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Elder Dennis Frazier

Elder Ronald Nelson

Elder James Workman

Elder James Stone

Elder Carlos García

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Elder Stanley Hoffman

Elder Steven Thorne

Elder Dan Davis

Elder Danny Farar

Elder Russell Cluff

15 June 1967

Dear Fellow Missionaries:

These latter days are of transcendent significance in the world's religious history. During this time the fullness of the gospel has been restored and already many people have been taught and baptized into this, the true Church.

Modern revelation teaches us that many people will receive their blessings at the hand of Ephraim (DC 133). It is interesting and rather significant that Ephraim's brother, Manasseh, should have responded so well and so recently to the gospel message. Their father, Joseph, must now have a certain satisfaction that so many of his descendants are hearing and accepting the gospel.

The term "latter days" suggests an approaching end and we all live anticipating not so much the "end" of this period but the beginning of another era or the Millennium. Look around and consider the thousands of people who have not yet heard the gospel message here in Guatemala and El Salvador. The combined population is about 7,500,000 and we only have 17,000 members of the Church in these two countries.

Thus it would appear that there is a certain urgency about our delivering the message of the gospel to all of those who have not yet heard it. Webster defines urgent as: pressing, plying with importunity; calling for immediate attention; instantly important. And how better might we describe the need for our renewed and sustained diligence?

Sometimes we send telegrams as URGENTE. There is a small extra charge which is usually offset by the faster service. Oftentimes a telegram ends with: "Urge mandárnoslo." The verb urgir has immediate meaning for everyone and it may well serve as a daily reminder and give meaning to the following:

ESTOS SI SON LOS POSTREROS TIEMPOS Y URGE TRABAJAR CADA VEZ MAS DURO.

May the Lord bless all of us and instill within us a desire to magnify and dignify our call to serve as missionaries. Indeed, there is an urgency about our being true, effective ambassadors of Jesus Christ.

Terrence L. Hansen

Dear Fellow Missionaries:

Sterling W. Sill once said, "It often happens that we hold in our minds great objectives and high ideals at the very moment that our hands are reaching for forbidden things and our feet are taking us down the broad road that leads to destruction.

How true this statement is, especially to us as missionaries, whose ideals should be the very highest and whose objectives should be the very greatest, but whose iron will often times begins to melt ever so slightly. The difference between a piece of highly tempered steel and a piece of cast iron is many times hidden until it is dropped or heat is applied. Then the true quality and workmanship that went into the manufacturing of each one comes to light. How high is the temperment and quality of your "iron will"? Of what quality is your testimony and determination? It seems that Satan and his helpers always know exactly at what moment to blast our iron will with the heat of discouragement or the blow of failure. It is at times like this that the true worth of a missionary shines forth.

We need to make sure our feet are aimed in the right direction and that we have grasped the iron rod with all our "might, mind and strength" which, as we have been promised, will lead us to a successfully fulfilled mission, a successful life, and eventually, to an eternal life and exaltation in the presence of our Heavenly Father. May we all work with renewed determination toward this end.

Sincerely,

Elder Ronald M. Farley

Dear Fellow Missionaries:

It was indeed a pleasure to enjoy the presence of Elder Romney and President Tuttle in the mission while they were here to organize the Guatemala City Stake. Particularly was it inspirational to have them in our study class at the Mission Home and to note, even among the General Authorities, the respect for the presiding authority. Throughout the Church we always find that someone is in authority over us.

Are we as missionaries obedient and do we heed the counsel of those in authority over us? Someone once said, "Obedience is not the mark of a slave...it is one of the prime qualities of leadership."

In most cases the men of the world do not like to be subject to authority. Consider the missionaries---our District Leader, our Zone Leader, and the President all counsel us to obey the missionary standards. How many of us heed this counsel from those in authority over us?

Let us be honest with ourselves, loyal to the Lord and the Mission. May we also acquire the attribute of obedience, I pray,

Your brother,

Elder Don M. Christiansen

Best District!

