

DANA WARD FAMILY NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2011 -

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the Book of Mormon we read that “by small and simple things are great things come to pass; and small things in many instances doth confound the wise”. (Alma 37:6) When I read this I think of the mighty miracles that are possible from each of us. All we need to do is follow the example of Jesus Christ and keep the commandments He has given us. One thing that He has asked us to do recently, through His servants, is to embrace the MORMON.ORG initiative and create a profile on the website.

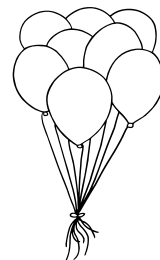
This only takes 30 minutes at the most but has the potential to save the souls of men and women who view your profile. It is a simple way to share the gospel through testimony and real life experiences. We all have a story. We all have a personal epiphany of how we gained a testimony of the truthfulness of the Gospel. We all have had positive experiences that have strengthened us because we have followed the teachings of Christ. “You know, brethren, that a very large ship is benefited very much by a very small helm in the time of a storm, by being kept workways with the wind and the waves.

Therefore, dearly beloved brethren, let us cheerfully do all things that lie in our power; and then may we stand still, with the utmost assurance, to see the salvation of God, and for his arm to be revealed”. (Doctrine and Covenants 123:16-17)

Let us cheerfully share our testimony by creating our profile on MORMON.ORG. I promise that as we do so we will have the blessings of the Lord upon us and we may be the means of saving some soul.

Brother Wesley D. Filhart

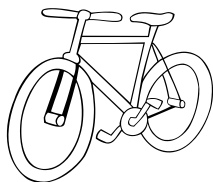
Happy BIRTHDAY



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Missionary Mailbox



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Greetings from Elder Eyring,
Since the Boise temple is closed, our P-days have been changed to Mondays. We are going to a member's house for Family Home evening this week. They are feeding us dinner too.

We had an awesome week. Elder Shayne M. Bowen of the first quorum of the 70 came to the mission to speak to the missionaries. He spoke to us about the Abrahamic Covenant, the gathering of Israel, the oath and covenant of the priesthood and the baptism covenant. It was amazing! I really learned a lot of new things. He also held a fireside for all the recent converts and investigators. I saw a man there that I taught in my first area. I was so happy to hear that he had been baptized after I was transferred. His son and wife were baptized too. It is so rewarding and inspiring to see the progress of families who have accepted the gospel and been baptized.

We had a great week. There was a lot of learning and teaching. It is so great to be a missionary.

Love, Elder Eyring

NOTE: Matthew will complete his mission to the Idaho Boise Mission and he will be released and arrive home 17 December 2011.

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Hey Everyone,

Things are going good. I'm still in Idaho Falls. I will be training a new missionary come this Wednesday. I'm really excited. It's going to be a great experience! I like serving in Idaho Falls. I kid you not! People have been calling us wanting to

get baptized! It's so crazy – In a good missionary sort of way!! We have been teaching quite a bit.

I'm really enjoying the weather but it's going to snow pretty soon. I'm sad about that but we will survive the cold weather and slick sidewalks! Other than the weather that's coming, things are going great! Send mail when you can! I love to get letters!

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Love, Elder John Pace



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I've been transferred to Newcastle, Wyoming which is about an hour and a half from Gillette, but it is still in the same stake. The Elders are being pulled out and the Sisters sent in. They call it 'Pink Washing'! The hope is that the Sisters can stir up more activity both among the members as well as investigators.

My Comp is a 'Greenie', Sister McCormick, from Washington. We will be the only missionaries in Newcastle. (See notes on Newcastle at end.) We actually will have district meetings over the phone and come to Gillette once a month. I thought Gillette was small - but there isn't even a Wal-Mart in Newcastle. Everyone is friendly and it's a lot like Mayberry. No one refers to street names



Sister Marinda Hunt and her new companion, Sister .McCormick , and her two old companions from Gillette.

when giving you directions. It's always "over the bridge", "up the hill" and "past the creek". The ward is super enthusiastic and helpful and they treat us like celebrities. They have never had Sisters assigned to them before.

