



JUNE 1971

TOP DISTRICT -- May, 1971

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| DL-Heaton | DLC-Wright-Coatepeque | |
| Phillips-Kusch | -Retalhuleu | Total baptisms-----13 |
| Peterson-Andrews | -Retalhuleu | Baptisms per pair-----2.6 |
| Callan-Cacuango | -Mazatenango | Points per baptism-----5.1 |
| Tafoya-Farnsworth | -Mazatenango | Points per missionary--6.7 |

The success that was experienced on the coast this past month of May was brought about by a united effort among the Elders of the district and the Lord's blessing. Four of the five pairs of Elders came through with 3 baptisms per pair. Five of the baptisms came about as a result of getting the people married, giving the coast 5 complete families or families completed for the month. The baptisms were found by various means, tracting, references, looking for members, and one seminary student. I would like to thank the members of the district for the fine effort of the past month and with things looking up for the coming month you can all see why the coast is beginning to become "THE GARDEN SPOT OF THE MISSION!" ----Elder Heaton

#2 DISTRICT -- May, 1971

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| DL-James | Co-Sr-Jolley-Ward 4 | |
| Chávez-Valle (Co-Sr) | -Ward 4 | Total baptisms-----21 |
| Brimhall-Rhodes | -Villa Nueva | Baptisms per pair-----3.5 |
| Hoenshell-Keate | -Escuintla | Points per baptism-----3.75 |
| Torres-Marquez | -Sta. Lucía Cotz. | Points per missionary--6.54 |
| Reed=Nielson | -Ward 2 | |

As I think of the success that the Elders of our district had in this month of May, the idea of Franklin D. Richards comes to mind. He said that uneffective work is not any better than not working at all. About half the people were found by tracting, whereas the others were references. But in either case, I'm sure that the reason they were found is that the missionaries were trying to be effective at what they were trying to do. There was a lot of hard work and the enthusiasm was high to teach the good people that were found. All during the month the spirit of dedication has helped us greatly to be closer to the Lord. I'm thankful for the opportunity that I have had to feel the spirit of the missionaries of the district and to see such fine people come into the Church. ----Elder James

Dear Fellow Missionary Companions:

Under the direction of the General Authorities, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints is continually announcing new policies and programs to keep up with the changing times. One example of this came during the first week of June when we were privileged to have Dr. James Mason, Commissioner of the Church's new Health Services Corporation, visit our mission. He has been touring many missions of the Church, but had been specifically asked by President Tanner and President Kimball to visit Guatemala. We might add that Dr. Mason's responsibility in his new position includes the direction of all 14 L.D.S. hospitals (total 2,000 beds) and anything that involves health services of the Church.

It is very apparent the General Authorities are well aware that we have become a world-wide Church and must be concerned with health problems where-ever we find faithful and worthy members for "Man is, that he might have joy." Dr. Mason is a strong advocate of preventive rather than curative medicine, and firmly believes that if the Church is really going to help its members it must teach preventive health measures. In addition, Dr. Mason is observing missionary health conditions and will make recommendations to the First Presidency on ways to help keep the large missionary force throughout the world healthy and hopefully free from any serious illnesses.

Dr. Mason's firm testimony that the men now guiding and directing Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints are called servants of God and are truly inspired to direct His Kingdom was most convincing. Dr. Mason is one of the nation's foremost doctors in his field of internal medicine and is well-qualified to handle his new assignment. It is wonderful that the Church can call upon such men to give such dedicated and faithful service.

Let each one of us realize the Church has called us to fulfill a most important and sacred calling, and like Dr. Mason, bear testimony of the men who have the keys and are now directing this Church in these the last days. We also bear you our testimony without any doubt we have inspired leaders at the head of this Church. May we all be found following their counsel and inspired direction.

