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Dear Missionary Companions:

As you commenced your missions you received careful and specific instructions regarding "Missionary Standards" from the general authorities. As you prepared yourselves in the LTM again these standards were reviewed very carefully. Upon arriving at the mission home you received the missionary rules to be used as a guide during your entire Guatemala-El Salvador mission.

Your being here as a missionary is an evidence of your willingness to abide by missionary standards. These rules are for the benefit of each and everyone of us and by living in accordance with them we will be entitled to the richest blessings both temporal and spiritual we as missionaries have been promised.

To review just a few very important rules:

1. A missionary is never to be alone or without his (own) companion.
2. Missionaries should not touch the opposite sex except to shake hands.
3. Adherence to a daily schedule that includes arising between 6:30 A.M. and retiring at 10:30 P.M.
4. Daily personal as well as companion study with emphasis on the Standard Works.
5. Daily personal and companion prayers. (This is not a rule to be obeyed just because it's a rule but because daily prayers are needed to keep us in tune with the Lord.)

I humbly suggest you and your companion take time out to once again study the rules of the mission and put your daily activity in full accord so that we may all become more effective servants of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Con much amor,

*Harvey S. Glade*  
Harvey S. Glade

"It made me shiver. And I about made up my mind to pray and see if I couldn't try to quit being the kind of boy I was and be better. So I kneeled down. But the words wouldn't come. Why wouldn't they? It weren't no use to try and hide it from Him. I knowed very well why they wouldn't come. It was because I weren't square; it was because I was playing double. I was letting on to give up sin, but away inside of me I was holding on to the biggest one of all. I was trying to make my mouth say I would do the right thing and the clean thing. But deep down in me, I knowed it was a lie, and He knowed it. You can't pray a lie...I found that out." Adventures of Huckleberry Finn--Mark Twain.

Mark Twain has expressed in different words a principle of the gospel familiar to all of us as Latter-day Saints. The Doctrine and Covenants would most likely put it differently, but the idea is the same--sincerity or willingness to "pay the price" is necessary if we honestly expect our prayers to be answered.

Is there a missionary that has not knelt at the side of his bed to ask his Father's help that he might be a more spiritual person, that his testimony might grow, or that Brother Gomez might overcome his Word of Wisdom problem? I'm sure this and a myriad of other things have often been included in our prayers.

Examining our words in light of this insight by Mark Twain we are reminded of something that we all know well. When we ask for spirituality, do we think, among other things, of how we could be better companions, and have more love between us? When we pray for a stronger testimony, do we challenge ourselves to share it more often that it might grow? When we ask that an investigator might be strengthened, are we living daily so that we can confidently assure Brother Gomez that God blesses for obedience and that he answers prayers?

We are told that if we ask, we shall receive, and that if we knock, it will be opened unto us. But I wonder how many times we knock and then forget to walk in when the door is opened. President Joseph F. Smith has said that "There is nothing more conducive to real progress in faith, wisdom, knowledge and power than constant activity in seeking to do good." We ask for favors and God gives us opportunities. The common ground between the asking and the receiving is nothing more than honest work.

We have been called to serve with all our heart, might, mind and strength. It's reassuring to know that everyone of us can please our Father in Heaven and honorably fulfill our call by simply doing our best. As we do so, we learn how to walk in the door once it's opened. We grow personally and in turn those lives that we are trying to touch are influenced and strengthened.

May we be blessed in our efforts, and have joy in fulfilling our callings.

Sincerely,

*Elder Richard Strong*

Elder Richard K. Strong

In the Garden of Gethsemane our Lord prayed: "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." (John 17:20-21)

In this, the Lord's last prayer to his Father in Heaven before being carried away to stand unjust and ridiculous trial and subsequent crucifixion, he prayed that his apostles "be one". We find in this the importance that Christ must have put on unity among his apostles. This same sermon can be applied to us as missionaries in thinking of our tremendous responsibility of serving the Lord as one of his disciples.

Christ desired that his disciples "be one" in the same way that he and his Father were one, and therefore the disciples might "be one in (Them)" also. We see the necessary condition that to be one with the Father and Son they (the apostles) first had to be one in and amongst themselves. Indicating the result of this complete unity Christ continues, "that the world may believe that thou hast sent me" or in other words, so that the gospel could be spread to the world.

We, brothers and sisters, are the disciples of Christ in this day. We too have a great need to become as "one" not only amongst ourselves but also one with God and Jesus Christ. It is implied by the scripture that if the apostles were not "one" then the world would not believe in the divine mission of Christ that they would proclaim. Being an ambassador of the Lord puts a great responsibility on us. To be one with our companions, our district members, our district and zone leaders should be our goal. Thus, being unified amongst ourselves, we may hope for a unity with God and His Son. Far too often I have listened to a criticizing missionary backbite or find fault with a companion or a district or zone leader. As a "new missionary" I was appalled at times by the way "brothers and sisters in the faith (the Lord's anointed)" spoke about one another. Criticism and faultfinding is one of Satan's most cunning and unrecognized tools in the destroying the spirit of man. It is a vicious habit which destroys unity and love. It eats and eats at a person until all of the good inside of him is devoured, and therefore, being "left unto himself, to kick against the pricks, to persecute the saints, and to fight against God," he perishes.

