

LA MISION  
GUATEMALTECO-SALVADOREÑA



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Dear Missionaries:

Webster defines time as: "The allotted, appointed, fixed, or customary moment or hour for something to happen, begin, or end." He defines schedule as: "To appoint, assign, or designate to do or receive something at a fixed time in the future."

For missionaries time is of the essence. That is, it is meant to be-- a period in which something happens, and as a consequence of a schedule, something is done. Time is never meant to be wasted.

Lately we have placed great emphasis on finding complete families and men who are already prepared, by virtue of their present position, for leadership in the Church.

Our natural, former time habits allowed us to rest at least Saturday afternoon and usually all day Sunday. According to our habits we usually eat breakfast about 7:30, lunch at noon, and dinner about 6:00 p.m. And more often than not we become victims of these habits.

When first we come into the mission we resist, to a certain degree, Saturday afternoon and Sunday work patterns. But usually when we see others doing it, and with success, we usually fall right into line. And we are grateful for this. Now it would appear that in some areas of the mission our above-mentioned habits are keeping us from the people we seek. We may be looking for them when they are not at home.

Our Indian elders seem to have suggested a possible solution to our problem. It is not uncommon for them to arise at 4:30 (a.m.) in order to begin tracting at 5:30 or 6:00. These are the hours when the men are home. At 3:00 most of the men leave to work in the fields and they do not return until about 6:00 p.m. And at that hour you may be assured that the elders are once again hard at work teaching and testifying to families.

In your area if you are having little success in finding the men and the complete families, why not adjust your "eating schedule" to better fit the need of your area. The men do come home and they will make an appointment to meet you at their convenience.

I pray that your personal living and your thinking will make you worthy to be led to those men and those families that are hungry to hear the truths of the gospel.

Terrence L. Hansen

Dear Fellow Missionaries:

A masterful tennis player must possess three necessary qualities in the process of being a champion. Sight, firmness, and power are the three basic elements that are needed in the success of a winner.

As the speeding ball approaches the awaiting player, he prepares himself by placing his body in a firm and steady position. His eyes are keyed to the very center of the ball and the path of the sphere never leaves his sight until contact is made with the racket. Upon contact of the ball with the racket, an extreme force or power is exerted by the player in order to drive the ball over the net and away from the reach of the opponent's racket. Thus, with the determination and constant perfection of these qualities, the player enables himself to win the match.

We, too, as missionaries, must possess the same constant and never ceasing qualities as that of the champion tennis player. That is a firmness in our work and testimony, having our eye single to the glory of God, and exerting all our forces and power to the fulfilling of our calling, so that we too may deserve the blessings of a winner.

It is my sincere desire and prayer that we all have a true dedication in our hearts for the Lord's work.

Faithfully your brother,  
Elder Alan E. Hall

Dear Fellow Missionaries:

'Now behold, a marvelous work is about to come forth among the children of men.

. . . . O ye that embark in the service of God, see that ye serve him with all your heart, might, mind and strength, that ye may stand blameless before God at the last day." (D&C 4:1,2)

This scripture taken from revelation given in these latter days shows us how important our responsibility really is. Brother Romney in the Mission Presidents Conference in Mexico said that revelation will or will not be brought to pass by the missionaries.

Each day we touch the lives of many people. If we are not living so that the Spirit of the Lord can testify to these people the truthfulness of the message we carry, then we are keeping revelation from coming to pass, and we will be held to blame.

Therefore let us all live worthy to receive the blessings that the Lord gives us daily, in order that we may receive a Celestial reward.

Sincerely your brother,  
Elder Spence P. Lloyd



# CHALLENGE

## RESULTS

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>CHALLENGE</u>	<u>BAPTISMS</u>	<u>%CHALLENGE</u>	<u>D.L.</u>
Guate. South	21	6	29%	Yost
Guate. West	16	5	31%	Lambson
Guate. East	14	14	100%	Morby
Guate. Central	24	12	50%	Malm
Guate. North	20	0	0%	Carley
Quezaltenango	21	15	71%	Ashton
Mazatenango	12	14	116%	Haws
San Salv. #1	11	2	18%	Fillmore
San Salv. #2	20	7	35%	Rencher, C.
San Salv. #3	16	3	19%	Johnson, L.
San Salv. #4	20	12	60%	Larson
Santa Ana	22	14	64%	Allred
Atitlán	10	2	20%	Gunn
Quiché	10	2	20%	Checketts
Office	10	4	40%	Welsh



# el divulgador

By Elder Gordon Stephen Wright

President and Sister Brewerton of the Central American Mission en route to San José, Costa Rica, June 15th, were the first to use the new guest room facilities of the Mission Home.

