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Dear Missionary Companions,

As most of you know, our oldest son Scott received his mission call to the Mexico West Mission and has now gone through the Mission Home and arrived at the L.T.M. As parents, we join the thousands of other fathers and mothers who now anxiously await a weekly letter from their son or daughter to hear if all is well and feel the wonderful spirit the missionary receives as he finds himself in the service of the Lord. The extreme pride and gratitude we parents have because our missionary was found worthy to serve and accepted the call from the prophet is impossible to describe.

We have always had a desire for our three boys to serve the Church as missionaries, but felt it must be their desire and not ours in order for them to be happy and really committed to the work. Perhaps all parents feel their missionary may seem a little immature to accept such a great responsibility--that of teaching the everlasting truths of the Gospel to the elect and honest in heart throughout the world; nevertheless, we sense a state of well-being knowing the Lord will watch over and protect our missionary, help him overcome discouragement, but more important make him realize living the Gospel principles will bring joy and happiness.

Deep down we hope and pray for his success as a missionary; that his testimony of Jesus the Christ, Joseph Smith, and all other fundamentals of the Gospel will become an abiding part of his life.

As your mission parents, we want you to know we love and appreciate each and every one of you and want you to be the best missionaries possible. Let the Lord know of your love for Him by giving 100% dedication to the work. Make your parents proud of you by being the kind of missionary they want you to be.

Sincerely your mission parents,

President and Sister Glade

Dear Fellow Missionaries,

As members of the Church of Jesus Christ, we must all be strong in our desire to excel--our goal is godhood. We teach the people this concept in the fifth lesson, and we define the obstacles in the sixth. Our goal as missionaries is to help the people realize that the true church with all its organizations and programs can help them progress toward excellence. But do we ourselves apply this concept to our lives as missionaries? Are we constantly striving for personal excellence?

Unfortunately, too many of us are afraid to be outstanding people. It is much easier and much more comfortable to be average missionaries. We're always worried about what the other elders think of us, and that pressure too often holds us back instead of pushing us forward. Satan is also anxious for us to be content with just getting by. We must recognize and overcome these obstacles in order to achieve greatness.

The road to excellence must be taken a step at a time. Each day we must take a step forward by conquering some small personal weakness or by fortifying our strengths in some small way. We should take advantage of our personal time for prayer and meditation each morning to set our daily goals. As we sincerely mention these goals in our prayers, we're assured the Lord will help us and our prayers become much more meaningful.

Through small, daily successes we'll see great results. We'll have greater self-confidence. We'll also have more confidence in the Lord and feel closer to Him. As we learn to recognize and solve our own problems we'll be better able to serve others. In short, we'll become much better missionaries.

It has been said, "The heaviest burden in the world is a great potential." We are the youth of the noble birthright. The Lord expects us to reach perfection ("Be ye therefore perfect"). It is our hope that we can strive daily for personal excellence and thereby improve the quality of our contribution to this great latter-day cause.

Sincerely,

The Assistants

TOP DISTRICT -- June, 1971

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|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----|
| DL-James | Co-Sr-Jolley-Ward 4 | | |
| Torres-L.B. Davis | Sta. Lucia Cotz. | Total baptisms----- | 21 |
| Henshell-Kente | Escuintla | Baptisms per pair----- | 3.5 |
| R. Reed-P. Nielson | Ward 2 | Points per baptism----- | 4.1 |
| Gamero-Simons | Ward 2 | Points per missionary-- | 7.1 |
| Brimhall-Rhodes | Villa Nueva | | |

About half of the baptisms of our district were found from the audit and tracting, whereas the other half were found by references. The district goal was fifty. The propuestos were honestly high and everybody felt that it was a possible number. Through the month district loyalty was high. My companion and I were impressed by the fact that the missionaries had this spirit of unity and that everyone wanted to help each other. For instance, good references were given to other members of the district when some of the office missionaries wanted them. Help was given to find partidas. Also, the progression of the most important investigators was not slowed down by the sickness of some of the missionaries because by switching companions we were able to teach most of the important lessons. I know the missionaries worked hard and even though the goal was not met, many good people are members because of their efforts. ----Elder James