District of the Month goes to Sonsonate for having gone over it's Challenge. Under the able direction of Elder Thorne, the District Leader, they were able to achieve 125% of their challenge.

DISTRICT : Sonsonate

DISTRICT LEADER : Elder Steven Thorne

CHALLENGE : 4

BAPTISMS : 5

% CHALLENGE : 125%

FAMILIES : 1

MEN : 2

ELDERS IN THE DISTRICT

Elder Steven Thorne

Elder Carl Felt

Elder Larry Felt

Elder Don Davis

SPECIAL MENTION

San Salvador #3

Mazatenango

TOP HOURS

García	76
Jones, T	72
Brower	71
Mendenhall	71
Thomas	71
Frazier	70
Fraser	69
Smith, M	69
Harris	68
Goodwin	65
Henry	65
Hoffman	65
Scheurich	65
Simonton	65
Speaker	65
Morales	64
Smith, Ron	64
Dickson	64
Hanks	64
Grange	63
Johnson, W.	63
Lemmon	63
Massey	63
Moon	63
Workman	63
Lloyd	63
Manwarring	62
Pearson	62
Smith, C.V.	62

TOP LESSONS

Fraser	71
Goodwin	67
Henry	66
García	66
Jones, T	64
Simonton	64
Davenport	58
Smith, C.V.	53
Frazier	52
Smith, M	52
Smith, Ronald	51
Morris	49
Brower	47
Speaker	47
Hoffman	43
Mendenhall	46
Thomas	46
Miller, K	42
Carpenter, B	41
Workman	39
Ward	36
Dickson	35
Hanks	34
Eden	33
Lewis	33
Mortenson	33
Rox	33

TOP BAPTISMS

Fraser	9
Goodwin	9
Perez	9
Robinson	9
García	6
Jones, T	6
Davis, Don	5
Dever	5
Felt	5
Humphery, T	5
Davenport	5
Freeman	4
Gardner	4
Grange	4
Henry	4
Johnson, W	4
Morales	4
Rasmussen	4
Simonton	4
Smith, C.V.	4
Smith, S	4

THE GUATEMALA CITY STAKE



May 18-May 21 were eventful days in the history of this Mission in that the first stake in the Guatemala-El Salvador Mission and in fact, the first in Central America was organized.

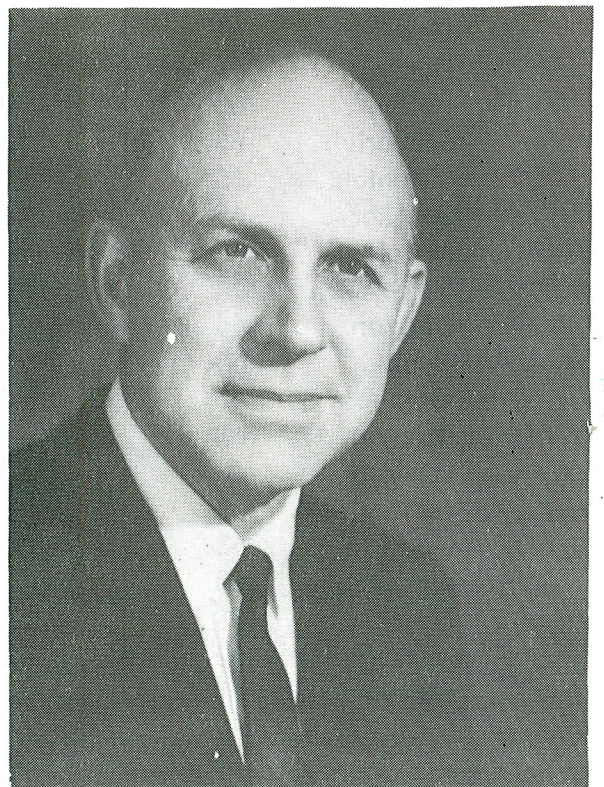
The visiting General Authorities who came to organize the stake of Zion were Elder Marion G. Romney and President A. Theodore Tuttle.

