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Elder Michael A. Carlisle

A baby is born, happiness seen,  
and joy is so ever strong,  
As a godly spirit comes into this life,  
Yes son, a life that won't be long.

To permit him to grow, to learn, and love,  
to be able to face temptation,  
and then carry what he has gained  
and share it with many nations.

To serve the Lord with all his heart  
and work with unquivering pain,  
Then in a twinkling of an eye  
is with Him from whom he came.

But surely to know that he has done  
well in all of his endeavors,  
A joy that will last eternally  
forever and forever.

Elder Joseph G. Cheney

"My faith is strong, as is my desire to serve the Lord." Elder Michael A. Carlisle had this thought in front of him constantly as he strived to fulfill it by serving the Lord the best he could. He served a short, but important and meaningful mission here in the Guatemala-El Salvador Mission. Important and meaningful for his own self, his family whom he loved very much, his companions, and his Lord.

His faith was strong, as he showed throughout his life. He knew that if he wanted something, he had to work for it. When setting out to do something, he went all the way, and didn't stop until he met his goal. He served in whatever way he could. He was the vice-president of his senior class. He was captain of the football team, which he was very proud of, and which he carried to the first place position in his league. And he served actively in the church. He was called as president of his Deacon's and Teacher's Quorums, and again as secretary of his Priest's Quorum.

He was a patient Elder, who was easy going enough to get along well with people, and straight forward enough to keep his eye single to the glory of God. He was obedient to the bounds and rules set before him, and knew how he had to go and what he had to do to accomplish his desires and always remain faithful to what he knew was right.

He was intelligent and studious, and showed it not only in his missionary work, but in his scholastic accomplishments in school. He attended Brigham Young University for a year before his mission, majoring in Computer Science.

In the mission field, he served for seven months after his two month training in the Language Training Mission. He began in Monserrat with Elder Leon K. Jones, and remained there for two and a half months. His next assignment was in Rama El Molino with Elder David A. Whitmer. They were together there for three months, when he was transferred to San Jacinto Branch with Elder Glenn A. Hillery, and served there for six weeks until his accident. He grew to love each of his companions and the areas in which he worked.

Although his full-time mission wasn't too long here, he did his best, and did it prayerfully. He was assured of the Lord's help and protection, and accepted it always in his problems as well as his joys. "If the Lord didn't give us problems, we couldn't grow." He knew of the Lord's constant love and care for him, as long as he was fulfilling his part. His testimony was strong concerning the power of prayer and priesthood, which he used often. His testimony was strong concerning the prophet Joseph Smith. He knew the work he was doing was true and important. He loved it, and was excited to be a missionary.

He passed away in San Salvador on May 29, 1973. His funeral services were held on June 2, 1973 with Elder Franklin D. Richards, Assistant to the Twelve as the General Authority in attendance.

Dear Companions:

"We'll gather the wheat from the midst of the tares  
And bring them from bondage, from sorrows and snares.....  
We'll cheer up their hearts with the news that he bore  
And point them to Zion and life evermore."

"Brother Gomez, I know this church is true, and did you hear what  
Elder Jones said about what Elder Brown said about Sister Black?"

"Brother Gomez, the gospel will bring you true happiness, but this  
area and my companion sure make me unhappy."

"Brother Gomez, if you obey the commandments, the Lord will bless  
you, but I got to bed late last night and if I don't sleep in  
I'll be less effective."

"Brother Gomez, I know that the Gospel has been restored, and I  
know that if my comp does that one more time, I've had it."

Have you ever said that you are on a mission in order to share  
the gospel? I hope you have said it, for that is why the Lord  
called you to go on a mission. But, have you considered what it  
really means to share the gospel?

Consider what President David O. McKay said about the gospel:  
"The purpose of the gospel is to change people--to make bad  
men good and good men better", and view that, in light of what a  
certain statement has to say of our behavior and its influence:  
"No man is an island."

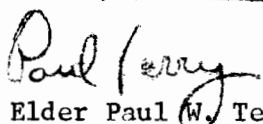
Now ask yourself: "Does every word I say, every thought I think,  
every action I do make those around me better? Does it cause them  
to rejoice? Does it set them an example? Does it lighten their  
burden?"

Answer to yourself: "Am I really, then, sharing the gospel, or am  
I sharing something else?"

As we think of sharing the gospel in this light, is it any wonder  
that the Lord stated the essential requirements of a missionary  
as being: "And faith, hope, charity and love, with an eye single  
to the glory of God, qualify him for the work. Remember faith,  
virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, brotherly kindness,  
godliness, charity, humility, diligence"?

