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Dear Fellow Missionaries:

The Lord has granted to each of us a great many talents, many of which are to be used in the building of His kingdom. Within each of us is contained the power to gain conquest, to rise to new heights, to conquer new worlds and to obtain new goals.

The great joy of life is to achieve. We achieve through sincere and dedicated faith in ourselves, in the Lord and in our leaders. Therefore, one of the greatest gifts of life is faith. This is a gift we should cultivate and put into practice. If we do not nuture faith and build upon this talent, our gift of faith vanishes and fear sets in.

The opposite of faith is fear and with fear comes failure. "But with some I am not well pleased, for they will not open their mouths, but they hide the talent which I have given unto them, because of the fear of man. Wo unto such, for mine anger is kindled against them." (D & C 60:2)

The following are nine causes of failure:

- 1) Lack of well-defined purpose
- 2) Lack of self-discipline
- 3) Procrastination
- 4) Lack of persistence
- 5) Negative personality
- 6) Wrong selection of companions
- 7) Lack of concentration of effort
- 8) Lack of enthusiasm
- 9) Lack of preparation

".....but if ye are prepared ye shall not fear." (D & C 38:30)

We are sent to this mission to succeed and not fail, to accomplish and not wain. Wasted time, distracted thoughts, unwholesome literature and music, lack of direction and dedication will lead you into paths of failure, uncertainty and fear. Resolve now to raise yourselves to new heights.

May the Lord bless you to this end is our desire for each of you as we close this year 1969 and look into the future decade of the Seventies.

Faithfully yours,

President & Sister Clark

DEAR MISSIONARIES,

As I looked over the vast audience of young people in the recent youth conference in San Salvador, I was deeply impressed with the idea that each of those choice persons was subject to the same forces of righteousness and evil as I, myself, was and am. As I meditated on our common lot, I was made to realize that the forces of evil are of necessity very well organized and that each of us is surrounded constantly by spirit beings of an evil nature tempting, enticing, deceiving, and deluding us through our own inward spiritual organs; exercising whatever power or means or persuasion to cause us to stray from the path of strict obedience to our Savior's will. How do they do it? They do rarely, if at all, lead or force us physically. They do not grasp the hand of our tabernacle and guide us forceably into a place or an act of sin. They do not force open our unwilling eyelids so that we are made to see and record evil enticements which shall be to our detriment. They do not work the muscles of our mouths causing us to speak out against light and truth. Rather, they go directly to the center of our being, which is spiritual, and it is there that they, being also spiritual, act out their well-prepared and much practiced plan. It is within their power to cause us, if we are willing, to see visions, dream dreams, and otherwise participate in their life of misery and evil.

Satan's visions are received on the "buy now-pay later" credit basis, meaning that it takes little effort on our part to give ourselves up to their pandering, but, in the process, we pay a devastating price and we do, indeed, share in their misery. What pain is more acute than to have knowingly (because we do know) offended our God and our Father, and the Father of Eternal Life who is His Son; what shame and suffering is more intense than that of the sinner who is given to fully realize the gravity of his sin and who then needs forgiveness, though he hardly dares ask for it. It is then that those evil agents reap the harvest of their labors, for in our depressed and fallen state they teach us not to pray --- they teach us that we cannot pray, an astute and aborninable lie. They teach us that we are worthless and we believe them though it be not true. They may even teach us that it does not matter now if other sins follow the first; and if we believe their multitude of lies then their victory is complete and that particular battle lost and we are desolate; until in the mercy and love of our Heavenly Father, someone leads us from their power. Seek for that moment. Pray for it. Praise the power of the Almighty God whose faith and power is greater than theirs. Give thanks for the redeeming mission of Jesus, our brother, who provides the means for our freedom.

It is not the fault of our physical bodies that we err in the sight of God, but because the spirit which inhabits our bodies commands it to act. The real contest takes place in our hearts and minds; spiritually, for the plan of God is spiritual. He does not give His command of faith, repentance, baptism, and the Holy Ghost to these tabernacles of clay and observe them obey or disobey according to their will. They have no will of their own. God speaks to men and puts His laws into their hearts and writes His laws in their minds; and it is man who acts, who obeys or disobeys, and the power is given him to choose. His is the power and the privelege to obey for there is no commandment given him which he cannot obey. Such is the responsibility upon us all to be perfect and the reason why the Lord requires it.

May the Lord bless each of us with a sense of duty and the courage to obey.

