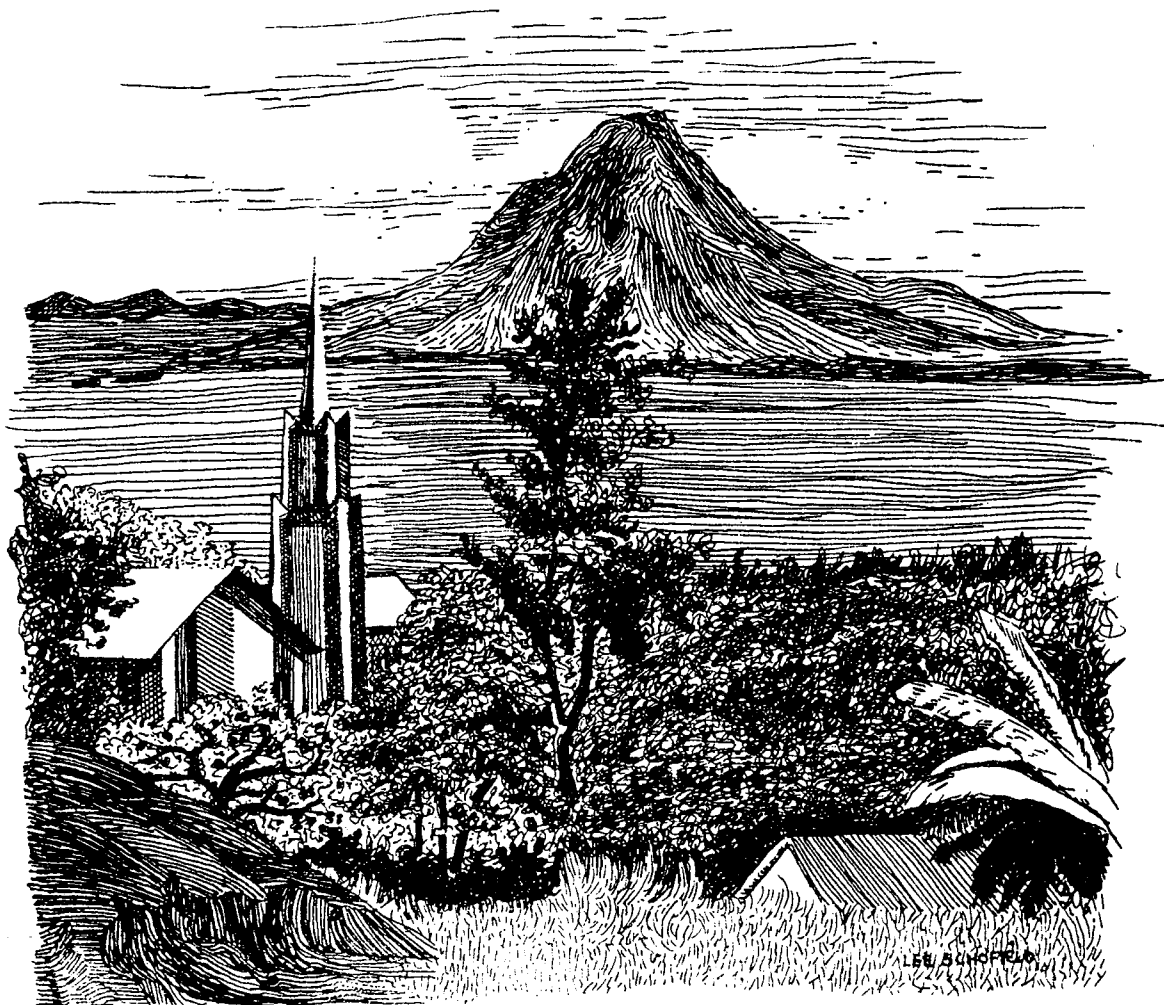


# LA MISION GUATEMALTECO-SALVADOREÑA



# AVANTE

AGOSTO 1966



Dear Fellow Missionaries:

From the standpoint of missionary effort and district achievement last month (July) was one of our very best months ! The most significant item was the increase in the number of complete family baptisms. Twenty-seven complete families were baptized and 37 other families were completed as additional family members were baptized. People of prominence are now becoming part of the Kingdom in this mission. Sister Hansen and I congratulate each and everyone of you for your diligence, your dedication, and your constancy!

