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My Dear Missionary Companions,

I have recently had the opportunity of visiting many parts of the mission to see how the proselyting work is progressing and to see the many changes taking place in the mission as new facilities are being installed in all parts. Great changes are taking place here in this choice part of our Father's vineyard. Activity and enthusiasm in many of our branches are on the increase and our newly converted members are being fellowshipped and are properly adjusting to the new life before them as they live the gospel commandments and receive the blessings promised them.

Approval to organize the San Salvador District into a Stake of Zion by The First Presidency and Quorum of The Twelve has been given and we anxiously await further instructions so this important step in the progress of our beloved mission will soon become a realization. Shortly, the Guatemala City Stake will undoubtedly be divided and already five former mission branches of the mission have been consolidated and have become two new wards in the Stake. Eleven branches will be involved in the organization of the San Salvador Stake, so you can see the mission itself is gradually being reduced as to number of mission units. The proselyting effort will be expanding, however, here in the mission and the stakes of Guatemala and El Salvador.

Now, my dear companions, as called missionary servants, are we keeping up with the growth of the church here in the mission? Are we receiving the sanctification spoken of in the Doctrine and Covenants 88:69. "Therefore sanctify yourselves that your minds become single to God, and the days will come that you shall see him; for he will unveil his face unto you, and it shall be in his own time, and in his own way, and according to his own will." And the Lord continues, "Remember the great and last promise which I have made unto you; cast away your idle thoughts and your excess laughter far from you." What tremendous counsel we have received directly from the Lord!

Are we allowing idle thoughts about home, school, girl friends, motorcycles, movies and non-uplifting music, etc. etc. take away our effectiveness as His chosen servants? Is our mind single to His glory and are we striving to seek that sanctification which is so important by living the laws and commandments of God each day of our lives?

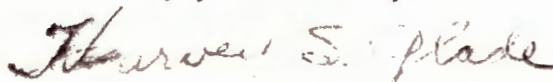
President Lee recently said, "The most important of all the commandments of God is that one that you are having the most difficulty keeping today. If it's one of dishonesty, if it's one of unchastity, if it's one of falsifying, not telling the truth, today is the day for you to work on that until you've been able to conquer that weakness. Then you start on the next one that's most difficult for you to keep.

"That's the way to sanctify yourselves by keeping the commandments of God."

How beautifully these thoughts can apply to us in our daily missionary service. Are we living each mission rule, using mission programs, loving our companions, studying the scriptures, or, in other words, doing all that is expected of us as missionaries. If not, then let's accept President Lee's counsel and start today by overcoming the one with which we are having the most difficulty and then move on to the next and the next until we become sanctified before the Lord and know our service to Him has been accepted.

May the Lord so help us, I remain,

Faithfully your brother,



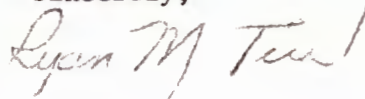
President Harvey S. Glade

Dear Fellow Missionaries,

In General Conference in April 1972, Elder Milton R. Hunter told the story of how a young lady had listened to two Elders explain the gospel to her mother. The Elders presented several lessons to the mother and left many pamphlets and tracts, but were unable to achieve any success with her. Later, the Elders left that town without having any baptisms or any other observable success. They did not know, however, that the daughter of the family had listened carefully to their words and had been converted by the presence of the Holy Ghost. The two Elders did not know until many years later when Elder Hunter toured that mission that that young lady had been baptized and had taught the gospel to over fifty friends and relatives who were also baptized.

The story makes me think of all of the thousands of people that are unnoticeably influenced every day by missionaries of the church in this mission. Many people see us every day that we do not see; people hear our conversation with our companions that we don't notice; people take note of our small actions, good or bad, that we think are unnoticed. I pray that we will always be "teaching with the Spirit" with our small actions and words and thereby help the thousands of daily unrecorded contacts to catch a small vision of the truthfulness of the gospel that may someday effect great changes in their lives.

Sincerely,



Dear Companions,

A well; of what value is a well?