During the days preceding May 21 Elder Romney and President Tuttle thoroughly interviewed several men until they found those whom the Lord had chosen to direct the Stake. The stake president is Udine Falabella; his first counselor is Enrique Rittscher; and his second counselor is Erwin Afre.

There were twenty-nine High Priests ordained, this includes the three men in the Stake Presidency, nine High Councilmen, and six Bishopricks to preside over the six wards.

Branches 7, 8, and 9 in the Capital City will remain under the direction of the Mission until they are stronger and can sustain themselves as wards.

Elder Romney said that there are three things that this Stake will not have as yet: a Seventies quorum; a Patriarch; and a full scale Welfare Program. These things will be added as the people are prepared to receive them.



BE YE HEALTHY

There have been so many illnesses of late that we feel it wise to remind you to evaluate your living conditions, your eating habits, and personal habits of cleanliness. It has been stated by a reliable physician that most of the diseases in the tropical areas can be avoided by being reasonably clean and careful. With all the prevalent cases of parasites and amoebas it would appear that we are lacking considerably in our effort to avoid these diseases, and are becoming increasingly careless.

Are you being reasonably careful by observing the following personal habits?

1. Bathing daily with a soap containing hexachlorophene?
2. Always washing your hands before you eat, using a hand brush to clean under nails and loosen stubborn dirt?
3. Always washing your hands after using the bathroom?

Are you being reasonably careful by insisting on the following standards in the places where you live?

1. Use of only boiled water to cook and to drink (or bottled purified water).
2. Cleanliness of quarters and particularly that clean bathrooms be disinfected at least every other day if not daily.
3. The use of sprays and/or screens to keep insects and flies to a minimum.

Are you being reasonably careful in your eating habits by:

1. Never eating anything from street vendors.
2. Observing complete abstinence of cabbage, lettuce, raw celery, raw root vegetables, and strawberries.
3. Insisting that those who cook your food do not use shortening derived from pig fat, and that they wash all fruits and vegetables thoroughly with soap and water before preparing them.

May we remind you that your gamma-globulin shots are not a magic cure-all, nor a magic preventative which allows you to be more relaxed in observing the standards listed above. Your future health depends upon how you take care of yourself now. Your effectiveness in serving the Lord is greatly diminished when you are not feeling well, or when you must spend your missionary labor time in bed. It is not only disanimating to yourself and your companion, but a worry to your parents, to the Mission President and to the Missionary Committee.

Take care of yourself, we need you...healthy!