Missionaries often ask the question, "How long shall we go on teaching a family?" We have always answered, "As long as there is evidence to expect that the family will understand and be baptized." The missionary plan is a wonderful, inspired way to teach. The missionary's testimony is the one way to bear witness not only to all of the basic teachings of the plan but to convince the new family that they, too, are children of our Heavenly Father, that he loves them enough to bring a personal witness to their door.

Brother John L. Harmer has said, "It makes a mockery of the Gospel, and defeats the purpose of the missionary's labors, if he allows himself to spend his time teaching those who are not willing to make the sacrifice necessary to accept the gospel.

Such a doctrine may seem harsh, but in reality it is the only fair approach to take. Consider the injustice that is done to those who would have accepted the Gospel but did not get a chance to hear it, because the missionary spent so much time teaching it to those who were never going to accept it. For some reason missionaries continue meeting with people who simply have not the true characteristics of valid investigators. There is no excuse for this, and it is laziness to keep on doing it. Once he has given his witness and testimony, the only reason for the missionary to remain is if there is some very real possibility that the listener will accept the gospel."

The real hunger here in Guatemala and El Salvador does not exist because people are too poor to eat. Fresh fruit and vegetables and meat abound in the public markets. And these items are always within reach of a family that is willing to work and thereby earn an honorable living. The true hunger is for the gospel of Jesus Christ that brings knowledge, honor, and dignity to every man and his family. There are approximately seven million people in the mission waiting to hear your message.

May our Heavenly Father bless us all with an abiding love for these people sufficient to motivate us to yet greater heights.

Terrence L. Hansen

Amados Compañeros míos:

Not many days after a missionary has returned home, he receives from his Bishop a certificate which states the following: "This certifies that you are honorably released from your appointment as a missionary in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. No greater service can be rendered than to labor faithfully for the salvation of the souls of men."

Serving honorably in the service of the Lord, means one has adhered to the principles considered right during his mission. To me, this means obeying the unwritten rules as well as those that are written.

For example we may take the fable of the fly and the honey: "A jar of honey having been upset in a housekeeper's room, a number of flies were attracted by its sweetness. Placing their feet in it, they ate greedily. Their feet, however, became so smeared with honey that they could not use their wings, nor release themselves, and were suffocated. Just as they were expiring, they exclaimed: 'Oh foolish creatures that we are! For the sake of a little pleasure, we have destroyed ourselves.' "

We as missionaries often forget that we are called to be ambassadors of the Lord and nothing else; that our stay in the mission field is short and our time should be completely dedicated to the Work. For this reason, let us never become like the fly and involve ourselves in the telestial pleasures that surround us but maintain our thinking and living on a Celestial level.

Faithfully your brother,

Elder Alan Eugene Hall  
First Assistant to the President.

Dear Fellow Missionaries:

The gospel of Jesus Christ is a gospel of power. We, as missionaries, are in a life and death struggle. Do we realize that we are actually responsible for the spiritual life or death of our investigators.

This work will never be easy. We are fighting against a personage that was able to take one-third of the host of heaven with him from the very presence of our Father in Heaven, and we are trying to defeat him in a place where everyone has a veil drawn over their mind.

How do we do it? With courage and seeking for the Spirit of the Lord to help us testify. Seneca said, "Fear leads to death, but courage leads to heaven." And it is true! If we have the courage to preach the gospel to show our Father that we truly have a testimony of Him; and His work. He will bless us with His spirit to testify to the truthfulness of the gospel.

May the Lord bless us all in this His great work.

Sincerely your brother,

Elder Spence P. Lloyd

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## SAN SALV. 4

### CHALLENGE

20

JERRY LARSON - D.L. of San Salv. # 4 has also been Z.L. companion. He has worked in Sololá, Ahuachapán, Santa Ana, Guate. City, and San Salv. He has been in the mission 18 months.

HAL MOON - Also from Salt Lake City, has been in the mission for 7 months. He has worked in Guate. City, Huehuetenango, and San Salv. Helped greatly in the challenge by baptizing 8 people.

PETER PETERSON - from Meeteetse, Wyo. Has been in the mission 6 months. He has worked in places such as Mazatenango, and San Salvador. The second time that he is a member of the District of the Month.

### BAPTISMS

25

CRAIG MILLER - from Mesa, Arizona. Has been in the mission 6 months and has worked in Santa Ana, and San Salvador.

STEPHAN GUYMAN - from Arcadia, Calif. was top baptizer for the district and mission with 11 baptisms. He has worked in Guate. City and San Salvador.

