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Dear Esteemed Missionary Companions,

Having returned just a few days ago from the historic Area General Conference in Mexico, we find it difficult to describe in words the wonderful feeling and spirit of this great conference. What a thrill it was to see the thousands of Latter-Day Saints from Central America and Mexico listening intently to the spoken word by modern day prophets in all general sessions of the conference. To see the expression of joy and appreciation on the faces of our choice Latin missionary companions as they participated in every memorable minute was a thrill in itself. We can all be very proud and thankful some fifty-six of these fine young men and women are representing their people as full time missionaries in the Guatemala-El Salvador and the Central American Missions.

Being able to see "Mormonism" in action and to sense the oneness of purpose and devotion of faithful members of the Church and to be in the presence of our inspired leaders couldn't help but leave an enduring impression on all who attended the conference.

What a thrill it was to witness excited and well-trained youth from all parts of Mexico present a most memorable Mexican folkloric program of song and dance Friday evening, August 25. Not just a few, but hundreds participated. They were beautifully costumed and performed professionally in every sense of the word.

Each General Conference session carried a special Spirit as Church leaders, General Authorities, and local stake and mission leaders discussed the eternal principles of the gospel. We can't remember every word that was spoken, but we will never forget the very special spirit and feeling received as we participated in that spiritual feast.

Having all members of the First Presidency, and especially our Prophet, Seer, and Revelator, President Harold B. Lee, and other members of the General Authorities present was very faith promoting. To have some 17,000 members raise their hands and sustain our new prophet and all others of the General Authorities for the first time since the death of President Joseph Fielding Smith was an awesome experience.

We testify to each and everyone of you, our beloved missionary companions, that Christ is at the head of His restored Church and is guiding and directing this world-wide kingdom through His chosen Prophet, Harold B. Lee. We have no doubt of this. We express to each of you our desire to serve our Lord well and obey His commandments so we will be able to receive His guidance and direction. We ask Him to bless each and every one of you in your missionary call, and to help you feel that deep down feeling of dedication and love of the work.

May the Lord bless all of us with great success and may we work to bring to pass this "marvelous work and wonder" in this the dispensation of the fulness of times

Faithfully,

*President and Sister Glade*

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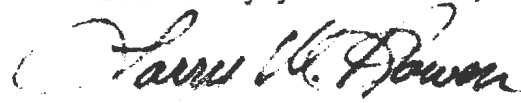
Recently I have had occasion to ponder my purpose in life and the great gospel plan which my loving Father in Heaven has provided me. Each time that I think deeply on the plan of salvation and my part in it, I cannot help but ask myself some important questions: "Who am I?", "Who was I before coming to this earth?", and "Who will I become?". These questions always bring up other questions or doubts, but some things become very clear and concrete. The lyrics of a popular hymn bring to mind one of these unchangeable truths: "I am a child of God, and He has sent me here; has given me an earthly home with parents kind and dear." This has direct reference to each one of us for we feel within us that God is a real person and that He exists as we exist. As we meditate on this fact, we realize that there has never been a time in all eternity that we haven't existed. We have always been. We were once intelligences, and as we read "Intelligence, or the light of truth, was not created or made, neither indeed can be. All truth is independent in that sphere in which God has placed it, to act for itself." (D & C 93:29-30) Who we were before coming here may have determined greatly our present situation in life. The Lord has "determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of (our) habitation." (Acts 17:26) And also the Lord chose from amongst those of His children "many of the noble and great ones" and fore-ordained them to be His leaders, before the world was. We have our free-agency to act and know that we should be ready to pay the price or consequence for bad actions. We know that there is purpose in life and that what we do here will affect our eternal state after this life.

Now, how does all this apply to missionary work? First of all, we were all fore-ordained to do what we are now doing in righteousness on the earth. We were fore-ordained to serve missions, for "every man who has a calling to minister to the inhabitants of the world was ordained to that very purpose in the Grand Council of Heaven before this world was." (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith) We should ask then, are we living up to our fore-ordination?

Secondly, we have been born in this day and called at this time for a special purpose: "To gather the elect of God", (D & C 29:7) to become the "weak and simple" that would proclaim the gospel to the ends of the earth (D & C 1:23), and to bring to pass a "marvelous work and a wonder" that would confound the wise (Isaiah 29:14). Why then should we ever falter? Why should we feel fear before men in proclaiming what we know to be true?