Your fellow servant, Elder Kenneth Ethington 1st Assistant to the President Dear Fellow Missionaries,

Have you ever seen a picture or painting and tried to describe to another person exactly what was portrayed therein? Have you ever tried to explain to a person how to perform a particular chore or task? Have you ever tried to tell another person about a particular feeling or emotion you've experienced? Undoubtedly you can all answer "yes" to those questions, but what happens when the person to whom you are talking doesn't quite grasp the details and content of the picture; when that person did his chore differently than you explained it to him; or when he misunderstood your feelings and perhaps was offended? Could it be a breakdown in communications? I feel safe in saying that often that is the case.

Lot's take the Gospel for example. What does it mean to us in our live? Our social needs can be satisfied by the well-planned dances, the special holiday programs, and the special outings in which we all participate. The Gospel Plan offers various opportunities to develope our talents. There are drama presentations, choirs, dance instruction, opportunities to teach a Sunday School class or learn from the fine preparation of other. Our spiritual needs are satisfied often times by the inspiring counsel from our leaders which in turn motivates us to pray and sacrifice and obey, and thereby develope our spiritual attributes. The Gospel is a way of life—a complete way of life, which gives us hope for eternal life with our Heavenly Father. That hope in turn gives meaning and direction to our lives.

For one minute pretend that you have no hope or knowledge of a life hereafter. You know nothing of a resurrection. After this life it's all over! What affect would that have on you? Would you have a tendency to "eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die"? Do you notice that attitude among this people? I think the very fact that these people grope through life every day manifests such an attitude.

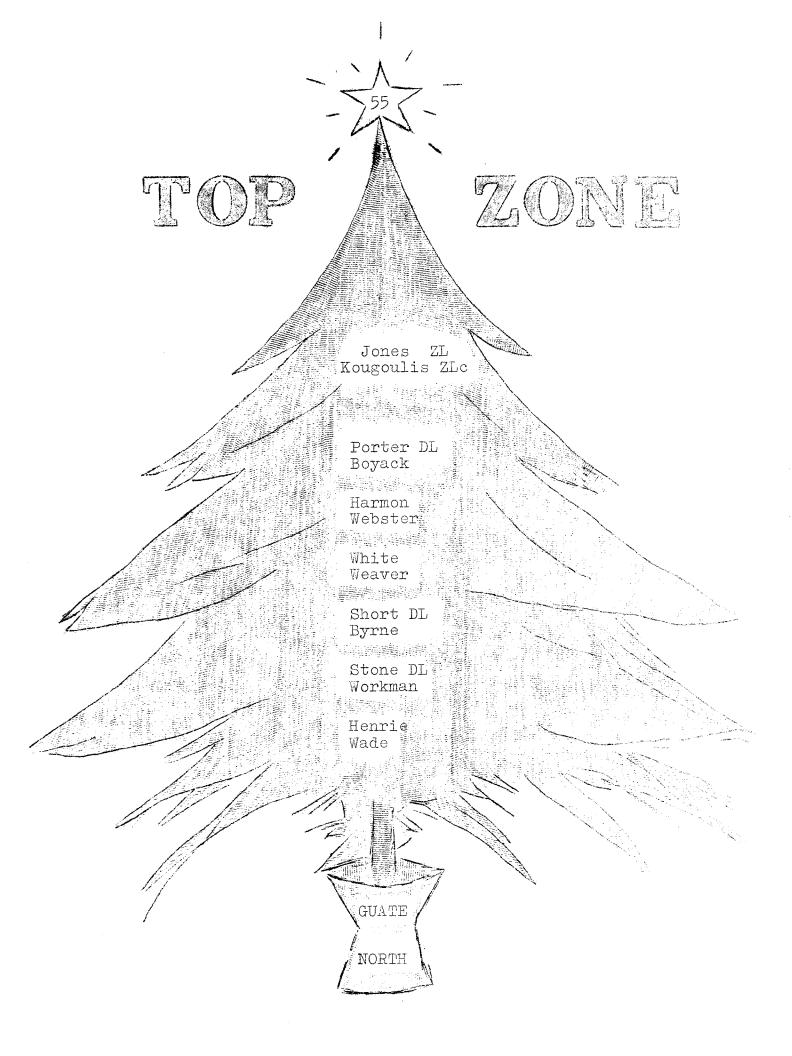
Well, the Gospel is the most glorious and wonderful influence in our lives. If we could vividly and successfully communicate that message, that hope, that wonderful way of living to this people, I'm confident we would see great numbers accept the Gospel.

Our confidence in what we believe, our enthusiasm for that which we teach, our smile, our spirit, and our attitude all contribute to better communicate the beauty of the Gospel to others. It's my prayer that we will all resolve to be better disciples of the Lord, and re-dedicate ourselves to more effectively teach the Gospel to these people.