I don't know anybody in Newcastle or where anything is, so this is going to be starting from scratch. The mission president has put his trust in me, and given me a blessing so I know that it will be a really good experience. I just need to trust in the Lord.

It is supposed to snow tomorrow but I'm ready. I have a super cute red jacket that I got for twelve bucks at the local thrift store.

Our investigator Jamie, got baptized six weeks ago. Her husband Clint, at first, was against her getting involved in the church but he began to sit in on the lessons and did a complete turnaround. He stopped smoking all on his own and we hadn't even done the Word of Wisdom lesson with him yet. He set a baptism date of Oct 29. All he talks about is that he can't wait to get sealed in the temple to his family. It has been so amazing teaching them and seeing him change so much! I love this gospel and knowing that the Spirit can touch anyone's heart. I got permission to go back and give the Holy Ghost talk. With him being baptized, it feels like I have completed what I had to do in Gillette.

We had stake conference a few weeks ago. Elder Russell M. Nelson was the guest

speaker! I got to shake his hand twice and to top it off, we had 8 investigators with us!

Everyone here is so excited about the temple that was announced for Wyoming. Star Valley is about 8 hours away, so the members here in this area will still go to the Billings temple which is only 4 hours away.

We met a neat lady here in Newcastle, at a local hamburger place. She came over and started talking to us. She had seen the Mormon Ad commercials that are playing in Minnesota. She wanted information about the Church. We were happy to give her a Book of Mormon. She told us she and her husband had been impressed with the messages and wanted this for their grandchildren. We have an appointment to teach them this next week. Also, we were knocking on doors and a lady answered and said she didn't really want to talk to us. She said her husband just died a month ago. We sympathized with her and told her Heavenly Father loves her. I asked her if she would like a hug and she broke down and said, "Yes!" She said we were an answer to her prayers. How cool is that?

Love, Sister Hunt

(Note: Newcastle, Wy has a population of 3,162 and is located in the NE corner of Wyo. It is in a very interesting part of our country. Newcastle is 59 mi from Mt. Rushmore, 70 mi from Devil's Tower Nat'l Mon., 44 mi from Custer State Park, and 200 mi from Martin's Cove, the Church site where the Martin Handcart Co. was stranded.)



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This past Sunday I got to do my first blessing/confirmation ever in my life. It was pretty scary because (1) I don't know Spanish and both were in Spanish, (2) because it was my first for both. (3) it was in sacrament meeting.

The baptism of Juan Borjas was so awesome. He is a very special guy. He is such a strong convert.

We had a special experience last Wed that moved me to tears! We now have warm water.... It was the happiest moment of my life!

We also had a great disappointment last week. We have been teaching a lady that seemed so golden. The spirit was so strong and everything seemed to be going so well and she was so enthusiastic. Then at the lesson end, she announced, "Well, You have your beliefs and I have mine!"

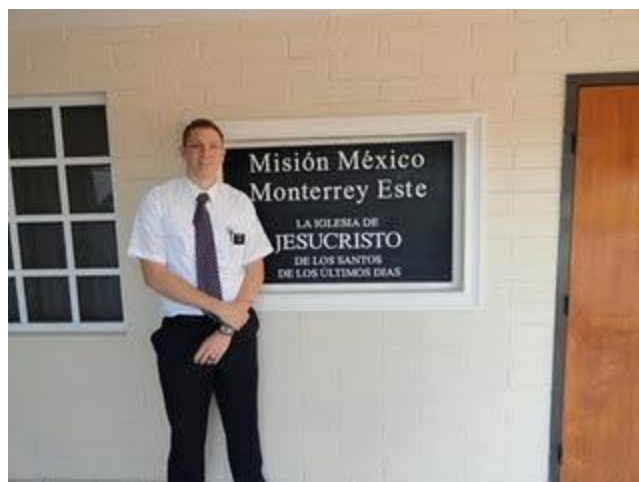
Good News, my new comp is Elder Hatch from St. Louis, Missouri. He is really into *Preach My Gospel* and the *Mission Manual*. I need to learn the rules because I didn't understand Elder Campos half the time with everything in Spanish. I enjoyed him but I think this will be a good change and helpful for me. My comp is District Leader.

