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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
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Nephi & Lehi did it!

Fellow Missionaries:

Around 30 B.C. "Nephi delivered up the judgment-seat to a man whose name was Cezoram." The people in the land around about had become very wicked. "Nephi had become weary because of their iniquity; and he yielded up the judgment-seat and took it upon him to preach the word of God all the remainder of his days, and his brother Lehi also, all the remainder of his days."

And Helaman had taught his sons, "and they did remember his words; and therefore they went forth, keeping the commandments of God, to teach the word of God among all the people of Nephi, beginning at the city Bountiful;

"And from thenceforth to the city of Gid; and from the city of God to the city of Mulek;

"And even from one city to another, until they had gone forth among all the people of Nephi who were in the land southward; and from thence into the land of Zarahemla, among the Lamanites.

"And it came to pass that Nephi and Lehi did preach unto the Lamanites with such great power and authority, for they had power and authority, given unto them that they might speak, and they also had what they should speak given unto them —

"Therefore they did speak unto the great astonishment of the Lamanites, to the convincing them, insomuch that there were eight thousand of the Lamanites who were in the land of Zarahemla and round about baptized unto repentance, and were convinced of the wickedness of the traditions of their fathers."

We are preaching to the decedents of these very same people which the sons of Helaman taught. Our goal therefore must relate to the goals of Nephi and Lehi. As we have announced, our goal this year is 8,000 converts. To accomplish this, we must baptize an average of 1,000 of these brethren and sisters each month for the remainder of this year.

May the Lord bless us to this end,

I humbly pray,

President & Sister David G. Clark

Dear Fellow Servants:



I am sure we have all felt the same desires that Alma expresses so beautifully in these lines:

"O that I were an angel, and could have the wish of mine heart, that I might go forth and speak with the trump of God, with a voice to shake the earth, and cry repentance unto every people!

"Yea, I would declare unto every soul, as with the voice of thunder, repentance and the plan of redemption, that they should repent and come unto our God, that there might not be more sorrow upon all the face of the earth.

"But behold, I am a man, and do sin in my wish; for I ought to be content with the things which the Lord hath allotted unto me." (Alma 29:1-3)

In Alma's yearnings to cry repentance to all the world, he mentions that he would like to "speak with the trump of God;" the Doctrine and Covenants also mentions the trump of God. In the first five verses of Section 75, we, as missionaries, are commissioned to proclaim the Lord's message in earnestness, shunning idleness, and to be mighty in our proclamation of these things: "lifting up your voices as with the sound of a trump." (D & C 75:4) The earnest missionary's message can have the effect of a trump in that he can be heard far and wide by all who will tune their ears to his voice, but in order to make his trump heard, he has to blow with a mighty blast! Brigham Young, in one of his discourses, said:


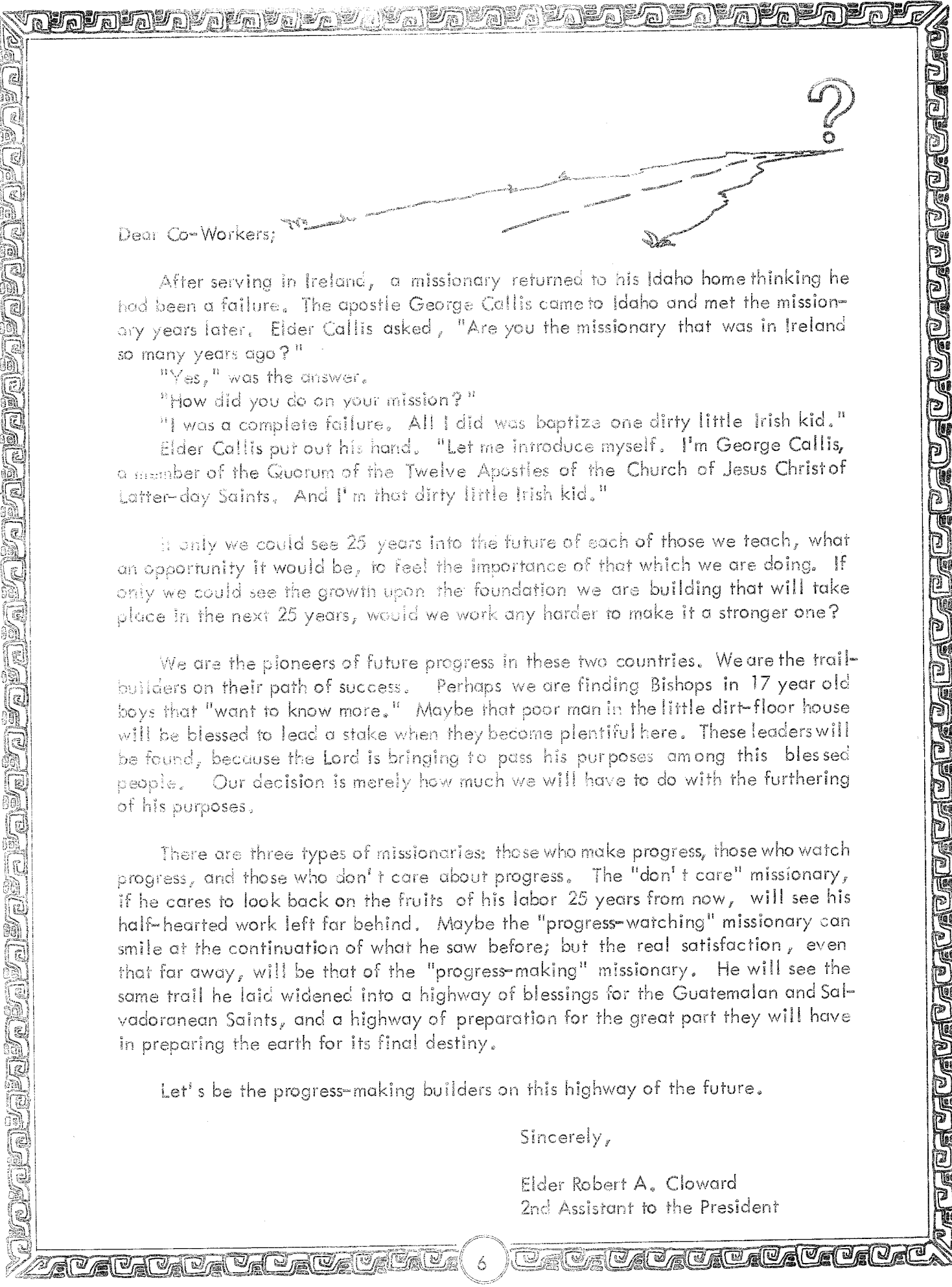
"When I first commenced preaching, I made up my mind to declare the things that I understood, fearless of friends and threats, and regardless of carcasses. They were nothing to me, for if it was my duty to rise before a congregation of strangers and say that the Lord lives, that He has revealed Himself in this our day, that He has given to us a Prophet, and brought forth the new and everlasting covenant for the restoration of Israel, and if that was all I could say, I must be just as satisfied as though I could get up and talk for hours . . .

"With regard to preaching, let a man present himself before the Saints, or go into the world before the nobles and great men of the earth, and let him stand up full of the Holy Ghost, full of the power of God, and though he may use words and sentences in an awkward style, he will convince and convert more of the truth, than can the most polished orator destitute of the Holy Ghost; for that Spirit will prepare the minds of the people to receive the truth, and the spirit of the speaker will influence the hearers so that they will feel it."

(Journal of Discourses 4:21)

Elders, let's lift up our voices with the sound of a trump, cry repentance, be earnest, and be faithful so that the Lord may fulfill His promise to us ". . . ye shall be laden with many sheaves, and crowned with honor, and glory, and immortality, and eternal life." (D & C 75:5)

Elder Michael W. Smith
First Assistant to the President



Dear Co-Workers;

After serving in Ireland, a missionary returned to his Idaho home thinking he had been a failure. The apostle George Callis came to Idaho and met the missionary years later. Elder Callis asked, "Are you the missionary that was in Ireland so many years ago?"

"Yes," was the answer.

"How did you do on your mission?"

"I was a complete failure. All I did was baptize one dirty little Irish kid."

Elder Callis put out his hand. "Let me introduce myself. I'm George Callis, a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. And I'm that dirty little Irish kid."

If only we could see 25 years into the future of each of those we teach, what an opportunity it would be, to feel the importance of that which we are doing. If only we could see the growth upon the foundation we are building that will take place in the next 25 years, would we work any harder to make it a stronger one?

