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My Dear Missionary Companions,

We are extremely anxious to see our great mission move forward at an even faster pace. For this reason we are asking the full-time missionaries to reinforce two of the basic programs of the Church. Both have been divinely inspired for the benefit of the restored Church of Jesus Christ and are essential for its continued progress. If we can but help our beloved Saints here in our mission realize their responsibilities as to the "Home Teaching" and "Family Home Evening" programs we will have all contributed much to the success of this choice part of the Lord's kingdom.

Home Teaching is a basic program of the Church and must therefore become much improved from what it has been in our mission to date. We feel by having the full-time missionaries help implement the mission program now being emphasized in all branches and districts, we will see the desired results and will all be able to take pride in our accomplishments. If the home teachers do their part and the Home Teaching improves, then the Family Home Evening program becomes a natural consequence and these two programs will bring to our members the promised blessings of our Father in Heaven. We will see greater love and unity among the Saints and all other phases of Church activity will benefit.

Let's go forth, my devoted companions, working diligently and imaginatively so we will be able to soon see the fruits of our labors. Your proselyting activities must not decrease but should derive many benefits as the members seek to live the beautiful programs of the Church. In so doing they will radiate the meaning of the Gospel in their lives, so others seeing their good works will want to learn about the good tidings of the restored Gospel.

We must not forget to Challenge, Testify, Baptize and when necessary, Leave Without Excuse so the Lord's purposes will be accomplished, but may we also help edify those who have already accepted Baptism and make them recipients of those choice blessings in store for the faithful.

May the Lord bless us in our great assignment!

Sincerely your brother,

Harvey S. Glade
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A PATCH OF GREEN

REED WEBB ADAMS
 ROBERT EDGAR ALLEN
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 SAN MANUEL, ARIZONA
 LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
 PLAYA DEL REY, CALIFORNIA
 ABERDEEN, IDAHO
 GUATEMALA, GUATEMALA

BACK IN THE EE. UU.

RICKE LYNN REED
 JOHN WILLIAM RAPPLEYE
 CHRIS TANNER BRIMHALL
 ROBERT WAYNE ROSS
 GEORGE WESLEY BEUTLER
 CHARLES WILLARD HAWKINS
 SCOTT LEE QUANTZ

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON
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 SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA
 WESTON, IDAHO
 RUPERT, IDAHO
 FORT RILEY, KANSAS

ZONE TOTALS - - MAY 1972

GUATEMALA ZONE 1 (XELA)-----33 BAPTISMS
 GUATEMALA ZONE 2 (GUATEMALA)-----46 BAPTISMS
 EL SALVADOR ZONE 3 (SANTA ANA)----- 2 BAPTISMS
 EL SALVADOR ZONE 4 (SAN SALVADOR)-----50 BAPTISMS

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A wise man once said, "A man convinced against his will is of the same opinion still." But we might also add, "If you can change the heart, the mind will follow."

As I think of our callings to "testify and warn the people" (D & C 88:81) and to bring about "convert baptisms" (Mission Handbook), the time we so often spend "defending the Gospel" in scriptural debates stands out in my mind as of questionable value. I can think of more than once when I have been challenged by ministers and others to support our beliefs with scriptures and have found my knowledge wanting. I am not saying by any means that we as missionaries should not be adept as students of the scriptures. Even with a willing, contrite investigator, you cannot teach what you do not know. But I am saying that that is not enough, nor is it primary. Though I have known and heard of many outstanding missionaries, I don't recall a single instance of a person being converted by their arguments. I believe, as I'm sure you do, that arguing as such is purely a waste of time.

Then how are people converted? By the Spirit, of course. I think sometimes that the greatest truths to be learned in this life (and perhaps all truths) are never really discerned by the logical kind of reasoning we are taught in school. There is another kind of reasoning done by the heart (I guess) which the mind often fails to comprehend. It is this kind of reasoning not the physical "two plus two equals four" kind that tells us you can take out 10% for tithing and still have more left at the end of the month than if you didn't pay it. It also tells us you can attend to your Church duties first and study your hardest later and still come out ahead, even though there really aren't that many hours in a day. That kind of thing is not logical, but it's true.

I believe this is what Paul was trying to teach the idolatrous Corinthians when he said, "For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." (I Cor. 2:11,14)

I pray that we may learn to teach and reason by the Spirit--with ministers, with our investigators, and with ourselves--that we might not only know the Gospel but also know the Lord.

May the Lord prosper our righteous efforts.

Sincerely your brother,

J. Devn Cornish

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It may be very interesting to know that the most outstanding thing about the Gospel of Jesus Christ is its happiness. The purpose of the Church is to prepare us for that highest standard of living which God himself enjoys.

