

## *Dana Ward Bishopric*

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Dear Members of the Dana Ward,

Over the last few weeks we have had the opportunity to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, welcome two new members of the Church into our ward, and witness the dawn of a new year. This is such a positive, uplifting time of year it is not surprising so many wish for it to last longer - myself included.

I believe the joy and happiness felt at Christmastime can last throughout the year, but it requires a little extra effort on our part. A popular bumper sticker of years ago and still occasionally seen today holds the key – “WWJD” (What Would Jesus Do?). The most touching stories heard at this time of year tell of sacrifice, selflessness, forgiveness, patience, understanding, caring, love, and service – all of these are things that Jesus, our greatest example, would do.

Much of our joy and happiness during Christmastime comes because we are focusing more on the Savior and doing more of the things He does. As we start this new year and return back to our normal daily routines of life, it will be up to us to choose whether or not the joy and happiness felt at Christmastime continues throughout the year, by the day-to-day choices we make. As we go throughout this next year, can we be a little more patient, a little more forgiving, a little more understanding, loving, caring? Can we be a little less selfish, a little more dedicated in our service, make a couple more sacrifices that bless the lives of others? If so, I believe the “Christmas Spirit,” as we call it, can last all year long, because we are more focused on and doing the things that Jesus would do.

In closing, let me share with you a short saying that I came across in preparing this message. Unfortunately, I couldn’t identify the author, but it goes like this:

Jesus had no servants, yet they called Him Master.

He had no degree, yet they called Him Teacher.

He had no medicines, yet they called Him Healer.

He had no army, yet kings feared Him.

He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world.

He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him.

He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today.

Jesus is the source and the reason we feel so much joy and happiness at Christmastime. It is because He lives today that we can have the “Christmas Spirit” with us throughout the year. I promise you that if you will ask yourself “What would Jesus do?” the Holy Ghost will prompt you and as you act upon those promptings, your actions will have more purpose, and you will feel more joy and happiness in the things you do, because you are truly following in the footsteps of our Savior. It is through His atoning sacrifice and love for us that we are so richly blessed and have the opportunity to take part in blessing the lives of others. May we always remember His great generosity for us and may our expressions of gratitude to Him be found in our actions throughout this new year. This is my prayer for all of us, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Brother Mark Standage

Please Note that the Sunday Meeting times change on Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010. Sacrament Meeting will start at 11:30 AM. Fast Offerings will be collected BEFORE the Block Meetings, between 9-11am.

**Ward Conference** will be held Jan 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Please plan to attend and be taught  
by our Stake leaders.



#### January 2010

- 1 Cole Montgomery
- 1 Elizabeth Crandell
- 2 Jennifer Sapien
- 3 Mariah Rogers
- 4 Jessica Hale
- 6 Isaac Standage
- 6 Emma Southwick
- 7 Ben Pace
- 8 Efrain Rodriguez
- 10 Jennifer Mehlberg
- 10 Jessica Hawks
- 12 Samantha Montgomery
- 12 Leah Morales
- 15 Betty Curtis
- 17 Ashley Shaw
- 18 Joshua Stephenson
- 19 Danielle Driggs
- 20 Steele Crandell
- 21 Chad Gardiner
- 22 Brodey Patenge
- 23 Etta Stewart
- 25 Amy Calhoun
- 28 Johnnie Dickson
- 29 Dawn Nichols
- 30 Jeanine Crum
- 31 John Pace

#### February 2010

- 1 Melissa Standage
- 2 Ed Provence
- 4 Tiffany Margo
- 6 Lindsay Apple
- 7 Carol Provence

## Missionary Mailbox

**Elder Caleb T. Oldner**  
**(Argentina, Resistencia Mission)**  
**AV. Rivadavia 323**  
**Resistencia, Chaco**  
**Argentina**

As a 'trainer', I have had 5 new companions to train, three of which have been 'Mini-Missionaries' which are locals serving only for 2 weeks at a time. It's hard to train someone in their young teens, who hasn't been through an MTC and is only going to be out for 2 weeks. I much prefer the full-time Elders. My new full-time companion WAS Elder Stephan, from Utah, but he arrived with health issues and after 4 days, he was in so much pain, he was honorably sent home for

