgan DL
Francisco
Palmer
Pfeiffer

Xela # 1

Taylor DL
Bonus
Prettyman
Briggs

Retalhuleu

Andrus DL
Ashworth
Cash
Shelley

Coatepeque

Shurtleff DL
Knight

Huehuetenango

Ceballos DL
Lohrke

San Marcos

Miner DL
Drussel
Fugal
Mortenson
Momostenango
Mortenson DL
Evans

Rosetta Smith.....Special Assist.
White E.Special Assist.
Read.....Special Assist.
Matthews.....Special Assist.
Aker.....Special Assist.

Totonicapán

Curritt DL
Thomas

Smith R.C.Special Assist.
Neilsen.....Special Assist.

Office

Johnson J.V. DL
Hardy
Van Leeuwen
Jepsen
McArthur
Wilson
Chase
Castle

Chimaltenango Zone

Davis S.K. ZL
Tucker ZLC

Florida

Bateman DL
Radford
Short
Erikson

Chimaltenango-Tecpán

Torres L. DL
Leavitt
Snow
Harris R.

Guatemala City South

Mercer ZL
Corbett ZLC

Patzicía-Patzún

Hancock DL
Talbot
Moulton
Albaugh

Sololá

Meyer DL
Ellsworth

Guatemala #1

Slater DL
Judd
Van Luven
Burton M.

Guatemala #3

Thurston DL
King
Gain
Jones
Ovard
Torres G.

Allred.....Special Assist.
Hedelius.....Special Assist.

Guatemala City North

Flowe ZL
Benton ZLC

Jocotales-Cip.

Sheffield DL
Hales
Zinn
Durrance

Zacapa-Chiqui.

Goodwin DL
Allen S.
Greenwood
McLemore

Guatemala #2

Hansen DL
Proctor

Guatemala #5

Francen DL
Mathis
Welch
Harmon

Burton.....Special Assist.
Gledhill.....Special Assist.

Guatemala #4-6

Monroe DL
Smith W.
Roundy
Jacobs

Jalapa-Jutiapa

Housely DL
Orgill
Howe
Petersen

TOP LESSONS AND TOP BAPTIZERS

Those who teach

Henrie	149
Anderson	146
Matthews	93
Carmichael	93
Redd	83
Pugmire	78
Quist	78
Stone	73
Allen	71



Those who Baptize

Allen	25
Benton	25
Matthews	22
Pugmire	22
Quist	22
Asay	21
Juarez	20
Peshell	20
Proctor	20
Carmichael	19
SK Davis	18
Roundy	18

