

# LA MISION GUATEMALTECO-SALVADOREÑA



# AVANTE

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Dear Fellow Missionaries:

The question is often asked and sometimes confusion arises about whom to baptize. The only obvious answer would seem to be that since we are all children of our Father in Heaven, everyone of a sound mind should have an opportunity to hear and to be taught the gospel.

In order to motivate our desires to baptize and help create within us a want to carry the gospel message to all of God's children and to help each of us to better organize our time, the individual districts in the Mission set a "challenge". This goal is always meant to be a realistic one and, therefore, should be within reach of each pair of missionaries.

Any person baptized is a "number" and sometimes the idea may exist that it matters not whom we baptize as long as the "number" is attained. This is a fallacy.

The needs of the Mission, and for that matter, the entire Church, center around the complete family. The Church emphasis is always on the integral unit of society, the family. It is for this reason that the Mission some time ago issued the challenge to all missionaries to find, wherever possible, a family a day. And many missionaries do not let a day go by without first having found a new family.

It is one thing to baptize people. It is another thing to organize the Church with the people who are baptized. We do not confer the priesthood on young ladies (nor old ones) nor do they ever become branch presidents. Our need for the moment is not for women unless they are a part of a family which would always include the father. It seems important to establish the fact that we organize the Church with the people whom the missionaries baptize and if some of our branches appear to be weak, it is only because a stronger element has yet to be baptized.

The need for fathers, men on whom we are able to confer the priesthood and use to structure the Church, is great. Time spent in teaching women (and girls) might better be spent searching for and finding men who are part of the complete family. A man who is already a leader in his work or in his profession is just that much better qualified to help in the Church.

Humble yourselves and be worthy to ask and receive the Lord's help and He will direct you to complete families.

Terrence L. Hansen

# Los Asistentes

Dear Fellow Companions:

The dictionary states that dedication is "applying oneself, faithfully and loyally to one cause or purpose." A person who has eliminated all other previous occupations and has sidelined them so he could more easily focus his attention to one precise undertaking, has dedicated himself to the cause.

Dedication has been an important attribute of all great and powerful men. Whether it be religious or secular, all great men have complied with one main principle of success and greatness—that of dedication.

Do we as missionaries possess the above description and qualities of dedication in our indevers as missionaries of the Lord? Have we set aside our previous pursuits and interests so that we might be more effective in magnifying our calling as missionaries? If we can not answer affirmatively to the stated questions, we do not have our eye single to the Glory of God, and therefore are not accomplishing the work we were called to do.

Elders, dedicate yourselves to the Lord's work, serving Him with all your heart, mind, might and strength so you will receive the success and joy that the Lord grants to His worthy servants. It is my prayer that we all might be dedicated to the cause so that we might be found worthy at the last day.

Faithfully yours,  
Elder Alan Hall

Dear Missionaries:

One of the most thrilling experiences I have is meeting new elders and sisters fresh from the United States. The minute they step off the airplane, you can tell they are Mormon missionaries. Their arms are loaded down with coats and books and their eyes are filled with apprehension, excitement and sleepiness. I think that the main distinguishing characteristic they bring with them is an enthusiastic spirit of missionary work. They are ready and willing to put all their heart, mind, might and strength into the Lord's work here in Guatemala and El Salvador.

Our main goal in the mission field should be to retain this same spirit and dedication during our brief two years down here. If we could all be "nuevos" in this aspect, I am sure we would have no problem in attaining our challenge or doing anything else for the benefit of the Lord's work. If we show Him we are willing, He will bless us in abundance.

May we all realize the goals we have set for ourselves and always strive to build up the Lord's Kingdom to the best of our abilities.

Sincerely,  
Elder Carter Dickey

# GUATE. WEST

proved best

Guate. West, lead by District Leader James Lamson, achieved 21 baptisms, 105% of its goal and DISTRICT OF THE MONTH. We congratulate them on their hard work and diligence in becoming the best district for the month of April. They had 2.6 baptisms per missionary and are off to a good start for the month of May.

