

SEPTEMBER 1971

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Dear Missionary Companions,

President Spencer W. Kimball, acting president of the Council of the Twelve, was the presiding general authority at the Guatemala Stake Conference, held on September 4 and 5. Although his visit was specifically to train and instruct the stake officials and preside over the quarterly stake conference, he requested a Saturday morning meeting with those missionaries who were working in and near Guatemala City. We are sorry that time would not permit a general missionary meeting where all missionaries could have felt the spirit of this modern day prophet. In an attempt to share with each and everyone of you a few thoughts Elder Kimball expressed in the testimony meeting held with about 60 missionaries, I have reviewed my notes and those of others in order to briefly outline some of his instructions to us. First, let me say that Brother Kimball is the chairman of the missionary committee of the Church and, consequently, loves missionaries and missionary work. He and Brother Thomas Fyans, regional representative for Guatemala, and traveling companion of Elder Kimball, had just returned from the first Regional General Conference of the Church, held in Manchester, England. They both mentioned how successful this conference was and the thrill it was to have President Smith there to preside over this historic occasion.

The meeting with our missionaries was held in the Ward 2 chapel and consisted of testimonies given by a few missionaries, primarily those who were about to terminate their missions, and the words of counsel and instructions by Brother Fyans and Brother Kimball. The following comments were made by President Kimball:

When President Kimball returns home from a trip, he always empties out his coat pockets on the desk and goes through the things he has collected and analyzes them. Some things he throws away and other things he will file away for future use. What we should do as missionaries, even before we leave on our missions, is go through our lives and clean out those habits that are not becoming to us, and file the good ones. This shouldn't only be a two year plan, but it should last us for 80 years, the rest of our lives. It should be a permanent plan of life.

To help us in the above challenge, President Kimball gave the following:

Make every day a full, glorious, abundant day. Pray to be effective, and worthwhile in someone's life.

Don't ever place yourself in a position that will influence the rest of your life negatively.

11 Pay an honest tithing! Tithing money is sacred. Don't allow the habit of not paying tithing during your mission to carry over after you return home and commence earning money again!

Obey all laws, religious, national, state and you will be free!

Gain an attitude of totalness and dedication to the gospel.

Brother Kimball also gave advice to the returning missionaries soon to be home with their families:

Go home and remain a missionary--you are not released, it is only another move.

Avoid being eccentric, radical, crude and those things that might breed a bad attitude. Be conservative, be cautious.

When you go home, and give your returning address to your ward, bear your testimony as you have never done before. Don't tell silly, funny stories. Bear your testimony!

Keep your activity in the church at a high level and go to the temple whenever possible.

The most important step for you in the future is marriage. After a clean and wholesome courtship, finding the right mate and marrying him or her so you can bring the waiting spirit children into your marriage is your next mission. This is more important than earning a college degree or securing a job. Date and select a partner with good "common horse-sense." Someone who is high-minded, clean, and wants a big family. Remember, you are marrying for your children! Don't take pills! Don't wait to have children! Don't have your wife work to put you through school!

Put your family life on the high plane where it belongs. You are going into marriage to prepare your selves to become gods. We can never assume to be a god until we are worth to be a god.

If you never convert a soul but yourself on your mission, you've accomplished something important!

Keep the commandments.

That, my dear missionary companions, is a brief summary of a few selected thoughts given to us by Elder Spencer W. Kimball. In bearing his testimony in one of the meetings with the mission presidency, he reconfirmed his knowledge that we are members of THE Church of Jesus Christ (D&C 1:30). May the Lord bless each and everyone of us in our respective callings and find us living the gospel every day of our lives.

Faithfully your companions

President and Sister Glade

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Dear Fellow Missionaries,

No matter how we come into a mission, there are only two ways we can leave it. We can leave questioning our original purpose in coming, shaky in faith and testimony, lacking in self-confidence, before the Lord, somewhat bitter about the last two years, and eternally wishing we could have done it differently; or, we can be happy about the job done, comfortable with ourselves and with the Lord, confident toward the future and with the valuable knowledge that we've brought inestimable happiness into many people's lives.

No exterior source can really determine which feeling we take home with us--it's a completely personal thing. But if we could just leave a few ideas with you, they would be:

1) We are chosen representatives of Jesus Christ. Just the knowledge of who He really was and the power and majesty we represent should be a constant source of strength to us all.

2) Of all the things we've been involved with so far in our lives, this mission has to be the most important. Worrying about the past or the future is such a waste when our efforts should be 100% directed to now. The time goes by so quickly, and even faster when we're working as we should.