Faithfully your companions,

President and Sister Glade

Dear Missionary Companions,

And when the times of the Gentiles is come in, a light shall break forth among them, and it shall be the fulness of my gospel D & C 45:23

We, as missionaries, have the sacred calling to take the "fulness" of the Restored Gospel to the people of Guatemala and El Salvador. But what is the "fulness of the gospel"? Many times we hear the phrase, "preparing for baptism". Admittedly, most of us dedicate the major part of our work to just that, and if we're not preparing investigators, then we're looking for them so that we might prepare them. But is baptism itself the fulness of the gospel?

In Second Nephi we read that baptism is "the gate by which you should enter" to the "straight and narrow path which leads to eternal life." Although "there is none other way whereby man can be saved", baptism is still only the first step. If we are to truly preach the fulness of the gospel, we must broaden our horizons beyond the waters of baptism to prepare our investigators for salvation itself--to help them to acquire the spiritual tools so necessary to the obtaining of eternal life.

Many times here in the mission field we fail to realize the important role we can play in helping our members and investigators to develop these special spiritual skills and prepare themselves for the days of testing that await them. Instead, we find ourselves "putting the Gospel into a can", as it were: a can conveniently labeled "Knocking Doors", Giving Tract-Outs", or "The Six Discussions". We get so wrapped up in the routine of the work that we often lose track of the real purpose behind our being here.

Jesus Christ said "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." This means an abundance of knowledge and understanding (by study); of leadership and priesthood power (by practice); of faith and testimony (by trial and experience); of love and generosity (by service); and, finally, of joy--as a natural result of all the above.

Let us make the conversion process complete with our investigators. This means proper fellowshipping before and after baptism, using the 7th and 8th discussions, and always being sensitive to their needs; in short, a conscientious effort at all times. Through our efforts, we will bring these people an abundance of joy and "the fulness of the Gospel", and we will fulfill the real purpose of our calling.

Sincerely your brethren,

The Assistants

WORKING WITH THE UPPER CLASS

Working with the upper and middle class people of the Guatemala-El Salvador Mission presents special problems and challenges but also offers great potential dividends. It is evident that most of these people are already prepared socially and economically to fully enjoy the blessings of membership and through their financial position, they have proven themselves to be successful administrators whose talents could be employed in the Church. Many times, however, when we are confronted with the problems involved in working with these people, we give up and return to the poorer parts of our areas. Some wealthy people do make it into the Church despite our reluctance to work with them, and it would be valuable to review the factors involved in their conversions.

The first problem to overcome is simply getting the opportunity to talk with the people. Since we have very few wealthy members, we get very few references for wealthy people; this makes tracting necessary. Casual tracting is imperative in this case, i.e., asking addresses, stopping people in the streets, etc. To get by the maids, tell them "Dígale al Señor que ya estamos aquí" or "De parte de Don Juan Doe." Insist that it is very important that you talk with the Señor. Hitch-hiking is also very effective; the man obviously is well-off because he has a car, and he obviously wants to talk because he is stopping. Hitch-hiking from one part of your area to another or downtown saves time, money, and gives you good contacts.

Perhaps the most important thing we can emphasize to these people is the way of life we enjoy. Doctrinal points such as Primitive Church organization may arouse some interest, but when people can see how their personal and family lives can be benefitted, they really become motivated. A casual door approach asking for an address or some imaginary person often helps break the ice much better than a hard, flat "We're the Mormon missionaries. What do you know about our Church?" Leaving an old English Ensign, Friend, Era (these people very often read English), or Liahona helps them to understand the family programs; explaining Primary, MIA, Relief Society, Priesthood, and Home Evening also helps achieve this goal. Care should be taken, however, not to let the missionary-investigator relationship evolve into simply a cultural exchange.

In emphasizing working with the wealthier people, we should never feel that poor, humble people have no potential and thus, neglect them. "The Touch of the Master's Hand" in last month's Avante expresses this point very well. At the same time, however, perhaps we've been neglecting the wealthy people so now is the time to apply ourselves and bring these people into the Church.