The other day, I was in another area working for the day on exchanges and we went to teach a lesson with a lady named Lidia. We taught her the restoration and the spirit was super strong. She shared some personal stuff with me in broken English. Long story short, she accepted baptism. When we were leaving she was telling me how grateful she was that I came into her life and brought her the Gospel.

Notes on what I learned being a missionary this week: I buy everything from a local store called HEB. It's kinda like a Wal-Mart. The church gives me a card and loads it with 1700 pesos each month to use for my purchases. 2 Nephi Chapters 2 and 3 have come to have special meaning to me. It's like Lehi is counseling and talking to his sons Jacob and Joseph the same way a modern Dad counsels his teen sons. It's very real! I think the thing I miss the most is green grass and paved roads. Since I cut my hair short, I think it makes me look fatter, taller, and maybe like a little kid.

It was interesting to hear about all the Dana Ward changes at home! I hope all is going well! I have learned a lot here on my mission and grown so much. I have also gained a stronger testimony of the Gospel. The Lord loves us all and if we all serve and bring others unto him, we will be blessed and feel closer to him. I know this church is true and It is my hope and prayer that the Young Men at home will all want to serve a mission. I love you all. Continue in the faith! Mexico sends its love!

Con Amor,
Elder Stark



Elder Joseph Stark at the Mission Office.



We baptized a father and his son between Conference sessions. Special family! Wonderful day for all!



While out tracting, I caught a chicken that had escaped from the yard of a lady. She was grateful but did not

wish to be baptized in exchange for her chicken back!
We gave her the chicken anyway!

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I am here in Ecuador, Guayaquil in the North Mission. Our amazing president is Pres. Amaya, from Columbia. I also have an outstanding companion. His name is Elder Cruz, He has 4 months left and is a great trainer. My district is the best and my companion is so funny!



Elder Cruz and Elder Trevor Schnepf

Our apartment is a bit nasty though. My comp and I spent all morning cleaning it when I arrived. I think we spent 2 hours just on the kitchen and then tackled the bathroom. There are cockroaches everywhere! Because of them, we don't put our dishes in the cabinets. They are on racks on the table. The floor looked like a murder case so I was on my hands and knees scrubbing it. It looks a little better now. There were dead bugs in the shower and on the floor. I've learned that I can't stand living in a nasty place. My bed is made every morning first thing, and after studying, I organize the room so it's clean and tidy. So someone tell my mom she can relax! I like my room and house clean.

I can honestly say that I love these people! They are so awesome and so happy even though they barely have a roof over their heads and they have 10 people living in a little shack. It

makes my heart hurt when they don't want the gospel or when they don't show up at church or read the Book of Mormon or pray. Yesterday only one investigator out of all we are working with, showed up at meetings. I was so disappointed. I don't know what else I can do to help them. Every time we pray, we pray that we will have the Spirit in our lessons and that our investigators will feel it and come to church.

Our ward is such a good help to us. They always get us references and we are having a lot of success with that. This month we will be baptizing a mother and one of her daughters. So, little by little, we are piecing their family together for eternity. It is great to see the change in the people's lives as we teach them.. I love serving these people and serving the Lord. I feel such joy when I am in the service of our Lord. Time is going by really fast. I am happy, even when we have our bad days. I always feel our Father's love and the love of our Savior when the times are difficult. That is a great reminder that we are not alone!