medical attention. He came with a broken rib and had no idea how it happened. Like me, his visa did not arrive in a timely manner and he served in the Georgia Atlanta Mission for several weeks, the same place I served while waiting for my visa. We had a lot in common and I really enjoyed him, but he was in almost constant pain and the x-rays showed 2 cracks in one of his ribs and it was thought prudent to send him home for better medical attention. He worked so hard to get past the pain and to be a good missionary, but it was becoming a serious health issue for him. I rode with Elder Stephan and Pres del Castillo to the bus terminal when he left for home. On the way back, I told Pres del Castillo I was very comfortable in the mission owned 4 X 4 Toyota and he just laughed. We joked and visited like best friends. I have never had anything other than a serious conversation with him before. I told him it only took me 4 days to train my last companion and he laughed and said I did so well he was giving me another one to train right away. My new companion is Elder Ruben Cardoza, the Bishop's son. He is funny and pleasant but sleeps a lot because he is only 16 years old and has no mission experience. Yes, he is a 'Mini'.

I finally got to baptize Celina Aquino. She has waited almost a year for her birth certificate to arrive from Buenos Aires so she could get married. Then we were finally able to baptize her. Three of her five children are members and we are working with the other two and hope they will soon be baptized as well.

We also baptized three other people on Saturday. It was such a great and spiritual experience. Pres. Del Castillo was present. We have two more baptisms set for Jan. 16th.

We are at the height of summer here and it is so hot. Yesterday, it was 120 degrees and we can't keep our hair gel from running down our faces or keep sun screen on our faces. We just sweat it off. So I got a buzz haircut hoping it

will be cooler or at least eliminate part of the problem.

It was so nice to get to talk to family on Christmas day and to know that everyone is happy and doing well. I love Argentina and the Church is true!  
Love - Elder Oldner

Elder Mark E. Driggs  
(Dallas Texas Mission)  
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News from the Dallas Mission! Elder Driggs had a traffic encounter. As he and his companion were crossing a street at an intersection, a car made a right hand turn and collided with his bike. The bike and the car sustained damage, but Elder Driggs walked away with minor scrapes and bruises. This was confirmed to his parents by Bro. Bill Paulard of the Acacia Ward. He was visiting in the Dallas area and met with Mark for a bit. It was a relief for Ann and Scott Driggs to talk to someone who had actually seen their son and could confirm his good health and sound body. We are all grateful for this 'tender mercy'! Our love to Elder Driggs !

Elder Isaac Standage  
(Micronesia Guam Mission)  
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Pohnpei

It was so good to learn that Matthew got his mission call and I know he will really enjoy Idaho.

This new area of Pohnpei is really different from the work we did on Guam but it is all going well and the language is coming along. I have learned a basic prayer, an intro and a short testimony and I can read a little as well. I can now read both the sacrament prayers in church in Pohnpeian. Since there is only one active Melchizedek Priesthood holder here and he is serving as the Branch

President, we are like his acting counselors and since I don't really speak fluent Pohnpeian yet, it is mostly falling on my companion, Elder Larson. I don't have to teach seminary anymore because a senior couple that just arrived is now doing that. They only meet for class once a week and there are only 3 or 4 kids in class at any one time.

The mission does provide bikes for the elders here so we don't have to walk everywhere. They are mtn. bikes and we need them because there are lots of hills here in our area. We also have phones, but they are home phones. No cell phones here. The island is divided into 7 areas for missionary work and there are some smaller surrounding islands that are connected by a bridge/road and we also cover one of them in our area. We have frogs, snakes, bats, spiders and pigs on the island, that I have seen so far. The island of Pohnpei is a third world country. There are no 2 lane highways but they are paved, unlike the majority of the roads in Guam . They do have indoor plumbing but the only fresh (not salt) water is collected from the rain, so water is used very conservatively. The people here still dress pretty much by native traditions. Grass skirts are mostly worn. The elastic waist band is worn up under the arm pits, but it is pretty much as depicted in Nat. Geographic Magazines. They are good people and humble. I love them!

We had a bleach mishap. We don't do laundry at our house and have to transport it to the Laundromat. In the trip, the bottle of bleach leaked onto our dark clothes and I ruined a pair of black pants. It got on some other things, but some of those pants are only colorless now at the bottom and we just tuck those into our socks because of the bikes, etc.

We have met some of the kids serving in the Peace Corps here and have exchanged

some pamphlets on learning the language and social customs, etc. They seemed nice.

We had a baptism scheduled for Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> but had to move it to the 26<sup>th</sup> because he was unable to come to church. Everyone else in his family are already members and he acts like he really wants to be baptized so I think it will work out for him.