### % CHALLENGE

125 %

DONALD RUSSELL - from Salt Lake City. He has been in the mission for 17 months and has worked in San Pedro Sula, San Salvador, Jalapa, Guate. City, and Escuintla.

BLAINE BREINHOLT - From Richfield, Utah has been in the mission 8 months. He has worked in places such as Retalhuleu, Guate. City, Quezaltenango, and San Salv.

KEITH HUMPHREYS - from Summit, Utah has been in the mission for 6 months. He has worked in such towns as Guate. City, and San Salvador.

Members of the district for part of the month, and helping greatly to attain challenge were Elders Melvin Roth, and Sidney Smith.

Congratulations also go out to the Districts of Santa Ana, Guate. # 3, Guate. # 5, Guate. # 6, and Quezaltenango, for having attained 100 % or more of Challenge.

## DID YOU KNOW?

That "despedida" dinners have never been suggested nor authorized by the Church Missionary Committee. They are most improper at transfer time. And they certainly are not "effective time" activities when a missionary leaves the mission. There is nothing social about a call to serve.

At the time a missionary finishes his mission he is always invited to dinner as a very special guest in the Mission Home. And the president and his wife, when they have the time, may even accompany him to the airport.

That there is published monthly a "calendario" in the LIAHONA and that anyone and everyone who may be teaching or be asked to teach the "INVESTIGATOR CLASS" should not do so without prior consultation with the Branch President or the Sunday School Superintendent as to which lesson has been assigned for a given Sunday. Everyone in the Church in the Mission follows the schedule of this "calendario."

That all new Elders who have never worked in Guatemala should get a VISA DE CONVENIO good for two years when they come to Guatemala. Having a VISA DE CONVENIO makes it possible to renew the permission to stay in the country. Otherwise problems can arise and there is a possibility of having a fine put on your passport.

That all reports and baptismal slips and white 110 FP cards should be in the office by the 5th of each month. Otherwise no credit can be given. Also all D.L.'s should put on the back side of the white card as well as on the back of the yellow baptismal slip who is to receive credit.

That the mission office is unable to mail packages home for missionaries. Too many things can happen causing problems for the owner of the package as well as for the office staff.

# RESULTS

## JULY

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>CHALLENGE</u>	<u>BAPTISMS</u>	<u>%CHALLENGE</u>	<u>D.L.</u>
San Salv. #4	20	25	125%	Larson
Guate. # 5	10	12	120%	Morby
Santa Ana	22	24	109%	Allred
Guate. # 3	16	16	100%	Rencher
Guate. # 6	16	16	100%	Yost
Quezaltenango	20	20	100%	Ashton
Guate. # 4	24	23	96%	Malm
Mazatenango	12	10	83%	Haws
Atitlán	10	8	80%	Gunn
San Salv. # 5	4	3	75%	Johnson, L.
San Salv. # 1	14	8	59%	Fillmore
San Salv. # 2	18	10	56%	Lambson
San Salv. # 3	12	4	33%	Jones, T.
Office	10	3	30%	Welsh
Guate. # 1	16	2	14%	Carley
Guate. # 2	4	0	0%	Nelson, G.
Quiché	10	0	0%	Checketts

# CHALLENGE

## AUGUST

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>CHALLENGE</u>	<u>D.L.</u>
Guatemala # 1	17	Carley
Guatemala # 2	6	Nelson, G.
Guatemala # 3	14	Rencher, C.
Guatemala # 4	24	Malm
Guatemala # 5	13	Welsh
Guatemala # 6	15	Fillmore
Atitlán	10	Gunn
Office	10	Lloyd
Quezaltenango	19	Holmes
Quiché	10	Checketts
San Salvador # 1	14	Morby
San Salvador # 2	12	Lambson
San Salvador # 3	12	Jones, T.
San Salvador # 4	20	Larson
San Salvador # 5	8	Johnson, L.
Santa Ana	20	Allred



# BIENVENIDOS

Bruce Brower  
From: Blackfoot, Idaho  
Comp: Clyde Allred  
To: Santa Ana

Burton Johnson  
From: Farmington, New Mexico  
Comp: Phillip Cameron  
To: San Salvador # 2

# ADIOS

Donald Gary Child  
Released: July 29, 1966  
To : Salt Lake City, Utah

Donald Keith Haws  
Released: July 29, 1966  
To: Santa Barbara, California

## QUALITIES OF A WELL-PREPARED MISSIONARY

John L. Harmer

(Courtesy Elder George Nelson)

1. Vision

He will have clearly in mind his purpose as a missionary, and he thoroughly dedicated to fulfilling that responsibility and calling.