## MEMBERS OF GUATE. WEST

<u>MISSIONARY</u>	<u>AV. HRS. /WK</u>	<u>FIRST LESSONS</u>	<u>BAPTISMS</u>
García	63	17	3
Rencher	62	17	3
Lambson (D. L.)	61	6	1
Lear	60	11	11
Helquist	59	11	9
Schell	56	7	6
Robison	56	7	6
Jones, Wendall	56	12	2

# challenge

## results

### april

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>CHALLENGE</u>	<u>BAPTISMS</u>	<u>%CHALLENGE</u>	<u>D.L.</u>
Guate. West	20	21	105%	Lambson
Guate. South	20	15	75%	Yost
San Salv. West	20	14	70%	Bates
Santa Ana	37	25	68%	Jones, Tom
Atitlán	10	6	60%	Gunn
San Salv. Central	10	6	60%	Rencher
Guate. Central	24	10	42%	Malm
Mazatenango	12	5	42%	Haws
Guate. East	30	11	37%	Carley
Guate. North	20	7	35%	Lloyd
San Salv. North	20	7	35%	Fillmore
Quiché	10	3	30%	Checketts
Quezaltenango	25	7	28%	Ashton
San Salv. East	20	4	20%	Johnson
Office	10	1	10%	Welsh
Presidential	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>100%</u>	Hansen
TOTAL	300	154	51%	

# challenge for may

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>CHALLENGE</u>	<u>D.L.</u>
Guate. South	22	Yost
Guate. West	21	Lambson
Guate. East	27	Carley
Guate. Central	24	Malm
Guate. North	20	Lloyd
Quezaltenango	26	Ashton
Mazatenango	12	Haws
San Salv. North	20	Fillmore
San Salv. East	23	Johnson
San Salv. West	22	Bates
San Salv. Central	14	Rencher
Santa Ana	29	Jones, Tom
Quiché	10	Checketts
Atitlán	10	Gunn
Office	10	Welsh
Presidential	9	Hansen

# TOP BAPTIZERS

Mike Heredia	19	Don Haws	8	Sidney Smith	6
Darrell Lear	11	Ronald Farley	7	Bill Morby	6
Clyde Allred	9	Conrad Wright	7	Gerald Simonton	6
Thomas Humphrey	9	Raymond Morales	7	Roy Schell	6
Ronald Helquist	9	John Robison	6	Stanley Parkin	5
Keith Thomas	9				
Kendal Yost	5	Jerry Beare	5		

They left it off

## top hours

Grant Davis	74	Melvin Roth	65	James Lambson	61
Mark Anderson	71	Charles Bishop	64	Bill Morby	61
Dan Davis	69	Don Christiansen	63	Clifford Rencher	61
Ross Madsen	69	Carlos García	63	Sidney Smith	61
Robert Witten	69	Paul Fillmore	62	Gerald Simonton	61
Keith Thomas	67	Stanley Hoffman	62	Wayne Ashton	60
Conrad Wright	67	Don Rencher	62	Darrell Lear	60
L. Neil Johnson	65	Russell Cluff	61	Farrell Oswald	60
Raymond Morales	65	Larry Felt	61	David Campbell	60
		Warren Johnson	61		

## top first lessons

Melvin Roth	45	Thomas Jones	27	Paul Sorenson	19
Charles Bishop	38	John Hales	25	Hector Hernández	18
Mark Anderson	34	L. Neil Johnson	25	Mike Heredia	18
Don Haws	28	Ross Madsen	23	Sidney Smith	18
David Campbell	27	Robert Witten	23	Gerald Simonton	18
Kenneth Johnson	27	Raymond Morales	22	James Workman	18



# Bienvenidos

William Corpron  
From: Granger, Utah  
Comp: Wallace Betz  
To: Guate. Central

Dennis Frazier  
From: Canoga Park, Calif.  
Comp: Don Haws  
To: Retalhuleu

Ralph Peay  
From: Mapleton, Utah  
Comp: Ronald Farley  
To: San Salv. North

Robert Fraser  
From: Nephi, Utah  
Comp: Elder Adams  
To: Guate. Central

Joseph Martineau  
From: Mesa, Arizona  
Comp: Darrell Lear  
To: Guate. West

Steven Thorne  
From: Shoshone, Idaho  
Comp: Wayne Ashton  
To: Quezaltenango

Robert Alexander  
From: Vernal, Utah  
Comp: Grant Davis  
To: Santa Ana

Marvin Gardner  
From: Woodruff, Ariz.  
Comp: Spence Lloyd  
To: Guate. North

Randy Harris  
From: Layton, Utah  
Comp: Paul Fillmore  
To: San Salv. North

Leon Henderson  
From: Richmond, Calif.  
Comp: Darryl Dunn  
To: Santa Ana

Sister Adele Manwaring  
From: Boise, Idaho  
Comps: Jo Katona, Venetta Lindsay  
To: Santa Ana

