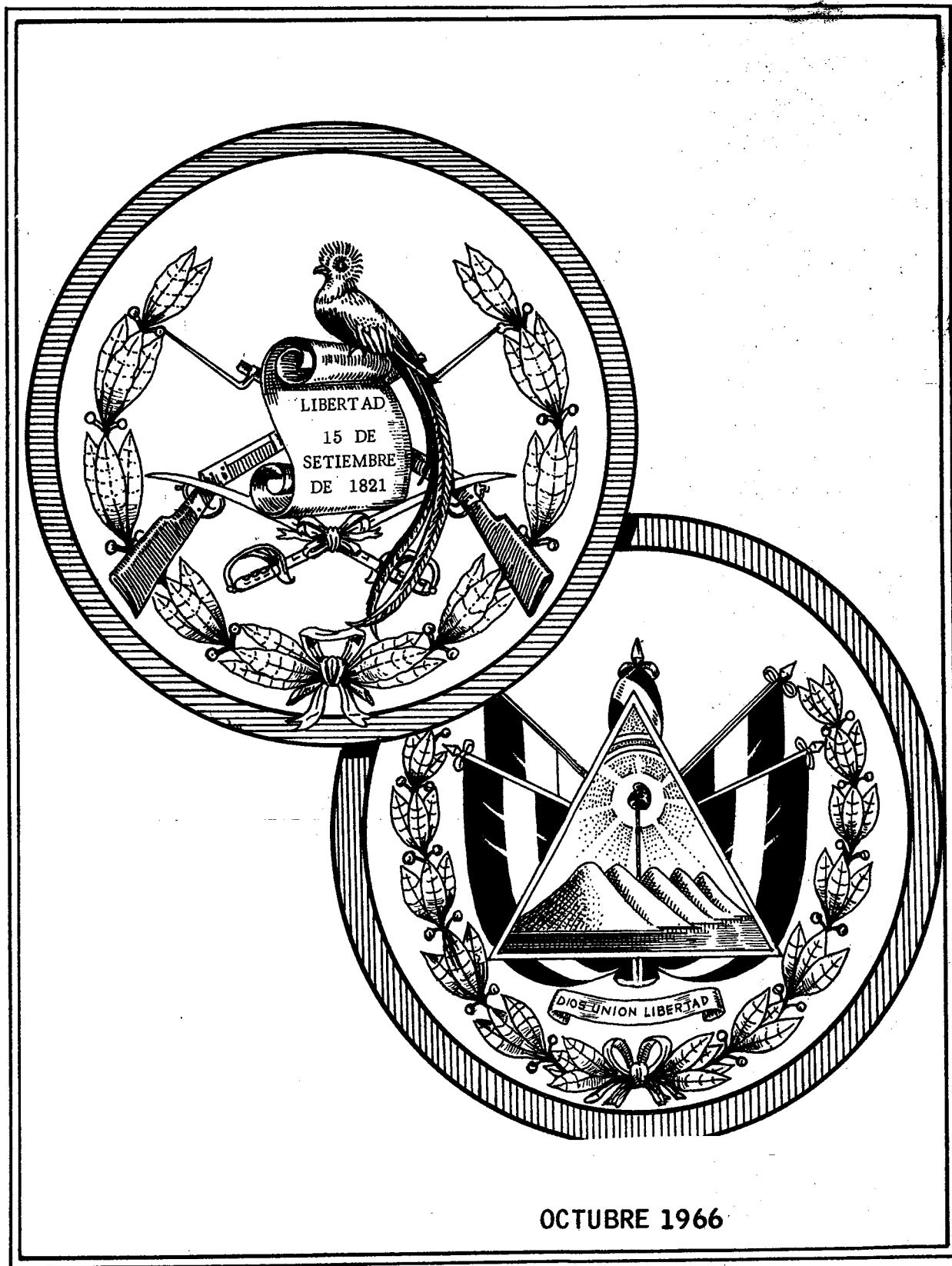


# AVANTE

LA MISION GUATEMALTECA  
SALVADOREÑA



OCTUBRE 1966



Dear Fellow MISSIONARIES:

Every MISSIONARY in this mission is here in answer to a call to serve the Lord and thereby help establish the Kingdom here in Guatemala and El Salvador. Every MISSIONARY has been set apart and has been given the necessary authority to act in that calling. Every MISSIONARY has, therefore, been charged with responsibility and is expected to be true and faithful.