Every part of the Gospel with its glad tidings of great joy, was intended to make our lives happier, whereas bitterness, sin, hate, and all of the evil emotions produce poisons in the body and help to cause all kinds of physical and mental disorders. Many of us, as missionaries, have the opportunity of seeing the Gospel enter the lives of others. In describing this quality of joy that gets into people's hearts and shines out through their eyes and faces, we sometimes say that they have a light in their eyes, or their faces beam, or their personality is aglow, and yet none of these things is actually true. There isn't any light at all. And yet there is something shining from their faces that we can recognize but cannot describe. Such was the case when John the Revelator described the resurrected Jesus as he appeared to him on the Isle of Patmos. "His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire, and his feet like unto fine brass, as if they were burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters."
(Rev. 1:14-15)

The scripture says that no man has seen God at any time in the flesh, except when quickened by the spirit of God. But if we live the Gospel's glad tidings of great joy, we may some day qualify for that celestial order. Then we may understand the meaning of such phrases as "eternal happiness" and a "fulness of joy". In the meantime, as representatives of His Church, we must enlarge our hopes of eternal happiness by doing those things that He has specified.

We are children of God. He is our Father in every deed. We may increase that relationship. Without this concept as the foundation of our lives, our chances for temporal happiness and true success are limited; our possibility for eternal joy and exaltation is nonexistent. But with it in sharp focus we will best be able to comprehend and realize the great statement that "men are that they might have joy" available to us only if we live in a condition of righteousness with dedication, constant prayer, obedience, and sacrifice. Praying always that the Lord's choicest blessings may fall upon us, I remain,

Faithfully your brother,



Elder Kyle C. Blacker

The following is the Dedicatory Prayer given by Elder Spencer W. Kimball of the Dedication of the Central American countries as a mission, given on November 16, 1952, in Guatemala City, Guatemala.

O God the Eternal Father, we ask Thee in the name of Thy Son Jesus Christ to hear our special prayer this day, and to speedily fulfill the great promises made by Thy holy prophets concerning Thy long distressed and deprived people.

Holy Father, we stand this day on the land of Zion, the promised land made sacred by the words, the movements and the activities of the righteous saints and prophets of earlier times and especially sanctified by the repeated visits of Thy Beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the land which was also later desecrated and cursed by the follies, sins and unrighteousness of the descendants of Thy chosen ones.

Our Father, we remember with bleeding hearts, the sad afflictions of these children of Lehi in the centuries following their discovery by the Gentiles from across the many waters. We are mindful of their ceaseless wanderings, their untold sufferings and their constant battles for survival. We see them driven from their rivers of fish, their fertile acres lush with crops and from their homes and other belongings.

We see them scattered, intimidated and pushed. We see them as sheep without a shepherd, dispossessed, enslaved, branded and massacred. We see them hungry, sore, sick and finally reservationed. We see them spiritually bound down by superstition and blinded by the doctrines of men and we cry unto Thee: How long, O Lord, must they suffer? How long must the sins of the parents be visited upon the heads of the children? How long before they may be emancipated? How long before the rich promises for them may be fulfilled? How long before they may rise in honesty and strength and power of their ultimate destiny?

We come at this time, Heavenly Father, to this part of Zion, even to Central America, assigned by Thy prophet, his counselors and the Twelve to set the boundaries thereof and to implement the work so that here may be preached with increased power the glorious doctrines of salvation to Thy people at long bound by the chains of darkness.

Our hearts go to Thee in gratitude, dear Father, that the great truths of the everlasting Gospel have been established on this land through Thy Son Jesus Christ in person, and that they have been given to men by restoration through the Prophet Joseph Smith, that the heavens so long closed and locked by the disbelief and wickedness of Thy rebellious children have again been opened; that the Priesthood so long withheld from unworthy and unbelieving souls has been entrusted now to Thy sons upon the earth; that Thy kingdom has again been given to men with all facilities, agencies and powers, and that exaltation has again been made available to all souls who will comply with Thy commandments.

Gracious Father, we thank Thee for the repeated assurance through Thy prophets that these scattered remnants of Israel on this continent, the choicest of all lands, would be brought to the knowledge of Thee and Thy program and be permitted to hear the gospel, bear the Holy Priesthood and become a blessed people through their righteousness and we express gratitude to Thee that that day has come and that truth has literally sprung from the ground and that ancient voices have literally spoken from the dust; that the angel Moroni has directed the footsteps of the Prophet Joseph to the long hidden records; that those sacred plates have been faithfully translated by Thy gift and by Thy power revealing to all men and especially to the seed of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph, the second and compelling witness of the life, ministry, death, resurrection, total triumph and glory of Thy Beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

We are grateful that Thy servants were led to discover this fruitful land with its chosen gospel; that other faithful ones were directed to our American Zion to colonize the land and bring their witness, the Bible with them and that strong men were inspired to plan for and secure independence for that part of the promised land which was to be the birthplace of Thy restored kingdom when freedom of religious belief had been firmly established. We are grateful that the devastating persecusion and promised and inevitable scattering has ceased or been reduced and that the gathering and blossoming has begun.