Lastly, we see the importance of the missionary work as we note that others have questions unanswered that we in fact can answer, such as: "Who am I?", "Why am I here?", or "Where am I headed?". How much more then should we be concerned about the people we are called to teach? They need to know who they are. They must know that they are the sons of Joseph and that their Father in Heaven loves them and has a purpose for them in life. Let us become more aware of our purposes for being here and help others to find the purpose for their lives. "That we should waste and wear out our lives in bringing to light all the hidden things of darkness wherein we know them and they are truly manifest from heaven." (D & C 123:13)

Faithfully your brother,



Elder Larry W. Bowen

In the mission home in Salt Lake we were given a challenge that has helped me and given more meaning to this mission experience. When a missionary goes home a release letter is sent to his bishop and stake president stating that he has served well and filled an honorable mission. The return missionary that spoke to us in the mission home explained about this letter and then challenged us to not have to fall back on its words of praise, but to be able to stand and report, "I served a good mission, I worked hard, I represented will this Church."

I was impressed with the personal nature of a mission as I thought of this challenge. The hardest final interview for any missionary I believe must be the personal soul-searching that is done alone or in prayer at the conclusion of two years. In the final analysis success can't be measured by baptism numbers, positions held, or any other outside criteria. What is felt inside after careful reflection will be what matters.

Part of a poem entitled, "The Man in the Looking Glass", emphasizes well this point:

When you get what you want in your struggle for self  
And the world makes you king for a day  
Just stop for a minute and look at yourself  
And see what that guy has to say.  
For it's not a man's father, or mother, or wife,  
Upon you whose judgement must pass.  
The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life  
Is the guy staring back in the glass.

And so it is with a mission, it has to be a personal thing.

Perhaps the only way to measure success in part would be in terms of growth--personal growth, a stronger testimony, a greater love of the Lord and His work, and a willingness to always be involved in that work wherever and whenever possible. I believe these would be the fruits of selfless service and honest endeavor. If a missionary has improved his talents in these areas it's indicative of his attitude and performance as a missionary.

It's encouraging to see new missionaries coming to the field better prepared than ever before. It has to be that way. There is so much that needs to be accomplished. I respect and admire the missionaries of this mission for the people that you are; for your talents and testimonies and your desires to share that which you have. I wish to express to you my love for the work that we are involved in. It's the greatest in the world. You'll never be sorry for giving a 100% effort. You'll never regret working to beat the rut of mediocrity.

May you be blessed and happy as you fulfill a sacred calling and bring to pass a marvelous work.

Sincerely,

*Richard Strong*

Elder Richard Strong

Dear Fellow Missionaries,

As "La Familia Unida" comes to the end of the tour, we would all like to express our sincere thanks for your hard work and hospitality. We feel like the tour was a great success and we accredit that success to the hard work put forth by you in your respective areas.

There were approximately 13,600 people that saw the show and approximately 2,318 references were received, not counting radio and television appearances. Already reports are coming in from missionaries that have had baptisms from the show and there are many who have baptisms proposed for the coming months. The fact that thrills us the most is that the quality of references that were received is of the highest. Families are being baptized and the individuals that are coming in are golden.

Of course, some areas had much more success than others. We feel that in all the areas, where the show was well advertized, success can be obtained, whether looking up references or merely tracting, asking people if they saw the "La Familia Unida" show. If they didn't see it, you can tell them what it was about, tell of the great response it received here in Central America, give them the purpose behind the show, and ask them if they would like to have a family home evening.

Probably, the most success seen in all the mission was in San Vicente. For a town that hasn't had a baptism since it was opened and few investigators, we're sure that the 172 references received will be a welcome treat. One fine man made the comment to us after the show, that he and his family ~~had~~ felt the spirit of the show and he knew his family would be benefited by the family home evening. Humbly asking to be visited right away he proclaimed, "I know we have received this blessing from the Lord".

We hope that you will all go to great extreme, as we intend to do, to make sure that the references received are given every opportunity to have a family home evening and eventually the lessons.

We know that there is much success to be seen from the show and we once again would like to thank you for your hospitality and congratulate you on the success you've had and also on the success we know you'll be having.

Sincerely,

*Elder Eddo* *Elder J...* *Elder Munch* *Elder...*

LA FAMILIA UNIDA

P.S. T-Shirt prices and sizes:

<u>Sizes</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>Price</u>
8-10-12	ZAGA	\$1.20
	B.V.D.	\$1.10
28-30	ZAGA	\$1.25
thru	or	
42-44	B.V.D	\$1.15

## TEMPLE WORK IS THE KEY OF EXALTATION

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And he shall turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." (Mal. 4:5-6)

The fulfillment of this prophesy started with the coming of Elijah to the Kirtland Temple on April 3, 1836; on this day Elijah appeared to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery and conferred upon them his holy Priesthood, which is the power to bind or to seal on earth as much as in heaven. Through this Holy Priesthood all the righteous men are able to participate in the eternal ordinances and blessings pertaining to eternal salvation.