Respectfully yours,

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2nd Assistant to the President



One of the greatest principles that a person can learn in this life and especially in this mission is obedience to the laws and ordenances of the Gospel and in our case the rules and regulations of the mission. The Lord once said,

"And if a person gains more knowledge and intelligence in this life through his diligence and obedience than another, he will have so much the advantage in the world to come.

There is a law, irrevocably decreed in heaven before the foundations of this world, upon which all blessings are predicated --

And when we obtain any blessing from God, it is by obedience to that law upon which it is predicated. " (D&C 130: 19-21)

It is as simple as the Lord stated it. If we need blessings, and I am sure that we all have need of one great blessing which is to have the Spirit of the Lord with us in our missionary labors, then all that we have to do is obey the holy laws and commandments set forth by He who created us all.

Obedience to mission rules and regulations will create in a missionary the humility so necessary to accomplishing the great goals set up by our mission President. Just as the obedience to the command of the Lord saw Moses through great opposition and trife with the children of Isreal in the wilderness, it will help us successfully complete our missions and over come the hard knocks which we receive.

At this time of the year our thoughts turn back to the Savior. In my opinion our Lord taught us all the greatest lesson ever to be expected when he was suffering in Gethsemane.

Christ, knowing that he was about to be betrayed, fell down and prayed,

"... 0 my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt." (Matt. 26:39) What great obedience and discipline! seeing that his diciples were sleeping he told them,

"Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." (Matt. 26:41)

Is our spirit willing, but our flesh weak? Would we,

through obedience be able to give our lives as the Savior did?

Let us all strive diligantly to obey and uphold the statutes set up by our mission President.

Sincerely,

Elder W. E. Francom Third Assistant

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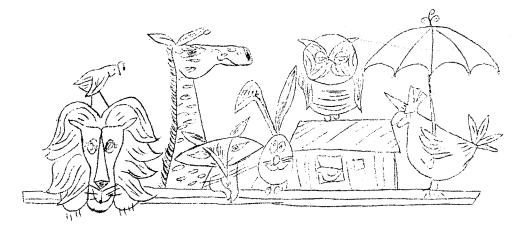
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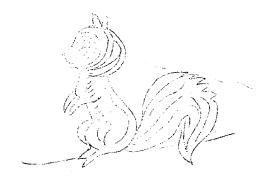
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Momostenango Zinn, DI Ellsworth, Co-sr

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Hunsaker, Jr

Jones, D., Sr

Fairbanks, Jr

Xela #2 Harston, DI Clason, Jr

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Roundy, D1
Gunn, Jr
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Wilcox, Jr

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Jones-Ashworm ZIs

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Webster, Jr
Burton, C., Co-st
Weaver, Co-st

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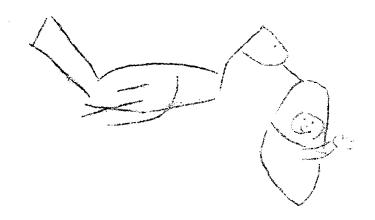
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Michael Wayne Bingham from: Fresno, Calif. arrived: Nov. 10 to: Florida I, Allen, H.

William Victor Norberg from: Shingle Springs, Calif. arrived: Nov. 10 to: El Jardin, Donaldson

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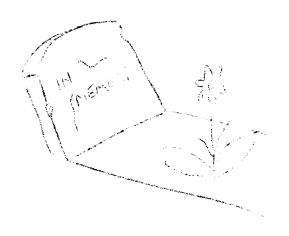
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John Curtis Farmer from: Blackfoot, Idaho arrived: Dec. 1 to: Zacapa, Stone

Johathan Lee Fairbanks from: Albion, Utah arrived: Dec. 1 to: Xela I, Jones, D.

Richard Blair Clawson from: Salt Lake City, Utah arrived: Dec. 1 to: Layco, Sheffield

Randy Merle Johnson from: Salt Lake City, Utah arrived: Dec. 15 to: Delgado I, Terry



Henry Dick Jacobsen Dec. 12, 1967-Nov. 5, 1969 Coatepeque, Totonicapan, Zacapa, Jutiapa, Santa Ana, Office, Retalhuleu, San Salvador.

onald W. Asay Dec. 20, 1967-Nov. 5, 1968 San Salvador, Retalhuleu, Chimaltenango, Xela, Santa Ana, Guate. City, San Miguel.

Hal Royce Allen Dec. 20, 1967-Dec. 12, 1969 San Salvador, San Miguel Santa Toola, Guate. City, Xela, Florida.

Michael Loe Vanleevwen Dec. 12, 1967 Dec. 12, 1969 Guate. City, San Salvador, San Marcos, Office, Jocotales, Mazatenango, Florida.