Consider that great well of which we read in the Bible--that well established by Jacob. How greatly did those descendants of that patriarch esteem that well, and rightly so, for there in those dry regions was a life-giving source of which man and their flocks came to partake.

As we think of such a well, we must picture the vivid contrast between the lush oasis that borders the well and the arid lands that surround it. The well is surely deep, but it is a constant and unfailing source.

Each individual has his own well. Some consider it a well of spirituality, but call it what you may it is a source, his source of inner strength and inspiration. Can we assign a value too high to such a well? No, such a spring of eternal life is priceless.

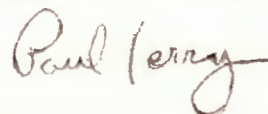
In what condition is your well? Far too often we seek to draw from our well and we only find it dry, for we have not taken the care to provide it with new water--water coming from study of the scriptures, from pondering them, from sincere strivings to better ourselves. And perhaps more often we reach in our well to draw, and bring up only that garbage with which we polluted our well.

Every careless thought--thoughts of envy; thoughts of aspiration; judgements of our companions which we might even only mentally make; thoughts less than virtuous, lovely, or of good report; thoughts of pride--pollutes our precious well, and instead of drawing sparkling and priceless water, the water which we get is stained and impure.

Yes, there is value in monitoring and controlling our every thought, attitude and action, for what we put in we shall surely draw out again.

May God bless us in this challenge.

Sincerely,



Esteemed Fellow Missionaries,

The Guatemala-El Salvador Mission is unquestionably the finest mission in the world! If that opening statement needed any explanation whatsoever I would gladly continue "boasting", as did Ammon, of the choice people we serve and the wonderful progress thy are achieving under our Heavenly Father's guidance. Each of the 192 missionaries in our mission today should realize that he is part of a most victorious royal army. The Lord's kingdom has found a great stronghold in Guatemala and El Salvador. But amongst the cries of triumph and the security of success, something inside of us must still be humbly, even fearfully asking, "Am I doing my share?"

Maybe some have already noticed that merely belonging to a winning team doesn't necessarily make one an "all-star". Likewise, merely belonging to a great mission doesn't necessarily make one a great missionary. Your mission is a personal challenge. People depend on you very directly. Your investigators, the members of your branch, your loved ones, and your Savior are all concerned that you carry your share. I would hope that none of us could be lured into half-hearted service as Satan suggests that it would never be noticed among the efforts of so many other faithful servants. All of us should be striving to become "all-stars" in the mission field, and we have been given the talents to accomplish that goal.

I suppose this mission is an unusual sort of team, but surely it's a winning one. "The works, and the designs, and the purposes of God cannot be frustrated, neither can they come to naught." We all deserve a part of that victory, and we have all been offered a part of it. We could not succeed alone, we could not fulfill our responsibilities without helping others to fulfill theirs. This team is not composed of equals, nor is any "all-star" team. It is composed of individuals who are experts in their fields. Each member must be interested in a personal and a team victory, adding to the success of each through his efforts.

There is no such thing as an "extra missionary". Not one of us has been called to do nothing. Your calling is of the Lord. He has personally assigned you to an area, a companion, and a stewardship. Not all of us are district leaders, nor even senior companions, but is an outstanding new missionary who supports these men any less valiant? "For all have not every gift given unto them; for there are many gifts, and to every man is given a gift by the Spirit of God."

Elders and Sisters, I leave you my testimony that this mission is led by Jesus Christ, our very Savior. He has called you, He loves you, and wants you to succeed in what He has asked you to do. May we all do our share in His service.

Your Companion,

Darrell K. Rigby

Darrell K. Rigby

What Manner Of Love Is This?

Well done, thou good and faithful servant....Enter into the rest of the Lord thy God and learn of eternal glory.

The justice of God hath relinquished all claim to thy soul and this because the Great Redeemer hath pled thy cause before the Holy Father. Through the atonement thou art made free forevermore.

Throughout thy life thou hast brought honor and glory to the name of God by thine exceeding faith and good works. These have qualified thee to be called a child of God and joint-heir with the Son of God. Great shall be thy glory.

