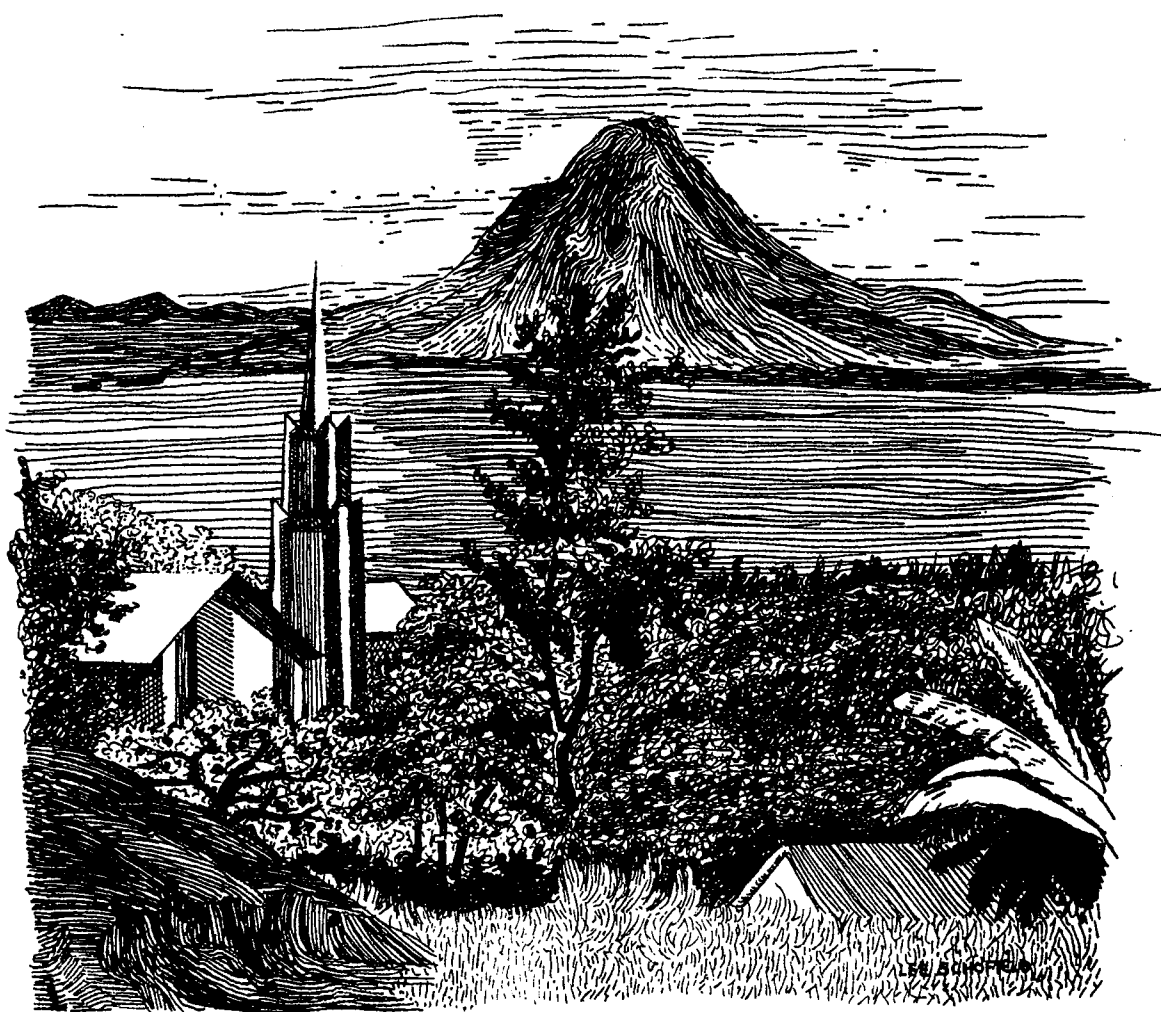


LA MISION GUATEMALTECA-SALVADOREÑA



AVANTE

- MARZO 1966 -

15 March 1966

Dear Missionaries:

It appears that there has emerged in the Mission a new spirit, a new attitude, and a new type of dedication. The faith and diligence of this "new missionary" is not unlike that of the successful missionaries in Book of Mormon times.