On Saturday night, June 25, all Elders in Guatemala City were invited to a special fireside-type meeting in the Mission Home. President and Sister Hansen centered their remarks around important missionary policies discussed during the Mission Presidents Conference held in Hotel Prado of the Distrito Federal of México during the second week of the month. President Hansen mentioned the authority and power evident in the presence and word of Elder Marion G. Romney of the Council of the Twelve who was in charge of the four-day conference. Of the topics directly pertinent to missionaries, the attendance of movies was discussed. According to Brother Romney, there are not more more than two motion pictures a year worth the time of a representative of the Church. It was mentioned to him that the standard had been that a missionaries saw no more than two shows a month. Recognizing that a missionary leaving a movie is almost always on a less spiritual plane than when he enters, Elder Romney recommended that a missionary attend "No" movies during his mission. The use of Mondays was also discussed. Elder Romney, a General Authority, suggested that use of Monday as a work time should be standard, thus gaining more days of service during one's mission.

Permission was also given for a "Tote-Gote" type of motorcycle for those in the Indian Program.

As President Hansen was talking, the front door opened and to a room full of surprised missionaries, President Ernest Wilkins of the Language Training Mission said hello. It seems that the ex-Mission President of all Spanish-speaking missionaries was conducting a short "Book-of-Mormon-Historical-Site" tour through Central and South America.

President Hansen, in his remarks of the night, issued positive comments about the rain and the need for missionaries to ignore it, but with an umbrella, overshoes, and raincoat.

On the day before the installation of the new federal government of Guatemala, Mr. Orellana, the Church lawyer, notified President Hansen that the legal papers for recognition of the Church in Guatemala had finally been signed. Remaining are only legal papers concerning the Church's importations. The lawyer's next project will deal with recognition in El Salvador.



# mazatenango

## Mission Best

Proving that it can be done twice in a row, the Mazatenango District, led by district leader Don Haws once again achieved DISTRICT OF THE MONTH. They did so by reaching 116% of their challenge. We all congratulate them on their success.

### MEMBERS OF MAZATENANGO

<u>MISSIONARY</u>	<u>AV. HRS. /WK.</u>	<u>AV. LESSONS/WK.</u>	<u>BAPTISMS</u>
Haws	75	29	7
Frazier	75	29	7
Holmes	40	7	4
Bishop	52	6	4
Proctor	56	9	3
Thompson	53	9	3

Guate. East is also to be congratulated for attaining 100 percent of their challenge.



"...And again let all the records be had in order..."

As we are all aware, the LDS Church is a great record-keeping organization. Because we believe in a continuance of existence beyond this life we know that our earthly acts and records are binding there as well as here and that it is of "suma importancia" that our records be accurate and clear. The basic record of all those to be numbered with the "Church of Christ" is the Baptismal Recommend. It is for this reason we implore each of you to realize the importance of your calling as "earthly recorders" for each of your investigators.

First, READ the instructions on the inside of your recommend book.

NEVER fill out recommendations at baptismal services. Your investigator deserves an accurate, complete interview as much as he does a thorough lesson. You cannot record correct, readable information in the excitement of a baptism.

Please be certain that your investigator was recognized by his father (i.e. registered in Registro Civil). If not, the mother's maiden name must be used and in place of the father's name write "not recognized". If the parents are married and/or the child is recognized he takes the name of his father and the mother's name is put in parentheses.

(Child recognized)

Nombre	Manuel Francisco Arturo (López)
Padre	Guillermo Arturo (Molina)
Madre	Ana Denora López

(Child not recognized)

Nombre	Manuel Francisco López
Padre	(not recognized)
Madre	Ana Denora López

If the candidate has children, please record them all with proper dates and places. Use the words "not married" when the parents have not been married and record the dates of deaths and divorces where they apply.