I want to share my testimony with you. I know that this church is true. I know that Joseph Smith saw God the Father and his son, Jesus Christ and through the power of God, Joseph translated the Book of Mormon. Through the restoration, we have the opportunity to live for eternity with our family through faith in Jesus Christ, repentance, baptism, receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost, and enduring to the end. This is our purpose and with the spirit, it is possible to change the lives of people and bring them unto Christ. It is possible for them to be a part of his church. I know that if we live the principles of the gospel and if we live righteous lives, we will have many more opportunities to bring others to Christ. I love you all and I love our Savior. I know He suffered for us because he has an eternal love for us. I know that the priesthood which we hold is the true priesthood of God and with it, all things are possible, In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Do Missionary Work!!!
Love - Elder Trevor Schnepf



Elder Schnepf on the streets of Guayaquil

Tate Brinton (452-5783) has been called to serve as the Ward Mission Leader.

FYI: Full-time Missionaries assigned to the Dana Ward; **Elder Seymour** (from Georgia) and **Elder Bowerman** (from Broomfield, Colorado); They may be reached at 495-8138. They live at 1634 E. Nielson Ave.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Kyle and Jen Packer have bought the house at 1728 E. Jarvis Ave. Their phone number is 480-540-3358. They were married in the Mesa Temple, 28 Nov, 2008. Jen was born and raised in Mesa and graduated from Mesa High School. She attended MCC and taught English in China for 4 months under the International Language Program. She has played the violin for 15 years and played with the Chandler Symphony up until 3 years ago. She is also an accomplished pianist. (She has been playing the piano for 16 years.) She owns her own business in graphics design.

Kyle was also born in Mesa but graduated from Gilbert's Highland High School. He filled a mission to West Virginia/Charleston. He has earned his bachelors degree in Pre-law from ASU and is expecting to graduate in December 2012 from the Phoenix School of Law. Kyle enjoys sports and he and Jen both play for and coach a City Adult Softball Co-ed team.

We are so happy to have Kyle and Jen as members of our Dana Ward Family.

Jared Broderick is also new in the ward and lives at 1917 E. Dana Ave. (480-287-0444). Jared is single but has chosen to attend our ward. His single brother Nathan (The Brother of Jared), lives with him but attends the Singles Ward. They have a room mate, John Stoddard, who is also single. Jared was born in Glendale, California but grew up and graduated from high school in mid-west Michigan in a town called Big Rapids. He filled a mission to Pocatello, Idaho and earned a Bachelors degree in Information Systems Technology from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Ill. He also earned his Masters Degree in Science Information Management at ASU. When asked how he came to be in Arizona after growing up in Michigan, Jared, who has a great sense of humor, said that his father was teaching at a University back east and took a leave to pursue a degree in psychology where they ended up moving to Alabama. Jared got a job with a bank in Alabama with his IT degree and background and settled in. Later, the bank merged with another bank and his position was also merged. He took a job with ASU and moved to Arizona. After working in several different departments at ASU, Jared manages their IT Program which includes their Physical Electrical, Computer and Energy Engineering Dept.

Jared enjoys singing and is a member of the East Valley Mormon Choir and Orchestra where he sings base. He is also active in a local Improv group that does stand-up comedy acting. His hobbies are computers, music and Improv. He does have a special interest in a young lady named Camy Smith who attends one of the Mesa Singles Ward. Stay tuned to see how Jared does with that project! Welcome to the ward Jared.

We are also enjoying getting to know **Alyssa Teal** who is investigating the Church, taking lessons from the missionaries and anticipating being baptized soon. Alyssa has 3 children and we are looking forward to having her a member of our Dana Ward Family!

Notes on Dana Ward Folks

The Ward Family extends our sympathy and concern to **Johnnie Dickson and family**. Joe passed away October 8th, at home. His services were held on Joe's 85th birthday at the Barkley Ward building. We will miss Joe's smiling face and cheerful personality in our meetings. Sister Johnnie Dickson extends a "Thank You" to everyone that helped with the services and the family dinner afterwards.