TOP ZONE

SAN SALVADOR SOUTH

84 BAPTIZMS
518 LESSONS
14.1 POINTS PER MISSIONARY

GUATE. CENTRAL SOUTH

63 BAPTIZMS
400 LESSONS
11.5 POINTS PER MISSIONARY

GUATE. CENTRAL NORTH

27 BAPTIZMS
332 LESSONS
5.9 POINTS PER MISSIONARY

SAN SALVADOR NORTH

72 BAPTIZMS
512 LESSONS
13.4 POINTS PER MISSIONARY

SANTA ANA

85 BAPTIZMS
418 LESSONS
13.6 POINTS PER MISSIONARY

COAST

29 BAPTIZMS
283 LESSONS
6.1 POINTS PER MISSIONARY

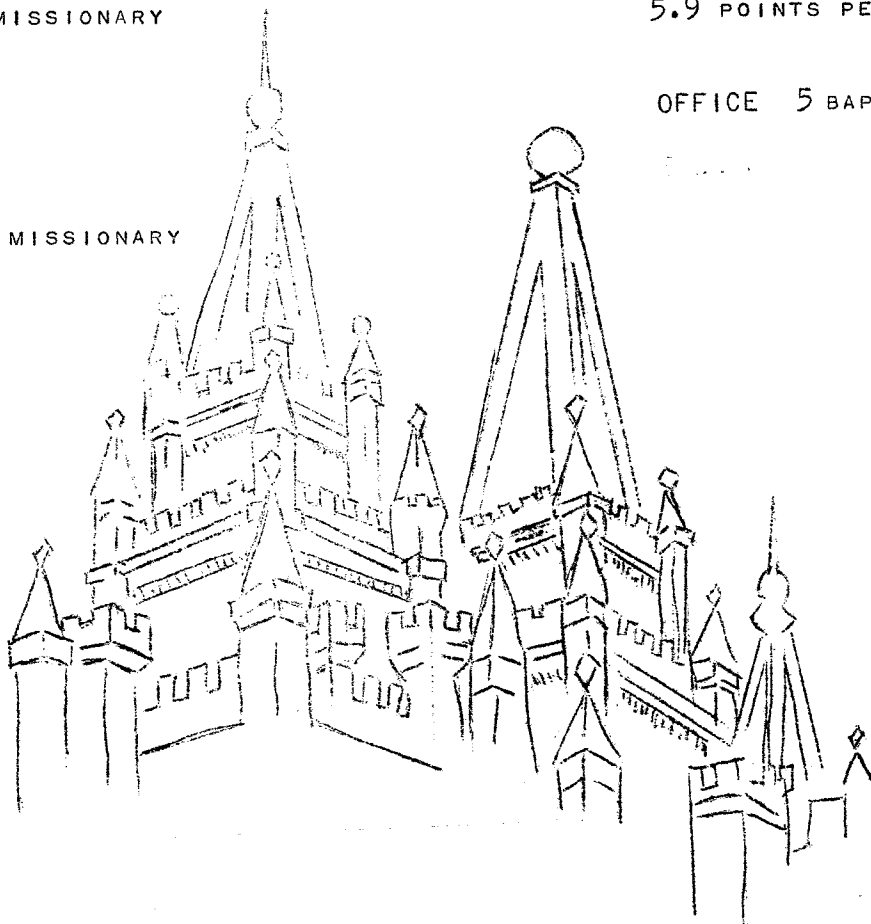
XELA

35 BAPTIZMS
205 LESSONS
5.9 POINTS PER MISSIONARY

LAMAMITE

66 BAPTIZMS
401 LESSONS
12.5 POINTS PER MISSIONARY

OFFICE 5 BAPTIZMS



APRIL RESULTS

ZONE	CHALLENGE	BAPTISMS	%
El Salvador	300	85	28.3
Z.L.'s	30	4	13.3
Santa Ana # 1	105	23	21.9
Santa Ana # 2	60	16	26.6
Sonsonate	45	22	48.8
Chalchuapa-Ahuachapan	60	16	26.6
San Salvador North	255	72	28.2
Z.L.'s	30	3	10.0
San Salvador # 3	60	11	18.3
San Salvador # 4	60	15	25.0
San Salvador # 5	75	33	44.0
Zacatecoluca	30	8	26.6
Guatemala South	255	63	24.7
Z.L.'s	30	5	16.6
Guatemala # 1	60	35	58.3
Guatemala # 3	45	6	13.3
Jocotales-Cipresales	60	15	25.0
Zacapa-Chiquimula	60	4	6.6
Guatemala North	270	27	10.0
Z.L.'s	30	4	13.3
Guatemala # 2	30	0	0
Guatemala # 5	90	11	12.2
Guatemala # 4-6	60	10	16.6
Jalapa-Jutiapa	60	2	3.3
San Salvador South	270	84	31.1
Z.L.'s	30	2	3.0
San Salvador # 1	60	25	41.6
San Salvador # 2	60	34	56.6
Santa Tecla	30	6	20.0
San Miguel	90	17	18.8
Coast	270	29	10.7
Z.L.'s	30	0	0
Retalhuleu	90	10	11.1
Escuintla	60	7	11.6
Coatepeque	30	6	20.0
Mazatenango	60	6	10.0
Xela	285	35	12.2
Z.L.'s	30	1	3.3
Xela # 1	90	15	16.6
San Marcos	60	12	20.0
Huehuetenango	30	1	3.3
Momostenango	30	2	6.6
Tonicapan	45	3	6.6
Chimaltenango	255	66	25.8
Z.L.'s	30	2	6.6
Chimaltenango-Tecpan	60	18	30.0
Florida	60	30	50.0
Patzicia-Patzun	60	6	10.0
Sololá	45	10	22.2
Office	30	5	16.6
District Mission		3	

A LETTER FROM PAUL TO YOU

My name is Paul, a follower of Jesus Christ, our hope, and God our Savior. I write this note to those who have been called to serve their country in the defense of righteousness. May grace, mercy, and peace which come from God and Jesus Christ rest upon you right now.