Sister Hansen and I are now concluding another series of mission-wide conferences with missionaries and members and we are humbly grateful to be here in the mission field while you are here. Your individual testimonies and your collective efforts are a great inspiration to us and we fully realize how your parents must feel about you.

The month of February was a great success because more districts than ever before achieved or "nearly achieved" their challenge. The reason for success seems to center around district unity, district love, and district diligence.

Some districts have raised their average "effective-time" hours to an incredible high, knowing full well that if they were to achieve as a district they would have to work hard as a district. Other districts have decided that before they permit themselves any periods of "relaxation", they will have first assured themselves that the challenge is within reach. And the emphasis is still on complete families, fathers first.

Standards are set to prepare us to live a higher law. Goals are made to be achieved and surpassed. Since we have been in the Mission, the highest "average number of baptisms per missionary" has been 1.83. Trying not to give too much emphasis to numbers but rather to encourage and capitalize on this, the best group of missionaries that we have ever had, Sister Hansen and I would like to challenge the entire Mission to raise the number to at least 2 baptisms per missionary.

The Book of Mormon missionaries may have walked these same streets with much the same message. But they would not have received, nor did they deserve any more blessings from on high than you do.

May we continue to be worthy of wonderful blessings.

Terrence L. Hansen

Los Asistentes

This may be the last means by which I communicate with many of you before the termination of my mission call. While I was forming the thought which I would like to leave in parting, my mind reflected upon Timothy 6:12, "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, where unto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses."

Fellow missionaries, it has been the greatest opportunity and richest blessing of my life to be permitted to labor with you here in Central America. I appreciate, more than I am able to express, the associations and friends I have gained while here. I extend my gratitude to each of you for your influence and examples.

In closing I leave my testimony of the institution that made these experiences and blessings possible. I know that Christ lives. I know this, our Church, to be the true Church of Christ. I know that we are engaged in His work and I pray that we each will, in our own way, continue to "Fight the good fight of faith" and "lay hold on eternal life".

Sincerely,

Elder Richard Roberts
1st Assistant

Dear Fellow Missionaries:

February was a month of achievement. As a mission, we brought two hundred and eight new people into the waters of baptism. This was the highest number of baptisms recorded in our mission since the division in July. It is pleasant to reflect upon the past and marvel at the work of the Lord and what He has accomplished using us as instruments in His hands. But rather than looking back and resting on our laurels, let's look forward to the great responsibility that lies ahead of us. That of carrying the gospel to those who are still waiting and ready to receive us.

As we look ahead, we see that the blessings are many, the possibilities are unlimited and the price to be paid is hard work. It is my prayer that the Lord will continue to bless us as He has and that our accomplishments may be greater and more plentiful in the months to come.

Sincerely,

Elder Carter Dickey
2nd Assistant

QUEZALTENANGO

THE MISSION'S BEST

<u>% OF CHALLENGE</u>	<u>AV. HRS. /WK</u>	<u>AV. F.L. /MISS.</u>	<u>BAP. /MISS.</u>
105%	52:2	2.5(Weekly)	2.9

<u>MISSIONARY</u>	<u>AV. HRS. /WK</u>	<u>AV. F.L. /WK</u>	<u>BAP.</u>
Hall (D.L.)	63	2.5	6
Davis, Dan	67	2.5	6
Larson	65	5.8	5
Hoffman	66	4.8	5
Luna	52	.8	5
Lindsay	50	.8	5
Katona	55	2.5	5

MEMBERS OF DISTRICT ONLY PART OF THE MONTH

Jim	35	1.5	1
Hallenberger	55	2.3	2
Moon	56	4	1
Henstra	48	1	0
Liechty	51	1.8	1

Guate. Central, Guate. West, Atitlán and the office are also to be congratulated for getting 100% or better of their challenge for the month of February.