I hope that we will seriously compare our words, thoughts and  
actions with the message which we have been sent to share and that  
we will earnestly seek the improvement of which we find ourselves  
in need.

Sincerely,

  
Elder Paul W. Terry

Dear Fellow Servants:

It was very probably near this time of year in 1829 when Peter, James, and John appeared to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery in the wilderness of the Susquehanna River. They declared themselves as possessing the keys of the kingdom and of the dispensation of the fulness of times, and they restored the Melchizedek Priesthood to man in its fullness and power for the last time. This glorious priesthood, which "is after the holiest order of God", is the means by which all ordinances for our salvation are administered or solemnized. Doctrine and Covenants section 84 tells us that "without the ordinance thereof, and the authority of the priesthood, the power of godliness is not manifest unto men in the flesh; for without this no man can see the face of God, even the Father, and live."

In the last few weeks I have been especially thankful for the restoration of this priesthood. I have thought about how Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery must have felt to bring such a power to us. But more than anything, I have considered the great blessing and responsibility that we have as bearers of the Melchizedek Priesthood. Life's decisions could be frightening, its tragedies unbearable, if one had to face them alone. Yet, worthy members of Christ's church have every right to feel secure in the power of the priesthood, and joyful in the knowledge that the will of our omnipotent Lord is free to act in the house of faith.

I suppose that the "will of our omnipotent Lord" clause is the real key in exercising His priesthood. Since the power comes from our creator, its use should be for His glory and for the accomplishment of His designs. Of course, if our lives are in order our true desires will be more in line with the purposes of our Lord, and selfishness will be brought to a minimum. It is our responsibility to live worthily so that the Lord can function through us and so that we may accept His judgement, whatever it may be.

The Lord is just, even when our limited vision and understanding may not comprehend His ways. Spencer W. Kimball says that "The power of the priesthood is limitless but God has wisely placed upon each of us certain limitations. I may develop priesthood power as I perfect my life, yet I am grateful that even through the priesthood I cannot heal all the sick. I might heal people who should die. I might relieve people of suffering who should suffer. I fear I would frustrate the purposes of God." Certainly we can see the wisdom of his attitude. If we could heal "all the sick" we would also destroy our most basic right: free agency. We would not live so much by faith as by knowledge that through the power of the priesthood we could immediately obtain our every whim. The results would be disastrous. There could be no test, no growth, no success. More importantly, without trials there could be no achievement.

Elders and Sisters, I leave you my testimony that there is no power on the face of the earth greater than that of the Melchizedek Priesthood. It is real, and it is for our eternal happiness. I pray that we might always remain faithful so that the priesthood can act in our lives and its strength be a comfort to us.

Sincerely your brother,

*Darrell K. Rigby*  
Elder Darrell K. Rigby

I believe in God,  
For deep within my soul echoes  
A sound from distant worlds  
Which seems to recollect  
That as natural as life itself  
There exists my creator--  
Yes, even my Father

Call this instinct.

I believe in God  
For, from earliest moments upon this earth,  
It was my happy lot  
To have as guardian spirits  
Even mortal parents,  
A man and woman who yielded  
To the enticings of the Holy Spirit  
And made themselves examples  
Of godliness and belief in God.

Call this teaching.

I believe in God  
Because men of great integrity  
Have left us their testimonies  
And sealed them up with a power  
Which I cannot deny.

Call this authority.

I believe in God  
Because I have applied the test  
In my own behalf.  
I have been obedient,  
And know it is good.

Call this experience.

I believe in God  
Because being actuated by  
Instinct,  
Teaching,  
Authority,  
Experience,  
I have been led  
To that great fountain of truth,  
The Holy Ghost;  
And he, whose office it is to witness Christ,  
Has borne witness to my soul--  
And verily, I know!

Call this knowledge.