2. Sincerity

His actions and desires will never be falsified for the achievement of any goal, no matter how worthy it may seem. With both companion and investigator he will ever be intellectually and spiritually honest.

3. Humility and meekness

Humility being defined as the capacity to be taught and willingness to forget self. Meekness being defined as the capacity to conform his will to the will of His Father-in-Heaven, and in this case, to the counsel of the mission authorities.

4. Initiative

He will seek for opportunity, instead of waiting for it to come to him.

5. Courage

If necessary he will endure (without complaint) personal discomfort to his person and other inconveniences that may be placed before him in order to be more effective in giving the gospel to others.

6. Honesty

He will be honest above question in the matter of missionary reports, personal debts, and representations of fact.

7. Enthusiasm

He will approach his labors in eager anticipation of the great work that he is doing without appearing childish in his expression of enthusiasm.

8. Leadership

He will recognize the talents and abilities of his companions, and will give them due honor for same. If called upon to lead in some responsible position he will inspire others by his own actions, and coordinate and guide their efforts for maximum effectiveness.

9. Cheerfulness

He will be cheerful without undue lightmindedness or frivolity.

10. Love

He will gain a sincere love for the people, and be capable of giving his all for the blessing and benefit of those he serves.

11. Friendliness

He will add to the unity and love of a district, and will mix willingly and well with all of his fellow missionaries.

12. Cleanliness

His physical person and actions will represent at all times the sacredness of his calling and solemnity of being a representative of Christ. An unclean body, unkept cloth, and scuffling with companions in public are as foreign to his nature as smoking would be.

13. Adaptability

He will find the pleasures of each day's activity and needs, without looking on to the distant transfer or trip home, or living in the past of college life, by day dreaming and other escape mechanism activity.

14. Charitability

He will desire to do good when and where he can, irrespective of who gets the honor.

15. Ability to Teach

He will consciously strive to improve himself in his ability to teach, adapt to situations, and in every way show earnest preparation in all facets of the calling he has.

16. Service

He will work hard, not for status on comparative reports or in the eyes of others, but with a desire to serve his fellow men as his only motive.

17. Respect

He will support those in authority over him.

18. Devotion

His decisions will be motivated by the thought of "what is best for the Lord's work?" instead of, "what is best for my personal desires."

19. Reverence

He will never cease to be humbled with the realization that he works for the spiritual salvation of the souls of men.

20. Knowledge

He will diligently work to gain an adequate knowledge of the Gospel, that he might become more powerful in presenting the Gospel plan. He will not spend time studying commentaries and building a large notebook except as it aids directly his ability to proselyte the Gospel.

21. Simplicity and Balance

He will have achieved a sense of balance in his missionary character or personality, so as to remain in tune with the spirit of his calling, and yet not be too one-sided in his personality.

22. Organization

He will use every tool made available to him to gain the maximum amount of activity and productive effort from the days and weeks he labors.

23. Concentration

He will have burning within him the knowledge that he has been called of God, and will have exhausted his every effort in accomplishing the purpose for which God placed him in the mission field.

# Moves for July 23, 1966

<u>ELDER</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>WITH</u>	<u>AS</u>
Robison	Guate. # 1	Goldthwaite	Sr.
Erickson	Guate. # 5	Farar	Sr.
Peay	San Salv. # 1	Proctor	Jr.
Johnson, B.	San Salv. # 2	Cameron	Jr.
Brower	Santa Ana	Allred	Jr.
Campbell	Escuintla	Smith, S.	Jr.
Adams	Sonsonate	Crosby	Sr.
Massey	Guate. # 4	Fraser	Sr.
Dunn	San Salv. # 3	Lewis	Sr.
Simpach	Office	Lloyd	Sec.
Alexander	Guate. # 2	Beedle	Jr.
Henderson	Santa Ana	Davis	Jr.

# Moves for July 29, 1966

Soto	Mazatenango	Bishop	Sr.
Holmes	Quezaltenango	Davenport	D.L.
Ashton	Guatemala	Roth	Z.L.
Welsh	Guate. # 5	Liechty	D.L.
Morby	San Salv. # 1	Harris	D.L.
Fillmore	Guate. # 6	Sharp	D.L.
Yost	Retalhuleu	Frazier	D.L.