David Allred
Littleton, Colorado
Comp: James Workman

Barry Flanders
Kirkland, Washington
Comp: Dennis Frazier

Ronald Hedelius
Rigby, Idaho
Comp: Keith Humpherys

William Read
Newhall, California
Comp: Hal Moon

Corey Rudd
Mesa, Arizona
Comp: Paul Lewis

Ralph Smith
Los Angeles, California
Comp: Ray Morales

Jerry Wamsley
Randolph, Utah
Comp: Stanley Hoffman

Bruce Blaser
Boise, Idaho
Comp: Scotty Simonton

Elmer Chase
Springfield, Oregon
Comp: Russell Cluff

Gerard Flowe
Spartanburg, South Caroling
Comp: David Hamilton

Alvin Hancock
Roosevelt, Utah
Comp: Steven Thorne

Richard Housley
St. Anthony, Idaho
Comp: Roger Egan

BIENVENIDOS

Leslie Mercer
Cloyis, California
Comp: Tom Humphrey

Larry Meyer
Bountiful, Utah
Comp: Warren Johnson

Allen Nisonger
Huntington, California
Comp: Carlos García

Richard Draper
Moroni, Utah
Comp: Michael Massey

QUE LE FLIYA BIEN

George Gary Jordon
3639 Hermes Circle
Salt Lake City, Utah
To: HOME

CHALLENGE RESULTS FOR MAY

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>CHALLENGE</u>	<u>BAPTISMS</u>	<u>% CHALLENGE</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>FAM</u>	<u>D.I.</u>
Sonsonate	4	5	125%	2	1	Thorne
Salvador #3	16	19	118%	5	1	Workman
Mazatenango	12	13	108%	2	2	Smith, S.
Salvador #4	16	14	88%	4	1	García
Guatemala #6	13	9	69%	3	2	Oswald
Guatemala #3	14	8	57%	2	1	Massey
Guatemala #4	21	12	57%	3	2	Davenport
Guatemala #1	15	8	53%	2	0	Morales
Salvador #1	10	5	50%	2	0	Simonton
Santa Ana	16	6	38%	0	0	Hoffman
Atilán	11	2	18%	1	1	Stone
Office	8	1	13%	0	0	Guymon
Quiché	11	1	9%	0	0	Nelson
Guatemala #5	12	1	8%	1	0	Corrigan
Quezaltenango	14	1	7%	1	0	Dunn
Guatemala #2	4	0	0%	0	0	Liechty
Salvador #2	8	0	0%	0	0	Frazier
Salvador #5	4	0	0%	0	0	Davis
San Miguel	8	0	0%	0	0	Cluff
TOTAL	217	105	48%	28	11	

CHALLENGE FOR JUNE

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>CHALLENGE</u>	<u>NO. OF ELDERS</u>	<u>DISTRICT LEADER</u>
Guatemala #1	14	10	Morales
Guatemala #2	4	2	Liechty
Guatemala #3	10	8	Massey
Guatemala #4	11	8	Runyan
Guatemala #5	12	10	Corrigan
Guatemala #6	10	10	Oswald
Guatemala #7	10	4	Farrar
Office	8	6	Guymon
Quiché	10	8	Nelson
Atilán	10	10	Stone
Mazatenango	12	6	Smith, S.
Quezaltenango	18	10	Dunn
San Salvador #1	10	6	Simonton
San Salvador #2	8	6	Frazier
San Salvador #3	16	10	Workman
San Salvador #4	17	10	García
San Salvador #5	4	6	Davis
Santa Ana	18	12	Hoffman
Sonsonate	6	4	Thorne
San Miguel	7	4	Cluff

IF CHALLENGE IS WRONG PLEASE NOTIFY ELDER CHRISTIANSEN.

WHERE

Guatemala

Davenport Z.L.

D. Carpenter Z.L.C.

Guatemala #1

Morales

R.C. Smith

Brower

Ronald Smith

Beare

Peel

Egan

Housley

Peay

Fackrell

Guatemala #2

Liechty

Bagley

Guatemala #3

Massey

Draper

Humphrey

Mercer

Edmunds

Herring

Heredia

Corpron

Guatemala #4

Runyan

C.V. Smith

K. Humpherys

Hedolius

Moon

Read

Lindsey

Doylin

Guatemala #5

Corrigan

Stowell

J.C. Miller

Gonzalez

M. Smith

Parson

P. Taylor

W. Nelson

Dever

Lemon

Guatemala #6

Oswald

Egbert

Witten

Colwell

Gardner

Bolla

Speaker

T. Jones

Guatemala #7

Farar

Rex

Johnston

Adams

Escuintla

N. Jones

Stillman

Guatemala de Occidente

Breinholz Z.L.

Thomas Z.L.C.

Quiché District

Momestonango

R. Nelson

Anderson

Totonicapán

Payne

Brown

Jim

Jensen

Aritlan District

Patricia

J. Stone

Tanner

Helquist

Goodwin

Chimaltenango

Savy

Rencher

Sololá

Henderson

B. Johnson

Patzún

Schofield

B. Smith

Quezaltenango

Dunn

Chambers

Alexander

Green

Hunter

Garrett

Martineau

Yardley

San Marcos

J. Davis

Peterson

Huehuetenango

May

Willardson

Mazatenango Dist.