Love, Elder Standage

Elder Matthew G. Eyring  
Idaho Boise Mission  
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Boise, ID 83709-1869

Hi Everyone,

The MTC is awesome. It is definitely a spiritual experience. My companion is Elder Gonthier. He is a great guy and an excellent missionary. There is a missionary in our zone from Mesa. I got to work in the referral center. It was awesome to talk to people on the phone about the church. I will leave for the Idaho Boise Mission on Jan. 12, 2010. We had a lesson on the atonement. We are not perfect and Jesus has atoned for our sins, so we need to grab our Savior's outstretched hand and let him take our burdens from us. I have a testimony that the church is true, no doubt about it. I am so glad I am out here to share the gospel with people who are searching for truth and to let the light into their lives. Remember that the church is true, therefore nothing else matters!  
Love, Elder Eyring.

## Getting to Know You!

**Susan and Ferrill Dilworth** moved here from Georgetown, Idaho, which is in the Bear Lake area. They are purchasing a house at 2538 E. Calypso, across the street from Cris and Pat Rogers. They expect their purchase to close soon. They are still using their Idaho cell phone: 1-208-540-0858. They are the parents of 11 children and grandparents to 30

grandkids. Only one of their children is still at home; Rosa is 18 and a senior, so she will be moving into the Dana Ward after her graduation in May. Ferrill was raised in Idaho and Susan is Canadian and grew up in the Alberta area. They met at Ricks College after Ferrill's mission to Northern England. They have lived in Idaho, California, Oregon and points in-between. At the age of 43, Ferrill went back to school to enhance his qualifications. He is the manager of the 'removable' dental appliances for the dental lab he works for. That means he makes dentures and various removable tooth/teeth replacements. Susan is a massage therapist and loves to sew, especially quilts. Ferrill enjoys making jewelry and dutch-oven cooking. They both have past experience as ward choir members and have been earnestly requested to join the Dana Ward Choir! Ferrill has spent a lot of years in the Young Men's scouting program, has served as a counselor in the bishopric and was High Priest Group Leader in their most recent ward. Susan has served as Primary, Young Women and Relief Society President and taught seminary for 2 years. They love camping and their favorite 'hobby' is sharing time with their family and working on family reunions. They are hopeful that some or all of their 10 married children will eventually follow them down to Arizona. We are absolutely delighted to welcome the Dilworth's into the Dana Ward Family!

**Marcine Mamani** (733-0120) has just moved into their new home at 1452 E. Jarvis, with her four children. They aren't totally unpacked, but they are getting there! The Mamani kids are: **Anjelica** age 20, a 3<sup>rd</sup> year student at BYU, looking to get a degree that will allow her to work with spinal cord injury patients. **Tatiana**,

age 17, is entering Cabrillo College in California in January, and is planning to become a Marine Biologist. **Norman** is 16 and a sophomore/jr. at Mesa High. **Jacqueline** is 11 and a student at Franklin East.

Marcine works at Franklin East. She grew up a member of the Church, in Santa Cruz, Ca. and served a mission in South Africa. She attended BYU. She has taught in Primary and served in the Cub Scout Program. She likes to read and loves animals. They have snakes, turtles, cats and ferrets as family pets. Marcine is recently divorced. We are excited to have the Mamani family in our ward.

A Great Big Welcome to **Diane Rivera** and **Lupe Sandoval**, the newest convert members of our ward. Diane was baptized Dec 26<sup>th</sup> and Lupe was baptized on the 27<sup>th</sup>. These two new sisters will be a welcome addition to our ward family.

## Notes on Dana Ward Folks

**Sister Ann Driggs** is the Girl's Volleyball Coach for Sequoia Jr. High. They won the state championship this year. Yeah!

Just before leaving for his Idaho mission, **Matthew Eyring** was presented with his Duty to God Award which was earned by a lot of hard work on his part.

**John Barnum** was preparing to be sealed to his wife **Dolores** when she passed away. He was sealed to her in December. Congratulations to John for persisting to complete these sacred ordinances.

**Payzee Hird** is doing great after her open heart surgery to repair a malfunctioning heart valve. We are grateful for Payzee's rapid recovery and blessings at this special time.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The adult Gospel Doctrine Sunday School Class has been reorganized. We appreciate the lessons given by **Bro. Rod Boone** who has been released. **Melissa Standage** and **Ray Crandell** have been called to rotate lessons with **Judy Ahlberg**.

**Ward Temple night** will be Jan. 21, 2010, the 6 pm session (or whichever one you can attend). Watch for further info on a small social afterwards.