At the end of the mission, we get a chance to look it all over and see what it was all about: it isn't the movies, the paseos, or the ball games. It's the warm feeling of the Holy Ghost when we testify of the truthfulness of the Gospel; it's the happiness of watching a family change and realize the beauty of the Church; it's the growth our families or loved ones at home have experienced through our influence; and it's the added maturity, testimony and confidence with which we go home. Before long, the mantle of authority falls from our shoulders and the opportunity is lost, but the memory of what we did stays with us forever.

We sincerely hope and pray we can all realize these things and put our values where they belong. The mission can be a great experience, and should be "the best two years of our life." It depends on you.

Sincerely,

Elder Wilcox and Elder Everson

LOCATION CHART

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

ZONE SUMMARY

Xela Zone

Throughout the month of August the members of the Xela Zone were kept pretty busy with firesides, open houses and the "I Care Program"--not to mention the audit. Some very successful open houses were held in both San Pedro and Retalhuleu. So many people turned out to the open house in San Pedro that the elders couldn't handle them all. Good crowds were also on hand at firesides held on the coast and in Patzicía, where 85 people attended. The Xela district elders helped out the members there by sponsoring a Chili con Carne dinner with peach shortcake, prepared and served by the six elders there and were able to raise \$20 for the construction of the new chapel there. Elders in the Xela area are also looking forward to the big Independence Day fair to be held there from September 12 to 17, and are hoping to obtain some good new investigators through their exhibit and activities.

August was a big month for birthdays, especially for eight year olds, as a good number of our baptisms were children of member families. But, even though the number of baptisms and baptismal points were lower for the zone this month, the elders worked harder than ever and should see the fruits of their labors next month. Investigator lists are getting longer and the district leaders seem to think their districts will see alot more success in September. Many elders have been dining with their branch presidents lately and as a result most of the branches now have "I Care Families." Many new families are sure to be brought into the church through this and other programs the elders are beginning to put into practice in the Xela Zone.

----Elders Callan and James

Guatemala Zone

As the new zone leaders of this zone, we would first like to pay tribute to elders Hernandez and Solano for the outstanding job they did as the zone leaders. Also, we give our appreciation to the district leaders and zone members who are leaving this zone. Everyone had a big part in the great success of the zone in coming up with a total of 56 baptisms. We feel that they are all good quality baptisms and once again, we had many complete families and also completed families.

The zone has many new elders and several new district leaders, and we would like to welcome them into the zone and wish them the best of luck and the Lord's blessing in helping us to carry out and continue the old tradition of #1. The spirit is high and the competition is on between the districts with lesson contests and with testifying and baptizing. With the help of the Lord, our continued dedication, we will have even greater success in the future.

----Elders Bundy and Reed

ZONE SUMMARY

Santa Ana Zone

Enthusiasm is high in Santa Ana. There has been a tremendous spirit of work and dedication demonstrated by the elders and sisters during the past month. We are unitedly employing the mission programs on an ever increasing scale which we consider to be the foundation of our rising success. All the branches have "I Care Families" set apart which has resulted in an increase of lessons, especially group lessons, and convert baptisms. We were very impressed by the people that were brought into the church during August. We had a high percentage of priesthood holders and all were well taught and prepared for baptism. This month we will be consolidating our success as we more effectively continue employing the program.

The elders and sisters are working hard and there is a good spirit of competition in the Zone. This has been evidenced in our lively Monday morning athletic activities as well as interdistrict lesson and baptismal challenges.

Most gratifying to us as the Zone Leaders is the spirit of love and cooperation that exists between companions and members of the Zone. With spirit of unity we feel confident that we can effectively convey the gospel message to the good people of Santa Ana.

----Elders Call and Morris

San Salvador Zone

The San Salvador Zone spent another dedicated month in the pursuit of quality baptisms. The numbers, perhaps, were not as high as some preceding months, but quality was upgraded to a high level. Elder Lanenga's super-unified district achieved a 5.3 point average per baptism, with Elders Lundford and Lamoreaux leading the way with a 6.2 average. All districts maintained a high level of quality in baptisms. We have been able to see the church here expand to accommodate the steady influx of new converts. Happily, we can add that these new saints have truly been converted and that they are, and in all probability, will be, seen as strong members of the church.

We feel that our greatest achievement this month is in the baptism and completion of 13 families. We are confident that again, next month, we will have success and be truly outstanding in the "field."

----Elders Francis and Osborne

TEMPLE EXCURSION

Throughout the Guatemala-El Salvador Mission the annual call is heard announcing the temple excursion to the Mesa Temple in Arizona. The work on this rewarding part of missionary work has started.

Elder Solano is already fighting with the problems and papers required for this work. He does have the outstanding help of Elder Cacuangco, but we think that even two missionaries doing the work won't be enough to give the news to every saint in the mission. By now the mission has about 23,000 members and 7,906 families and they all need to know all the information concerning this excursion so that they may participate in this activity and receive the blessings of the ordinances performed in the temple.