Retalhuleu

S. Smith

Rasmussen

Mazatenango

Mortenson

Perkins

Coatepeque

Robison

Perez

Office

Guymon

Madsen

Christiansen

K. Johnson

Farley

Betz

WHO'S AT

El Salvador

W. Jones Z.L.C.
Harris Z.L.C.

San Salvador #1

Simonton
Blaser
D. Taylor
Williams

Santa Tecla

Simpach
Hymas

San Salvador #2

Frazier
Flanders
Sharp
Southwick
Campbell
K. Jones

San Salvador #3

Workman
Allred
Fraser
Mendenhall
Hamilton
Flowe
Goldthwaite
Cazier
Cloward
Fox

San Salvador #4

García
Nisonger
Lloyd
Thornton
R. Miller
T. Carpenter
Dean
Dickson
Crosby
Scheurich

San Salvador #5

D. Davis
Wendt
Bishop
Henry
Mendez
Gibson

San Salvador Branches

The Mitchells - Sal. 5

Santa Ana

Hoffman
Wamsley
Hess
Blevins
Johnson
Meyer
Manwaring
Pearson
Thompson
Grange

Chalchuapa

Hanks
Freeman

San Miguel

Cluff
Chase
Lewis
Rudd

Sonsonate

Thorne
Hancock
Felt
Don Davis

HELPFUL HINTS

Fellow Missionaries:

In my work as Membership Secretary I have found several problems that could easily be eliminated by using the proper procedure.

1. Suppose that José Ernesto García Ramírez was baptized into the Church. His mother's name is, María del Carmen Ramírez, and his father's name is, Alfredo García Santos. When you fill out the Recommendation for Baptism and Confirmation please place parentheses around the name of the mother. Thus the name becomes:
José Ernesto García (Ramírez)
2. A note at the side of the names of the father and mother of the baptism, saying whether or not they are members and whether or not they are married is always needed and should be included. The baptism goes by his father's name which is true even if he prefers to go by his mother's name unless he is not recognized by his father. If he is not recognized by his father please make a note on the recommendation slip. He then uses his mother's name and should be written without including his father's name:
José Ernesto Ramírez
3. Each District Leader is responsible for filling out the 110-FP card to be sent in with each baptism. He should always double check to make sure he has made no mistakes. The most common mistake is putting the baptismal date where the birth date should be. District Leaders are reminded that all baptisms must be turned in by the 5th of each month.

Elder Madsen

Following the counsel of our mission leaders, we all strive for the presence of the complete family during the presentation of a lesson; however, once we have the family assembled, how successful are we in holding the attention of all present? The children are just as important to our Heavenly Father as the parents and can answer simple questions if given the opportunity. Asking the children simple questions serves as an effective teaching method because in this way we will hold the attention of the younger members of the group because they will feel a part of the discussion and at the same time the point is stressed more vividly upon the minds of the parents.

For what purpose do we attend Sunday School and Sacrament meetings each Sunday? Is it to catch up on our Bible or Book of Mormon study, or to do the reading assignment for Monday's study class? CHURCH SERVICES ARE NOT PERSONAL STUDY PERIODS. We should be there to help our investigators and set an example for them as well as the members. We need to remember that the Latin people have just as much right to inspiration as we do and many times have spent many hours preparing a message which we could use to better our lives also. Therefore, let us not be rude. Pay attention!

DID YOU KNOW:

That all business at the office is to be taken care of during office hours? This includes all buying and phone calls. The office is CLOSED on Monday.

That it is against Church policy for missionaries to help or to sponsor members or friends to go to the United States?