We are grateful, kind Father, that Thy spirit has touched these Central American countries and for the measure of peace, tranquility and religious liberty and freedom which exists here. We praise Thy Holy Name that Thou has made possible the proselyting of Thy people here and we ask Thee to bless and inspire the presidents of these nations, with all their associates in power, that their hearts may be touched and that they may become nursing fathers and mothers to their peoples and that they may receive us as Thy true servants and messengers, and that the way may be opened for free, undisturbed and unlimited missionary work among their citizens.

Father in Heaven, grant that peace may come to the world; that Thy many sons may be released from military duty to serve in teaching righteousness to the frustrated people of the earth. Bless, we pray Thee, the missionary work in all the world but today we ask Thy special blessings upon the Lamanite cause and ask that the seed of Lehi in these Central American countries and the gentiles among them may see and hear and understand and have the courage and fortitude to accept and live the exalting program of Thy divine gospel. Let stony hearts be turned into hearts of flesh. Let repentance come in great measure. Let them accept the revealed word as preached and thirsty lands drink in the rains of heaven.

Bless the missionaries and the Saints that great power be given them, that their devotion may increase, that their labors may be fruitful, their testimonies convincing, that this great people may be converted and be helped.

Be pleased, Holy Father, to stay the powers of evil, bind the hands of those who would frustrate Thy work here, raise up friends to Thy cause and let Thy work flourish and prosper among this people.

Now, our Father, let Thy ceaseless revelations flow to Thy prophets, seers and revelators and particularly to Thy chosen prophet, President David O. McKay who stands at the head of the church, that the work of emancipation of these millions of Thy chosen people be prospered and Thine oft repeated covenants to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob be fulfilled. Smile upon the serious attempts of Thy humble servants and consecrate all their efforts to the good of this people.

Let peace reign here in Central America and in all the world, give success and accomplishment to the new presidency of this mission with all their associates, let conversion come to many and let Thy kingdom be established here as in other parts of Thy vineyard.

And now, Holy Father, we pray that when these, the seed of ancient prophets shall have paid the uttermost farthing, the penalty of rebellion and disobedience, when they shall have hungered enough, and wept enough, and agonized enough and repented sufficiently, let them blossom as the rose upon the mountain, and let them be converted "a nation at a day" and let Thy work be glorified and Thy people receive the promised blessings. This we pray for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the Glory forever. Amen.