The goal for this year is to have 200 members go to the temple. To meet this goal, we are asking the missionaries in the field to work with the members who have more than one year of membership and get them enthused and willing to participate in this excursion.

The excursion will leave from Guatemala the beginning of November, so they will have to start saving money and arranging papers and passports right away in order to be able to go without any problems. Therefore, we are asking the cooperation of the missionaries in making part of their work the encouragement of members to go to the temple this year. Some of our families and members will need a little bit of pushing, but if you do this and also teach them how to save the money and explain the eternal values of going to the temple, you will feel very happy when you see them returning from the temple.

May the Lord bless you in this work.

Sincerely,

Elder Solano and Elder Cacuangco

ROLLIN' OUT

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| Ronald Benning | Orem, Utah |
| Michael Bingham | Eresno, California |
| Douglas Boyack | Valencia, California |
| Ken Everson, Jr. | Newport Beach, California |
| Jack Hunsaker | Tremonton, Utah |
| Kenneth Harvey | Mesa, Washington |
| Steve Wilcox | Guthrie, Oklahoma |
| Richard Clawson | Salt Lake City, Utah |
| Jonathan Fairbanks | Albion, Washington |
| John Farmer | Blackfoot, Idaho |
| Randy Johnson | Sacramento, California |
| William Norberg | Sacramento, California |

ROLLIN' IN

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| Ana Melendez | San José, Costa Rica |
| Steven Borgquist | Garden Grove, California |
| Berk Butters | Weston, Idaho |
| Grant Hegerhorst | Alpine, Utah |
| Glenn Hillery | Ossining, New York |

CONVERSION

"But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not; and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." Luke 22:32

What a soul-searching blow the Savior must have dealt to Peter in that penetrating phrase. But Peter was ready to die for Christ, or so he said. Nevertheless, he denied ever having known his Lord and Savior only hours after that commitment was made.

What was Peter's set-back in this instance? Jesus saw it as a lack of conversion, an ingredient necessary in the apostle's life to strengthen his brethren.

It is also of utmost importance in our lives as missionaries to be converted to this great work and to the Gospel which we represent. In this manner we possess the faculty to strengthen our brethren and convert our investigators through the power of the Holy Ghost. This is our calling as representatives of Christ,

Through prayer, fasting and humble seeking of the Lord's spirit to strengthen us--we can become fully converted to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As hard-working, consistent, and dedicated missionaries we are the living examples of our conversion.

"...Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, FEED MY SHEEP." John 21:16

TOP DISTRICT -- AUGUST 1971

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| DL-Lanenga | DLC-S. Call-Layco | Total baptisms----- | 15 |
| Adams-Mauzy | Delgado 1 | Baptisms per pair----- | 3 |
| Hawkins-Bennion | Delgado 2 | Points per baptism----- | 5.3 |
| Lunceford-Lamareaux | Mejicanos | Points per missionary-- | 7.95 |
| McDonald-Terry | Mejicanos | | |

#2 DISTRICT -- AUGUST 1971

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| Co-DL-Bundy | Co-DL-Davis-Branch 5 | Total baptisms----- | 22 |
| Hunsaker-Strong | Ward 3 | Baptisms per pair----- | 3.66 |
| Bingham-Jenks | Ward 3 | Points per baptism----- | 3.54 |
| R. Johnson-Swallow | Ward 5 | Points per missionary-- | 6.54 |
| Graham-Abrams | Jutiapa | | |
| Cornish-Mahony | Jalapa | | |

OFFICE MEMOS

One of the mission projectors recently underwent some repairs, and, when we picked it up, the repairman said he had found quite a few things wrong with it, apparently due to poor handling by those who have been using it. The projector was originally sent to the repairman after having been seriously damaged when it was plugged into a 220-volt circuit. This mishap resulted in a large repair bill for the Church.

We ask that all missionaries use extreme care when using or handling the mission movie projectors. A short set of simple instructions will hereafter be sent with the projectors so future accidents can be avoided; it is hoped that all missionaries using the movie equipment will follow these instructions. Also, it will be easier on the projectors if we tell the people at bus lines to please be careful when shipping them as they are sent from place to place.

With the increased emphasis being placed on Open Houses, the movie projectors are in more demand than ever. For this reason, we also ask that missionaries wanting to use this equipment reserve it with the Mission Secretary as soon as possible. There are normally enough projectors to go around; sometimes, however, an Open House or an Investigator Fireside cannot be held because the missionaries have taken for granted that a projector will be available, only to find it reserved by someone else. If we will ask for the projectors far enough in advance, then handle them with care, they will be of greater use to all of us.