All of you have already experienced these blessings, but what about the members in your wards and branches; they do not even know what is the key of exaltation and if they do, they are not acquainted with such ordinances. Let us share this joy by telling them about the temple work and make them understand the importance of going to the temple and experience themselves this divine feeling; for those who have already been there invite them to renew their covenants so they may keep close to the Lord.

The preparations have been started already this year for the temple, the following is a brief list of requirements for those members wishing to go:

1. Temple recommend signed by the bishop or branch president, endorsed by district or stake president and final interview with President Glade.
2. Passport.
3. USA visa
4. Mexican visa (Transito).
5. Certificado de vacuna.
6. Boleto de ornato.
7. Round trip bus ticket \$60.00.
8. Board, room and extra expenses \$30.00.

The excursion will leave November 10 from Guatemala (Ward 2 Chapel) and return November 21. Members are expected to provide their own transportation to and from the point of departure. Children under the age of 8 years are admitted free. From the ages of 8 to 15 years is one-half price.

Fellow missionaries, at this time we are asking you to help us in spreading the word of this temple trip for this year so the members of Guatemala and El Salvador will have the opportunity of making these covenants which are necessary for all of us. We are depending on your love for the people and the way that you will instruct them so that they will be motivated to participate in the temple trip for this November.

May the Lord bless us in this sacred work so in this November hundreds of members will participate in these sacred ordinances previous to their exaltation.

Sincerely your brother,

*Elder Cesar H. Cacuango*

Temple Trip Director

## WHAT GOES UP . . .

Albert E. Montoya  
Vance P. Theodore  
Samuel D. Young  
James S Adams  
William R. Gagon  
Eben J. Lewis  
John P. Stevanson  
Gregory L. Faye  
Scott B. Ahlstrom  
Carl S. Bailey  
Shawn G. Dugan

Pueblo, Colorado  
~~Fontana~~, California  
Layton, Utah  
Rialto, California  
Provo, Utah  
Showlow, Arizona  
West Jordan, Utah  
Yucaipa, California  
Boise, Idaho  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
Cheyene, Wyoming

## MUST COME DOWN

Larry W. Stanley  
Stephen Purdy  
Jeffrey M. Cooper  
David C. Farnsworth  
Mark C. Koelliker  
David Lynn Mackay  
James E. Cook

San Jose, California  
Inglewood, California  
Las Vegas, Nevada  
Mesa, Arizona  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
Glendora, California  
Utica, Michigan

## ZONE TOTALS -- AUGUST, 1972

GUATEMALA ZONE 1 (XELA)	17 BAPTISMS
GUATEMALA ZONE 2 (GUATEMALA)	47 BAPTISMS
EL SALVADOR ZONE 3 (SANTA ANA)	12 BAPTISMS
EL SALVADOR ZONE 4 (SAN SALVADOR)	30 BAPTISMS

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## LOCATION CHART -- SEPTEMBER 6, 1972