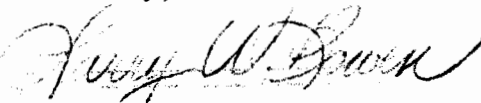
Christ taught a lesson to the Nephites and Lamanites: "For verily, verily I say unto you, he that hath the spirit of contention is not of me, but is of the devil, who is the father of contention, and he stirreth up the hearts of men to contend with anger, one with another. Behold, this is not my doctrine, to stir up the hearts of men with anger, one against another; but this is my doctrine, that such things should be done away." (3 Nephi 11:29-30)

On the other hand comprehension, understanding for basic differences in people and a true love and empathy for others are factors that help build progressive unity. The most productive and rewarding times that I personally have spent during my mission have been a direct result of companion, district and zone unity in striving to obtain mutual goals. Working together is fantastically enjoyable and satisfying because of the sharing element. In this atmosphere, love, happiness and the influence of the Holy Ghost can be felt. The Holy Ghost binds us together while Satan tries to break these bonds. We must seek unity and the Holy Ghost.

Dedication Month is the perfect opportunity for all missionaries with their leaders to plan activities to improve unity and effectiveness. It is a time to get together as a district and instruct each other in the principles of the mission programs, receive new enthusiasm for them and set worthwhile goals for success in them.

Let us unify ourselves! That we, as a result, may then become unified with God and His Son through prayer and diligent work in spreading His Gospel is my prayer.

Sincerely,



Elder Larry W. Bowen

The following is an excerpt taken from Elder Daniel Graham's final "Letter to the President":

As I sit writing my last letter on a jet flying north, I feel in all its force the idea that a mission is a very fleeting thing. It seems such a short time ago that I landed in Guatemala feeling so strange and out of place. In a way, it also seems that I have been a missionary all my life--what was before and what will be after are unreal and incomprehensible. It is like life, a few ephemeral years and it is finished, for better or for worse, and one is flying through the clouds to receive his recompense. And one has to judge himself, inescapably.

This mission was a wonderful blessing, heaven sent. For a little season my Father said No and when the time was right, he said Yes. Then the responsibility was mine and I had the opportunity to grow with it. I developed my talents some, especially that great talent that we call a testimony. I still have a long way to go to perfect that talent. May I always grow in testimony. Nevertheless, I have no doubt about the truths of the Gospel, only I must endeavor to put my life in line with them. I developed other talents--language, personality, leadership, Gospel knowledge, to a more or less degree. But I suppose in retrospect, the most pleasing thing to me is the thought that I had some small part in spreading the Lord's kingdom upon this earth. It is joyous to think that I did something--laid a stone or two in the great work of building the kingdom.

I feel like in helping the kingdom grow here I have also laid a firm groundwork for my own future. I pray that I may always have callings in the Church to help me grow spiritually. I hope that I am ready for the great responsibilities that await me in forming my own family...

## PAN AM GIVETH...

ROSA MARIA LEZAMA VICTOR  
GRANT WAYNE BAXTER  
DAVID RAINEY DAINES  
RANDY ALAN HANSEN  
MEL ROY MORTENSON  
STEVEN GARTH NELSON  
MICHAEL LEWIS VERMILLION  
MARIA YOLANDA GUILLEN PADILLA  
MERCEDES GAMBOA SALAZAR  
KERRY J. THOMPSON  
GILBERT EASTON BLAKE  
KENT MATHEW HATCH  
TRACY LUNT KIRK  
JOHN DALE ROBERTS  
GLADE FARRELL ROPER  
DANIEL RAY WALLACE

MANAGUA, NICARAGUA  
BAKER, OREGON  
LOGAN, UTAH  
OREM, UTAH  
THORNTON, IDAHO  
YUMA, ARIZONA  
HOUSTON, TEXAS  
MASAYA, NICARAGUA  
SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA  
POCATELLO, IDAHO  
KEARNS, UTAH  
CORONA, CALIFORNIA  
PLEASANT GROVE, UTAH  
WADSWORTH, ILLINOIS  
BOULDER, COLORADO  
AMERICAN FALLS, IDAHO

## PAN AM TAKETH AWAY

JOHN DEVN CORNISH  
LINDA ANN SORENSON  
LAUANA JUNE MOULTON  
FRANKLIN VAN LARSON  
JAMES BOYD MARTINO  
KAT PHYLLIS FRYAR  
CHARLES WILLIAM BALL  
NORMAN HAIGHT NIELSON, II

PORT TOBACCO, MARYLAND  
PENINSULA VILLAGE, CALIFORNIA  
OGDEN, UTAH  
EL PASO, TEXAS  
DENTON, TEXAS  
EL PASO, TEXAS  
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA  
BURLEY, IDAHO