GOING HOME

1. John Melville--Los Angeles, Calif.
2. Robert Sainsbury--Los Angeles, Calif.
3. Wayne Weierman--Los Angeles, Calif.
4. Paul Sowards--Manassa, Colorado
5. Virgil Beck--Salt Lake City, Utah

NEW MISSIONARIES

1. Larry Andrew--Portland, Oregon
2. Michael Gomm--Sacramento, Calif.
3. Dennis Hardy--Phoenix, Arizona
4. Stephen Teul--Fort Worth, Texas
5. Alan Weaver--Preston, Idaho
6. Edgar Gudiel--Jutiapa, Guate.
7. Steven Call--Brigham City, Utah
8. Michael Evans--Orem, Utah
9. James Hughes--Sonora, Calif.
10. David Kleinman--Alpine, Utah
11. Neale Jenks--Grantsville, Utah
12. Verne Lauritzen--Riverside, Calif.
13. Kevin Rhodes--Idaho Falls, Idaho
14. Dickson Taylor--Bountiful, Utah
15. Kathryn Seegmiller--Berkeley, Cal.

THERE'S SUNSHINE IN MY SOUL TODAY

There's sunshine in my soul today, more glorious and bright
Than glows in any earthly sky, For Jesus is my light.

There's music in my soul today, a carol to my king,
And Jesus listening can hear the songs I cannot sing.

There's springtime in my soul today, for when the Lord is near,
The dove of peace sings in my heart, the flowers of grace appear.

There's gladness in my soul today, and hope and praise and love,
For blessings which he gives me now, for joys "laid up" above.

CHORUS:

Oh, there's sunshine in the soul, blessed sunshine in the soul
When the peaceful, happy moments roll,
When Jesus shows his smiling face, there is sunshine in the soul.

THE DAY DAWN IS BREAKING

The day-dawn is breaking, the world is awaking, the clouds of night's
darkness are fleeing away; The worldwide commotion, from ocean to
ocean, now heralds the time of the beautiful day.

In many a temple the Saints will assemble, and labor as saviors of
dear ones away; Then happy reunion, and sweetest communion we'll
have with our friends in the beautiful day.

Still let us be doing, our lessons reviewing, which God has revealed
for our walk in his way; And then, wondrous story, the Lord in his
Glory will come in his power in the beautiful day.

CHORUS:

Beautiful day of peace and rest, bright be thy dawn from east to west;
Hail thine earliest welcome ray, beautiful, bright, millennial day.

THE IDEAL MISSIONARY

--Truman B. Madsen

Preconceptions and clichés aside, I have run that question through the wringer a few thousand times. After nearly 500 missionaries and 30 (sic) months, I answer this question. Here are some standard notions about the "good missionary." Follow my rambling analysis.

He has a solid home background?

No. Many were from homes that were strained if not broken. Some were orphans, others fostered or adopted, only half were fully supported financially.

He is learned in the Gospel, an apt scriptionist.

Clearly not. Many "born in the Lord's Church" were not yet really born of the Lord.

He has a good start with an ideal first or second companion?

Maybe. But many have had the world's worst beginning, picking up corroding habits of sloth and wheel-spinning, then have relied to strength. Others with a solid start fizzled. Each of the 30 months can make or break a missionary, not just the first.

He has no physical handicaps?

Nonsense. Among our great ones have been missionaries with bad backs, worse feet, epilepsy, various respiratory diseases. All had health of will and spirit, but not necessarily of body.

He is assigned a good area?

Nonsense. He creates the goodness. Whether or not anyone says to me, "This town has been tracted out," I know that a good Elder can land a prize fish there in ten minutes. It's what happens in the Elder that matters, not geography. An Elder who is successful somewhere is successful anywhere. Conclusion: When an Elder is convinced an area is "dead", he is.

He has a certain kind of personality?

Sheer myth. Successful ones have been as different as night and day. There are a hundred qualities. Where does one stop? It apparently takes all kinds of missionaries to reach all kinds of people.