abrams	usulutan	gunnell	ward 1	nielson	santa lucia
adams, j	ward 1	gwilliam	ward 5	nolte	xela 2
adams, reed	cipresales	haack	layco	nye	nazate 2
<u>adams, rich</u>	ward 3	hansen	barrio nuevo	page	escuintla
adamson	patzun	hardy	patzicia	palacios	el quiche
aguilar	xela 3	hatch	ward 5	<u>park</u>	xela 3
ahlstrom	antigua	hathcock	el molino	<u>paulson</u>	layco upper
aitken	san marcos	hearns	office	peñata	villa nueva
allen, b	florida 1	hegerhorst	chimaltenango	reintjes	florida 1
allen, r	branch 5	henrie	cipresales	reynoso	solola
aresquita	occidente	hillery	ward 4	rhodes	san jacinto
<u>arbolin</u>	centro	hone	jocotales	richards	centro
andrew	mexicanos	<u>hughes</u>	oriental	<u>rigby</u>	san marcos
anthony	ward 1	jenks	santa lucia	roberts	florida 2
avarell	el molino	johnson	chalchuapa	robinson	mazate 1
bailey	jocotales	<u>jones</u>	monserrat	rodriguez	xela 1
ball, j	occidente	jorgenson	office	rogers	zacamil
baria	zacamil	kaopua	ward 3	roper	chimaltenango
barrus	florida 2	<u>keate</u>	layco upper	roundy	barrio nuevo
baxter	el molino	<u>kellest</u>	mexicanos	salazar	patzicia
bennion	occidente	<u>kilgore</u>	chalchuapa	<u>sanders</u>	totonicapan
blake	ahuachapan	kirk	ward 4	<u>schlosser</u>	santa lucia
blakesley	chiquimula	kleinman	san jacinto	spogmiller	xela 3
bond	coatepeque	knight	layco	sollick	delgado
<u>borgquist</u>	florida	kushne	modelo	<u>shelley</u>	ward 6
bowan	office	kulbath	reu 2	<u>shirley</u>	familia unida
bower	centro	<u>kusch</u>	barrio nuevo	skiba	momostenango
bunstead	san vicente	lamoreaux	modelo	smith	huhuetenango
buttars	momostenango	landeen	patzun	stevenson	usulutan
cacuanango	office	<u>lauritzen</u>	solola	stewart	monserrat
call	san jacinto	layton	branch 5	stoker	zacamil
cameron	familia unida	lee	jutiapa	strong	office
carmack	el quiche	lefler	sonsonate	stuart	zacatecoluca
<u>cheney</u>	antigua	<u>lemus</u>	escuintla	stumpe	sta. lucia c.
clark, s	chiquimula	lewis	sonsonate	symes	reu 1
clark, t	santa anita	lezama	oriente	taylor	monserrat
<u>cuff</u>	mazate 1	lippincott	office	<u>teal</u>	familia unida
curtis	lourdes	lloyd	el molino	terry	jalapa
daines	florida 1	mc cracken	florida 1	tev	jocotales
davis, c	ahuachapan	<u>mc donald</u>	cipresales	theodore	florida 2
davis, lb	occidente	mc gaughay	zacatecoluca	thompson	centro
<u>de waal</u>	xela 2	mc quarric	totonicapan	tueller	totonicapan
<u>dichl</u>	branch 7	mack	sonsonate	twiggs	zacapa
dodge	milagro	nagyar	patzicia	vallc	oriente
dominguez	escuintla	mahoney	office	vermillion	santa anita
draper	patzicia	mangus	layco lower	waite	oriente
dugan	ahuachapan	marquez	xela 2	wallace, d	cipresales
eddo	familia unida	marsh	totonicapan	wallace, k	delgado
erskine	office	<u>martinson</u>	san vicente	weaver	soyapango
escalante	branch 7	matheson	delgado	whitner	zacamil
evans, n	barrio nuevo	maughans	layco	williams, a	san jacinto
evans, r	ward 1	maurent	ahuachapan	williams, d	monserrat
faye	mazate 2	mauzy	coatepeque	wilson	soyapango
gayon	jalapa	melendez	occidente	woodman	reu 2
garboa	office	miller	san pedro	wright, scott	office
gardea	villa nueva	montoya	reu 1	<u>wright, steward</u>	6
golightly	jocotales	moore	huhue	wylie	santa lucia
<u>gomm</u>	layco lower	morgan	xela 1	young, d	milagro
gonzales	jutiapa	mortenson	escuintla	young, s	sta. lucia c.
goodman	santa tecla	mundy	familia unida	young, v	delgado
gudiel	lourdes	nelson, j	zacapa	<u>zollinger</u>	xela 3
guill...	occidente	nelson, steve	sonsonate		

## TRIBUTO A UN PROFETA DE DIOS

El Presidente Smith ha sido uno de los servidores más fieles del Señor desde los primeros años de su vida. A los 8 años recibió El Libro de Mormón de su padre, José F. Smith, y lo leó de forro a forro.

El Presidente Smith sirvió al Señor como misionero entre los años 1899-1901, después de haber sido casado por un año. Eso en sí mismo muestra el gran amor que poseó por el Señor, y de que estaba dispuesto a servirle al Señor en cualquier momento.

El Presidente Smith fué conocido por su ternura y por su carácter y personalidad afectuoso y cariñoso. Se ha dicho de él por algunos socios que lo conocían bien, "Si me fuera a juzgar cualquier y mis compadres, quisiera que fuera José Fielding Smith." Él era un hombre con concierto fuerte compasivo para los demás. Su segunda esposa, Ethel G. Reynolds, se le preguntó a describir su esposo en pocas palabras y ello dijo, "El hombre que yo conozco es desinteresado, desquejado, considerado, compadecido, haciendo todo en su poder para hacer la vida un gozo supremo para los que ama. Este es el hombre que yo conozco." ¿Cuál hombre poseería cualidades más grandes que estos, otro que un profeta?