Double check spelling and all dates. The yellow copy sent in by the missionaries is used as THE reference of accuracy if questions should arise with membership cards received from the branches.

Please make sure that the pink copy reaches the branch and the yellow is received by the office. Your record is our proof of baptism. "...that in all your recordings it may be recorded in heaven; whatsoever you bind on earth may be bound in heaven."

Gratefully,  
Sister Adele Manwaring.



# CHALLENGE

## for

## july

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>CHALLENGE</u>	<u>D. L.</u>
San Salv. #1	14	Fillmore
San Salv. #2	18	Lambson
San Salv. #3	12	Jones, T.
San Salv. #4	20	Larson
San Salv. #5	4	Johnson, L.N.
Santa Ana	22	Allred
Guatemala #1	16	Carley
Guatemala #2	4	Nelson, G.
Guatemala #3	16	Rencher, C.
Guatemala #4	24	Malm
Guatemala #5	10	Morby
Guatemala #6	16	Yost
Cuezaltenango	21	Ashton
Mazatenango	12	Haws
Atitlán	10	Gunn
Quiché	10	Chocketts
Office	10	Welsh



# top baptizers

Andrew Adams	8	Donald Haws	7	David Campbell	5
Blaine Breinholt	7	Robert Fraser	7	Elliot Crosby	5
Dennis Frazier	7	Phillip Cameron	6	Carlos Garcia	5
Jerry Beare	7	Ross Madsen	6	Stephan Guyman	5

Ralph Peay 6

# top hours

Dennis Frazier	75	Phillip Vickery	66	Stanley Hoffman	62
Donald Haws	75	Darrell Lear	64	Daniel Carpenter	61
Richard Johnston	68	Joseph Martineau	64	Dan Davis	61
Wendell Jones	68	Carlos Garcia	63	Hector Hernandez	61
Keith Humphreys	67	Dennis Hunt	63	Kenneth Johnson	61
Jerry Larson	67	James Payne	63	Thomas Humphrey	60
Hal Moon	66	Steve Thorne	63	Terrence Liechty	60
Sidney Smith	66	Wayne Ashton	62	William Morby	60
James Stone	66	Blaine Breinholt	62	Conrad Wright	60

# top lessons

Dennis Frazier	116	Terrence Liechty	66	Daniel Carpenter	46
Donald Haws	116	William Morby	66	Thomas Hart	42
Hal Moon	73	Keith Humphreys	62	Gerald Simonton	42
Sidney Smith	73	Jerry Larson	62	Danny Farar	41
Kenneth Johnson	72	Stephan Guyman	50	Michael Hallenberger	41
Carlos Garcia	68	Elliot Crosby	49	Hector Hernandez	40
		Stanley Hoffman	48		



# Moves for June 22, 1966

ELDER	TO	WITH	AS
Robison	Escuintla	Russell	Jr.
Oswald	Guate. West	Searle	Jr.
Felt	San Miguel	Wilson	Jr.
Thomas	San Salv. Cent.	Rencher, C.	Jr.

# Moves for June 30, 1966

Humphreys	San Salv. #4	Guyman	Jr.
Crosby	Sonsonate	Soto	Jr.
Corrigan	San Salv. #3	Hess	Jr.
Miller, J.	San Salv. #4	Larson	Jr.