#2 DISTRICT -- June, 1971

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| DL-Osborne | DLC-Lloyd-Cuscatlán | Total baptisms--- | 12 |
| Saunders-Hoodman | Central | Baptisms per pair----- | 2.6 |
| Keelliker-Cuff | Monserrat 1 | Points per baptism----- | 2.8 |
| Williams-S.W. Call | Monserrat 2 | Points per missionary--- | 6.8 |
| Gardner-D. Young | Santa Anita | | |

The relative success that was enjoyed by our district was a product of desire and the necessary elements which convert desire into success. Although we were a young district (in mission months), and three of the five senior companions were new in their areas, we had the good fortune of being able to get things together and rolling quickly in our respective areas. Perhaps the greatest success factor was district unity, which was developed early in the month by a fast. Each member of the district fasted, along with his family. We opened the day with a meeting in which each elder had the opportunity to express his reasons for fasting. The day was closed with a night meeting under the stars. Testimonies were borne, and a love for the work, family, and other elders was expressed.

The district challenge for the month was sixty-five hours, and twenty lessons per week. The hour goal was met almost without exception. The lesson goal came a bit harder, but striving for the goal kept the lesson rate at a high level, although a bit under twenty a week.

As district leader, I had the opportunity to interview the baptisms, and I can honestly say that every one of them was a quality baptism. Elder Gardner baptized a blind man. Elder Saunders baptized a young couple who flunked their baptismal interview because of their unwillingness to pay tithing, but after praying that night, humbly submitted to the commandment and were baptized shortly after.

The full results of our month's work will be seen in July and August, when many of the seeds we have planted in our new areas begin to blossom.

----Elder Osborne

LOCATION CHART

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

ZONE SUMMARY

Xela Zone

The byword of the Xela Zone for the month of June was "work"--work in the mountains and work on the coast. Every one of the elders of the zone was "dándole duro" throughout the month.

A special congratulations goes out to the elders of the Quiché district. Our hard-working wilderness elders came through with a fine performance, baptizing eleven people, and giving an average of about 35 lessons per pair.

The elders in the Cakchiquel areas are breaking the old barriers down and are getting through to the people with some fine lessons. The elders in Patzún have more investigators than they've ever had in that area; the elders in Sololá and Patzicía have some good programs going and are looking forward to good results.

Elder Hatch and Elder Strong are doing a fine job in San Pedro and have been teaching some fine people and got five baptisms. The Marcos elders, as well, are looking forward to getting some good investigators.

The "Garden Spot of the Mission" (the Coast) has been tilled over real well for this past month, and although they didn't get many baptisms this month, July is going to bring in a bumper crop.

The Xela district has been tenaciously hanging in there and has been working solidly with good people. They're still not coming in by throngs, but quality people are coming in and adding a great deal to the branches up here.

We have pride and confidence in the members of our Zone and would like to congratulate them for the fine job they did last month.

----Elders Boyack and Callan

Guatemala Zone

We are proud to be able to express our appreciation for the fine job that our missionaries have done and are doing here. Because of the dedication of the missionaries we had another month of success.

Success here has come through various ways. The missionaries here have caught the Spirit and are seeing the importance of group meetings, firesides (investigator as well as missionary), Open Houses, etc. In this month of July we are putting strong emphasis on the mission programs, such as the "I Care" program and Book of Mormon program. We have set our goal for the month of July as 100 baptisms.

We know that these programs are inspired, and we have much confidence in our District Leaders and members of the Zone. We pray for the Lord's blessing and hope that we can all understand our responsibilities as we continue in the work of the Lord.

