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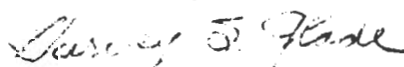
Dear Missionary Companions,

A most instructive and worthwhile District Leaders' Conference was held the latter part of July here at the Mission Home. Participants included the mission office staff, the current zone and district leaders throughout the mission, and a few missionaries who will be called to serve as such in the very near future. The theme of the conference was "Greater success through more effective application of the mission program", so naturally the programs now outlined in the Missionary Handbook were carefully reviewed and practical application of these were discussed. The purpose of course was to help the mission leadership better understand and apply the programs in order to assure greater missionary success throughout the mission. A wonderful spirit of love and brotherhood existed among all those who attended, and the unanimous desire of each district leader at the conclusion of the conference was to convey the many helpful instructions to every missionary under his direction. We sincerely hope all of you now have a greater vision of the work and of your calling as a servant of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As a servant of the Lord, how does one measure his or her success as a missionary? Is it necessary for one to be called to be a district or zone leader or even an assistant to the President before success as a missionary can be achieved? I want to emphatically say that success in the Gospel or in the mission will not be measured by one's ability to be a good leader, but will depend on one's own inward feeling about himself and his relationship with his Maker. It is the missionary himself that measures his success. The Lord has said, "For the power is in (you), wherein (you) are agents unto (yourselves)." (D & C 58: 28) It is what you do and how you feel about the work you are doing that will determine your success. Certainly, as your Mission President, I have a great responsibility to guide and assist you in this wonderful labor of love, but you and the Lord must be the judges as to your success as a missionary. Have you been true to yourself? What a comforting feeling it is to sense that you are performing to the best of your ability and know you are entitled to the companionship of the Holy Ghost and the Spirit of the Lord to help you magnify your talents and abilities as a missionary.

May we all be honest with ourselves, knowing we must measure our own success and enjoy that warm feeling that comes from within when we have been true to ourselves and to the Lord whom we serve.

Faithfully your brother,



Harvey S. Glade

Isn't it strange that princes and kings,
And clowns that caper in sawdust rings,
And common folk, like you and me,
Are builders of eternity?

To each is given a set of tools,
A shapeless mass, and a book of rules.

And each must build, ere life has flown,
A stumbling block, or a stepping stone.

These are the things that build and bless
The road to human happiness.

Dear Fellow Missionaries,

Throughout history there have been those men who have been builders and not destroyers, desiring to make their part of the world a little bit better for their friends and neighbors. At times it was difficult for them to see the great good they were doing. Many nights were spent in pondering over whether the purposes for which they strove were actually being realized. Dark days were not uncommon to such individuals for when great aims are one's goal, challenging problems must always be met. There were many comrades who stumbled by the wayside, not believing that a great work could be done, explaining to all that what was sought for could not be attained. But this negative attitude of discouragement never had the power to bring to the dust the truly great men of ages. What was that quality driving such history-makers forward, and which continues to cause those of our own day to perform modern miracles? They must have believed with all their hearts that what they are doing was right. They must have felt this with such an intensity that it caused them to make sacrifices that others would hardly have dared think about. This is the type of feeling we must have to be successful missionaries.

We must have the complete conviction that the Lord does direct this work, and have this assurance imprinted clearly upon our hearts. We must know that we are being directed by the spirit. What a security we have within ourselves when we sincerely realize this! Our work does not become a task, but a welcome joy, and we step up to a spiritual level that causes us to see beyond the disappointments which we all continue to find ourselves up against to the eternal effects of our diligent labors. It is hard at times to keep this godly vision we are all promised, but we must always remember that even in our darkest hours the Lord is with us. He will be there to help us regain the stamina necessary to continue to perform as He would if in our place.

I express my love to all of you, knowing that you are great men and women in the truest sense of the word. It is my prayer that you will be stepping stones in the days ahead, knowing that our Heavenly Father is with you all the way.

Con amor,

Douglas J. Brunnette
Elder Douglas J. Brunnette

TOP DISTRICT -- July, 1971

DL-James	Co-Sr-Jolley-Ward 4	
Gamero-Simons	Ward 2	Total baptisms-----35
Reed-Heaps	Ward 2	Baptisms per pair-----5.8
Brimhall-Martinson	Villa Nueva	Points per baptism---4.3
Hoenshell-Keate	Escuintla	Points per missionary 12.5
Torres-L.B. Davis	Sta. Lucia C.	