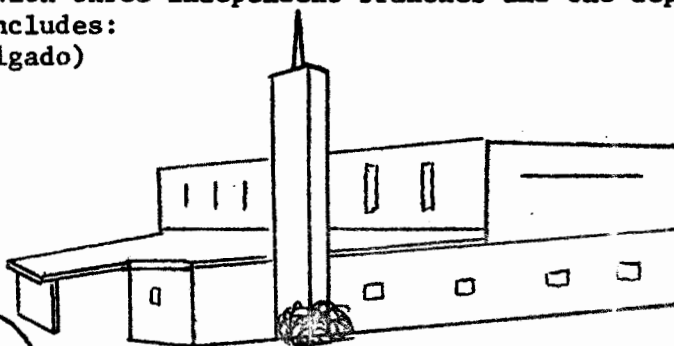
--Improvement Era  
September, 1966

"Strengthening the Home" was the theme of the Second Quarterly District Conference in San Salvador, June 2-3, 1973. It was a very appropriate and timely theme, inasmuch as it was the conference in which the Guatemala-El Salvador Mission lost that district and the church gained another Stake of Zion. Elder Delbert L. Stapley was the presiding General Authority, and emphasized the point that the church cannot be greater than the strength of the families who make it up. "If we want to strengthen the church, we need to strengthen the homes of it." He brought out the necessity and importance of family prayer, and stated that he knew no better way to bring union and love into the home than by kneeling together as a family in prayer. Talks were given by the new stake officials concerning the importance of strengthening their individual homes, and the ways in which they could best accomplish it. By obeying the law of tithing; "With this law, all things are had in the home and nothing lacks." By observing the Sabbath Day; "We should teach our children a complete dedication to reading the scriptures and visiting the sick on this day." By holding our Family Home Evenings; "How grand it is to see an eternal home." The excellent new film, "Strengthening the Home" by President Harold B. Lee, was shown, and was the basis for the proceedings of the conference meetings.

It was a busy weekend for all. Interviews began Friday night as soon as Elder Stapley arrived from Salt Lake City, and continued all day Saturday and Sunday morning. After the conference session that morning and until his plane left in the evening, Elder Stapley was kept busy ordaining and setting apart new stake officials. Harold Brown, the Regional Representative for this region was also in attendance, and helped out tremendously with the translations for Elder Stapley. Of course, the work in preparation for this historical event began a long time ago, and has finally come to an end in the realization of it all. But, it is just the beginning for the membership of the church in the San Salvador Stake. The load has now been shifted to their shoulders, and they have a great and wonderful challenge put before them. Their's is a full responsibility, not to the Guatemala-El Salvador Mission, but to themselves and to the First Presidency of the church, directly.

The San Salvador Stake was the 618th stake to be organized in the church. Eight wards were organized with three independent branches and one dependent branch. The organization includes:

- San Salvador Ward (Delgado)
- Ward 2 (Layco)
- Ward 3 (Montserrat)
- Ward 4 (San Jacinto)
- Ward 5 (Santa Anita)
- Ward 6 (Santa Lucía)
- Ward 7 (Zacamil)
- Santa Tecla Ward
- Lourdes Branch
- Mejicanos Branch
- Zacatecoluca Branch
- San Vicente Branch--dependent of Ward 6



The church and kingdom is truly growing here in Central America. The part we all play is very important, and is something we can be very proud of.



For whoso is faithful unto the obtaining these two priest-hoods of which I have spoken, and the magnifying their calling, are sanctified by the Spirit unto the renewing of their bodies.

They become the sons of Moses and of Aaron and the seed of Abraham, and the church and kingdom, and the elect of God.

And also all they who receive this priesthood receive me, saith the Lord;

For he that receiveth my servants receiveth me;

And he that receiveth me receiveth my Father;

And he that receiveth my Father receiveth my Father's kingdom; therefore all that my Father hath shall be given unto him.

And this is according to the oath and covenant which belongeth to the priesthood.

Doctrine & Covenants 84:33-39





## HOME, SWEET HOME

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### ZONE TOTALS—MAY 1973

	BAPTISMS	PLACED BOOK OF MORMON
GUATEMALA ZONE 1 (XELA)	12	62
GUATEMALA ZONE 2 (GUATEMALA)	40	145
EL SALVADOR ZONE 3 (SANTA ANA)	17	92
EL SALVADOR ZONE 4 (SAN SALVADOR)	<u>29</u>	<u>120</u>
<b>totals</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>419</b>