Challenge Results

February

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>CHALLENGE</u>	<u>BAPTISMS</u>	<u>%CHALLENGE</u>	<u>D. L.</u>
Quezaltenango AV. HRS. /MISS. 52.2	19	20 AV. F. L. /MISS. 2.5	105%	Hall BAP. /MISS. 2.9
Guate. Central AV. HRS. /MISS. 52	27	28 AV. F. L. /MISS. 2.6	104%	Bates BAP. /MISS. 2.8
Office AV. HRS. /MISS. —	12	12 AV. F. L. /MISS. —	100%	Hollingsworth BAP /MISS. 2.0
Guate. West AV. HRS. /MISS. 63	20	20 AV. F. L. /MISS. 4.4	100%	Wright, Chad BAP /MISS. 2.0
Atitlán AV. HRS. /MISS. 53	5	5 AV. F. L. /MISS. .8	100%	Gunn BAP. /MISS. 1.3
San Salv. West AV. HRS. /MISS. 60	26	23 AV. F. L. /MISS. 2.7	88%	Child BAP /MISS. 2.9
Guate. North AV. HRS. /MISS. 56	22	17 AV. F. L. /MISS. 4.0	77%	Howell BAP. /MISS. 2.1

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>CHALLENGE</u>	<u>BAPTISMS</u>	<u>%CHALLENGE</u>	<u>D.L.</u>
Santa Ana AV. HRS./MISS. 57	23	17 AV. F.L./MISS. 2.6	74%	Lloyd BAP/MISS. 2.1
Mazatenango AV. HRS./MISS. 58	15	11 AV. F.L./MISS. 3.3	73%	Sorenson BAP./MISS. 1.9
Guate. East AV. HRS./MISS. 60	18	11 AV. F.L./MISS. 3.0	62%	Feldman BAP./MISS. 1.4
San Salv. East AV. HRS./MISS. 53	25	13 AV. F.L./MISS. 2.7	52%	Keisker BAP/MISS. 1.3
Guate. South AV. HRS./MISS. 60	25	12 AV. F.L./MISS. 3.6	48%	Haws BAP./MISS. 1.2
San Salv. Central AV. HRS./MISS. 57	22	10 AV. F.L./MISS. 4.2	45%	Rencher BAP./MISS. 1.3
San Salv. North AV. HRS./MISS. 50	20	7 AV. F.L./MISS. 1.8	35%	Ashton BAP./MISS. .9
Cuiché AV. HRS./MISS. 52	6	0 AV. F.L./MISS. .4	0%	Checketts BAP./MISS. 0
Guatemala Zone	169	136	81%	Brown Jones, T.
San Salvador Zone	116	72	62%	Bleak Yost

Top Baptizers

Chad Wright	12	Myron Davenport	9	Edger Feldman	7
Thomas Hart	12	Philip Cameron	8	Paul Fillmore	7
Charles Wilson	12	Don Haws	8	Tom Jones	7
D. Gary Child	9	Roy Schell	8	Wayne Welsh	7
Roger Malm	9	David Corrigan	8	Mike Heredia	7
Robert Simpach	9	Darryl Dunn	8	Elliot Crosby	7

top hours

Chad Wright	76	David Corrigan	66	Paul Fillmore	62
Elliot Crosby	75	Stanley Hoffman	66	Dennis Taylor	62
Frank Carley	74	Myron Davenport	66	Mike Heredia	62
Wendall Jones	71	James Stone	66	Chester Beedle	61
Jack Runyan	70	Farrell Oswald	66	Philip Cameron	61
Don Christiansen	69	Jerry Larson	65	Spence Lloyd	61
Don Haws	69	Darrell Lear	65	Stan Parkin	61
Walter Schofield	68	Paul Sorenson	65	John Robison	61
Lionel Bates	67	Neil Jones	65	Ron Nelson	61
D. Gary Child	67	James Workman	64	Edger Feldman	60
Roger Malm	67	Alan Hall	63	Mel Roth	60
Dan Davis	67	Jerry Beare	63	Don Russell	60
Robert Simpach	67	Russell Cluff	63	Carlos García	60
Clifford Rencher	66	Robert Bigler	62	Tom Proctor	60
Conrad Wright	66	Blaine Breinholt	62	Peter Peterson	60