# Nos Veremos

Dan Howard  
Released: April 30, 1966  
To: La Verkin, Utah

Ronald Walker  
Released: April 30, 1966  
To: Denver, Colorado

Paul Sorenson  
Released: May 7, 1966  
To: Idaho Falls, Idaho

Carter Dickey  
Released: May 20, 1966  
To: CASA GRANDE, ARIZ.

Edgar Feldman  
Released: May 20, 1966  
To: Porterville, Calif.

Rulon Brent Myers  
Released: May 20, 1966  
To: Ashton, Idaho

# El Divulgador

Mission Presidents' Seminar in Mexico City during the middle of June will be attended by President and Sister Hansen.

The last month was a disgusting one for the medical profession. Contrary to the history of years past, the period didn't contain a single new case of hepatitis among the 127 Guatemala-El Salvador Elders. Thanks go to Sister Hansen for her careful surveillance of the Elders' schedule of gamma globulin shots and to President (Doctor) Hansen for his help in giving shots. It has been heard that the President has enjoyed "getting close to his Elders".

The upcoming months' missionary meetings are scheduled as follows:

May 19-20---Missionary Interviews-Gran Hotel, San Salvador

May 21 8:30 A.M. Fast and testimony meeting---new San Salvador Chapel

June 2-3---Missionary interviews-Guate. City

June 4--- Fast and Testimony Meeting---Branch #2, Guate. City

The Indian and Quezaltenango districts will participate in similar meetings during the first part of July.

First in a series of recent releases was the departure of Elders Howard and Walker on April 30. In pouring rain, Elder Paul Sorenson left for his home in Idaho Falls, Idaho a few days ago.

It seems that Elder S. was persuaded to give a final lesson the afternoon of his departure. He looked truly like a returning missionary: ie., polished shoes, clean suit and shirt, and new, dark, conservative tie. He couldn't believe the big black cloud that came up, opened, and dumped a generous quantity of water over the fleeing elder. He was taken to the mission home, wrapped in a towel, and while his suit was in a dryer and his shoes placed in front of the presidential heater, he was left to wonder what was to be of his wet, conservative, "going home" tie. Every story has a happy ending and Elder Sorenson was aware of his when he looked down from his plane seat and saw the land slip quickly away.

And, by the time this copy of the Avante is being read, Elders Dickey, Feldman and Myers will be making their last transfer. While the Guatemala-El Salvador Mission's foundation may not "quiver, shake, and collapse", as predicted by some, the example of these fine missionaries will be highly missed.

According to Sister Hansen, in the future, all missionaries will be responsible to get their gamma globulin booster every three months. The El Salvador elders will receive one reminder from the Zone Leaders. "If disregarded and hepatitis is contracted, the missionary will be required to pay his own bill." The office will be responsible for contacting the elders and giving shots in Guatemala.

Mission Leaders' Seminary was held in the mission home during the past month. Each missionary received the invitation to send questions and/or suggestions through his District Leader. After the week-end sessions, each district held a meeting where the activities, decisions and experiences were discussed among all of the elders.

BY-ELDER G.S. WRIGHT

# LOOKING BACK

Have you ever paused and wondered where you would be and what you would be doing in ten years from now? Or have you ever pondered over what great events transpired ten years ago? The following is offered with the hope of helping you "Look Back."

## THE ORIGIN OF OUR MISSION:

September 1946: With the advice of John F. O'Donnal, a member who was then working with rubber plantation experiments in Honduras and Guatemala, the President of the Mexican Mission visited the Central American Countries.

July 1947: The Central American Countries were added to the Mexican Mission.

August 1947: Four missionaries were assigned to work in this new addition.

November 13, 1948: The first baptismal service was held in Guatemala when Mrs. O'Donnal and her two daughters became members.

March 2, 1951: The first baptismal service was celebrated in San Salvador when Ana Villaseñor and eleven more "went under."