We extend our sympathy to **Tate Brinton** and his family. Tate's father, **Robert Brinton**, passed away unexpectedly Oct 21st. Robert was executive director of the Mesa Convention and Visitors Bureau and the past president of the Mesa HoHoKams, a civic group that performs many functions at Hohokam Stadium during spring games. He also served over 20 years as Pres and board member of the Cactus League Assoc. and was on the Governor's Cactus League Task Force. He worked tirelessly to help keep the Chicago Cubs training facilities in Mesa. He was the 2008 Mesa Man of the Year and has served two terms as a Bishop. Robert is survived by seven adult children (including Tate) and Tate's mother, Nannette.

Saturday, Oct 29, 2011, **Leah Lowe**, a former member of the Dana Ward, passed away from secondary effects of her battle with cancer. Leah was the mother of 4 young children and the **wife of Eric Lowe**. Brother Lowe served on the Stake High Council while they were still living in the Dana Ward, across the street from the Hunt family. Leah's sister was the donor for a bone marrow transplant that was successful, but left Leah with a compromised immune system. A memorial fund for her children has been set up at Desert Schools Federal Credit Union.

Helen and Dallas Petersen welcomed a brand new little boy to their family on Oct. 9th. **William**

Thomas Petersen (to be known as Will) weighed in at 7 lb 6 oz. Helen's mother, Jill Cluff, was able to be here from Australia, for the birth and to help for a little while. Although no relationship could be established between Jill and the ward Cluffs, it turns out that Jill was a missionary companion years ago in Melbourne, Australia, with Lou Hunt. Small World! Congratulations to the Petersen family!

Pat Martinez had some surgery Oct 24th and is doing well. **Johnny** took a week off from work to take care of Pat and their family and keep things running smoothly. Pat appreciated the TLC and also the meals and concern shown by the ward members. She will be off work for 6 to 8 weeks to recuperate but she got to attend the Primary Program for an 'outing' and enjoyed it very much. She was inspired by the Bishop's suggestion to read the scriptures when she gets bored with all this 'free' time on her hands. Sister Martinez said she is going to take advantage of the "Scripture Power" the Primary kids sang about.

Jonathan Martinez continues to do well with his schooling in Wyoming in Auto Mechanics. Jonathan is working part time at K-Mart to help pay his school expenses. He was worried about being able to keep up with his studies, but he got a 94 this last week on a test so it sounds like he is doing great! He will graduate this coming March. We miss Jonathan in the Dana Ward Family and look forward to his graduation and return home. Wahoo!

The Southwick Household has had a run of bad luck this past month. Oct 15th, **Ray** sustained some major injuries in a bad mountain bike accident on South Mtn. Ray was enjoying our beautiful weather and biking with a friend when he came around a curve to meet a hiker coming up the trail. Ray dodged the hiker and somehow ended up flying over the handlebars. He has a concussion and some internal injuries to his clavicle (collar bone). He was wearing his helmet, which greatly reduced the chance of severe head trauma but the helmet is history! His friend, the involved hiker and several others on the trail sprang into action and were able to get paramedics to him quickly. In fact, the hiker

lived nearby and took Ray's bike to his house for safekeeping until he is able to go get it. The concussion seems to be OK now, but it is going to be a long, slow process for his collar bone to heal so that he can raise his right arm enough to write or type. He is recovering – but in the meantime, **Dawn** has a severe case of Valley Fever. Both are improving and are appreciative of all the help various ward members have giving by bringing in some meals and taking Emma for some play dates. Our prayers are with Dawn and Ray for a speedy recovery. And Thanks to the Good Samaritans who have been helping the Southwick Family!

Mickey O'Barr fell and broke her ankle but she is out of her cast and in a brace now and says she is “**Good to Go**”! We look forward to she and Joe improving enough to be able to return to enjoying meetings with the rest of us.