We are the pioneers of future progress in these two countries. We are the trail-builders on their path of success. Perhaps we are finding Bishops in 17 year old boys that "want to know more." Maybe that poor man in the little dirt-floor house will be blessed to lead a stake when they become plentiful here. These leaders will be found, because the Lord is bringing to pass his purposes among this blessed people. Our decision is merely how much we will have to do with the furthering of his purposes.

There are three types of missionaries: those who make progress, those who watch progress, and those who don't care about progress. The "don't care" missionary, if he cares to look back on the fruits of his labor 25 years from now, will see his half-hearted work left far behind. Maybe the "progress-watching" missionary can smile at the continuation of what he saw before; but the real satisfaction, even that far away, will be that of the "progress-making" missionary. He will see the same trail he laid widened into a highway of blessings for the Guatemalan and Salvadoran Saints, and a highway of preparation for the great part they will have in preparing the earth for its final destiny.

Let's be the progress-making builders on this highway of the future.

Sincerely,

Elder Robert A. Cloward
2nd Assistant to the President

District Honors

May's competition of baptisms,
lessons taught, and books of
Mormon distributed brought
honors to five districts for their
outstanding efforts:

(top row left to right)

Guatemala East

dl - R. C. Smith

Guatemala #1

dl - J. L. Davis

(bottom row left to right)

Salvador #1

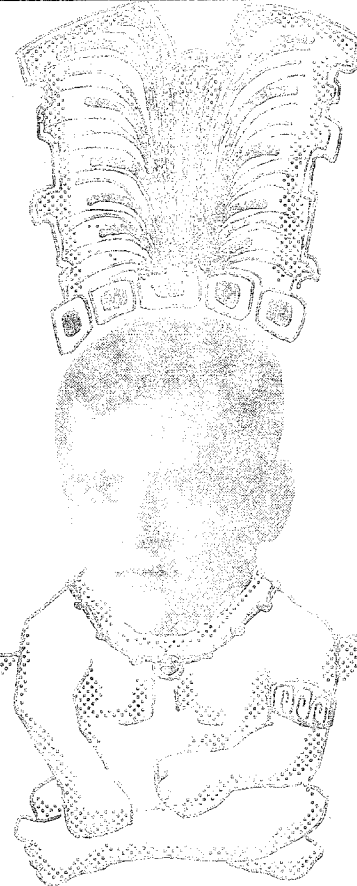
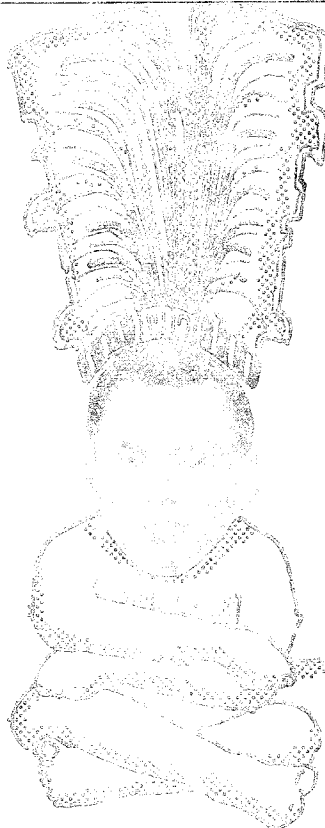
dl - D. Mortenson