November 1952: The Central American Mission was organized with Gordon M. Romney presiding.

July 31, 1965: The Central American Mission was divided with President Teddy E. Brewerton called to lead the Central American Mission and President Hansen remained at the helm of the newly named Guatemala-El Salvador Mission.

MISSION PRESIDENTS: 1. Gordon M. Romney Nov. 1952-Oct. 1955. 2. Edgar L. Wagner Oct. 1955-March 1959. 3. Victor C. Hancock March 1959-June 1962. 4. Leslie O. Brewer June 1962-July 1964. 5. Terrence L. Hansen July 1964--(cuando se le diga)

## TO SEE OUR MISSION PROGRESS WE COUNT NUMBERS (STATISTICS)

From the first member in 1948 the growth was slow with only 241 members in Guatemala in March, 1956. Then, we grew like a "weed." In 1963 there were 12,000 members, and in July when we "split" there were 18,360 members in 45 branches organized in 10 districts with 217 missionaries. And today with only two countries the growth is still impressive. There are 15,400 members in 7 districts with 35 branches and 120 missionaries. With about half the number of missionaries working harder than ever the baptismal statistics compare as follows: LAST YEAR TO DATE: 878. THIS YEAR TO DATE: 654. And for leadership material in the branches we have 280 Melchizedek Priesthood bearers assisted by the Aaronic Priesthood with 878 over 21 and 616 "jovenes" who are priesthood holders.

WE HAVE BEEN BUILDING TOO! The Guatemala Branch #2 was the first started in the mission on July 6, 1950. We now have 8 Church owned chapels: Retalhuleu, Quezaltenango, Patzicía, Guatemala 2, 1-3, 4-10, Santa Ana and San Salvador. With four more to be started this year and 4 the next we will double the chapels by 1968.

# Se Dice

## Bien

¿ Conoce Ud. a Carlos ?

¿Cuál iglesia conoce Ud. mejor ?

¿ A Ud. le gusta hablar ?

¿ Cuando Ud. se casó, cuántos años tenía ?

Le hablé ayer.

Voy a cortarme el pelo.

...las bendiciones de que gozamos.

Todo esto lo hacemos...

Nos veremos mañana.

...esta comida que se ha preparado.

...estos alimentos que han sido preparados.

Para misionero, habla bien.

Yo fui al mercado ayer.

## Mal

¿ Conoce Ud. Carlos ?

¿ A cuál iglesia conoce Ud. mejor ?

¿ Ud. le gusta hablar ?

¿ Cuando Ud. se casó, cuántos años tuvo ?

Lo hablé ayer.

Voy a cortar mi pelo.

...las bendiciones que gozamos.

Todo esto hacemos...

Nos vemos mañana.

...esta comida que se ha preparada.

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# LA ULTIMA PALABRA

"I have never known a man to have more success in life than that success which he had in his mission."

Henry D. Moyle

"Make up your mind to follow God as Jesus did, regardless of the cost and effort it requires."

Theodore M. Burton

"Sin seeks you but you seek righteousness."

David O. McKay

Life may be compared to two books- one which we might have made of the events of it, and the other book which we did write.

Hugh B. Brown's  
favorite quote

"Did you ever hear of a man who had striven all of his life faithfully and singly toward an objective and had in no measure obtained it?"

Unknown

"The whole purpose of life is to bring under subjection the animal passions, proclivities and tendencies that we might always realize the companionship of God's Holy Spirit. I think that is the ideal. One chief purpose of life is to overcome evil tendencies, to govern our appetites, to control our passions, anger, hatred, jealousy and immorality."

David O. McKay

"It is the duty of every elder to stand up for Christ...with a voice of warning and commandment to be baptized...in the name of Christ and spirit of meekness."

Joseph Smith

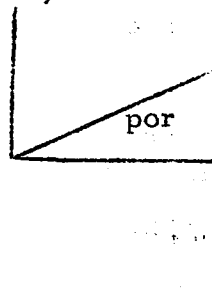
"If I were called to be a missionary, I would go out and live the gospel so well that when they found out that it was "mormonism", they would want to be part of it."

Brigham Young

"I never had to ask for a job... only do that which I had to the best of my ability."

Gov. George Romney

Made in Guatemala City



Dickey Wright Holmes