# Moves for July 7, 1966

Nelson, G.	Guatemala #2	Davis	D.L.
Johnson, L.N.	San Salv. #5	Carpenter	D.L.
Thorne	San Salv. #3	Hoffman	Jr.
Davenport	Quezaltenango	Ashton	Jr.
Johnston, R.	Guate. #6	Hernandez	Jr.
Cluff	San Salv. #5	Egan	Sr.
Egan	San Salv. #5	Cluff	Jr.
Taylor, D.	San Marcos	Runyan	Sr.
Markle	Cobán	Sevy	Sr.
Jones, W.	Guate. #1	May	Sr.
Christiansen	Quezaltenango	Beare	Sr.
Breinholt	San Salv. #4	Peterson	Sr.
Roth	Guatemala	Child	Z.L.C.
Orton	San Salv. #5	Corrigan	Sr.
Hess	Guate. #3	Martineau	Sr.
Lear	El Salvador	Bates	Z.L.C.
Hart	Guate. #2	Wright, G.S.	Pub. Rel.
Procter	San Salv. #1	Farar	Sr.
Jordan	San Salv. #3	Jones, T.	Co-Sr.
Bigler	Office	Welsh	Lit. Ck.
Lindsay, V.	Santa Ana	Jensen	Sr.
Lambson	San Salv. #2	Thomas	D.L.
Rencher, C.	Guate. #3	Morales	D.L.
Humphrey	Santa Tecla	Hales	Jr.
Wright, C.	Guate. #6	Johnson, W.	Sr.
Workman	Guate. #5	Taylor, P.	Sr.
Smith, S.	Escuintla	Robison	Sr.
Russell	San Salv. #4	Moon	Sr.
Madsen	Coatepeque	Thompson	Sr.



"It is not the critic who counts, nor the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, nor where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat, who strives valiantly... who does know the great enthusiasm, the great devotion; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at best knows in the end of triumph, of high achievement and who at worst, if he fails at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and tired souls who know neither victory nor defeat." Theodore Roosevelt

My fellow companions, how many of us are critics? How many stand at the sideline waiting and watching for someone else to succeed, or fall short of the goal? Or how many of us are "Red Hot" missionaries, filled with enthusiasm, desire and great devotion, to dedicate himself to the most worthy cause known to mankind?

The joys of success are only experienced by those who succeed. Only those who with singleness of purpose have dedicated themselves to their work and have succeeded, have experienced, like Ammon, the joys of missionary work. He said, "... My joy is full, yeah, my heart is brim with joy, and I will rejoice in my God. Yeah, I know I am nothing; as to my strength I am weak; therefore I will not boast of myself, but I will boast of my God, for in His strength I can do all things." (Alma 26: 11-12)

We all want to experience this kind of joy; and I know it is possible, but we have to be willing and worthy to receive the help of the Holy Ghost. Worthiness is gained by humility, fasting, fervent prayer, having a love for your fellowmen and upholding and obeying mission regulations and Church leaders. Willingness comes with enthusiasm, desire, love for the work and devotion to the Lord.

The price is cheap (willingness and worthiness), but the benefits are great (unspeakable joy and eternal life). Elders and Sisters, "Let us not be slothful because of the easiness of the way." Let us keep our goals high and our hearts in tune to the Holy Ghost. It is not what we want to do, but what the Lord has called us to do.