The next 7 week '**Strengthening Marriage Course**' will begin Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010. This course is sponsored by LDS Family Services and is designed to strengthen every couple's marriage. The Stake Leaders have asked that every married couple take this course. Classes are held each Friday evening at 6:30 pm. You may sign up by contacting a member of the Bishopric, or Jill Schnepf, who is the Stake Relief Society President, or the class instructors, David and Lynn Mason (835-0360).

The **Gila Valley Temple** open house has been set for 23 Apr, 2010 through 15 May, 2010. Dedication is set for 23 May, 2010. It will open for ordinances Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. This will be the third temple in Arizona and the 132<sup>nd</sup> operating temple worldwide.

The **Phoenix temple** planned for W. Pinnacle Peak Rd. near N. 51<sup>st</sup> Ave., adjacent to an existing LDS chapel, got the necessary zoning variance to begin construction. The Church has made concessions to pacify concerns of some of the neighbors opposing the construction of the temple, although not required to do so by law. The spire will be 60 feet shorter than the proposed Gilbert temple, the outside lighting will be ¼ as bright as the Mesa temple and the lights will be turned off at 10 PM although the city allows them to be on until 11 PM. The exterior will be a muted white instead of a bright white stone, and the temple will be set back from neighboring back yards, five times more than was originally planned. The open house will be limited to 30 days and a reservation system for the visitors will be used to help manage parking.

The **Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada temple open house** will be held Apr. 9 thru Apr 24, 2010. Dedication will be May 2, 2010. This will be Canada's seventh temple and the first in British Columbia. Another temple to be built in Calgary, Alberta, was announced Oct 2008.

**The Cannery has moved our ward canning time back to 1:00 pm for each month for 2010.**

**Jan:** milk, regular oats, macaroni, carrots, apples, pinto beans. (Order due 20 Dec, canning Jan 13.) **Feb:** potato flakes, fruit drink mix, sugar, black beans, rice, quick oats. (Orders due 17 Jan, canning Feb 10.)

**Mar:** white beans, refried beans, cocoa, flour, onions, wheat. (Orders due 14 Feb, canning 10 Mar.) Call Rosa Rodriguez for further information 644-0128 or Natalia Sapien 610-1370.

## Relief Society

Pres. Tima Hird	282-8479
1 Couns Mary Filhart	452-8618
2 Couns Naomi Morales	218-5887
Sec Dawna Bury	298-0562

### December RS Lesson Schedule

Jan 3: – Mary Filhart  
 Jan 10: - Lou Hunt  
 Jan 17: - Michelle Unga  
 Jan 24: - Melissa Crandell  
 Jan 31: Joint Meeting with the Priesthood

### RELIEF SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

**Kid's Play Group** Every Wed, 10am at Silvergate Park (S of Pueblo on Briar)

**Single Older Sisters FHE & Potluck** Mon, Jan 18, 5:30pm, home of Audrey Burklund.

**Temple Session** Thurs, Jan 21, 10am session. Lunch after in the temple cafeteria.

**Book Group** Mon, Jan 25, 11am, @ home of Lynette McGraw.

**Gardening** Thurs, Feb 4, 7pm at the Mehlberg home (1735 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.)



Tues., Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm, the Stake Relief Society is sponsoring a special **Women's Fireside**. Plan to attend and enjoy the special speaker, Mark Mabry, creator of the "Reflections of Christ" photographs. The program will be held in our Chapel. Sunday dress please.

## Young Women

Pres. Kim Hale 834-3041  
 1st Counselor Miriam Martin 313-7194  
 2nd Counselor MaryAnn Kaberry 835-5149  
 Secretary Elizabeth Stark 964-7754

We are so excited to welcome **Mariah Rogers** as our new and 'ONLY' Beehive! Yeah Mariah!

**Larissa Hunt** is anxious to start playing tennis at Mesa High this new semester.

All of our Dana YW Seniors are looking forward to beginning their last semester of High School. Our Seniors are **Jessica Hale, Carol Ransom, Kelsey Crandell, Casandra Rivera and Lana Hunt**. Way to go Girls!

The YW are also anxiously awaiting the arrival of the Hill baby (Cruz). We send our love and concerns for a healthy son and a safe delivery to **Tyson and Alyse Hill**.

## YOUNG MEN

Pres. Darren Eyring 835-1799  
 1<sup>st</sup> Couns. Wes Filhart 277-1924  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Couns. Lance McGraw 699-0723  
 Sec. Conley Martin 313-7194

"On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight." The Scout Oath

The dinner prepared and served by the Young Men, to the "Senior" members of the ward, was very nicely done and it was delicious! The 'boys' were dressed in their Sunday Best and their manners were impeccable! Nice Job! (A great big "THANK YOU" also to their leaders and the Moms!)