Xela

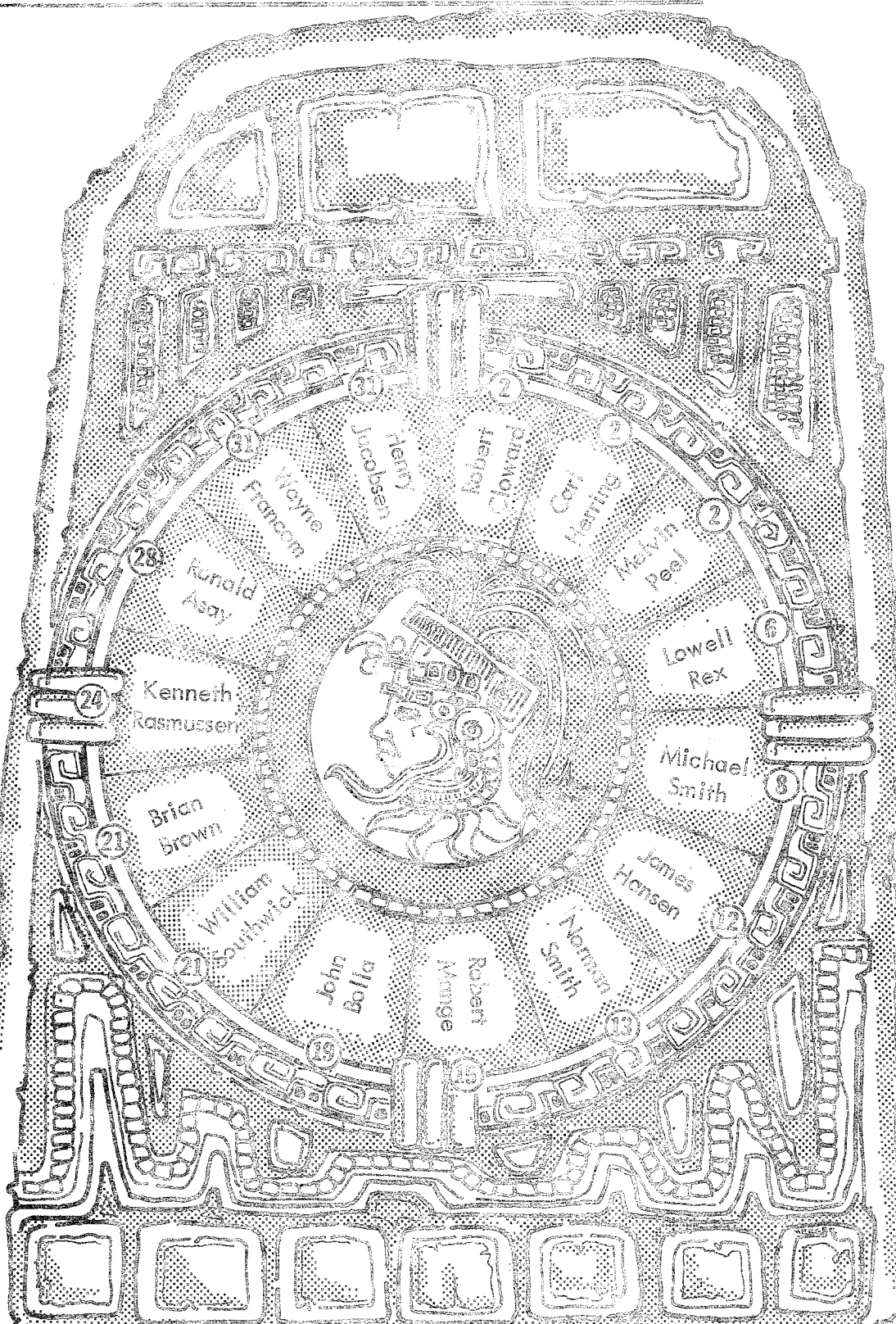
dl - L. Rex

Guatemala #3

dl - P. Mendenhall



BIRTHDAYS - JULY



1. El Templo de Dios - Nuestro cuerpo es un templo de Dios y debemos tratarlo así. (1 Cor. 6:16-17)
2. Somos Hijos - Somos hijos de Dios y pertenecemos a su familia eterna. Como explica Pablo en Gálatas, somos herederos de Dios y no debemos ser esclavos a nuestras pasiones.
3. Una Probación - Nuestra existencia sobre la tierra es un período de probación para ver si somos dignos de volver a la presencia de Nuestro Padre Celestial y recibir sus bendiciones eternas. Nuestro espíritu es eterno. Siempre va a existir, según Dios, y junto con el mismo cuerpo que actualmente la acompaña resucitará.
4. El Matrimonio - Cuando Dios puso a Adán y Eva en la tierra, hechos a su propia imagen, les dio un mandamiento que no había dado a las otras creaciones: el matrimonio. Les mandó que se reprodujeran, pero siempre bajo el vínculo del santo matrimonio.
5. Es Sagrada - La sexualidad es un don de Dios. Es sagrada en su vista. Si violamos las leyes morales, recibiremos un castigo.
6. El Adulterio - El adulterio es una infracción de la ley de la castidad. Significa que un hombre o una mujer ha quebrantado el sagrado convenio del matrimonio y

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ha tenido relaciones ilícitas con otra persona. Dios nos amonesta que juzgará a los que quebrantan este mandamiento. (Exo. 20:14, Heb. 13:4, Prov. 6:32)