CHALLENGE

FOR

MARCH

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>CHALLENGE</u>	<u>D. L.</u>
Guate. South	22	Haws
Guate. West	26	Wright, Chad
Guate. East	22	Feldman
Guate. Central	24	Bates
Guate. North	17	Howell
Quezaltenango	26	Hall
Mazatenango	15	Sorenson
San Salv. North	20	Ashton
San Salv. East	24	Keisker
San Salv. West	18	Child
San Salv. Central	17	Rencher
Santa Ana	27	Lloyd
Quiché	10	Checketts
Atitlán	10	Gunn
Office	12	Hollingsworth

BIENVENIDOS

Roger Egan
From: Rigby, Idaho
Comp: Brent Myers
Entered: March 2, 1966
To: Santa Tecla

Raymond Morales
From: Anaheim, California
Comp: Paul Fillmore
Entered: March 2, 1966
To: Santa Ana

Danny Farar
From: Tacna, Arizona
Comp: Bill Morby
Entered: March 2, 1966
To: San Salv. East

Gerald Simonton
From: Jacksonville, Florida
Comp: Roger Malm
Entered: March 2, 1966
To: San Salv. West

Larry Felt
From: Kaysville, Utah
Comp: Clifford Rencher
Entered: March 2, 1966
To: San Salv. Central

Keith Thomas
From: St. George, Utah
Comp: Conrad Wright
Entered: March 2, 1966
To: Guate. Central

Thomas Humphrey
From: Orangeville, Utah
Comp: Clyde Allred
Entered: March 2, 1966
To: Chalchuapa

Michael Thompson
From: Manhattan Beach, California
Comp: Lionel Bates
Entered: March 2, 1966
To: Guate. Central

Robert Witten
From: Alamosa, Colorado

MOVES

MOVES FOR THE 3rd OF MARCH

<u>ELDER</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>WITH</u>	<u>AS</u>
Witten	Guate. East	Lambson	Jr.
Fillmore	Santa Ana	Morales	Sr.
Sorenson, Que	Chimaltenango	Schofield	Sr.
Allred	Chalchuapa	Humphrey, Tom	Sr.
Bigler	Cobán	Smith, Benton	Sr.
Lewis	Guate. North	Holmes	Jr.
Farley	San Salv. Central	Heredia	Sr.
Stone	Sololá	Vickery	Jr.
Thompson	Guate. Central	Bates	Jr.
Schell	Guate. West	Taylor, Dennis	Sr.
Robison	Guate. Central	Adams	Jr.
Betz	Guate. South	Nelson, George	Jr.
Farar	San Salv. East	Morby	Jr.
Workman	Ahuachapán	Hernández	Jr.
Felt	San Salv. Central	Rencher, Clifford	Jr.
Goldthwaite	San Salv. East	Leseburg	Jr.
Egan	Santa Tecla	Myers	Jr.
Davenport	San Salv. East	Beedle	Jr.
Simonton	San Salv. West	Malm	Jr.
Thomas	Guate. Central	Wright, Conrad	Jr.
Smith, Sidney	San Salv. North	Sevy	Sr.

HOLLY'S

CHISMERO

With stress on efficiency and progress, the mission office staff has been reduced to five elders. The job of assistant secretary was eliminated with the secretary, second assistant and membership secretary carrying the load left by this vacancy. Elder Gordon Stephen Wright will combine the job of literature clerk and public relations upon the departure of Elder Clarke.

Using their talents gained by working in the mission office, Elder Larry Robert Clarke and Elder Grant Davis will embark on a tour of the Mission starting the 18th of March. The purpose of this tour is to better the relations between the office and the branches. Elder Davis will help the branches with financial problems and in the filling out of financial reports. Elder Clarke will be helping the branches in regard to ordering materials from the office. Any district that may have a question regarding the ordering of supplies from the office should see Elder Clarke when he is in your respective area.