Now open thine eyes to see, and thine ears to hear, that which God delights to bestow upon those who love him.

Thou art given great and wondrous worlds which through all eternity mortals never could number--intricately organized solar systems, great galaxies, and universes not a few. With all these thou mayest build glorious kingdoms to thy heart's content; within these kingdoms, innumerable and holy cities; within these cities, countless heavenly mansions, each with its own delights and made joyful by the presence of thy children there.

Thine is the freedom to move about through time and space as thou wilt, to be in any instant at whatsoever place or with whomsoever it is thy desire to be.

Thou art given of the gardens of heaven freely, to transplant, populate, and beautify these kingdoms as seemeth thee good.

To thee is bequeathed boundless knowledge, even the fullness of all knowledge, whether past, present or future. Thou mayest call whatever moment of time, being or existence into view, for such may contribute to thine increased happiness. With this knowledge are further given the days of eternal happiness and boundless joy, to be experienced as only one in thine high and noble station can experience it.

With a keen and active intelligence, with a maturity born out of experience, thou hast been granted a perfect body. This body is a temple for another god. It is beautiful beyond thy greatest expectation. Never again can it know pain, except that pain born out of the iniquity and transgression of thy children. With this glorified body thy capacity to do good is increased ten thousand times ten thousand.

Thine eyes are given to see beauty, light, and color beyond the comprehension of mortal man--eyes capable of scanning to the depths of their souls multitudes of people, eyes that may penetrate the vast reaches of eternity and that may discern the beauty of all God's creations.

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Thine ears are given to hear forever that which it is unlawful for man to utter. Thou shalt hear melody and unspeakable rhapsody that would sweep into unconsciousness all but those who are called God. By this endowment truth will enter into the chambers of thy soul forevermore, and with it that joy which comes only from hearing truth.

Thy physical and spiritual attributes will now be welded into a union of perception, feeling, and being such as may be experienced only by those who will govern all of creation. Thou wilt project a light and glory that will overpower as the pure effect of true love and compassion all that is of a lesser order and may ever be permitted to enter into thy presence. This is a part of thy glory.

These things are not the end, but the beginning of that which thou shalt receive as an heir of God, having been made joint-heir with thy Savior. Thy might, majesty, and dominion have only begun to be realized.

As the great gifts and powers herein bestowed become part of all that is thee, and thy powers of comprehension and understanding expand to make thee capable of further acceptance, yet other wondrous honor and glories shall come to thee.

As a final star in thy crown, thou art granted in this moment of time her whom on earth thou hast treasured as sweetheart--thy wife and the mother of thy now numerous posterity--this by virtue of the union that on earth thou hast sealed celestial through the Holy Spirit of Promise, and out of thy great devotion as "one" to the Holy Father of heaven and of earth. The great God does indeed delight to honor and glorify those who love him.

Of those who are yet mortal we ask these questions:

What sacrifice could be too great?

What obstacle too steep?

What task too difficult?

What work too hard?

Who is there to stand in your way?

What will you not now do to inherit these unimaginable joys?

Know this--the God who loves you turns every way to deliver your soul from the destroyer.

Shall we longer droop in sin?

Let us fight to the death the destroyer of our souls and never weary of this noble battle. Let us look to the stars and never rest until they become ours, and by the great powers of heaven be crowned not king--but God.

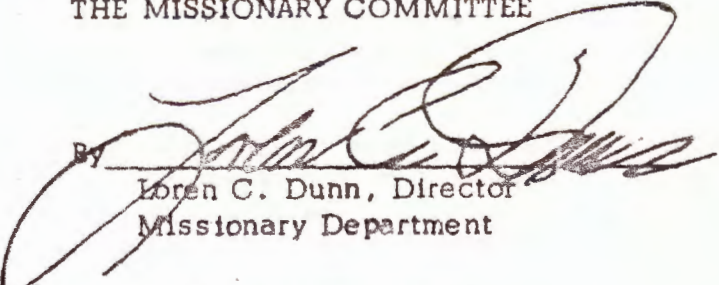
by Robert D. Foster

TO ALL MISSION PRESIDENTS:

We are now approaching the time of the year when we usually receive a large number of requests from missionaries and their parents to allow the missionaries an early release, so that they might return home in time to enroll in college for the fall term. Now that the draft situation has changed, the Brethren have strengthened their policy in requesting that missionaries be encouraged to fill their full time. Enclosed is a copy of the recent "Priest hood Bulletin" dated October 1972, outlining the same. We would appreciate it if you would do everything possible to inform all of your missionaries regarding this church policy and discourage, so far as possible, any requests for early releases.