District Leaders: That you should fill out your monthly report forms for challenge-like this:

Elders Fulano y Mengano 8 ----- indicates challenge for the coming month.

20	----- indicates challenge for the previous month.
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20	----- indicates the number of baptisms achieved for the previous month.
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District Leaders: That the papers for persons baptised should be accompanied by a note indicating for which month the baptisms are to be counted, especially those who are baptised near the end of the month.

Richard Williams
May 1, 1947

Bill Blewins
May 2, 1946

Michael Dover
May 8, 1945

Mark Anderson
May 18, 1946

Robert Witten
May 20, 1945

John Chambers
May 23, 1945

Sidney Smith
May 28, 1946

Glenn Parson
June 1, 1946

Andrew Adams
June 7, 1948

Glen Dean
June 10, 1947

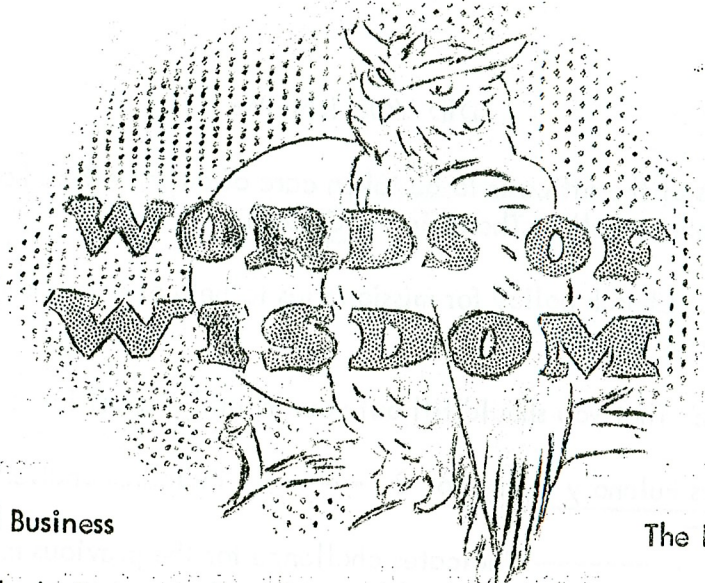
Belinda Boylin
June 14, 1941

Geoffrey Gibson
June 16, 1947

John Lawrence Davis
June 22, 1947

Daryl Alfred
June 22, 1947

FELIZ CUMPLEAÑOS



WORDS OF WISDOM

Unfinished Business

God left the world unfinished, for man to
work his skill upon.
He left the oil in the earth, the electricity
still in the clouds.
He left the rivers unbridged, the forests unfelled
and the cities unbuilt.
God gave to man the challenge of raw materials
not the ease of finished things.
He left the music unsung and the pictures unpainted
and the problems unsolved.
That man might know the joy and glories of creation
God provided the quarries but he carves the statues
only by the hand of man.
God also left the world of men unfinished.
He left the lessons unlearned, the testimonies
unformed, the abilities undeveloped, that man
might share in the work and glory of God.

---Anon

"Some people stop to think, others just stop."

"Some people drink from the fountain of knowledge,
others just gargle."

"An optimist is someone who can see a light where there
ain't one. A pessimist is someone who comes along
and blows the darn thing out."

"Never make excuses. Your friends don't need them,
your enemies won't accept them."

"Ideas are funny things; they won't work unless you do."

If you see but your shadow,
Remember, I pray,
That the sun is still shining,
But you're in the way,

The Record

When the game is done and the players creep
One by one to the league to sleep,
Deep in the night they now know
The way of the fight or the fate of the foe.
The cheer that passed and applauding hands
Are still at last, but the record stands.

The errors made and the base hits wrought;
Here the race was run, there the fight was fought.
But the game is done when the sun sinks low;
One by one from the field they go---
Their day has passed through the twilight gates
But the scroll is cast and the record waits.

So take my lad, what the great game gives
For all men die, but the record lives.

---Grantland Rice