**Alex Shope** turned 16 in December and was ordained to the office of a Priest. Congratulations!

## PRIMARY

**President Jennifer Mehlberg 279-2790**  
**1st Couns Cheeri Redd 834-7788**  
**2nd Couns Darcy Allen 241-9315**  
**Secretary Janet Hassell 969-4276**

**Dec Theme:** "We Believe in God the Eternal Father and in His Son, Jesus Christ."

**Dec Scripture:** "We believe in God, the Eternal Father, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost." (Art. Of Faith 1:1)

### Jan 3:

O. Prayer: Parker Hird  
Talk: Eden Carter  
Art of Faith #1 Jocelyn Gardiner  
C. Prayer: Mason Redd

### Jan 10:

O. Prayer: Noah Nichols  
Talk: Audrey Redd  
Art of Faith #1 Kaeden Blau  
C. Prayer: Lauren Eyring

### Jan 17:

O. Prayer: Samantha Rivera  
Talk: Jordan Gardiner  
Art of Faith #1 Samantha Montgomery  
C. Prayer: Shelby Standage

### Jan 24:

O. Prayer: Ronan Blau  
Talk: Cayden Shope  
Art of Faith # 1 Kelly Eyring  
C. Prayer: Renle Hird

### Jan 31:

O. Prayer: Kaitlin Gardiner  
Talk: Chris Montgomery  
Art of Faith #1 Leah Morales  
C. Prayer: Rylee Hird

Primary Activity Day will be January 9<sup>th</sup>.  
Watch for details.

Stake Article of Faith Recognition  
Sunday, January 24 @ 7:30 pm  
Glade Building Chapel

**Girl's Primary Activity Days**  
**will begin on Thursday, January**  
**14 from 4 to 5pm. This is for**  
**all girls ages 8 to 11.**

## MARGIN NOTES :

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Matt. 28:19

"That which we persist in doing becomes easier for us to do; not that the nature of the thing itself is changed, but that our power to do is increased."  
(Ralph Waldo Emerson)

He that keepeth his commandments receiveth truth and light, until he is glorified in truth and knoweth all things. D&C 93:28

"In terms of the gospel of Jesus Christ, it certainly is the best of times. As each of you contemplates what is occurring quietly around the world, I hope you can feel excitement and optimism laced with an abundance of gratitude. These are the times that may try men's souls but we need to remember during times that test our souls to enjoy and keep focused on our Father in Heaven's plan for eternal happiness, while at the same time carefully navigating through the best of times. Perhaps this is the time to be fully immersed and invested in the gospel of Jesus Christ." Bishop H. David Burton

Show me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths.  
Lead me in thy truth, and teach me; for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.  
Psalms 25:4-5

He that is happy shall be happy still; and he that is unhappy shall be unhappy still. Mormon 9:14

Wherefore, be not weary in well-doing, for ye are laying the foundation of a great work. And out of small things proceedeth that which is great  
D&C 64:33

“If we are to survive and keep our families safe, we must remain anchored to the word of God.”  
Elder M. Russell Ballard

“When your values are clear, your decisions are easy.”  
Roy Disney

“Look to the lighthouse of the Lord. There is no fog so dense, no night so dark, no gale so strong, no mariner so lost but what its beacon light can rescue.”  
Pres. Thomas S. Monson

“Temptation wouldn’t be temptation if it didn’t appear attractive, fascinating or fun. But, like the pilot approaching a storm, you need to learn to avoid it, no matter how beautiful or intriguing it may appear.” Pres. Dieter F. Uchtdorf

Wherefore, lift up thy heart and rejoice, and cleave unto the covenants which thou hast made.  
D&C 25:13

“He who lives only unto himself withers and dies, while he who forgets himself in the service of others grows and blossoms in this life and in eternity.”  
Pres. Gordon B. Hinckley

“Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time for that’s the stuff life is made of!” Benjamin Franklin

Behold, I sent you out to testify and warn the people, and it becometh every man who hath been warned to warn his neighbor. D&C 88:81

“The testimony of the truthfulness of the restored gospel of Jesus Christ is the most powerful motivating force in our lives.”  
Pres. Dieter F. Uchtdorf

“By being the first in your family to accept the gospel you become the first generation, a chosen

generation, through which generations past, present and future may be blessed.” Elder Paul B. Pieper, 70