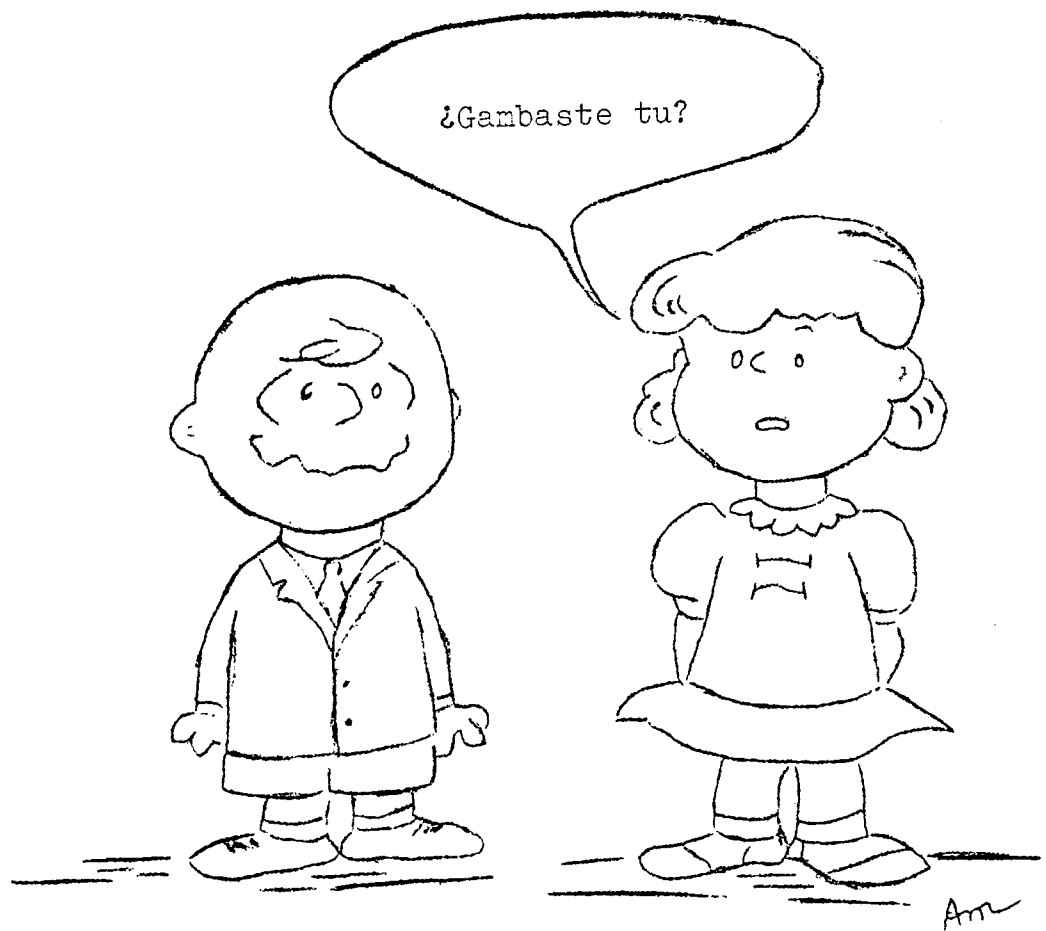
# Moves for August 5, 1966

Beedle	Quezaltenango	Harris	Sr.
Alexander	Guate. #2	Nelson, G. Davis, D.	Jr.
Johnson, W.	San Salv. # 1	Morby	Jr.
Crosby	Guate. # 6	Wright, C.	Jr.
Henstra	Sonsonate	Adams	Co-sr.
Rencher, E.	San Marcos	Taylor, D.	Jr.
Runyan	Office	Lloyd, Simpach	Mem. Sec.
Manwaring	Quezaltenango	Luna, Jim	Co-sr.

# Moves for August 9, 1966

Beare	Santa Ana	Davis, G.	Jr.
Frazier	Quezaltenango	Christiansen	Jr.
Johnson, K.	Retalhuleu	Yost	Jr.
Henderson	Quezaltenango	Garcia	Jr.
Taylor, P.A.	San Salv. # 3	Dunn	Jr.
Lewis	Guate. # 5	Welsh	Jr.
Liechty	San Salv. # 2	Lambson	Jr.
Thomas	Guate. # 3	Workman	Jr.

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But how can you be a REAL missionary  
without a gringo disease?