7. El Futuro Depende - El futuro de nuestra nación y nuestra familia dependé de la estabilidad del hogar. El hogar no puede funcionar bien a menos que los padres se conformen a la ley sagrada que gobierna la sexualidad. Tienen que respetarla. También tienen que enseñar a sus hijos la manera correcta de comportarse moralmente.
8. La Fornicación - La fornicación es otro pecado sexual igual en gravedad al adulterio. La fornicación tiene que ver con relaciones ilícitas entre dos personas que no se han casado. La Biblia nos aconseja que ningún fornicario tiene lugar en la presencia de Dios. Dios no puede derramar sus bendiciones sobre un hogar sin el matrimonio. Si queremos la ayuda y las bendiciones de Dios, no podemos violar este mandamiento tan importante.
9. Dios Se Da Cuenta - Dios se da cuenta de nuestros hechos buenos y malos. Cuando cumplimos con sus mandamientos, El se regocija. Pero cuando no cumplimos, El entristece. No puede darnos bendiciones eternas a menos que cumplamos. (Prov. 5:21)
10. El Pensamiento - La castidad empieza en la mente. Si queremos vivir una vida casta, es necesario que gobernemos los pensamientos. Salomón dijo que tal como pensamos, realmente somos. (Prov. 7:23)
11. Arrepintiendonos - Si realmente nos arrepentimos de los pecados del mundo, Dios nos perdonará completamente. Si volvemos a pecar después de tener un conocimiento de la verdad, seremos castigados severamente. (D & C 1:32-33)

Where's your district?

District	District Leader	May Challenge	May Baptisms	Percent of Challenge
Guatemala East	Smith, R. C.	22½	11	48.8%
San Salvador #1	Mortenson, D.	45	15	33.3
Guatemala #1	Davis, J.	45	14	31.1
San Salvador #3	Dever, M.	30	9	30.0
San Salvador DM	Davis, D.	25	7	28.0
Xela	Rex, L.	45	11	24.4
Santa Ana #1	Fox, D.	45	11	24.4
San Salvador #5	Gibson, G.	30	7	23.3
Guatemala #5	Méndez, T.	30	7	23.3
Guatemala #3	Mendenhall, P.	45	10	22.2
San Salvador #4	Blaser, B.	45	9	20.0
Santa Ana #2	González, D.	45	8	17.8
San Miguel	Chambers, J.	45	8	17.8
Coatepeque	Wendt, J.	30	5	16.7
Quiché #2	Brown, R.	30	5	16.7
Guatemala West	Hunter, A.	45	7	15.5
Guatemala #4	Pérez, A.	30	4	13.3
San Salvador #2	Smith, C. V.	45	4	08.9
Xela DM	Dean, G.	25	2	08.0
Sonsonate	Jones, T.	30	2	06.6
Cakchiquel #2	Allred, D.	30	2	06.6
Guatemala #2	Stillman, T.	30	2	06.6
Escuintla	Lemmon, J.	15	1	06.6
Mazatenango	Willardson, R.	30	1	03.3
Office	Smith, M.	25	0	00.0
Zacatecoluca	Southwick, W.	15	0	00.0
Quiché #1	Yardley, J.	30	0	00.0
Cakchiquel #1	Tanner, J.	30	0	00.0
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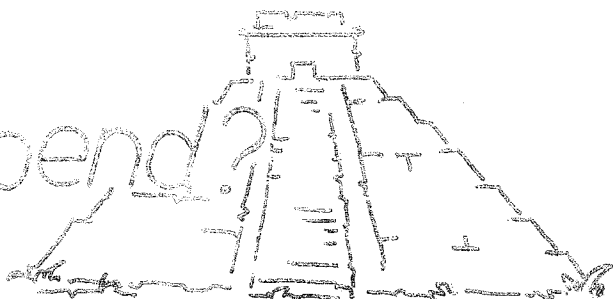
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937½

164

17.3%

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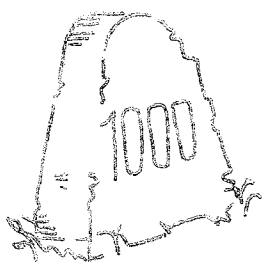


LESSONS

Corey Rudd.....	67
Keith Stowell.....	67
James Yardley.....	67
Hal Allen.....	63
Ken Ethington.....	59
N. R. Smith.....	59
Bill Egbert.....	56
James Bingham.....	56
Clinton Andrus.....	54
Arthur Pérez.....	54