If there are unusual circumstances or emergency conditions which in your opinion should be brought to the attention of the Missionary Committee for special handling, you may present the case to the Missionary Committee along with Your Own Personal Recommendation. Your kind help in implementing this policy will surely be appreciated.

Sincerely,
THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE

By 
Loren C. Dunn, Director
Missionary Department

PROSPECTIVE MISSIONARIES, EARLY RELEASES, AND
TOURING AFTER MISSIONS

The following guidelines are suggested because of the many requests from missionaries and parents regarding early releases and extended tours after missions:

- 1) Bishops and stake presidents should recommend prospective missionaries well in advance of their expected departure date. With the draft taking fewer young men, recommendations may be submitted thirty to sixty days before the anticipated departure date. This procedure will permit great flexibility in assigning missionaries to various groups in the mission home.
- 2) Bishops should advise both prospective missionaries and their parents that the regular mission term is two years for elders and eighteen months for sisters, and that they should plan their affairs to complete these terms. Neither missionaries nor parents should request early releases to accommodate travel plans.
- 3) Travel following missions should be brief. Experience indicates that extended travel often creates serious problems. Missionaries should be advised before being called that they will be expected to deport themselves as missionaries during travel following missions.
- 4) Post-mission tours must be approved by the family of the missionary and by the mission president. The missionary is not released until he reports to his stake president. He travels as a missionary.
- 5) Missionaries should not tour their own missions. Experience has shown that such tours create problems and disrupt the work.
- 6) Only under the most exceptional circumstances should missionaries travel or return home alone. They should travel in groups of two or more for safety reasons.

BELOVED SON

By Verla S. Gardner

My son, I have a work for you to do.
One of leadership and trust.
I hope you will accept it willingly.
I do not say you must.

You have dwelt with me here in my kingdom
Where you've been cherished and taught in love.
You know of the gifts and the blessings
That abound in this kingdom of God.

Now it is time that you leave this cherished protection
Go into a World you don't know.
I need you to teach my true Gospel
To those who dwell in the earthlife below.

You have been valiant here in my kingdom
Have striven for right and for truth.
For this you shall have the great blessing
Of being learned in the truth from your youth.

You will be given my great Holy Priesthood,
Authority to act in my name.
Oh, my son, accept it and use it in honor.
Remember from whence it came.

Hold fast to the truth in your earth life.
Be valiant, as here, for the right.
Let your example of clean, righteous living
Be as in the darkness, a light.

You have been taught of the gift of repentance,
Remember to ask me for guidance.
Be prayerful from morning til night.

I shall be no farther away than your whisper
As it is spoken to me in prayer.
If only you will kneel and will ask me,
I will be waiting to answer you there.

Now go, beloved son, and make this earth life
One of honor and glory to you.
Your mother and I will be waiting to greet you
When your earth experience is through.

Oh, make it a time of grateful rejoicing
That to our kingdom you can return!
We bless you, my son, go to work for that glory.
It is within your power to earn.

HEAD 'EM UP

Bodell Barton	Hyrum, Utah
Christine Chapman	Salt Lake City, Utah
Janice M. Peterson	Anaheim, California
Maria A. Zuñiga	Deming, New Mexico
Carlos R. Amezcua	San Diego, California
Albert B. Boyer	St. George, Utah
Milo F. Garcia	Salt Lake City, Utah
Matthew F. Hilton	Walnut Creek, California
Bradford G. Nikolaus	Show Low, Arizona
David A. Varley	Salt Lake City, Utah
Guillermo J. Guillen T.	Managua, Nicaragua
Gregory A. Blakely	Albuquerque, New Mexico
1973 Chevrolet Van	Salt Lake City, Utah

MOVE 'EM OUT

Edgar A. Gudiel L	Jutiapa, Guatemala
Maureen C. Hearn	Las Vegas, Nevada
1971 Ford Van	??????