Su contribución notable a la Iglesia en literatura ha sido sumamente reconocido. En su vida ha escrito el total de 25 libros. De estos son Elementos de la Historia de la Iglesia, La Vía Hacia la Perfección, Progress of Man, Enseñanzas del Profeta José Smith, y tres tomos intitulados Doctrines of Salvation.

Presidente Smith ha servido muchos años en los consejos de la Iglesia. En 1910, a la edad de 33, fué ordenado apóstol bajo las manos de su padre. En los años siguientes sirvió como Historiador a la Iglesia, Presidente de la Sociedad Genealógica, Presidente del templo en Lago Salado, Presidente del Consejo de los Doce y Consejero en la Primera Presidencia al Presidente David O. McKay.

A la edad de 93 fué sostenido Presidente de la Iglesia, después de haber sido llamado por el Señor a ser su portavoz, "profeta, vidente, y revelador."

Nació 19 de Julio, 1876, y era una ventaja en sí misma. Él ha podido ver un crecimiento notable en la Iglesia y él mismo ha sido uno de los factores en ese gran crecimiento.

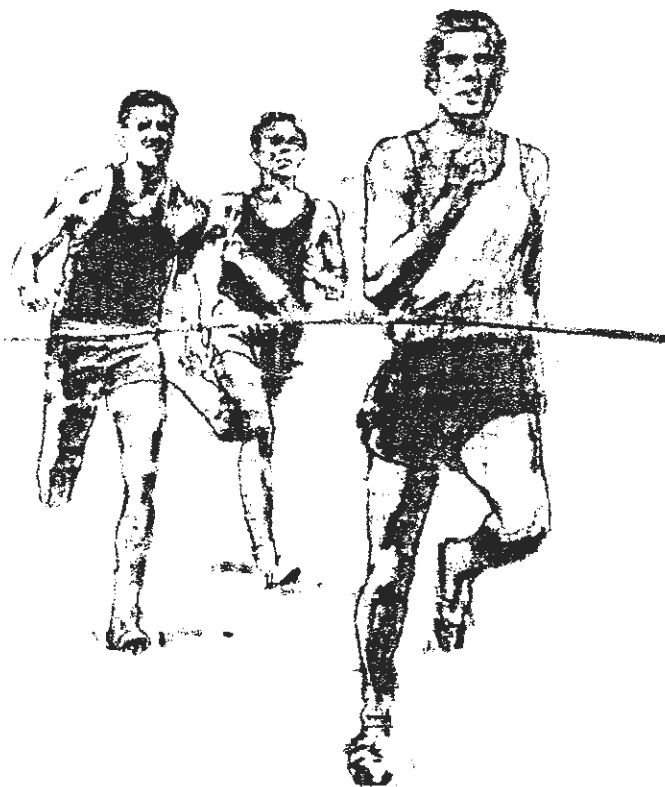
Ha sido muy active en la obra misional y damos crédito a él por haber dicho lo siguiente, "Por mandamiento del Señor, toda alma, a la cual llega este mensaje (el evangelio), tiene la responsabilidad de no sólo recibirlo, sino también de llevarlo a su prójimo." Quería que todos tuvieran oportunidad de oír y recibir el evangelio.

2 de Julio, 1972, a las 9:35PM, José Fielding Smith murió. Presidente Harold B. Lee, en pocas palabras, describió el espíritu de aquel momento, "...y el dedo del Señor lo tocó, y él dormió."

Que gran hombre fué José Fielding Smith. Damos tributo a él por su consejo, guía y el amor que dió y radió a todos los miembros de la Iglesia y a todo el mundo.

ZONE OLYMPICS -- SEPTEMBER 4, 1972  
HELD IN NATIONAL STADIUM "MATEO FLORES" GUATEMALA ZONE

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>FIRST PLACE</u>	<u>SECOND PLACE</u>	<u>THIRD PLACE</u>
60 yd. dash	Gardea 6.5 sec	Dominguez	Gwilliam
100 mt. "	Evans 12.0 sec	Jorgenson	Anthony
220 yd. "	Theodore	Tew	Gardea
440 " "	Reintjes 63 sec	Evans	Shelley
Hi-jump	Reintjes 5' 5"	Mc Donald	Strong
Long jump	Cheney 17' 2"	Anthony	Mc Donald
Shot Put	Ahlstrom	Dodge	Jorgenson
Hurdles	Adams, J	Evans	Strong
440 relay	Cheney Ahlstrom Hegerhorst Roper	Strong Bowen Cacuango Jorgenson	Adams, C Anthony Adams, J Evans



Each first place is a zone record!