BAPTISMS

Dale Mortenson.....	9
John Chambers.....	8
Michael VanLeeuwen.....	8
Steven Alexander.....	7
Pat Ballou.....	7
Bindy Boylin.....	7
Curtis Flowe.....	7
Alan Miner.....	7
Roger Sheffield.....	7



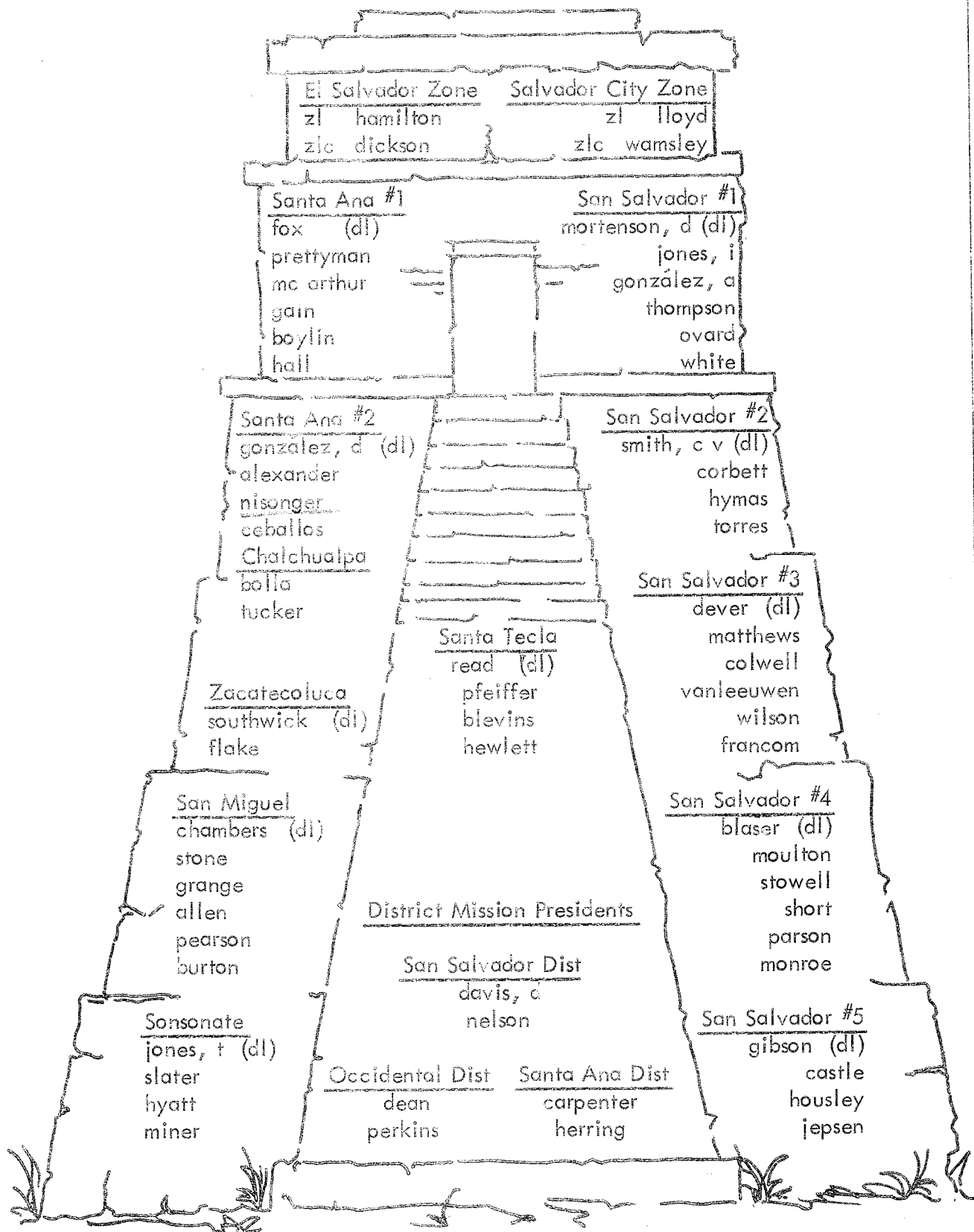
June's Challenge

Santa Ana #1.....	45
Santa Ana #2.....	45
Santa Tecla.....	20
Sonsonate.....	30
San Miguel.....	45
Zacatecoluca.....	15
Xela.....	45
Guatemala West.....	45
Coatepeque.....	30
Retalhuleu.....	30
Mazatenango.....	30
San Salvador #1.....	45
San Salvador #2.....	30
San Salvador #3.....	45
San Salvador #4.....	45
San Salvador #5.....	30