----Elders Solano and Hernández

ZONE SUMMARY (cont'd)

Santa Ana Zone

Time -- First effective hours of June

Santa Ana and the surrounding garden spots lay nestled quietly among the rolling Salvadorean landscape. A dedication month was over and the city's population was waiting in the streets to see what those fantastic Mormons were going to do next. Then a funny word began to hiss forth from the dust. Actually, any work that those tall, good lookin' cheles has a rather distinct sound, but this one was especially peculiar: AUDIT. It was carried like a plague to all town inhabitants, and no one could hide from it. It was shouted across every housetop by those paper-clip agents with their F.B.I. questions. The frightened mayor made preparations to prevent the exciting commotion from becoming a national disaster. But it was . . . papers were flying, scribbling pencils were on the move and the deafening roar of shuffling membership cards made it impossible to think of anything else. So as the dust continue to fly in July, the Santa Ana Zone will keep correcting datos and baptizing more.

----Elders Webster and Clawson

San Salvador Zone

The success of the San Salvador Zone during the month of June was due to a number of factors. Perhaps first and foremost among them was a real increase in contacts and lessons on the part of one district. This has also been the trend over the past two or three months: the high district in baptisms has also been high in contacts and lessons. More and more elders are also applying the mission programs such as investigator firesides and the "I Care" program. All this has resulted in an increase in Church attendance as well as an ever-increasing number of families completed.

----Elders Clasen and Norberg

GOING HOME

Jay W. Rice - Susanville, California
Bradley L. Hill - Lemon Grove, Calif.
Earl R. Tanner - Preston, Idaho
Brent K. Wade - Salt Lake City, Utah
Jens P. Fugal - Pleasant Grove, Utah

COMING IN

James L. Hone - Payson, Utah
Rodolfo Dominguez - Pico Rivera,
California
Marfa del Rosario Aguilar -
Tecucigalpa, Honduras

The Sabbath Day

What should we be doing on the Sabbath Day? Many of the hours are already taken care of as we attend the Church meetings and make those last-minute dashes to investigators' homes to persuade them to come to Sunday School or Sacrament Meeting. It would not be unusual to find us in a Branch Presidency or Leadership meeting if we are inclined to do so. Those hours spent in meetings are accounted for, but even in Church we are gaining or losing missionary opportunities according to our attitude. Instead of sitting down to study the scriptures before the meetings we should be on our feet practicing them, standing at the door shaking the hand of and smiling at everyone who enters. We should be on the look-out for things we can do whether it be lending a hymn book to someone who doesn't have one or pinch-hitting for a teacher who didn't show up. It has been said that missionaries set the spirit of the branch in which they work. They determine if the members are optimistic about the future or whether they sense no possibility for progress. Our Sabbath Day influence in meetings will be a measuring stick as to what degree of success we will have in working with the members and inspiring them to action.

Yes, many of the hours are set and accounted for, but what of the others? Do we knock off the time while sacking out for an afternoon snooze? Do we become engaged in letter-writing a day-before we should? Do we use the time to plan out Monday's activities instead of concluding Sunday's? How we answer these questions will to a great degree determine how effective we are as missionaries. Sunday is a choice day to do missionary work. It is the day to effect investigator firesides which have been planned the week before; it is the day to find entire families at home and present the Gospel to all; it is the day to check up on those people who didn't come to Church but had previously said they would; it is the day to push ourselves and realize those blessings we'd never know if we didn't.

It was once wisely said by Napoleon:

In all battles, there is a moment . . . when the bravest troops feel inclined to run. That terror proceeds from the want of confidence in their own courage, and it only requires a slight opportunity, a pretense, to restore confidence in them.

When the noon-day meal has passed and we feel inclined to lay down in bed, let's build up the gumption to kneel down beside it and regain the confidence we need. Does it not stand to reason that when we feel the most inclined to throw in the towel for a while is when we should re-dedicate ourselves to get up and keep moving? The difference between the "gone!" and the "going!" is that one stops when the going is good, whereas the other strives to keep the good going. Our Sundays are not "weak-ends", but rather days to say "we-can." Let us make the most of the Sabbath and not let it make the most of us for it is the Lord's day and His work should be done.