I want to tell you something I have said before: Wherever you go in this new adventure, stay true to the doctrine of the Church, for you will be tempted to stray from it. Don't get all mixed up by endless discussions of theories and speculations. These result only in loss of faith. Strengthen your life by living ordered lives of faith. Responsible Christians express a love that is genuine. Certain persons have wandered away from this admonition and have become so involved in sinful habits that they have become missionaries for evil, without understanding what they are saying and doing.

You know as well as I that the Bible sets forth good principles for you; in it you will find many "dos and dont's" for your life as a disciple.

I want you to know how much I thank God for the daily strength He gives me in my attempt to live the Christian life. I thank Christ, in like manner, for He considered me worthy to witness for him in lands far from my familiar surroundings. I believe He has called you to do the same, as you serve His Church. God has called you to become mature in your faith and to spread the good news of Jesus Christ through your witness. Even though you may have done many things to disgrace such a call from God, He had granted you purity of mind and heart and soul for the new task that is yours now. God's marvelous grace poured down upon you like a shower of water during a cloudburst. And now you can report what has happened to you; namely, that God sent Jesus into this world to bring salvation to His children and having received such unmerited mercy you have a great story to tell the nations. To God be given praise for this transformation that has occurred in your life.

And so, I put this word to you now--in keeping with the commission that you have received from God, let God be your strength, your way, and your companion. Let Him wage into conflict with you; hold onto your faith in His presence; it will be your only hope during times of great need. Never toss your confidence in Him overboard as some people have done.

I urge your parents, friends, and church acquaintances to enter into a covenant with you as you embark. Be assured of their prayerful support as they intercede for you and thank God for you. May their desire and yours be that God will bestow upon you a special measure of his peace and serenity. Such should be the hope of all of you, for God asks you to carry on another's burdens. God wants all men to experience Him for themselves, and thereby know truth. You may meet men who will say there are many gods, but I affirm to you that there is only one God. You may become acquainted with fellows who will laugh at your belief in Jesus the Savior, but that does not make Him any less Savior. Jesus indeed gave himself for all men everywhere, whether or not they were willing to accept that as a fact. It was for that very same reason that He has called you now to witness in strange places.

My wish for you is this: Wherever you go, wherever you are, do not make a fool of yourself by losing your self-control. Don't engage in any affair that will later bring heartache and pain. Look upon all persons as those whom God loves fine persons with whom you can share your testimony in and about God.

So I say to you in closing: A great treasure has been entrusted to you. Guard it well, but share it with all you meet. Avoid godlessness and activities that bring you inward shame; set your eyes on Christ and you will not miss the mark towards which your life is being directed.

Your brother, Paul

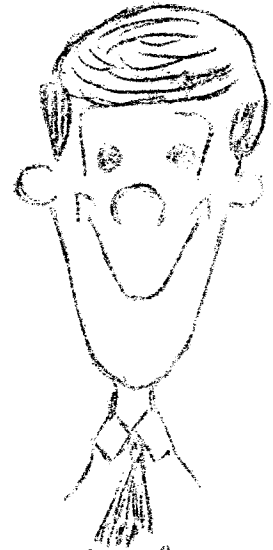
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LONG GONERS

Joseph Franklin Green -- Mission: May 2, 1967 to May 2, 1969
Worked: Quezaltenango, Totonicapán,
San Cristobal, San Salvador, Guate-
mala, Santa Ana and the Office.

Ronald Ackroyd Smith -- Mission: May 2, 1967 to May 2, 1969
Worked: Guatemala, Quezaltenango,
San Francisco, Momostenango, and
Totonicapán.

Bill Reid Egbert -- Mission: May 2, 1967 to May 3, 1969
Worked: Guatemala, Quezaltenango,
Momostenango, San Cristobal, and
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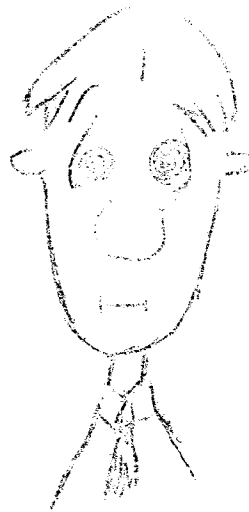
RECIEN VENIDOS MAY 14

Timothy Neal Byrne
Garden Grove, California
To: San Salvador #5
With: Elder Holtsclaw