Elder Clifford L. Rencher



## Mission Office Staff

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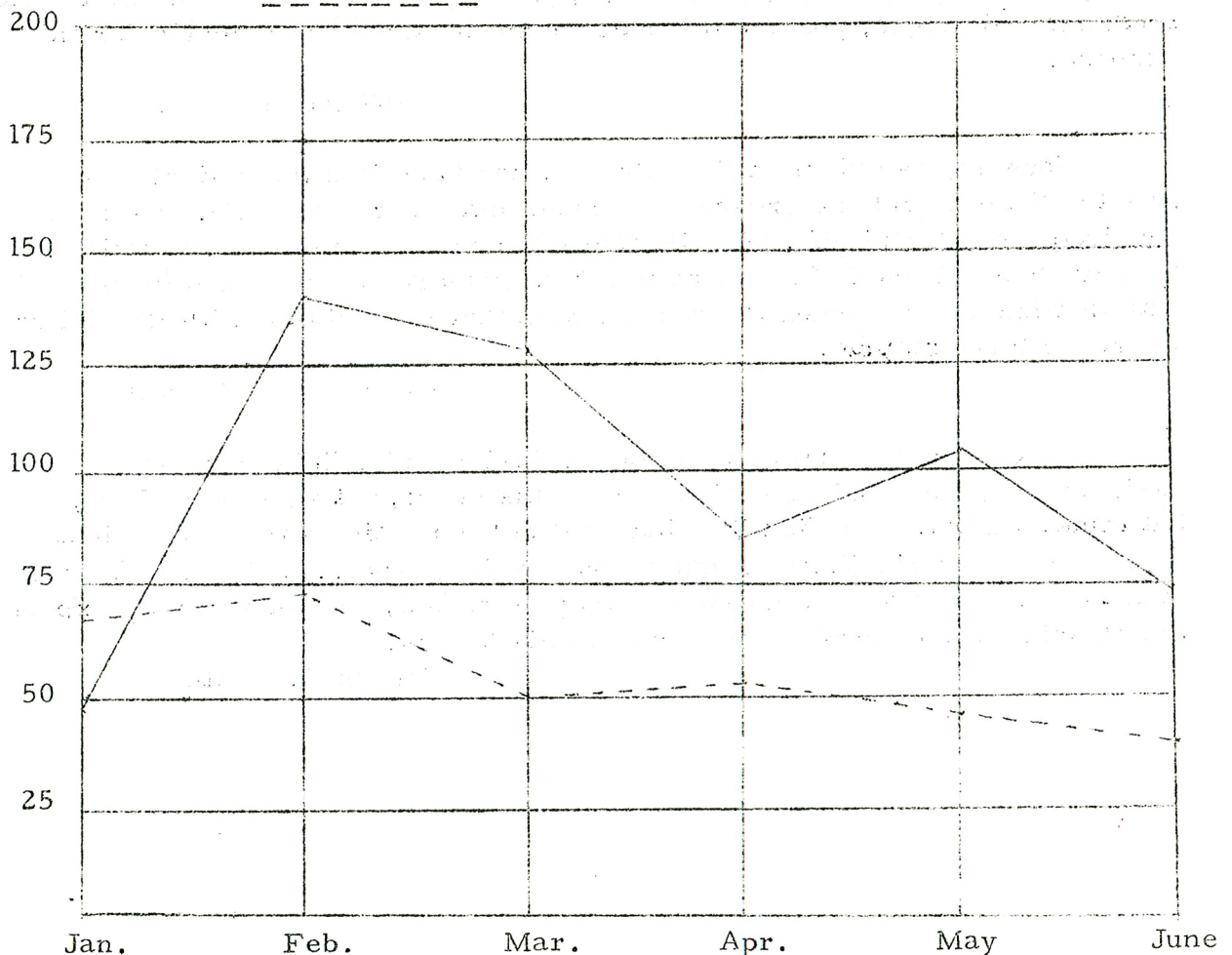
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### MONTHLY BAPTISMS PER COUNTRY 1966

Guatemala 576

El Salvador 330





## QUOTES FOR MISSIONARIES

Our most important obligation . . . is to divide with our Father's children all those fundamental truths, all His rules and regulations which prepare us for eternal life, known as the gospel of Jesus Christ. Until we have done that to the full limit of our power, we will not receive all the blessings which we might otherwise receive.

George Albert Smith

A few words now, with regard to preaching. The greastest and loudest sermon that can be preached or that ever was preached on the face of the earth, is practice. No other is equal to it.

Brigham Young

To my brethren in the priesthood I beg to offer a few words of counsel, instruction, and exhortation. Upon you rest high and sacred responsibilities, which relate not only to the salvation of this generation, but of many past generations and many to come. The glorious ensign of Emanuel's kingdom once again established in the world must be unfurled in every nation, kingdom, and empire; the voice of warning, the voice of the bridegroom, "prepare ye, prepare ye, the way of the Lord" must be carried forth unto all people; you are the ones whom the Lord has selected for this purpose.

Lorenzo Snow

Upon us, as elders in this Church, has been laid the obligation to go into all the world and preach the gospel unto every creature. We have received a wonderful gift, but with that gift comes a great responsibility. We have been blessed of the Lord with a knowledge beyond our fellows, and with that knowledge comes the requirement that we divide it with His children, wherever they may be.

George Albert Smith

When a man is called to go on a mission and a field of labor is assigned him, he should, I think, say in his heart, not my will be done, but thine, O Lord. We find it a little difficult sometimes to get the right men to go to certain distant lands to preach the gospel. . . . We expect every man to be on hand to go wherever he may be called, and then he may expect the blessing of the Lord to attend him in his labors.

Joseph F. Smith



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is a Guatemala-El Salvador mission



Remember the rain... (which always started promptly  
as you went out to tract)



And when you came in as a greenie. . .  
and finally found THE family