If district pride and unity have anything to do with high baptisms, then we are sure this is one of the prime reasons for our success. Most of us have had about 2 months of work and activity to get to know one another. Everyone is fired on the success of everyone else. That spirit of unity goes back to the areas, and missionaries felt they are working as a team instead of working alone. The zone and district leaders' conferences have helped us evaluate ourselves in order to be more effective in applying the mission programs and thereby progress much more in the quality and quantity of our baptisms. 5 complete families were baptized and 3 were completed. We feel indebted to one another for the sacrifice each makes to make district activities memorable experiences. There was much fasting done collectively and individually. Other missionaries and members helped us tremendously with references which accounted for about 95% of the baptisms. The zone goal of 100 sparked the district past its responsibility of 25 to accomplish the district goal of 36. 2 of our 37 baptisms will be counted next month. It cannot go unmentioned that the basis of the success lies in the hard work mixed with the spirituality of the missionaries. The Lord has blessed us much. We are thankful for this opportunity to work together in the Kingdom of our Father. ----Elders James and Jolley

#2 DISTRICT -- July, 1971

DL-Heaton	DLC-Wright-Coatepeque	
Bushman-Andrew	Reu. 1	Total baptisms-----19
Phillips-Kusch	Reu. 2	Baptisms per pair-----3.8
Tafoya-Farnsworth	Mazate. 1	Points per baptism---4.02
Gillespie-Cacuango	Mazate. 2	Points per missionary-7.6

The Coast ("GARDEN SPOT OF THE MISSION") finally got the ground tilled over, the Alcaldía in Coatepeque straightened out, and some good hard work on the part of the elders in Retalhuleu and Mazatenango, bringing about the "bumper crop" so well-prophesied by the Zone Leaders in last month's Avante. Most of the baptisms were people with whom we had been working and teaching during the month of June. The elders seem to be really dedicated to the work and the unity among district members ran high during the month.

5 of the baptisms in Coatepeque were a direct result of the Seminary Program. We had one non-member girl coming to our seminary classes who got her parents interested in the Church, bringing about the conversion of the whole family. Her mother, seeing the interest of her daughter, had completely read the Book of Mormon before she was baptized; the way things are going, it is very probable that she will be the seminary teacher in Coatepeque next year.

I was real impressed with the people that I interviewed for baptism this past month, and am sure they will play a big part in the progress of the Church here on the Coast. ----Elder Heaton

The Use of a Testimony

The sanctity of a true testimony should inspire a thoughtful care as to its use. That testimony is not to be forced upon everybody, nor is it to be proclaimed at large from the housetop. It is not to be voiced merely to "fill up the time" in a public meeting; far less to excuse or disguise the speaker's poverty of thought or ignorance of the truth he is called to expound.

The individual testimony is a personal possession. One cannot give his testimony to another, yet he is able to aid his earnest brother in gaining a true testimony for himself. The overzealous missionary may be influenced by the misleading thought that the bearing of his testimony to those who have not before heard the gospel message, is to convince or condemn, as the hearers accept or reject. The elder is sent into the field to preach the gospel--the good news of its restoration to earth--showing by scriptural evidence the harmony of the new message with the predictions of earlier times, expounding the truths embodied in the first principles of the gospel; then if he bears his testimony under divine inspiration, such a testimony is as a seal attesting the genuineness of the truths he has declared, and so appealing to the receptive soul whose ears have been saluted by the heaven-sent message.

But the voicing of one's testimony, however eloquently phrased or beautifully expressed, is no fit or acceptable substitute for the needed discourse of instruction and counsel expected in a general gathering of the people. The man who professes a testimony herein described, and who assumes that his testimony embraces all the knowledge he needs, and who therefore lives in indolence and ignorance shall surely discover his error to his own cost and loss. A gift from God, if neglected or unworthily used, is in time withdrawn; the testimony of the truth will not remain with one who, having received, uses not the sacred gift in the cause of individual advancement.

Search out the truth of the written word; listen for and receive the truth declared by living prophets and teachers; enrich your minds with the best of knowledge and facts. Of those who speak in his name, the Lord requires humility, not ignorance. Intelligence is the glory of God, and no man can be saved in ignorance.

Study and strive to acquire the knowledge that leads toward and the wisdom that shall reach the goal of life eternal. Your testimony as to the truth of the restored gospel may operate toward salvation or condemnation as it is used or misused.