He is able to learn fast and "catch on"?

Yes and no. If "catch on" means to the program, yes. The earlier and stronger the better. But the evidence is that the best missionaries are the ones who most rapidly unlearned things...unlearned **the notion that** converts come by their own mystique...unlearned all the clutter that keeps them from recognizing that they are nothing but instruments.

The Ideal Missionary (cont'd)

He is inspired by an ideal Elder?

We're getting closer now. It is true that without exception someone has inspired them and set the fire. In interviews mighty tributes spill out. "President Madsen, I'll go anywhere you say, but I pray you will let me go on (or begin) working with Elder X." More times than I can say, I have been touched to the core when companions each unknown to the other have told me, in tears, that the other was the kind of man he yearned to emulate. Companions made it by being themselves...by emulation of what could be combined with their own unique gifts.

He is a consistent worker?

Yes, without exception. "Silver platter" success (apparently unearned) tends to average out over the 30 months. Those who drive in steady cadence triumph over those who work in "fits and starts." There is something more in the way they work. They have a stay-with-it feeling for people, a sensitivity to the needs and the way of a follow-up, inspired initiative in removing stumbling blocks.

Is it then a matter of love?

Right. Yet again, it is a special sort of love. It is a lifting love, a love centered in the calling, in Christ, not just love-on-the-sleeve. Almost all the good ones winced at the word when they first came. You could see it in the scowls during conferences, "What do these strange people mean? How can an Elder say he loves another Elder, or loves to baptize?" But soon the word was the only one they could use. You can measure the good ones by what becomes sacred and beloved to them, and how soon. How does he feel about the people? And does he just plain love his companion?

What, then, is the secret of the "Ideal Missionary"?

It is no longer hypothesis. It is a conclusion. It is not what might work but what is working, not what you think will but what Elders have proved does. It is simple: Be yourself, your best self. And follow the Lord's program. You will be numbered with the great ones. So will your converts.