A MISSIONARY is a unique, distinct kind of an individual, different from any other person. A MISSIONARY is a messenger of God, endowed with divine authority to do what no one else may do, that is, properly teach the gospel of Jesus Christ and bear testimony to its truthfulness to all of God's children.

One of our most serious problems in the mission field is that quite often MISSIONARIES seem to forget who they are, whom they represent, and to whom they are responsible. Some, at times, simply forget that they are MISSIONARIES. Or they rationalize that their's is the privilege of being a MISSIONARY part of the time and being a 19 or 20 year-old youngster the rest of the time. Conflicts with evil thoughts, sports cars, girl friends, boy friends, sometimes contribute to a cloudy mind and distorted vision and a lack of a true understanding of what MISSIONARY work really is. A single action contrary to long-established MISSIONARY standards oftentimes brings a judgment against every other MISSIONARY and even against the Church. And it takes months, often years, to right a wrong that is a consequence of poor judgment, immaturity, or lack of respect for others.

We often leave an appointment card with our investigators reminding them of our future visits. Perhaps it might be well to print our own "appointment card" and with big letters prepare a sign that says, "I AM A MISSIONARY." Many other important ideas might be added to remind us that the call is for two years, and that never during that two year period will there be a time when we will not be expected to act like MISSIONARIES.

MISSIONARIES who give dignity to their call and to themselves never play cards, they never play pool, they never go swimming, they never dance, nor do they seek the company of the opposite sex. Why? Because they are MISSIONARIES.

May every MISSIONARY be a worthy MISSIONARY.

Terrence L. Hansen

Dear Fellow Missionaries:

Greatness as a missionary and in every other walk of life is a combination of many things. But these variables have in common two things-- work and self-discipline. Emerson put it this way: "Man is great, not in his goals, but in his transition from state to state. Great in act, but instantly dwarfed by self indulgence." Later he said, "He who has more obedience than I masters me, though he should not raise his finger."

Self-discipline and obedience will determine our success as missionaries. Someone may be heard to say, "My effectiveness is based more on my testimony and spirituality than my getting up at six o'clock or my towing the line in every little thing." But such a person doesn't realize that his testimony and spirituality do in fact depend on his self-discipline and obedience. His diligence in prayer. His good work habits. His thoughtful study. His heeding to the counsel of the Church. All these things require self-discipline on his part. If we apply ourselves and discipline ourselves then our work will be of great effect in the lives of those we serve.

Sincerely,  
Elder Paul Fillmore

Dear Fellow Missionaries:

It has been my privilege to work with a few elders as they were finishing their missions. As they arranged their luggage, I asked myself just how I would feel if it were I that was leaving. Would I be able to answer to the Lord that I had done my best?

When we first come on our missions "the field is white already to harvest." The rest is up to us. Wouldn't it be nice to have the Lord say to us as Ammon said to his brethern? "...Blessed are ye, for ye did thrust in the sickle, and did reap with all your might, yea, ... and behold the number of your sheaves...in the hands of the Lord of the harvest...." Afterall, isn't that the reason that we are here; to bring souls unto the Lord? Is it too hard to labor in the Lord's vineyard with all our might for two short years?

I pray that all of us may at that "day" answer to the Lord with a clear conscience.

Sincerely,  
Elder Jerry W Larson

# BEST in SEPTEMBER

With 140% of their challenge for the month of September, the honors go to the Guatemala #4 district for achieving DISTRICT OF THE MONTH. Their District Leader is Hector Hernández. As a mission we would like to extend our congratulations to the following elders who make up the Guatemala #4 district:

CHALLENGE....10

BAPTISMS....14

%CHALLENGE....140%

HECTOR HERNANDEZ - D.L. of Guatemala #4 district. Now has 21 months in the mission. He has worked in San Salvador, El Progreso, Guatemala City, Santa Tecla, Santa Ana, and Ahuachapán.

LARRY FELT - From Kaysville, Utah. Now has nearly months in the mission. He has served in San Salvador, San Miguel, and Guatemala City. Elder Felt added four baptisms to the district total.

MICHAEL MASSEY - He was a big spark for the district with six real fine baptisms. He now has eleven months in the mission. He has worked in San Salvador and Guatemala. Elder Massey is from Provo, Utah.

RAYMOND MORALES - From Anaheim, California. Now has close to eight months in the mission. Elder Morales has been in Santa Ana and Guatemala City. He just moved into the district, but has already proved himself an asset to the district.