## ZONE TOTALS -- JULY, 1972

GUATEMALA ZONE 1 (XELA)	25 BAPTISMS
GUATEMALA ZONE 2 (GUATEMALA)	31 BAPTISMS
EL SALVADOR ZONE 3 (SANTA ANA)	20 BAPTISMS
EL SALVADOR ZONE 4 (SAN SALVADOR)	<u>34 BAPTISMS</u>

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## LOCATION CHART -- AUGUST 9, 1972

abrams	usulután	gwilliam	ward 5	nelson, scott	santa tecla
adams, reed	cipresales	haack	layco	nelson, steve	sonsonate
<u>adams, rich</u>	ward 3	hansen	barrio nuevo	<u>nielson, p</u>	santa lucia
<u>adamson</u>	totonicapán	hardy	jocotales	molte	monserrat
aguilar	xela 3	hatch	ward 5	nye	mazate 2
aitken	san marcos	hathcock	branch 7	page	escuintla
allen, b	florida 1	hearns	office	<u>park</u>	solola
allen, r	branch 5	hegerhorst	chimaltenango	<u>paulson</u>	layco upper
amesquita	occidente	henrie	cipresales	peñate	villa nueva
andelin	jutiapa	hillery	ward 4	<u>purdy</u>	xela 3
andrew	mejicanos	hone	jocotales	reintjes	florida 1
anthony	ward 1	<u>hughes</u>	san vicente	reynoso	solola
avarell	el molino	jenks	reu 2	rhodes	san jacinto
ball, j	occidente	johnson	layco lower	richards	centro
baria	zacamil	<u>jcnes</u>	huchuetenango	rigby	san marcos
barrus	florida 2	jorgenson	office	roberts	florida 1
baxter	el molino	kaopua	ward 3	robinson	mazate 1
bennion	occidente	<u>keate</u>	layco upper	rodriguez	xela 1
blake	ahuachapan	kellelt	el quiche	rogers	zacamil
blakesley	chiquimula	kilgore	chalchuapa	roper	chimaltenango
bond	coatepeque	kirk	ward 4	roundy	barrio nuevo
<u>borgquist</u>	florida 2	kleinman	reu 1	salazar	patzicia
<u>bowen</u>	office	knight	layco	sanders	momostenango
bower	centro	<u>koelliker</u>	ward 6	schlosser	santa lucia
bumstead	san vicente	kuehne	antigua	seegmiller	xela 3
butters	momostenango	kulberth	reu 2	sellick	delgado
<u>cacuango</u>	centro	kusch	barrio nuevo	<u>shelley</u>	ward 6
call	jalapa	lamoreaux	modelo	shirley	familia unida
cameron	familia unida	landeen	patzun	skiba	sta. lucia c.
cammack	el quiche	lauritzen	patzun	smith	san pedro
<u>cheney</u>	antigua	layton	branch 5	stanley	delgado
clark, s	chiquimula	lee	jutiapa	stewart	monserrat
clark, t	santa anita	lefler	sonsonate	stoker	zacamil
cook	san jacinto	<u>lemus</u>	escuintla	strong	office
<u>cooper</u>	monserrat	lezama	oriente	stuart	zacatecoluca
<u>cuff</u>	mazate 1	lippincott	office	stumpe	sta. lucia c.
curtis	lourdes	lloyd	el molino	symmes	huchuetenango
daines	florida 1	mc cracken	florida 1	taylor	monserrat
davis, c	ahuachapan	<u>mc donald</u>	cipresales	<u>teel</u>	familia unida
davis, lb	occidente	mc gaughey	florida 2	<u>terry</u>	el molino
dewaal	santa tecla	mc quarrie	totonicapán	tew	jocotales
<u>diehl</u>	branch 7	mack	sonsonate	thompson	centro
dodge	milagro	<u>mackay</u>	oriente	tueller	totonicapán
dominguez	escuintla	magyar	patzicia	twiggs	zacapa
draper	patzicia	mahoney	office	valle	oriente
eddo	familia unida	mangus	santa lucia	vermillon	santa anita
erskine	san jacinto	marquez	xela 2	waite	oriente
escalante	chalchuapa	marsh	totonicapán	wallace, d	cipresales
<u>evans, m</u>	mejicanos	<u>martinson</u>	layco lower	wallace, k	delgado
evans, r	jalapa	matheson	ahuachapan	weaver	soyapango
farnsworth	santa lucia	maughans	layco	whitmer	zacamil
gamboa	office	maurent	ahuachapan	williams, a	san jacinto
gardea	villa nueva	mauzy	coatepeque	williams, d	jocotales
golightly	mazte 2	melendez	occidente	wilson	soyapango
gomm	office	miller	reu 1	woodman	sonsonate
<u>gonzales</u>	san pedro	moore	xela 2	wright, scott	office
goodman	usulután	morgan	xela 1	<u>wright, steve</u>	barrio nuevo
gudiel	zacatecoluca	mortenson	escuintla	wylie	modelo
guillen	occidente	rundy	familia unida	young, d	milagro
gunnell	ward 1	nelson, j	zacapa	young, v	delgado
				<u>zollinger</u>	xela 3