We extend our congratulations to Elder Chad Wright. During the month of February, he averaged 76 hours effective time per week and gave an average of six first lessons.

This month we will be saying goodbye to a group of elders that have done an outstanding job during their tenure in the Mission. On the 18th, the following elders will be leaving the field. Elder Brent Leseburg, Elder Richard Keisker, Elder David Blaine and Elder Morgan Bleak. Five days later, we will be saying adios to Elder Richard Roberts and Elder Tom Hollingsworth.

With this issue, we say goodbye also to Holly's Chismero. It has been a great privilege to be a part of the Guatemala-El Salvador Mission. I have enjoyed your companionship and love. May the Lord continue to bless this Mission.

Sincerely,

Tom Hollingsworth
Tom Hollingsworth

SUGGESTIONS FOR SMALL TOWNS

Because of the number of new missionaries in the Mission, many of the elders are now working in small towns in both Guatemala and El Salvador. Elders Brown and Jones, the Zone Supervisors in Guatemala, have developed some helpful techniques to help spread the gospel in these smaller communities. These suggestions may be used and developed by the elders in their own particular areas.

I Talent Shows, MIA Dances, Fiestas, and Outings:

The elders working through the branches and closely with the individual organizations could find one or all of these programs useful in finding new investigators.

- A. Programs such as these could be held on a mutual night as a mutual activity, thus employing the talents of the local members. The members could be in charge of all such activities but the elders would have to push the programs and give help when needed.
- B. Advertizing is essential and should be done well in advance. (about two weeks) The mutual members could be of great help by making and passing out posters, contacting radio stations etc.
- C. The Relief Society could be contacted and asked to make and serve refreshments. Referral slips with room for name and address should be passed out to each investigator present. They should be collected as the investigators leave. These papers can then be used to find the person at home and speak with them more about the church.
- D. An elder might give a short gospel message at the intermission.

II Sports Events: Ping Pong, Basquetbol, Fútbol:

- A. A branch fútbol or basquetbol team might be formed of the local members to compete with the local town teams. This would serve to spread the Mormon name and make the town people more receptive to you when you tract them out. Also references would be obtained at the games.
- B. Ping pong games might be organized so that the elders may get closer to the youth. They could get references from the participating members and make friends with the non-members so that they can set up visits with them in their homes and meet the rest of the family.

2. Memorize the Word of Wisdom conversation, 334, and try to use it in your daily work.
3. Whether you realize it or not, you now have completed ESPAÑOL PARA MISIONEROS for the umpteenth time. If your Spanish is now without error, you deserve sincere congratulations (!) from the authors. If not, they suggest that you consider another review based on the lessons prepared for and printed in the AVANTE.

THE COVER

The scene on the cover of this month's "Avante" was done by Elder Walter Lee Schofield. The lake and volcano depicted in the drawing are typical of the views one sees as he tours Guatemala and El Salvador. The chapel in the foreground is typical of those being built throughout our Mission.

Elder Schofield was born October 7, 1946 in Salt Lake City, Utah and lived there until he came into the mission field on January 12 of this year. He started his mission in Guatemala Central working with Elders Howell and Bates. He is now working with Elder Cue Sorenson in Chimaltenango in the Indian Program.

His plan after his mission is to become either a dentist or commercial artist. Judging from his work, it appears that he would be very good at the latter.

We congratulate Elder Schofield on the fine job he did on the cover and are appreciative of his efforts.

DUE TO FAULTY MAIL SYSTEMS, AS OF YET WE HAVE NOT RECIEVED THE GOSPEL STUDY PLAN FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL. THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE BEEN USING THIS PLAN IN YOUR ORGANIZED STUDY CLASS MAY CONTINUE STUDYING, ON THE AVERAGE, TWO OR THREE CHAPTERS OF THE BOOK OF MORMON DURING EACH GOSPEL STUDY PERIOD. PLEASE EXTEND YOUR GOSPEL STUDIES BY CONTINUING WITH THE BOOK OF ALMA, BEGINING IN CHAPTER 27.

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