DARRYL DUNN - From El Centro, California. Is nearing 10 months as a Central-american missionary. He has served in Santa Ana, San Salvador, and Guatemala City.

LYN MAY - He entered the mission the 5th of January 1966. He is from Tucson, Arizona. He has worked in San Salvador and Guatemala City.

Elder David Edmunds was a member of the district when it made challenge, but has been recently moved to San Salvador.

\*\*We would also like to give special recognition to the Guatemala #5 district who attained its challenge for the fourth month in a row. Elder Welsh is to be commended for his fine leadership in helping the district in this accomplishment. The other elders, Elders Sharp, Workman, and Thomas should be congratulated for their diligence.

\*\*\*Also the Santa Ana and Guatemala #1 districts were able to reach 100% of their challenge. We congratulate these elders also.

# TOP BAPTIZERS

Jerry Beare	15	Wayne Welsh	8	Michael Massey	6
James C. Miller	9	David Edmunds	7	Sidney Smith	6
Wendall Jones	8	David Campbell	6	Steve Thorne	6
Vaughn Sharp	8	Grant Davis	6		

# TOP HOURS

Dennis Frazier	67	Jerry Beare	62	Elliot Crosby	60
Wayne Welsh	65	William Morby	62	Ronald Helquist	60
Blaine Breinholt	64	Terry Liechty	61	Gary Jordan	60
Gordon Wright	62	Steve Thorne	61	Ronald Nelson	60
Farrell Oswald	62	Carlos García	61	Don Searle	60

# TOP LESSONS

Ralph Peay	66	Don Searle	51	Don Russell	48
Wendall Jones	53	Gary Jordan	50	William Morby	43
John Hales	51	Steve Thorne	49	Terry Liechty	42

# SEPTEMBER RESULTS

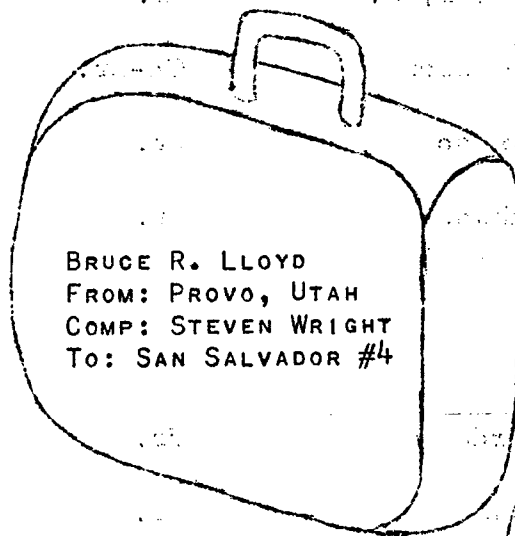
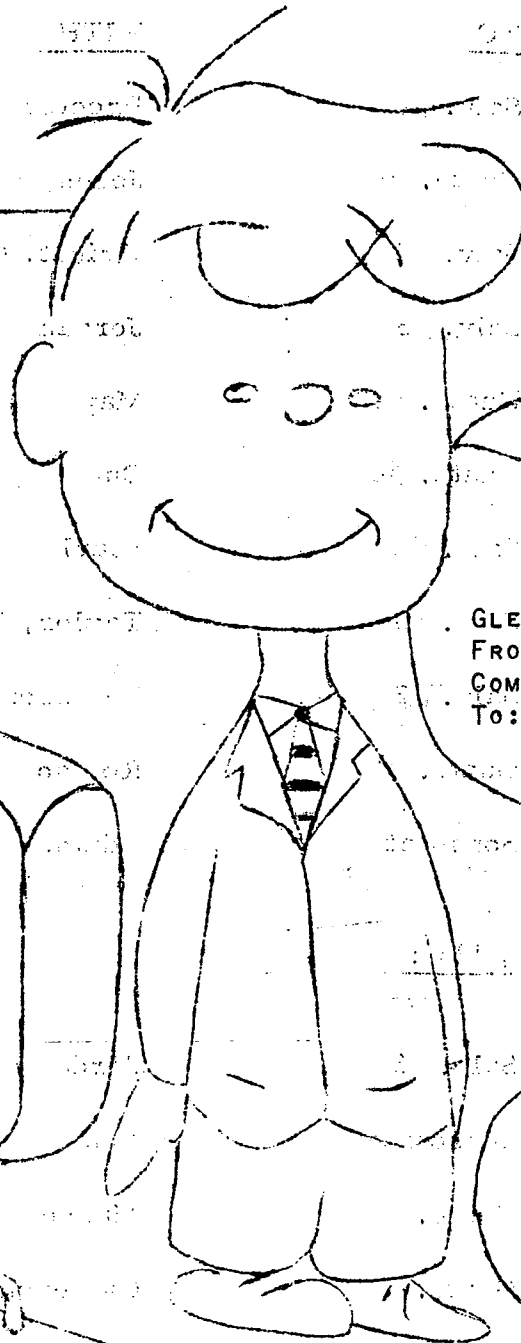
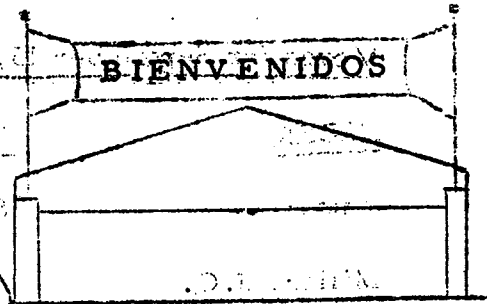
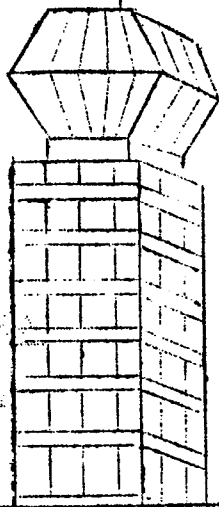
<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>CHALLENGE</u>	<u>BAPTISMS</u>	<u>% CHALLENGE</u>	<u>D. L.</u>
Guatemala #4	10	14	140%	Hernández
Guatemala #5	10	10	100%	Welsh
Guatemala #1	16	16	100%	Smith, S.
Santa Ana	20	20	100%	Allred
Guatemala #6	17	14	82%	Lear
Guatemala #3	16	10	62%	Cameron
San Salvador #2	10	6	60%	Lambson
Office	12	7	58%	Bigler
San Salvador #1	9	3	33%	Morby
Mazatenango	12	4	33%	Yost
San Salvador #3	12	4	33%	Erickson
Atitlán	8	2	25%	Sorenson
Guatemala #2	6	1	17%	Nelson, G.
San Salvador #4	19	3	16%	Wright, S.
Quiché	8	1	13%	Abbott
Quezaltenango	20	2	10%	Roth
San Salvador #5	6	0	0%	Orton

# October

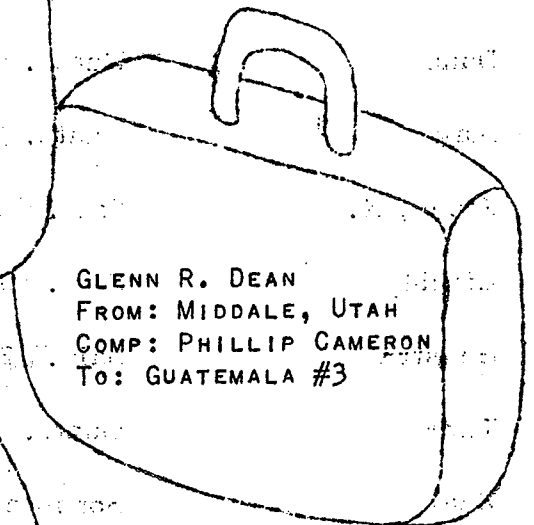
# CHALLENGE

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Guatemala #1	16	Smith, S.
Guatemala #2	6	Nelson, G.
Guatemala #3	16	Cameron
Guatemala #4	12	Hernández
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San Salvador #5	4	Orton
Santa Ana	20	Allred

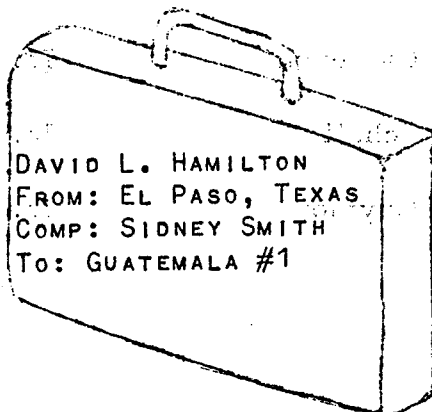




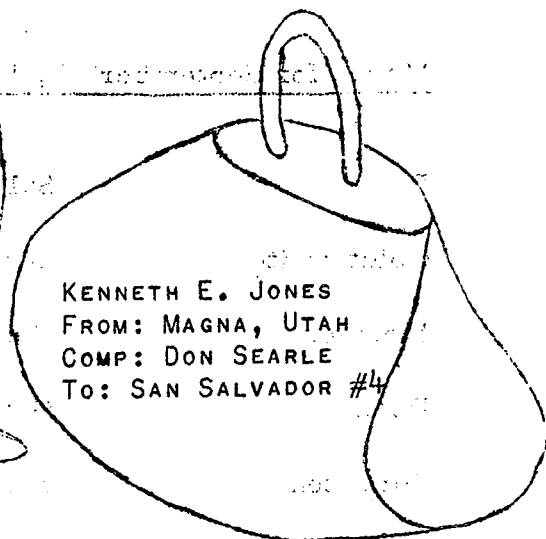
BRUCE R. LLOYD  
FROM: PROVO, UTAH  
COMP: STEVEN WRIGHT  
TO: SAN SALVADOR #4



GLENN R. DEAN  
FROM: MIDDLE, UTAH  
COMP: PHILLIP CAMERON  
TO: GUATEMALA #3



DAVID L. HAMILTON  
FROM: EL PASO, TEXAS  
COMP: SIDNEY SMITH  
TO: GUATEMALA #1

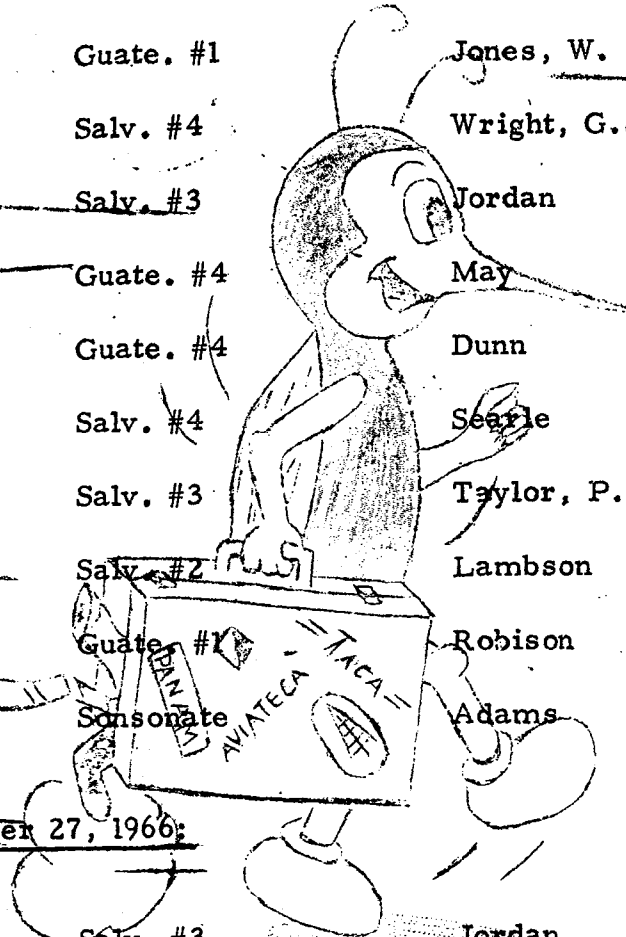


KENNETH E. JONES  
FROM: MAGNA, UTAH  
COMP: DON SEARLE  
TO: SAN SALVADOR #4

# MOVES

## Moves for September 15, 1966:

<u>LEADER</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>WITH</u>	<u>AS</u>
Witten	Salv. #1	Proctor	Jr.
Miller, J.C.	Guate. #1	Jones, W.	Jr.
Lloyd	Salv. #4	Wright, G.S.	Jr.
Goldthwaite	Salv. #3	Jordan	Co-Sr.
Dunn	Guate. #4	May	Co-Sr.
May	Guate. #4	Dunn	Co-Sr.
Jones, K.	Salv. #4	Searle	Jr.
Liechty	Salv. #3	Taylor, P.	Sr.
Henstra	Salv. #2	Lambson	Co-Sr.
Thorne	Guate. #1	Robison	Jr.
Peay	Sonsonate	Adams	Jr.



## Moves for September 27, 1966:

Edmunds	Salv. #3	Jordan	Jr.
Goldthwaite	Sonsonate	Peay	Sr.
Morales	Guate. #4	Massey	Jr.
Dean	Guate. #3	Cameron	Jr.
Simonton	Mazatenango	Schell	Jr.
Bishop	Guate. #1	Guymon	Jr.

# el divulgador

400th MISSIONARY TO EL SALVADOR - Arriving at the airport "Ilopango" last September 15th in San Salvador, Elder Kenneth Jones from Magna, Utah, and Elder Bruce Lloyd from Provo completed the number of 400 missionaries that have arrived in that country during the Church's 10-year history there.

TABERNACLE CHOIR TELEVISED IN CENTRAL AMERICA - With a historic first program shown on Sunday, October 9th, the Mormon Tabernacle Choir performed to a potential television audience of several millions in Central America. Aired by Channel 4 in San Salvador, known to reach points as far away as Honduras and Nicaragua, the well-known "Music and the Spoken Word" program will be presented weekly at 5:30 p.m. through the courtesy of Mr. Roberto Imberton, Manager of Channel 4.

QUE SIGUE DEL BAUTISMO? - During the past month, the Church fellowship program has given vigor to those recently baptized. In Branch 4 of the El Salvador District 35 of the 47 newest members are 100% attenders.

TEXAS DOES IT AGAIN - Helping the branches in the country of El Salvador with membership and administration problems, Brother and Sister Mitchell's help has been keenly felt. Church records have been a recent problem and Brother Mitchell requests special care on the part of the elders in filling out baptismal papers correctly. Interesting note: The Mitchells, recent arrivals from Houston, subscribe to the doctrine: "Don't ever ask a man if he is a Texan. If he is, he will tell you. If he isn't, don't embarrass him!"

PACKED TRUNKS?? - With rather dazed looks, Elders Henstra, Lambson, and Erickson received notice of their October 19th release date. One of them was reported to have said, "On my bags? I've already air-mailed them home!" The El Salvador Zone will feel the loss of these fine missionaries. Also Elders Cameron, Bigler, Yost, and Sorenson will be leaving us next week.

POSSIBILITY FOR SCHOOLS - Guatemala was favored with a special visitor on October 10th. Dr. Keith R. Oakes, Assistant Administrator for the Church school system, came on a special visit to this mission to see about the possibilities for Church schools here. He indicated that we have the "go-ahead" for seminaries in the mission. He was very impressed with the progress that the Church has made here.

ANOTHER NEW CHAPEL IN GUATEMALA CITY - Two weeks ago the new chapel in Zone 1 of Guatemala City was finally finished and inaugurated for the use of Branches 1 and 3. It was under construction for 3 years and had an approximate cost of \$228,000. Missionary work in the city will be greatly benefited by this beautiful chapel.

— Elder Gordon S. Wright  
&  
Elder Thomas Hart

DID YOU

KNOW...

...that many missionaries seem to have forgotten the importance and sacredness of our baptismal services? Have you ever taken special notice at one of the baptismal services to see just how reverent we as missionaries and the rest of the members are? Just recently we received a letter from the First Presidency of the Church that stated the following:

It has come to our attention that in our baptismal services there is frequently a serious lack of reverence on the part of those who attend these services for the purpose of witnessing the baptism of their friends or loved ones.

Baptism is a holy ordinance of great importance and should be conducted by the priesthood under the inspiration of the Lord. We request that those in charge of baptismal services be instructed kindly to take such measures as may be necessary to preserve a sacred atmosphere from the beginning to the conclusion. Reverence for sacred things is an indication of high culture and sincere faith in the Lord and in his righteousness. The spirit of true reverence in our baptismal services will impress favorably Church members and non-member friends who may attend.

Let's all take a better look at ourselves and exemplify the correct behavior as we know the Lord desires.

Sincerely,

Elder Larson

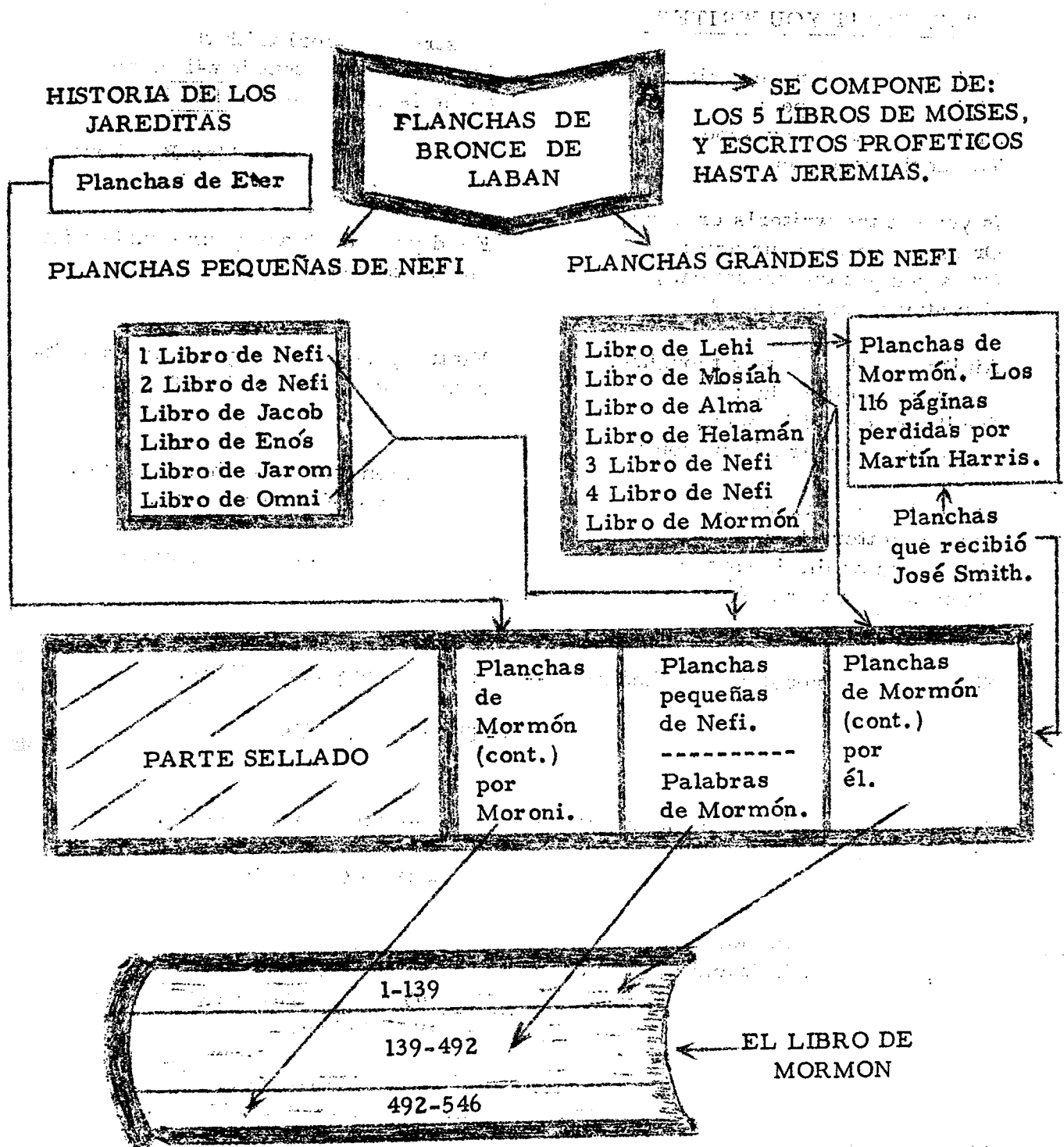
## EL RETO DEL LIBRO DE MORMON

**Hay que cumplir con las siguientes treinta condiciones para producir un registro similar bajo condiciones comparables:**

1. Escriba una historia del Tíbet Antiguo, cubriendo un período desde el año 2200 A.C. hasta el año 400 D.C.
2. Incluya en la historia dos naciones distantes y separadas junto con las historias de diferentes naciones contemporáneas o grupos de gente.
3. Describa sus religiones, economías, culturas sociales, y políticas.
4. Teja en la historia la religión de Jesucristo y el modo de vivir de los Cristianos.
5. Usted tiene veintitrés años de edad.
6. Usted no ha tenido más que tres años de educación formal.
7. Empiece ahora y edite este registro, cubriendo un período de 2500 años de historia en 60 días.
8. Escriba no una corta sino una larga historia, de más de 500 páginas, y cada una conteniendo más de 150 palabras.
9. Tiene que terminar en sesenta días y no puede cambiar el texto, además de que la primera edición tiene que perpetuarse para siempre.
10. No puede decir algo absurdo ni imposible, ni contradictorio.
11. Tiene que reclamar que su narración no es ficticia sino verdadera; aún una historia sagrada.
12. Hay que invitar a los estudiantes y expertos más capaces para examinar el texto con cuidado, y tratar diligentemente de ver que su libro es proveído a los que están tratando de probar que es falso.
13. Tiene que escribir esta historia con la base de lo que AHORA sabe.
14. Publíquelo a toda nación, tribu, lengua y pueblo como la palabra de Dios.
15. Tiene que incluir dentro del registro mismo esta promesa tan maravillosa y a la vez peligrosa, "Y cuando recibáis estas cosas, quisiera exhortaros a que preguntáseis a Dios el Eterno Padre en el nombre de Cristo, si no son verdaderas estas cosas. Y si pedís con un corazón sincero, con verdadera intención, teniendo fe en Cristo, El os manifestará la verdad de ellas por el poder del Espíritu Santo."

16. Su registro tiene que cumplir las profecías bíblicas aún hasta la manera exacta.
17. No se sabe casi nada acerca de las culturas de estas civilizaciones al tiempo de hacer este registro.
18. Todos los datos, ideas y declaraciones presentados como la verdad en su historia tienen que estar casi directamente opuestas a la creencia del mundo. Muy pocos datos están aclarados y reconocidos acerca de esta civilización y sus 2600 años de historia.
19. Mediante investigación, evidencia científica, y descubrimientos arqueológicos durante los siguientes 125 años tiene que verificar sus detalles como la verdad.
20. Después de 125 años de análisis extensivo ningún dato es desaprobado, pero todo es vindicado. Todas las teorías o ideas en cuanto a su origen se caen dejando su reclamo como lo único posible.
21. No puede haber ningún defecto en el libro entero.
22. Evidencias internas y externas, y profecías tienen que confirmarse y cumplirse en los siguientes 125 años.
23. Tres testigos honestos y acreditados tienen que testificar al mundo que el ángel del Señor apareció a ellos y les mostró los registros antiguos de los cuales usted reclama que su historia fue traducida.
24. Estos tres hombres palparon y vieron los anales antiguos de los cuales usted reclama haber traducido su historia.
25. Tiene que llamar del cielo la voz del Redentor para declarar a estos tres hombres que el registro es la verdad y que es testimonio de El dado por otra nación.
26. Ocho hombres más tienen que testificar que vieron y palparon en plena luz del día los registros antiguos y que también palparon los grabados que contenían.
27. Los primeros tres y los últimos ocho tienen que dar su testimonio no por ganancia, sino tienen que darlo por sacrificios personales y persecución severa aún hasta su muerte.
28. Miles de hombres inteligentes y estudiantes tienen que hacerse discípulos de este registro y seguir sus movimientos aún hasta el punto de dar sus propias vidas.
29. Luego cientos de miles tienen que dar testimonio al mundo por los siguientes ciento veinticinco años porque ellos saben que el registro es la verdad. Han puesto la promesa a la prueba y la han encontrado como la verdad siendo manifestada por el poder del Espíritu Santo.
30. Después de sufrir persecución y oprobio por los siguientes veinte años, tiene que estar dispuesto a dar su vida por el testimonio de que el registro es de Dios y como un requisito a la condición dada usted sella su testimonio con su propia sangre.

# El Libro de Mormón



Compilado

# NOTE-QUOTES

## WHY DON'T YOU WRITE?

Ain't you got no paper friend,  
Ain't you got no pen;  
Ain't you got no envelope,  
To put the paper in?

Is you got the writer's cramps,  
Or is you broke your arm;  
Or is you got the rheumatiz,  
For staying out to long?

Ain't you got no better thoughts,  
About me feelin' blue;  
Don't you know it's been,  
Ages since I heard from you?

Is you lost my address,  
And my letters too;  
Doncha know I'm 'bout to die,  
From lack of words from you?

Show me a thoroughly satisfied man -- and I'll show you a failure.

-- Thomas A. Edison

Any fool can criticize, condemn and complain -- and most fools do.

-- Dale Carnegie

When you reach the end of your  
rope, tie a knot in it and hang on.

-- F.D.R.

Whenever we do less than our best,  
we store up all kinds of inferiority  
and guilt complexes, fears, discour-  
agements and unfavorable relationships  
with others.

-- Sterling W. Sill

So strong is real faith that a person  
is just as sure that it will happen  
as he is later when it has happened.

-- Max B. Skousen

Feed your faith and your doubts will  
starve to death.

Flattery is commonly known as soft-  
soap, and soft-soap is 90% lye.

We seldom think of what we have,  
but always of what we lack.

-- Schopenhauer

A teacher's position is not just to  
supply information, but also to  
raise a thirst.

The best guarantee against a poor  
disciple is a good teacher.

The first great gift we can bestow  
on others is a good example.

-- Sir Charles Morell