LOCATION CHART -- JUNE 11, 1972

ABRAMS	CENTRO	HARDY	CIPRESALES	NIELSON, P	SANTA ANITA
ADAMS, REED	CENTRO	HATHCOCK	MAZATE 2	NOLTE	CENTRO
ADAMS, RICHARD	WARD 3	HEARNS	BARRIO NUEVO	NYE	MAZATE 2
ADAMSON	TOTONICAPAN	HEGERHORST	LAYCO	PAGE	MILAGRO
AGUILAR	BRANCH 5	HENRIE	CIPRESALES	PARK	SOLOLA
ALLEN	COATEPEQUE	HILLERY	WARD 4	PAULSON	SANTA LUCIA
AMESQUITA	LA MERCED	HONE	CIPRESALES	PENATE	VILLA NUEVA
ANDELIN	JUTIAPA	HUGHES	SAN VICENTE	PETERSON, M	WARD 6
ANDREW	BELEN	JENKS	REU 2	PETERSON, MC	XELA 1
ANTHONY	OFFICE	JOHNSON	EL QUICHE	PHILLIPS	CHALCHUAPA
AVARELL	SONSONATE	JONES	HUEHUETENANGO	PURDY	XELA 3
BALL	LOURDES	JORGENSON	STA. LUCIA C.	REINTJES	SANTA LUCIA
BARIA	ZACAMIL	KAOPUA	SOYAPANGO	REYNOSO	TOTONICAPAN
BARRUS	FLORIDA 2	KEATE	BELEN	RHODES	SAN JACINTO
BENNION	USulután	KELLETT	EL QUICHE	RICHARDS	MONSERRAT
BLACKER	OFFICE	KILGORE	STA. LUCIA C.	RIGBY	LAYCO LOWER
BLAKESLEY	WARD 3	KLEINMAN	REU 1	ROBINSON	JUTIAPA
BOND	SAN MARCOS	KNIGHT	ZACATECOLUCA	RODRIGUEZ	EL MOLINO
BORGQUIST	FLORIDA 2	KOELLIKER	WARD 6	ROGERS	SANTA LUCIA
BOWEN	LAYCO UPPER	KUEHNE	JALAPA	ROUNDY	ESCUINTLA
BOWER	MAZATE 1	KULBETH	SANTA TECLA	SALAZAR	PATZICIA
BUMSTEAD	ZACAPA	KUSCH	OFFICE	SANDERS	MOMOSTENANGO
BUNDERSON	SAN MARCOS	LAMOREAUX	SAN JACINTO	SCHLOSSER	SAN JACINTO
BUTTARS	MOMOSTENANGO	LANDEEN	SOLOLA	SEEGMILLER	XELA 3
CACUANGO	CENTRO	LARSON	ZACAMIL	SELICK	MEJICANOS
CALL	JALAPA	LAURITZEN	PATZUN	SHELLEY	FLORIDA 1
CAMERON	WARD 2	LAYTON	VILLA NUEVA	SHINEY	WARD 2
CAMMACH	MONSERRAT	LEE	XELA 2	SMITH	HUEHUETENANGO
CHENEY	ANTIGUA	LEFLER	EL MOLINO	SORENSEN	SAN PEDRO
CLARK, S	CHIQUIMULA	LEMUS	ESCUINTLA	STANLEY	BRANCH 5
CLARK, T	LOURDES	LIPPINCOTT	OFFICE	STAPEL	DELGADO
COOK	MODELO	LLOYD	EL MOLINO	STEWART	WARD 6
COOPER	ZACATECOLUCA	MC CRACKEN	CHALCHUAPA	STOKER	MODELO
CORNISH	OFFICE	MC DONALD	JOCOTALES	STRONG	DELGADO
CUFF	ESCUINTLA	MC GAUGHEY	FLORIDA 2	STUART	BARRIO NUEVO
CURTIS	ZACAMIL	MC QUARRIE	PATZUN	STUMPE	CHAPARRAST.
DAVIS, C	WARD 1	MACK	FLORIDA 1	SYMMES	USULUTAN
DAVIS, LB	LA MERCED	MACKAY	MONSERRAT	TAYLOR	JOCOTALES
DEWAAL	SANTA TECLA	MAGYAR	PATZICIA	TEEL	MONSERRAT
DIEHL	BRANCH 7	MAHONEY	OFFICE	TERRY	WARD 2
DODGE	FLORIDA 2	MARQUEZ	XELA 2	TEW	EL MOLINO
DOMINGUEZ	CHIMALTENANGO	MARSH	TOTONICAPAN	TJELLER	REU 2
DRAPER	PATZICIA	MARTINEZ	WARD 6	TWIGG	TOTONICAPAN
EDDO	WARD 2	MARTINSON	LAYCO LOWER	VALLE	CHIQUIMULA
ERSKINE	ZACAMIL	MATHESON	AHUACHAPAN	WALLACE, B	LA MERCED
EVANS	MEJICANOS	MAUGHAN, BRO	ZACAMIL	WALLACE, K	XELA 3
FARNSWORTH	SANTA LUCIA	MAUGHAN, SIS	ZACAMIL	WEAVER	XELA 3
FRYAR	BARRIO NUEVO	MAURENT	CHIMALTENANGO	WHIPPLE	SOYAPANGO
GARDEA	FLORIDA 1	MAUZY	COATEPEQUE	WILMER	MAZATE 1
GOLIGHTLY	BRANCH 7	MELENDEZ	LA MERCED	WILLIAMS, A	ANTIGUA
GOMM	OFFICE	MILLER	REU 1	WILLIAMS, D	SANTA ANITA
GONZALES	SAN PEDRO	MOORE	CIPRESALES	WILSON	ESCUINTLA
GOODMAN	CHAPARRAST.	MORGAN	XELA 1	WOODMAN	SAN VICENTE
GRAHAM	LAYCO UPPER	MOULTON	DELGADO	WRIGHT, SCOTT	SONSONATE
GUDIEL	WARD 1	MUNDY	WARD 2	WRIGHT, STEVE	OFFICE
GUNNELL	WARD 4	NELSON, J	ZACAPA	WYLIE	BARRIO NUEVO
GWILLIAM	WARD 5	NELSON, S	SAN JACINTO	YOUNG, D	AHUACHAPAN
HAACK	LAYCO	NIELSON, N	WARD 5	YOUNG, V	MILAGRO
				ZOLLINGER	DELGADO
					FLORIDA 1