Guatemala #1.....	45
Guatemala #2.....	30
Guatemala #3.....	45
Guatemala #4.....	45
Guatemala #5.....	30
Escuintla.....	30
Guatemala East.....	45
Cakchiquel #1.....	—
Cakchiquel #2.....	—
Guiché #1.....	—
Guiché #2.....	—
Office.....	25
San Salvador DM.....	25
Santa Ana DM.....	10
Xela-DM.....	25

TOTAL.....1,000

Whereabouts...



Guatemala City Zone

zl brower

zlc green

Guatemala #1

davis, jl (dl)

peshell

saunders

ethington

cazier

aker

Guatemala #2

(dl) stillman

taylor

johnson, jv

wride

holtsclaw

van luven

Guatemala #3

mendenhall (dl)

burnham

shurleff

thornton

blake

beecroft

stewart

Guatemala #5

mendez (dl)

baleman

flowe

sheffield

Escuintla

Temmon (dl)

thurston

hardy

rush

Guatemala #4

(dl) perez

nielsen

bingham

hedelius

reed, d

Chimaltenango

henry

andrus

Guatemala East

Zacapa

(dl) smith, rc

quist

Chiquimula

davis, sk

reed, k

Jutiapa

bagley

jacobsen

Guatemala West Zone

zl jones, k

zlc williams

Office

smith, m (dl)

garrett

cloward

peel

mercier

freeman

richburg

gledhill

smith, r

ballou

Lamanite Zone

zl johnson, b

zlc johnson, p

Quiché #1

Totonicapán

yardley (dl)

mortensen, l

San Cristóbal

egbert

brown, b

Quiché #2

Mamostenango

brown, r (dl)

rudd

San Francisco el Alto

smith, r

anderson

Cakchiquel #1

Patzicía

tanner (dl)

meyer

Tecpán

goodwin

hansen

Cakchiquel #2

Patzun

allred (dl)

currit

Sololá

stapley

hancock

Mazatenango

willardson (dl)

white

rasmussen

goodwin, s

Xela

(dl) rex

morgan

kohler

zinn

torres

conkling

Coatepeque

wendt (dl)

welch

pitcher

talbot

Retalhuleu

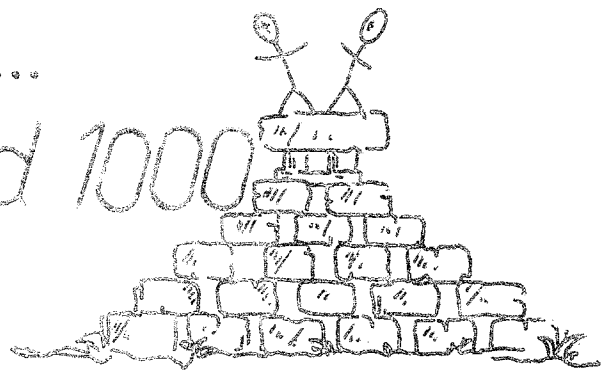
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There's a new challenge in the mission

Find Golden Members who can build
your foundation of investigators with

10 REFERENCES PER WEEK

The Process:

1. Make short, periodic visits to the outstanding members of your branch or ward.
2. Create their confidence in you by your actions and your respect for them. This confidence is vital to their developing a desire to give you the names of their closest friends.
3. Emphasize President McKay's "Every Member a Missionary" goal and their responsibility to "warn their neighbor."
4. Encourage them to invite their friends into their homes to meet the Elders and receive the first discussion.
5. Begin to talk in terms of their investigators rather than yours. Make them feel an obligation to see that their investigators are taken to Church and reminded of the times of your subsequent visits.
6. If they have sufficient Priesthood authority, let them baptize the converts, thus highlighting the culmination of their contribution and encouraging them to keep the program moving forward.

But

Keep fracting. This is still our basic source of investigators.



Viejas...

Judith Karen Jensen

Worked in:

Totonicapán, Guatemala,
Santa Ana, Quezaltenango

Roberta Maxine Lindsey

Worked in:

Santa Ana, Totonicapán,
Guatemala, San Salvador

JUVENES...