Gail Weaver
St. Anthony
To: Santa Ana #1
With: Sis. Stewart

Douglas Kirk Drussell
Eureka, Utah
To: San Marcos
With: Elder Miner

James Russel King
Wendell, Idaho
To: Guatemala #3
With: Elder Thornton



Lee Randall Kuper
Cedar City, Utah
To: San Salvador #5
With: Elder Peshell

Steven Albert Ray
Las Cruces, New Mexico
To: Santa Ana #1
With: Elder P. Johnson

Mark Lane Hales
Magna, Utah
To: Cip.- Joc.
With: Elder Sheffield

Bryan Lee Snedaker
Thornton, Idaho
To: San Salvador #2
With: Elder Flake

Rickie LaDell Harris
Eagle, Idaho
To: Tacpán
With: Elder Snow



MAY

Elder Johnson 2
Elder Roundy 7
Elder Sheffield 12
Elder Byrne 14
Elder Durrance 15
Sister Conkling 22
Elder Palmer 29
Elder Nielsen 30

JUNE

Elder McLemore 1
Elder Briggs 1
Elder Saunders 2
Elder Fugal 10
Elder Harris 10
Elder Dean 10
Sister Beecroft 12
Elder Burnham 13
Sister Smith 18
Elder Allred 22
Elder Flake 22
Elder Francisco 29
Elder Van Leeuwen 29
Elder Currit 30

FELIZ CUMPLEAÑOS

PA' QUE SEPAIS

Elder Ronald Smith left with us a few suggestions to help us work more effectively as missionaries:

1. Fix up the Branch; No one wants to be a member of a poorly organized branch. You may want to work a little extra with the Branch President, organize the Mutual, this doesn't mean working with members to solve family problems.
2. Fix up the Chapel; A clean, well painted chapel is a drawing card to all baptised members as well as investigators.
3. Work effectively; New Members are the most enthusiastic members and the best source for references, work with them, make visits with them. Don't stay long periods of time with 1/2 doubtful investigators the first time around. Try to be working with good investigators, it keeps your spirit up.
4. Teach effectively; The theme of each lesson is baptism. Make certain that the people understand that is why you are there. Stay on the lesson and leave when it is over. Do not argue. Be Tactful on challenging and testifying, be sincere, don't preach.
5. Be friendly, or in other words, love the people. Care whether they get baptized or not. If you are going to talk about things other than the lesson, don't do it during lesson time. Notice the children and the house, and make pleasant comments about them. Always show up for every visit, and be on time.
6. Be positive. Don't ask the investigator to pray to see which church is right, ask him to pray for a testimony of the truthfulness of the Gospel, and the strength to be baptised. If they ask if they can wait, tell them NO. Always keep smiling, have patience, and read Alma 26:27 often.

THE CHAMPION

The average runner sprints
Until the breath in him is gone;
But the champion has the iron will
That makes him carry on.

For rest, the average runner begs
When limp his muscles grow;
But the champion runs on leaden legs,
His spirit makes him go.

The average man's complacent
When he does his best to score,
But the champion does his best
And then--he does a little more.

To see something get going . . .



Life," said Benjamin Disraeli, "is a tumble-about thing of ups and downs,"—with its sick hurry, its divided aims," Matthew Arnold added. There are times when all of us feel overburdened, with debts, with obligations, so many things undone, so many undone things to do—worries, problems, and sometimes our share, it seems, of sorrows. And we wonder how we can be everywhere we ought to be, do all we ought to do, meet the obligations, and carry the weight of our worries, as we seem to divide ourselves in too many different directions, too many ways at once—not feeling that we are completing or disposing of or quite in control of anything—just a reshuffling of papers, a reshuffling of problems. To all of this, some gentle advice from an unnamed source proposes the "one-at-a-time" approach: "Mountains viewed from a distance," it says, "seem to be unscalable, but they can be climbed, and the way to begin is to take the first upward step. From that moment the mountains are less high. The slopes that seem so steep from a distance seem to level off as we near them." Any task in life is easier if we approach it with the one-at-a-time attitude. One step—a beginning: doing something about something, beginning to see something get going—gives assurance that we are on our way and that the solving of problems is possible. To cite a whimsical saying: "If you chase two rabbits, both of them will escape." No one is adequate to everything all at once. We have to select what is important, what is possible, and begin where we are, with what we have. And if we begin—and, if we keep going—the weight, the worry, the doubt, the depression will begin to lift, will begin to lighten. We can't do everything always, but we can do something now, and doing something will help to lift the weight and lessen the worry. "The beginning," said Plato, "is the most important part."