Elder Eric Monson
Mission Secretary

INTERFER '71

Entre los múltiples acontecimientos programados por el Gobierno de Guatemala para este año, se encuentra "La Feria Internacional de Muestras Industriales y de Artesanías." Esta exposición ha llamado la atención de muchos países tanto centroamericanos, como también europeos; la misma que se llevará a cabo en la ciudad de Guatemala, en los predios del Parque Centroamericana, desde el 30 de octubre al 21 de noviembre.

La Feria Exposición en si, va a cubrir los intereses de todos cuantos la visitan; con tal motivo y con el fin de dar mayor realce a este acontecimiento de alta categoría, la Misión ha dispuesto presentar al distinguido público que la visita el Pabellón Mormón con los interesantes y cautivadores temas: "Cristo en America" y "El Hombre en Busca de la Felicidad." El objeto de esta presentación es dar al visitante una esperanza espiritual y saturar de conocimiento a cerca de la visita de Jesucristo aquí en las Américas.

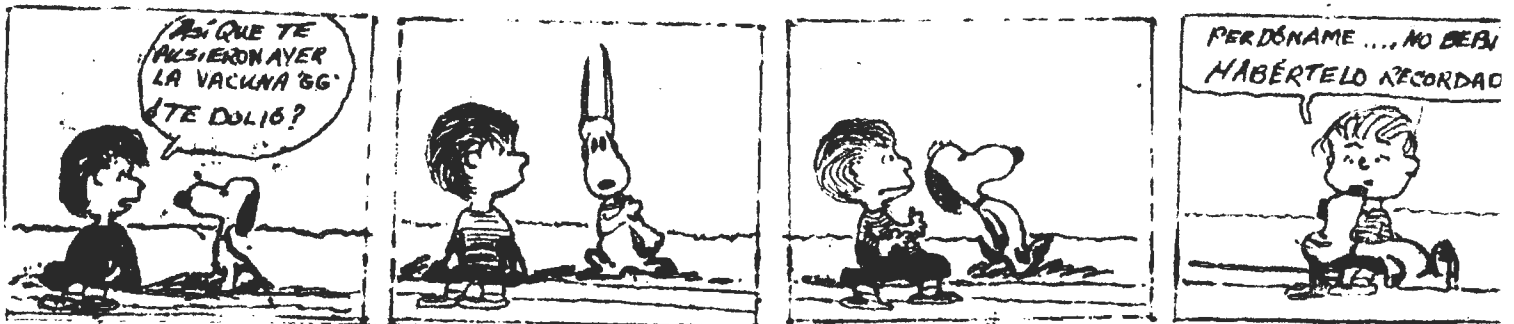
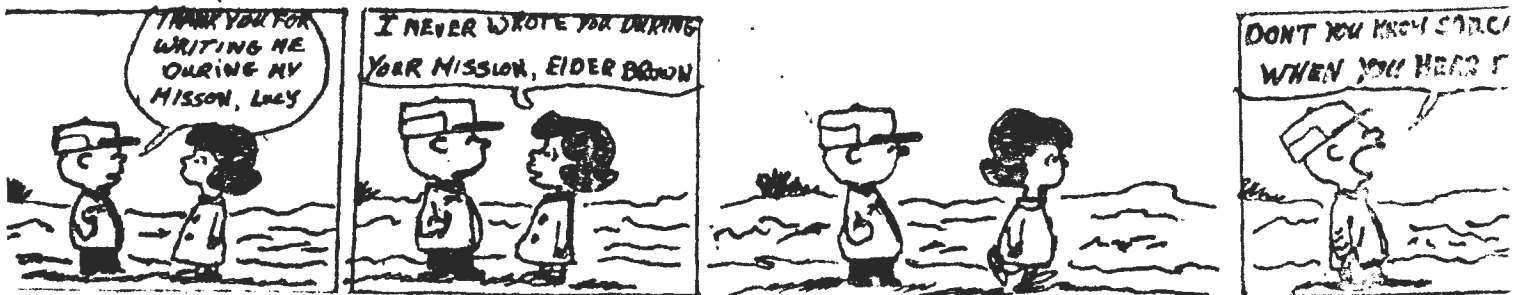
Como colaborador de este programa, les invito cordialmente a participar de este importante evento el mismo que servirá de base para una buena obra proselitista.

Elder César H. Cacuango
Interfer '71

A sense of humor is often a necessary tool in missionary work, otherwise the many problems and decisions we face would become over-burdening. This month in the Avante, we present an elder who has found a delightful and amusing way to express missionary life in the Guatemala-El Salvador Mission. Each week, Elder Vernon Taylor, El Quiché, finishes his weekly report to President Glede with a cartoon, closely resembling something Charles Shultz would do, but presenting life in the Guatemala-El Salvador Mission instead of the other frustrations that constantly confront Charlie Brown and the gang. The following are a few of Elder Taylor's cartoons:



Receiving Letters:



Singing:

