



WILLOW CANYON FIRST WARD

JANUARY 2008

MISSIONARY WORK

BISHOPRIC MESSAGE

I think about my missionary service for the Lord daily. I can't help it. I served in the Brisbane Australia mission and loved every minute of it! It has influenced me and my family in countless ways. Even though serving the Lord brings great blessings to those you teach and bear testimony, It is hard for me to ignore the blessings it has brought me and the lessons it taught. I think it was one of the Sagebin boys that said his brothers told him that whatever happened, just don't come home early. I laughed at that....but it does relate to the blessings of enduring through trials. I arrived in Australia on Dec. 23 and got some homesickness as I stared at our flower plant posing as a Christmas tree. I had just met Elder Thurston from Rupert Idaho and there we were on Christmas day together in 100 degree heat. One great personal blessing of serving a mission is the feeling you get when you arrive home with a knowledge that you did your best and you served faithfully. I remember the spirit really touching my heart with this feeling.

Like many of you, I think about my missionary service to Australia every day. It has influenced me in countless ways. My patriarchal blessing was quite specific about my missionary work and its blessings.. And it has been fulfilled every whit! Our ward has an overwhelming success story with missionaries. It is a tradition that should be maintained. It would be interesting to get an actual count of the missionaries who have served from our ward.

Lets put together a list! Include yourself, your spouse and your children. Also include your grandsons and granddaughters. Tell their names and how they are related and where they served.

Email me at doug@smithinsgroup.com or hand it to me on a piece of paper. We will make a list and use it to motivate our young people and motivate ourselves This will be a reminder to each of us that spreading this gospel will bring us blessings and happiness.. We love each of you, Brother Milne

January— Missionary
Mosiah 28:3

February—Repentance
Mosiah 26:30-31

March— Holy Ghost
Moroni 10:5

April— Trust in the Lord
Alma 38-5

May— Family Prayer &
Scriptures
3 Nephi 22:14

June— Family Home Eve.
Mosiah 4:15

July— Have I Done Any Good
Mosiah 4:25

August— If Ye Are Prepared Y Shall Not Fear
3 Nephi 22:14

September— Temple
2 Nephi 28:30

October— Steadfast
Mosiah 5:15

November— Family
2 Nephi 25:26

December— Gratitude
Alma 34-38

MUSIC



Our church would not be what it is today without _____.
Although there are many words that would fit, one of the most important is Missionaries. How very appropriate that the theme again for January is Missionary work.
Have you ever heard a group of missionaries sing "Called to Serve"? Hearts are touched by their enthusiasm. When we sing that song this month, let's not only sing it, but mean it like the missionaries do. Maybe we could befriend someone this month, that we too could be a missionary.

RELIEF SOCIETY

As we reflect upon the past year, I pray we will have memories of a good year; one of growth as we developed more love for the Savior and for all those whom we served.

This New Year brings a renewal of hope; hope for better relations with our families, more opportunities for activities with those around us that will bring feelings of peace and contentment, as well as appreciation for one another.

Worthy personal goals to achieve this year includes a commitment to develop more fully an understanding of ourselves; our weaknesses and our strengths; to cultivate a deeper love and understanding of our Heavenly Father and His Son's love for us through their gift of the atonement, thus providing us the privilege of the choice for repentance.

We can demonstrate the love we have for Heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior through simple actions of study, prayer, service, and caring for one another.

It is our prayer that each of us will take the opportunity to simplify and unclutter our lives so that we can appreciate the small gifts offered us each day...a beautiful sunrise or sunset; the waxing and waning of the moon; the song of a bird heralding Spring; the warmth and trust of a small hand placed in yours as you walk together along a path, observing the wonderment of ants going about their business, or watching a spider spin their beautiful artwork; the beauty of a bunch of butterflies floating upon a gentle breeze. We have much to be thankful for when we take the time to appreciate what is all around us. What amazing gifts have been provided for our peaceful enjoyment.

We can show our gratitude to our Father in heaven and his Son Jesus Christ, by expressing appreciation, through action, for all of this beauty around us; the precious love of our families by letting them know how much they mean to us through time well spent with them; and even the challenges we face...these challenges, too, provide us opportunities to grow in our faith, appreciation and opportunity to serve one another. When we are serving others, we forget about ourselves and are truly offering that precious gift of pure, undefiled love—THE GIFT OF SELF.

May the gift of peace and contentment be yours this year. Please know that we love each of you and pray that your faith will continue to grow as we each enjoy the simple beauties all around us.

Love, your Relief Society Presidency,
Kila Lackey, Marjan Fairclough, Charlene Farr, Laura Woodhouse.

STAKE & CHURCH INFORMATION

Over the past six months two large pieces of art work have turned up missing from the Relief Society room at the Stake Center and another large piece of art work is missing from the hallway at the Roseboro building.

The art work in our buildings should not be taken out of the buildings. If someone borrowed the art-work and has forgotten to return them please bring them back to the place they were taken from. Any questions call Lonny Jacobs 572-0022

New procedure on Pouch for missionaries:

To avoid possible discontinuation of the pouch mail service, the Church has revised its policy on missionary correspondence. Instructions issued in September call on families and friends of missionaries to simplify their correspondence by mailing a single 8 1/2 X 11 inch sheet of 20 pound paper or equivalent to paper used in copiers. Envelopes may not be used. The sheet is to be folded into three parts as is commonly done to insert into a business envelope. The top edge of the sheet should be fastened with two pieces of tape on the top edge only no closer than one inch to either side.

The name of the missionary is addressed on the outside of the sheet with the name of the mission and the pouch address of the Church: P.O.Box 30150, Salt Lake City, Ut. 84130-0150. Your return address is to be in the top left hand corner. Apply a 41 cent stamp to the sheet and mail to Church headquarters. For further information regarding Pouch Service see the Church News dated December 15, 2007, page 6. If you do not comply with these instructions your letter will be returned to you.



Do not include printed pictures, currency or medication etc. in pouch mail. Anyone wishing to send other items may ship through US POSTAL service or private carrier.

PRIMARY



We are excited to start a new year in Primary. Because this is a new year, we will have a brand new theme. "I am a child of God"

This month we will be focusing on the principle: I am a child of God, and He has a plan for me. The scripture is taken from the Family Proclamation, paragraph 2—"all human beings—male and female—are created in the image of God. Each is a beloved spirit son or daughter of heavenly parents, and, as such, each has a divine nature and destiny." We will continue to work on the Articles of Faith and will begin the year by reviewing or relearning number 1. Parents can help in the learning process by repeating and listening to their children repeat the Article of Faith.

Changes continue in our Primary. Lee Guest has been released as a teacher to become the new ward clerk. Lee has been faithfully serving for several years and we will miss him but wish him well in his new calling. Jamie Rigby and Alicia Bott have been called to teach in the Primary. Deanna Nielsen has been called as the pianist in Primary and will be replacing Kara Fairclough. Georgann Lloyd has been released from the Cub Scout Program. We appreciate all these people for the service rendered and service to be rendered.

Yesterday the children enjoyed a Primary Activity. It was a Primary Breakfast. The children ate breakfast prepared by the Bishopric and met their new teachers. They got a little preview of what we will be doing in Primary this year.

We especially want to welcome the seven new Sunbeams coming into Primary this year.

Nancy Williams is trying to get all the e-mail addresses for the Primary children. If you have a child in Primary or are a teacher in Primary, please e-mail your address to nancy.williams@juno.com. Each month a newsletter with information from the Primary will be sent to you via e-mail if we have your address.

CONGRATULATIONS

The ward is excited to have some missionaries again. The Arnolds will be going to France this week. Tiffany Pasker will be going to Chile, Santiago North mission and leaves Jan. 16th

Brian Morris will be going to the Washington, Everett mission and goes to the MTC Feb 6th.

Our best wishes go to all these fine ward members and we wish them success and happiness as they serve the Lord. We will miss them and the strength they are to our ward.

FOOD STORAGE

"Every Needful Thing"

Our next day at the Dry Pack Cannery is Saturday, January 12th 9:00am to 1:00pm. Potato Pearls are again offered at the cannery. They come in a case.

Ward Temple Day:

January 18, Friday, meet at Messerly's home at 5:45pm to carpool to the Temple. Return to Messerlys after the session for refreshments and socializing. Remind each other of this day and let's make it a memorable day at the Temple for the First Ward.

MISSIONARY ADDRESSES

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GOSPEL DOCTRINE CLASS

JAN 6 The Keystone of our Religion
JAN 13 1 Nephi 1-7
JAN 20 1 Nephi 8-11; 12:16-18; 15
JAN 27 1 Nephi 12-14
FEB 3 1 Nephi 16-22

THANKS TO OUR THREE TEACHERS
WHO DO AN EXCELLENT JOB OF
TEACHING US THE GOSPEL.

SERVICEMAN

Sr.A. William K. Schmitt
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LIBRARY HOURS

Before block
8:40 A.M. TO
9:00 A.M.
Open after Sac.
Mtg.

EMPTY NEST-ERS

Will be
meeting at
Murri's
home at
7PM

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

10 Mont Deming—
Natalie Nielson-Riep
12 Manette Murri—
Zander Olsen—Audra
Day—Louisa Hall-
strom
14 Kendon Riep—Zach
Rigby
15 Brenda Rodgers—
Chyrrel Cook

16 Kelly Glenn—Lynn
Hall—Gwen Blomquist-
Charlene Pew
17 Joyce Frederickson
18 Kirk Arnold
20 Warren Schmidt
22 Donna Strong
23 Kathleen Barnhart—
Kenneth Milne

26 Spencer Bierman—
Holly Miles
27 Marie France-Arnold—
Charity Wilcox
28 Tom Lake
31 Lindsie Nielsen

FEBRUARY

3 Jay Nielsen

Newsletter
Items are due
on January
29th Please
e-mail them to
marilyn
@topline pro-
motions.com.
Thanks for your
help!

January 2008

MISSIONARY WORK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes:		1 New Years Day MAKE THIS YOUR BEST YEAR YET!	2	3 SIBA	4	5 STAKE BAPTISM PRIMARY BREAKFAST 9A.M.
6 FAST SUNDAY 7:30 AM. MISSION-ARY PREP CLASS	7 FHE	8	9	10 SIBA	11	12 DRY PACK CANNING 9:00AM TO 1:00PM For basketball games see Stake Directory
13 4:30 Elders Quorum Pres. Rndtble CES FIRESIDE 6:00PM YOUNG ADULTS	14 FHE	15 7:AM TO 11:AM Welfare Assignment Murray Cannery	16	17 SIBA	18 TEMPLE DAY MEET AT MESSERLY HOME 5:45PM & AFTER SESSION	19
20 7:30AM MISSION-ARY PREP CLASS	21 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	22	23	24 SIBA AARONIC PRIESTHOOD COMM. MTG. 8PM MELCHIZEDEK PRSTHD MTG.	25	26
27 4:30pm Fam. History Comm. Mtg 7pm youth fireside standards night/parent	28 FHE	29 ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER DUE TODAY	30 7:30PM MISSION PREP STK. NIGHT PRIESTS & LAURELS	31 SIBA	Notes: SIBA= STAKE INTER-VIEWS BY APPOINT-MENT 576-2991	