Joseph F. Smith in
Gospel Doctrine

GOING HOME

Douglas Brunnette-Rochester, Minn.
Darrel Clark-Minot, North Dakota
Jeffrey Clason-Fresno, Calif.
Dennis Golden-Henderson, Nevada
Fred Heaton-Kanab, Utah
Stephen Webster-Sandy, Utah

COMING IN

Paul W. Terry-Salt Lake City, Utah
Richard Baria-Denton, Texas
Gaylen Shirley-Sugar City, Utah
John D. Mauzy-Tucson, Arizona

IF

by Rudyard Kipling

If you can keep your head, when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you.

If you can trust yourself, when all men doubt you
But make allowance for their doubting too;

If you can wait, and not be tired by waiting
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies;
Or being hated, don't give way to hating;
And yet don't look too good or talk too wise.

If you can dream and not make dreams your master;
If you can think and not make thoughts your air.

If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat these two impostors just the same.

If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken,
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools;

Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken
And stoop to build them with broken tools.

If you can make a heap of all your winnings,
And risk it on one turn of "pitch and toss"
And lose and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss.

If you can force your mind and nerve and sinew,
To serve their turn long after they are gone,
And so keep on when there is nothing in you
Except the will, which says to them, "Hold on."

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with kings, nor lose the common touch.

If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
And all men count with you--but none too much.

If you can fill the unforgiving minute,
With sixty seconds of time well-run,

Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,

And what is more you'll be a man, my son.

--Rudyard Kipling (1865)

ZONE SUMMARY

Xela Zone

Once again the Xela Zone has increased its number of baptisms over the month before. Both the number and the quality of baptisms have been going up gradually over the past 6 months, and if the trend continues we should reach our goal of 50 within the next few months.

Congratulations are out again to the elders on the Coast (otherwise known as the Garden Spot of the Mission). Investigators whom they had been teaching for months finally came through for them in July as they got a total of 19 high-quality baptisms. Special recognition goes to the Coast's district leader, Elder Heaton, and his companion, Elder Wright in Coatepeque--they got 9 of the 19 baptisms, including 2 families. Elder Heaton really finished his mission up with a great performance.

The Quiché elders are still on the warpath as their investigators and baptisms are still good. The elders in Momostenango and Huehuetenango both put on exhibits during their respective fairs. The Momos elders were able to see immediate results from their efforts, as they baptized 2 Peruvians who visited the fair on their way to Mexico. These men were taught the 6 lessons and baptized in Xela 2 days later. ¡Que rápido bautizan los misioneros!

Things were a little rough for the Cakchiquel, San Marcos, and Xela districts, but it'll be their turn to shine next month. We're looking for greater success in the future months through better application of the mission programs and through greater spirituality and dedication.

----Elders Boyack and Callan

Guatemala Zone

Success here in this zone has developed into an enjoyable habit! 72 new souls were brought into the Church this month, lessons were high, and mission programs were applied to the benefit of the Church members as well as missionaries. This would seem to indicate great effort on the part of missionaries here--and indeed it does!

Because of the results of former months, we saw that the zone was ready for a high challenge; so, the challenge was given for 100 baptisms. Throughout the month, missionaries moved and worked cheerfully as a team. Some encountered difficulties, but many found success. When the month was over, many were surprised at what they had accomplished.

Elders are finding those fabled "Golden families" and are working hard to convert them. For this simple reason the quality of baptisms for this month was high: 8 complete families were baptized, and 8 more were completed. Average per baptism was nearly 4 points.

Credit undoubtedly has to be given to the district leaders. They all made an honest effort to attain their goal, and always had a very good knowledge of the situations within their districts.

We congratulate the elders and sisters of Guatemala Zone 2 for their willingness to serve!

----Elders Solano and Hernandez

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

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

ZONE SUMMARY (cont'd)

Santa Ana Zone

The Santa Ana Zone was hospitalized this past month with a surprising variety of ailments. It was attacked by high temperatures (principally around the Sonsonate area), low blood pressure (Chalchuapa), gambu (centered around the Ahuachapán-Atiquizaya area), and a zone-wide case of athlete's foot (witnessed during a week-long basketball tournament held to celebrate the fiestas patronales of Santa Ana); not to mention an epidemic of sleeping sickness noticed in the vicinity of the ZLs' house. In spite of all this, however, the zone did not lay down and die, but rather went wheezing on to a pretty fair month. Work was generalized; only one pair of elders was shut out for the month. The zone has taken to heart the mission program: "I Care" families were appearing all over the place, and 82% of the month's baptisms were males. The doctor has prescribed a strong dose of enthusiasm and a few transplants of worn-out organs, which all are hoping will help the patient to a complete recovery in August.