adams j	san salv 6	geller	san salv 3	nelson scott	el molino(g)	
adams r	usulután	golightly	sonsonate	nelson steve	xela 2	
ahlstrom	ahuachapán	goodman	office	nikolaus	lourdes	
aitken	san salvador	graham	ahuachapán	molte	patzicía	
alomar	guat 3	greer	guat 8	noorlanders	patzicía	
allen b	san salv 6	guillen g	el modelo	page	office	
allen k	branch 7	guillen r	el molino(s)	peñate	san marcos	
allen r	guat 2	gunnell	el quiché	petersen	ahuachapán	
allred david	coatepeque	<u>gwilliam</u>	guat 6	peterson	sololá	
allred derryl	el molino(g)	hansen	san salv 6	rappleye	mazatenango	
alvarez	sololá	harris	guat 4	<u>reintjes</u>	xela 3	
amezcua	sonsonate	hatch	antigua	reynoso	santa tecla	
amesquita	florida	hathcock	el centro	richards m	usulután	
anderson	totonicapan	<u>hegerhorst</u>	san pedro	<u>richards r</u>	mazatenango	
anthony	office	<u>henrie</u>	xela 1	<u>rigby</u>	office	
<u>avarell</u>	reu 2	<u>hillery</u>	san salv 4	riley	mejicanos	
<u>bailey</u>	chalchuapa	hilton	el centro	rios	sololá	
bake	san salv 3	huber	antigua	roberts	<del>Santa</del> lucía c	
ball	guatemala	hurst	occidente	robinson	san salv 3	
<u>barrus</u>	ahuachapán	jennings	guat 6	rodriguez	reu 1	
barton	xela 3	johnson c	el molino(s)	rogers	jutiapa	
baxter	san pedro	johnson r	coatepeque	roper	escuintla	
bentley	san salv 2	jones j	sonsonate	<u>roundy</u>	barrio nuevo	
blake	san salv 2	jones m	office	salazar	patzicía	
blakely	san salvador	<u>jorgenson</u>	barrio nuevo	salgado	guat 2	
blakesley	patzún	kaopua	san salv 5	schlosser	mazatenango	
bond	san salv 7	kempton	san marcos	<u>sellick</u>	jutiapa	
<u>borgquist</u>	guat 6	<u>kilgore</u>	san salv 2	<u>skiba</u>	totonicapan	
<u>bower</u>	san salv 4	kirk	barrio nuevo	smith	guat 6	
boyer	chimaltenango	<u>knight</u>	patzún	steed	xela 2	
bumstead	guat 3	koplin	el modelo	steele	sonsonate	
<u>buttars</u>	patzicía	kuehne	office	stevenson	san salv 7	
<u>cameron</u>	mejicanos	LOCATION CHART			stewart	chiquimula
<u>cammack</u>	guat 2	JUNE 12, 1973			stoker	guat 8
chapman	guat 3	kulbeth	huehuetenango	stucki	occidente	
cheney	el modelo	landeen	momostenango	stumpe	branch 7	
christensen	guat 5	lange	patzicía	swensen	oriente	
clark stephen	reu 1	layton	escuintla	symmes	san salv 2	
<u>clark steven</u>	san salv 2	lee	guat 4	telford	florida	
<u>clark t</u>	guatemala	<u>lefler</u>	guat 5	<u>terry</u>	office	
cobabe	san salv 6	lemons	san salv 6	<u>tew</u>	office	
cubero	santa tecla	lewis	jalapa	theodore	guatemala	
culp	el centro	lezama	guat 3	thompson	el molino(s)	
curtis	guat 6	mc cracken	office	tilton	san salv 7	
<u>daines</u>	chimaltenango	mc gaughey	guatemala	tingey a	escuintla	
<u>davis</u>	santa tecla	mc quarrie	momostenango	tingey d	santa tecla	
demars	el molino(s)	<u>mack</u>	san salv 6	trejo	reu 2	
dodge	san salv 7	madsen	mazatenango	tueller	totonicapan	
downard	florida	mangini	guat 2	<u>twiggs</u>	florida	
draper	patzicía	mangus	oriente	varley	sonsonate	
dugan	santa lucía c	martinez	escuintla	vega	florida	
duran	barrio nuevo	mather	chiquimula	vermillion	el centro	
eason	zacapa	<u>maurent</u>	san salv 3	waite	lourdes	
eddo	zacapa	<u>mauzy</u>	chiquimula	wallace d	zacatecoluca	
erskine	occidente	<u>miller p</u>	san salv 2	wallace k	el molino(g)	
escalante	florida	miller r	xela 1	whitmer	el molino(g)	
evans m	huehuetenango	montoya	sololá	williams a	oriente	
evans r	san salv 5	moore	chalchuapa	<u>williams d</u>	occidente	
faye	totonicapan	morgan	san vicente	williams k	el quiché	
gagon	zacatecoluca	mortensen	totonicapan	wilmore	oriente	
gamboa	xela 3	<u>mundy</u>	el modelo	<u>wilson</u>	el molino(g)	
garcia	guat 6			wylie	jalapa	
<u>gardea</u>	sonsonate			young	san vicente	