Peter Michael White

From: Los Angeles, California

To: Mazatenango

Jon Charles Burnham

From: Littleton, Colorado

To: Guatemala #3

Clifford Miles Peshell

From: Sandy, Utah

To: Guatemala #1

Michael Rush

From: La Mesa, California

To: Escuintla

Gary Leonard Welch

From: Santa Ana, California

To: Coatepeque

Brent Gifford

From: St. George, Utah

To: Retalhuleu

Ronald Vernon Thompson

From: Tucson, Arizona

To: San Salvador #1

Robert Pfeiffer

From: Corona, California

To: Santa Tecla

Karl Floyd Short

From: Long Beach, California

To: San Salvador #4

Robert Alan Stone

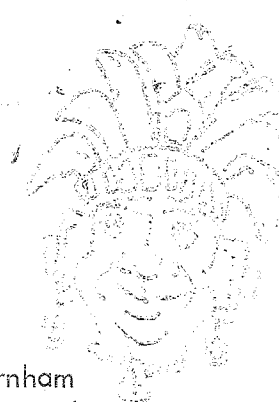
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To: San Miguel

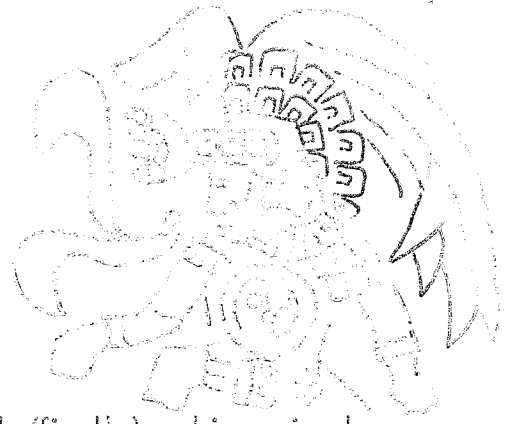
Leonard Daryl Talbot

From: St. George, Utah

To: Coatepeque



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sepáis!*



BILLS !!! Elder Garrett has sent out the bills (finally) and is anxiously awaiting complaints. One Note: The Elders who were on the May GG list were not billed for their shots until after the bills were sent out, so if you received (or should have received) a shot in May, add \$3.65 or \$2.85 to your bill. Thanks tons.

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DID THEY MOVE OUT ON YOU? If your family has moved since you came into the mission, it is important that we know the new address and telephone number in case of any emergency, Please send this information to the office.

BAPTISMAL INTERVIEWS..... Those who are interviewing candidates for baptism would do well to casually ask them if they had ever been members of the Church before. Rebaptized excommunicated members can be a result of carelessness on the part of those who teach and those who interview.

NO ! IT COULDN'T BE !!! There are hymn books in the mission! All the greenies from six months back who missed out on this vital part of their "greenie packet" plus any other Elder who needs one may order a hymn book or two from Elder Mercer through their ZLS. There are 800 of them here waiting for the pedicos to roll in.

GIFTS....."While abroad you may send gifts totaling \$10 fair retail value to friends or relatives in the United States without the payment of duty or tax, provided the addressee does not receive in a single day gift parcels exceeding the \$10 limitation. Write Gift Enclosed in large letters and the fair retail value of the contents on the outside of the package."

quoted from "Customs Hints", a pamphlet published by the U.S. Bureau of Customs

Dear Elders,

It's an opportunity to be writing to you and to express the great appreciation we feel for the fine, hard work you are doing and for the great success you are having.

As our mission grows and becomes bigger, our other Depts. in the mission must grow to accommodate this rapid growth. The field of public relations is a very important part of the mission and the missionary work. Its bounds are limitless, and the success possible from such an adventure is astounding.

Recently we had some elders, who used alittle creativity, and public relations on their own, to open up the hearts of a so-called dead town. They made posters, used loud speakers, and showed films, which gave them such a vast audience and list of interested people, that they're still trying to contact these people more than a month after. It was a real success. But why should it be kept a secret, and not used to the advantage of all the missionaries? For this reason, this month (July), we are requesting for self initiative and ideas to open up your town or area. Have an open house! Make displays! Get large groups together! Show them in MASS what Mormonism is!

Yes, this is your chance to meet your challenge! Take it, and try it! After all, something untried will never be successful.

Thank you so much. May the Lord bless you and help you to fulfill your calling in the best way possible. Work hard!

Your Servant,

Elder Melvin Peel
Public Relations Director
Guatemala-El Salvador Mission