----Elders Webster and Clawson

San Salvador Zone

The elders and sisters in the San Salvador Zone were all pretty well "up" during the month of July. The best month for number of baptisms in the zone thusfar this year was realized as 72 persons were baptized in 5 different services. The members of the zone feel, however, that results for August should top those of July.

High district for the month with 7.2 baptismal points per elder and total of 24 baptisms was that of Elder Osborne. The hard-working elders of that district also led the zone in number of contacts and lessons. Elders Gardner, Young, and Stuart were responsible for the baptism of a complete family in which both mother and father are blind.

Elders Rappleye and Woodman and Thompson and Cuff have helped themselves and numerous other pairs of missionaries in the city with references obtained from a display set up in parks in downtown San Salvador. Several complete families who received their introduction to the Church through the display are expected to enter the fold this coming month.

Action in the Church organization in Salvador City has been heavy of late. Branches are being united in order to form a more perfect union and provide for the general welfare of the members there. Soyapango and Santa Lucía, Delgado 1 and Delgado 2, as well as Layco and Atlacatl were joined a couple of months back, while more recently the two Santa Tecla branches were united as were Cuscatlán and Monserrat 1. On Sunday, August 1, the San Salvador North and San Salvador South districts were joined and Maria Scheel was called to preside over the new San Salvador District as president.

All in all, the San Salvador Zone is 100% apple scruff!

----Elders Clason and Norberg

OFFICE MEMOS

Upon ending his famous address, the king-prophet Benjamin "sent among" his people to discover how many had believed his words. "With one voice" they made it known that "they were willing to enter into a covenant" with God. "And now king Benjamin thought it was expedient...that he should take the names of all those who had entered into a covenant with God..." That record was taken, and undoubtedly it was a reminder to those people of their solemn agreement to keep the commandments.

This principle was reiterated in April of 1830, when the Lord expressly commanded "a list" to be kept of those who joined the Church. (D & C 20)

Nearer our own time, President Joseph F. Smith said: "Some people may not care very much whether their names are recorded or not, but this comes from ignorance... If their names are not recorded...they will be cut off from their dead...and they will be appointed their portion with the unbelievers where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth. ...they shall have no portion or lot or inheritance in the kingdom of God, neither in time nor eternity."

May we take carefully the names of those who, as did King Benjamin's people, desire to make a covenant with God. We hope the suggestion of showing and explaining the membership card to those families prepared for baptism will be integrated into your missionary routine. In this way, that procrastinated, hurried "dato session" will become meaningful: it will be easier to enthuse members to Church activity, and will remind them of their sacred, recorded covenant.

Myron E. Machula
Membership Secretary

During the past month, the office staff had the privilege of meeting with some of the mission's finest elders in the semi-annual District Leader Conference. The theme was "Greater success through more effective application of the mission program." The sessions centered around the overriding goal of missionary work, and how we may achieve that goal. In D & C 6:13, we read: "...there is no gift greater than the gift of salvation." It was pointed out that the entire purpose of missionary work is found in that passage, for our goal is to bring salvation, God's greatest gift, to as many people as possible. Means of accomplishing this were discussed at length. One speaker asserted that we must see an increase in baptisms and branch activity if we effectively apply the mission program. The program was analyzed in detail, with ideas expressed on how to use its various parts--"I Care" Program, Investigator Firesides, group teaching, missionary study program, etc.

Several speakers particularly highlighted the Conference. President Glade's opening address stressed the need for strong mission leadership and unity. Brother Arnold spoke on "Obedience and Sacrifice", and declared that our salvation and exaltation depend upon our obedience to those placed in authority over us. Elder Call's presentation dealt with Success: he stated that the best way to show an attitude of success is by enthusiastic application of the mission programs. All were uplifted by a very good testimony meeting to close the Conference. After the testimony meeting, we were further uplifted by a great steak dinner!

The speakers emphasized the need to be more successful in our missionary work, baptizing more good people through application of the programs outlined by our mission leaders.

D. Eric Monson
Mission Secretary