----Taken with adaptations from the
NEW ENGLAND ADVOCATE

L O C A T I O N C H A R T

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| Abrams | Chiquimula | <u>Golden</u> | Delgado 1 | Nye | Lourdes |
| Adams | Delgado 1 | Gomm | El Molino | <u>Osborne</u> | Cuscatlán |
| Adamson | Patzicía | Gonzales | Modelo 1 | Palmer, D | Chimaltenango |
| Andelin | Belén | Graham | Jutiapa | Palmer, V | Patzún |
| Andrew | Reu 1 | Gudiel | Ahuachapán | Park | El Quiché |
| Ardmore | Sta. Lucía | Haack | Soyapango | Paulson | Usulután |
| Ball, CW | Ward 5 | Hardy | Chalchuapa | Pearson | Zacamil |
| Balls | Soyapango | Harvey | Centro 2 | Peterson, L | Reu 1 |
| <u>Benning</u> | Centro 1 | <u>Hatch</u> | San Pedro | Peterson, M | Sonsonate |
| Bennion | Centro 2 | Hawkins | Chaparrist. | Peterson, MC | Zacamil |
| Betenson | Modelo 2 | Heaps | Antigua | Phillips | Reu 2 |
| Beutler | Milagro | <u>Heaton</u> | Coatepeque | Platt | Sololá |
| <u>Bingham</u> | Florida 1 | <u>Hernandez</u> | Ward 6 | Purdy | Xela 1 |
| Blacker | Antigua | <u>Hill</u> | Barrio Nuevo | Quantz | Zacatecoluca |
| Bowen | Florida 1 | Hoenshell | Escuintla | Rappleye | San Marcos |
| <u>Boyack</u> | Xela 3 | Hughes | Xela 1 | Reed, JW | El Molino |
| Boydston | El Molino | <u>Hunsaker</u> | Sololá | Reed, R | Ward 2 |
| Brimhall | Villa Nueva | Jackson | Delgado 2 | Rhodes | Villa Nueva |
| Brunnette | Office | <u>James</u> | Ward 4 | Rice | Office |
| Bunderson | Usulután | Jenks | Barrio Nuevo | Rohrer | Patzicía |
| <u>Bundy</u> | Branch 5 | Johnson, Ran | Florida 2 | Ross | Sta. Lucía |
| Burk | Xela 2 | Johnson, RJ | Cipresales | Sanders | Jutiapa |
| Bushman | Modelo 1 | Jolley | Ward 4 | Saunders | Central |
| Cacuango | Mazate 2 | Jones | Modelo 2 | Seegmiller | Sta Tecla 2 |
| Call, RD | Chiquimula | Keate | Escuintla | Shelley | Jalapa |
| Call, SW | Monserrat 2 | Kellett | Atiquizaya | Simons | Ward 2 |
| Callan | Mazate 2 | Kleinman | Zacatecoluca | <u>Solano</u> | Ward 6 |
| Cannon | Momostenango | Koeliker | Monserrat 1 | Sorenson | Sta Tecla 1 |
| Carbine | Ward 6 | Kusch | Reu 2 | Stanley | Branch 5 |
| Chávez | Antigua | Lamareaux | Atlacatl | Strong | San Pedro |
| Cheney | Atiquizaya | Lanenga | Atlacatl | Stuart | Sta. Lucía |
| Clark | Delgado 2 | Larson | La Merced | Swallow | Ward 3 |
| <u>Clason</u> | Layco | Lauritzen | Huehuetenango | Tafoya | Mazate 1 |
| <u>Clawson</u> | Ahuachapán | Lemus | Milagro | <u>Tanner</u> | Xela 3 |
| Cluff | Florida 2 | Lippincott | Sonsonate | Taylor, D | El Molino |
| Cook | Jocotales | Lloyd | Cuscatlán | Taylor, V | El Quiché |
| Cooper | Ward 3 | Lowry | Belén | Teal | Ward 1 |
| Cornish | Jalapa | Lunceford | Mejicanos | <u>Thompson</u> | Layco |
| <u>Crest</u> | Jocotales | Machula | Office | Torres | Sta Lucía C. |
| Crosby | Momostenango | Mackay | San Marcos | Wade | Ward 1 |
| Cuff | Monserrat 1 | Magyar | Sta Tecla 2 | Wallace | Office |
| Davis, DK | Zacapa | Mahoney | Zacapa | Watts | Patzicía |
| Davis, LB | Sta. Lucía C. | Mangum | San Jacinto | Weaver | Chaparrist. |
| DeWaal | Ward 6 | Marquez | Chimaltenango | <u>Webster</u> | Barrio Nuevo |
| Diehl | Mejicanos | Marsh | Ward 1 | Vallo | Sta Tecla 1 |
| Duerden | Office | Martino | Huehuetenango | Whipple | Lourdes |
| Evans | Florida 2 | Martinson | Xela 2 | Wilcox | Office |
| <u>Fairbanks</u> | La Merced | Matheson | Zacamil | Williams | Monserrat 2 |
| <u>Farmer</u> | Totonicipán | McDonald | Zacamil | Woodman | Central |
| Farnsworth | Mazate 1 | Miller | Totonicipán | Wright, Scott | San Jacinto |
| Francis | Chalchuapa | Monson | Office | Wright, Steve | Coatepeque |
| Fryar | Antigua | Norris | Ward 5 | Young, D | Sta. Anita |
| <u>Fugal</u> | Sta. Lucía | Mortenson | Barrio Nuevo | Young, V | Ward 1 |
| Galbraith | Cipresales | Moulton | Florida 2 | Zollinger | Layco |
| Gamero | Ward 2 | Myers | Patzún | | |
| Gardner | Sta. Anita | Nielsen | Centro 1 | | |
| Gillespie | Office | Nielson, P | Ward 2 | | |
| | | <u>Nerberg</u> | Layco | | |