OFFICE MEMOS

In our work as missionaries, with the emphasis placed on proselyting activities and helping the branches, we often overlook the small things we could do to help the branch president develop in the important area of financial responsibility. There are a few things we can all do which only take a few minutes, and yet which can be of great help to the branch president.

One thing that can be helpful is a reminder concerning the monthly financial report. It should be made out and sent to the mission shortly after Fast Sunday each month. If a branch president has questions on the report which the missionary can't help him with, he should request help from the district or from the mission. In this way, he will feel better about the report and the financial situation of the branch.

Another thought is to simply ask the branch president if each week he is depositing in the bank the donations received from the members. It is a Church policy that each Monday these deposits are made. A friendly reminder can help him fulfill this responsibility.

Let's all work together helping the local leaders to develop. We need not become directly involved with the financial operations of the branch, but we need to become an inspirational force to help the branch president fulfill his responsibility, something which can easily be done without taking time away from our other important missionary responsibilities.

Brent E. Wallace
Financial Secretary

The problem of helping new members grow in the Church has been a concern of the General Authorities ever since the beginning of the Church. Over the years, thousands of ideas and proposals have been used, and each one has met with a certain degree of success. Of all these ideas and methods, some have proven to be better than others, and one of the best is the Church magazine system. Here in the Mission, we receive the benefit of this system through the Liahona. We have the opportunity to help our new baptisms in one of the best ways possible just by getting them to subscribe to the Liahona. I would like to remind all the missionaries to be aware of this at all times, and try to make sure that each new family or individual who is baptized buys a subscription to the Liahona. In a one-year period, these people will receive a wealth of knowledge about the Church, and will also have a regular monthly contact with it. Let's show concern for our baptisms, and by doing so we will help the Church grow strong here in Guatemala and El Salvador.

Jay Verle Duerden
Commissarian

The following article was published last fall in newspapers throughout the Western world. Due to incomplete accounts which have been circulated in the mission for the last several months, we hereby present the newspaper article as it appeared in its entirety . . .

ARQUEOLOGIA :

ISRAELITAS EN AMERICA ANTES QUE COLOM

UNA TUMBA, EN EL ESTADO DE TENNESSEE (EE. UU.),

DA PRUEBA FENACIENTE DE ELLO

NUEVA YORK, Oct. 19 (AP) - Los israelitas estuvieron en América del Norte mil años antes de Cristóbal Colón, dijo aquí Cyrus Gordon, profesor de la Universidad de Brandeis.

Gordon, especialista en historia de los pueblos mediterráneos, se refirió a este descubrimiento arqueológico en una reunión de eruditos de Nueva York.

Declaró que el museo Smithsonian de Washington le había señalado el descubrimiento de una piedra, en 1885, en una tumba del estado de Tennessee.

Esta piedra presentaba grabadas curiosas inscripciones que no llamaron la atención entonces, aunque fueron fotografiadas, porque erróneamente se las imprimió al revés.

Vistas al derecho, dejaron reconocer fácilmente caracteres de estilo "canaán", que fué el de los israelitas que vivieron entre el Jordán y el Mediterráneo.

Algunos de estos caracteres son por lo demás idénticos a los grabados en las monedas hebreas de la época moderna.

Dijo Gordon que las circunstancias del descubrimiento "apulan toda posibilidad de fraude o de imitación y la inscripción prueba la migración de judíos . . . probablemente para no caer en manos de Roma después de los desastres judíos de los años 70 y 135, antes de nuestra era."

En la parte oriental del estado del Tennessee, dijo además Gordon, hay un grupo de gente conocida por el nombre de "malungons" que racialmente ni son indios ni negros, sino caucásicos, sin ser apolosajones.

Ciertamente, concluyó Gordon, son descendientes de tribus primitivas mediterráneas que, por lo demás, se creen descendientes de gente venida al nuevo mundo aproximadamente 2,000 años antes de Cristóbal Colón.