ZONE TOTALS ~ APRIL 1973

GUATEMALA ZONE 1 (XELA)	19 BAPTISMS
GUATEMALA ZONE 2 (GUATEMALA)	29 BAPTISMS
EL SALVADOR ZONE 3 (SANTA ANA)	13 BAPTISMS
EL SALVADOR ZONE 4 (SAN SALVADOR)	42 BAPTISMS
TOTAL	103

adams j	soyapango	aridea	sonsonate	nelson steve	xela 3
adams r	usulután	garrett	el molino(g)	nikolaus	lourdes
ahlstrom	ahuachapán	geller	monserrat	molte	patzicía
aitken	delgado	golightly	sonsonate	noorlanders	patzicía
alomar	ward 3	goodman	office	page	office
allen b	santa lucía	graham	ahuachapán	peñate	san marcos
allen k	branch 8	greer	branch 8	petersen	el modelo
allen r	ward 2	<u>gudiel</u>	ward 3	peterson	sololá
allred david	reu 1	guillen g	ward 3	rappleye	ward 2
allred derryl	el molino(g)	guillen r	el molino(s)	<u>reintjes</u>	xela 3
alvarez	sololá	gunnell	el quiché	reynoso	santa tecla
amezcua	sonsonate	<u>gwilliam</u>	ward 6	richards m	occidente
amesquita	florida	hansen	san pedro	<u>richards r</u>	mazatenango
anderson	reu 2	harris	ward 4	<u>rigby</u>	office
anthony	office	hatch	antigua	riley	mejicanos
<u>avarell</u>	reu 2	hathcock	el centro	rios	sololá
bailey	chalchuapa	hearns	totonicapan	roberts	santa lucía c
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baria	el modelo	<u>hillery</u>	san jacinto	rogers	jutiapa
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barton	xela 3	huber	antigua	<u>roundy</u>	barrio nuevo
baxter	xela 1	hurst	layco	salazar	patzicía
bentley	layco lower	jennings	ward 6	salgado	ward 2
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boyer	chimaltenango	kaopua	santa anita	steed	xela 2
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cammack	ward 2	koplin	ahuachapán	stoker	branch 8
carlisle	san jacinto	kuehne	office	stucki	oriente
chapman	office	kulbeth	huehuetenango	stumpe	huehuetenango
cheney	el modelo	<u>landeen</u>	momostenango	swensen	usulután
christensen	zacapa	lange	patzicía	symmes	layco
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clark t	santa lucía c	<u>lefler</u>	ward 5	<u>tew</u>	office
cobabe	santa lucía	lemons	delgado	theodore	ward 1
cupero	santa anita	lewis	jalapa	thompson	ward 1
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curtis	ward 6	mc cracken	office	tingey a	florida
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downard	escuintla	mangini	ward 2	varley	sonsonate
draper	patzicía	mangus	oriente	vermillion	layco
dugan	occidente	martinez	florida	waite	lourdes
durán	barrio nuevo	mather	santa lucía	wallace d	zacatecoluca
eason	chiquimula	<u>maurent</u>	monserrat	wallace k	el molino(g)
eddo	zacapa	<u>mauzy</u>	chiquimula	whitmer	el molino(g)
erskine	occidente	<u>miller p</u>	layco	williams a	oriente
escalante	florida	miller r	mazatenango	<u>williams d</u>	occidente
evans m	monserrat	montoya	sololá	williams k	escuintla
evans r	zacatecoluca	moore	chalchuapa	wilmore	oriente
faye	totonicapan	morgan	san vicente	<u>wilson</u>	el molino(g)
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garcia	ward 6	<u>nelson c</u>	xela 3	zuñiga	ward 3
		nelson scott	ward 2		