Karl Jepsén Dec. 20, 1967-Dec. 16, 1969 Mazatenango, Santa Ana, San Salvador, Coatepeque, Office, Zacatecoluca, Xela, Guate. City.

Neal Ferris Hewlett Feb. 27, 1968-Dec. 16, 1969 San Salvador, Santa Tecla, Guate. City, Xela, Sololá, Santa Ana, Momostenango.

George Morris Matthews II Jan. 16, 1968-Dec. 17, 1969 San Salvador, Kela, Villa Nueva, Sonsonate, Santa Ana, Santa Tecla, Mazatenango, Guate. City.

Paul Allen Currit Jan. 30, 1968-Dec. 20, 1969 Guate. City, Sololá, Patzún, Tecpan, Patzicía, Momostenango, Totonicapán, Huehuetenango.

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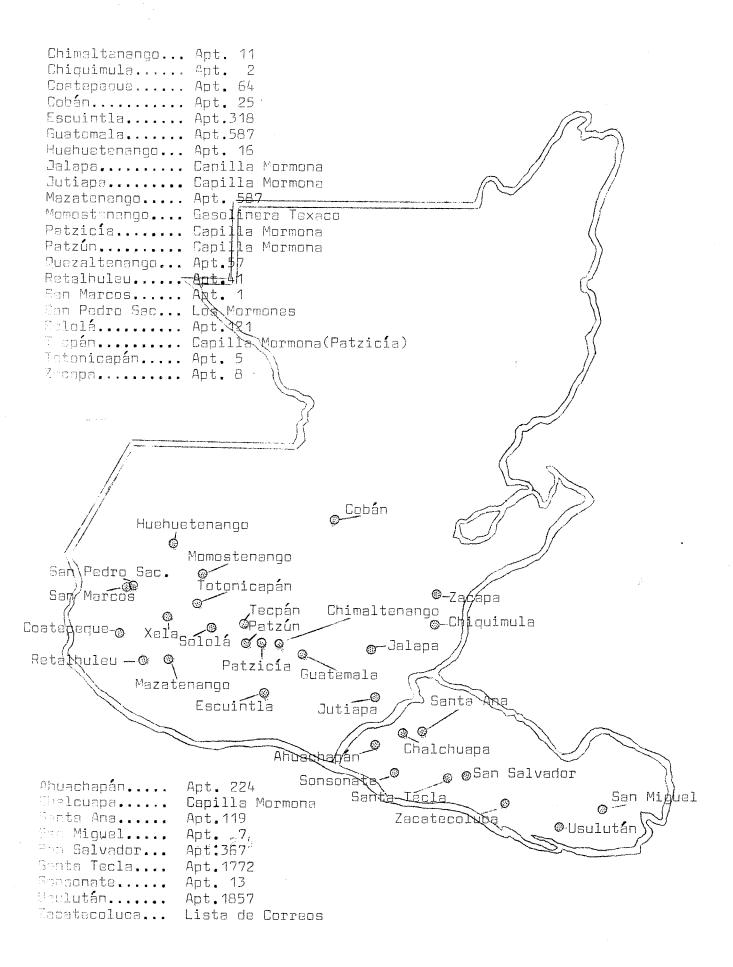
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Scotty Paul Anderson Jan. 16, 19-68-Dec. 23, 1969 Chalchuapa, San Francisco El Alto, Momostenango, Totonicapan, San Salvador Zacatecoluca, Santa Ana, Office Guate. City.

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PARA QUE SEPAIS

HORSE SENSE

A horse can't pull while kicking, This fact I merely mention, And he cen't kick while pulling, Which is my chief contention.

Let's imitate the good old horse

And lead a life's that's fighting;

Just pull an honest load, and then

There'll be no time for kicking.

——Anonymous

Wapoleon Hill said, "The starting point of all achievement is desire.".

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If you want a thing bad amough To go out and fight for it, Work day and night for it. Give up your time and your peace and your sleep for it, If only a desire of it Makes you had enough Never to tire of it, Makes you hold all things tawdry and cheap for it, If life seems empty and useless without it And all that you shoeme and you dream is about it If qladly you sweat for it, Frat for it, Plan for it, Lose all your terror of God and man for it If you'll simply go after the things that you want, With all your capacity, Strenath end sagacity, Faith, hope and confidence; starn and partinacity, If neither cold, poverty; famished and gaunt,. Nor sickness, nor pain, Of body and brain, Can turn you away from the things you went, If dogged and grim you basiege and beset it, YOU'LL GET IT!

---Anonymous

On schalf of the Office Staff we wish you a Harpy Holiday Season ... and hope you have a prosperous New Year filled with happiness and ... a success.