Rebecca Stark, daughter of **Joe and Elizabeth Stark**, is getting married in the Mesa temple on Dec. 22nd to **Peter Madsen**. Both Becca and Peter are students at BYU and both are employed by Wells Fargo Bank. Peter served a mission in Italy and is an Accounting Major. He grew up as a military brat and has lived all over the world. His father is a JAG Officer (an attorney for the Air Force) and the family presently lives in Japan. Peter has an older married brother that lives in Washington DC, a younger brother on a mission in Korea and his younger sister is a senior in high school in Japan. Becca's major is finance and she works at the Wells Fargo office in the BYU bookstore, making it handy for her classes. Becca and Peter will be married and sealed by Peter's grandfather who is a sealer in one of the Utah temples.

Congratulations to **Jocelyn Gardiner** who was baptized by her father **Chad Gardiner**, on Oct 15th.



Sheldon Hassell was ordained an Elder by his father, **Kyle Hassell**.

Brandon Eyring was also ordained an elder by his father, **Bishop Darren Eyring**.

Congratulations to both of these young men.

Miriam Martin completed her Personal Progress requirements to earn her Womanhood Medallion just before she was released as a Counselor in the YW Presidency. **Good Job Sister Martin!**

Ephraim Goodwin, young son of **Ed and Sally Goodwin**, was recently mauled by a pit bull dog. He missed 1.5 weeks of school but is doing very well and is expected to have a full recovery without noticeable scars.

Sally Goodwin recently was the recipient of the **Gila Division Outstanding Toastmaster of the Year Award**. Sally is very active in the Toastmasters organization. Congratulations!

Holly Romero is living with **Daline Maddern** and helping her with her care and needs. Holly is also working on earning her GED. **Marilyn Mingioni** is also helping Daline. Way to go Girls!

Amber Blau is adding 'adventure and excitement' to the Blau household. Amber is the proud owner of a Driving Learners Permit and is working hard to get her Driver's License! (Please ignore the parental sounds of anguish and stress coming from the Blau House!)

Sarah Young won a race for her Cross Country team at Mesa High and improved her time again!

Savannah Rodriguez made 1st chair Viola in the Metropolitan Youth Symphony in her division. MYS held their first concert of the season on Nov. 2, 2011.

Mary Filhart will be graduating from Mesa Community College on December 12th with her RN degree. She has been nominated to be a class speaker and will find out this month for sure, if she will have the honor of doing so. She has been offered a job at Chandler Regional Hospital in the Tele unit and will probably start working there as an RN the beginning of February.

Julie Eyring will graduate from ASU on Dec 15 with a Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education. She is hoping to do substitute teaching at the Franklin East campus in 2012.

Congratulations to these two special wives and mothers and busy ward leaders for reaching their educational goals!

Craig and Marie Montgomery are getting a lot of experience with Running Events. Craig ran in a 5k race this summer. Marie participated in a 4.5 mile event in Bisbee on Oct 22. That event included running 1,000 stairs. She is training to enter a ½ marathon event to be held in Mesa on Nov 12. I guess that answers the question of how they manage to stay slim and trim! Craig is visiting friends in Wisconsin and doing some archery hunting for white-tailed deer. His elk hunt will be held in Dec. here in Arizona. KUDOS to you both for staying active & Fit!

Sharon McCartney is making plans to hike the Grand Canyon with a friend, sometime during November. We are soooo proud of her!

Nick and Tima Hird and family (Renle, Payzlee, Rylee, Parker and Rhett), took on a service project in October, to help out the Kimball Stake who put on a Stake Family Camp-Out at Camp Geronimo. Kimball Stake had 1,400 stake members who attended. The Hirds were asked to be responsible for the Nursery and provide appropriate activities for the little ones.

They did a bang-up job and recruited some other Dana Ward members to help out: Those that went were **Pat Rogers and Kimball and Clare; Sally LeSueur** and her kids, **Savannah and Chandler; Kevin and Lou Hunt and Larissa**. Word is that everyone had a ball, including the helpers!

As a footnote, we might add that **Tima's** parents, **Norece and Nivla Hatch**, just got an 18 month 'service leadership' mission call to serve in Cordoba, Argentina. YEAH!

Gwen Leiser has been doing baptisms for her ancestors and is excited to soon be able to go to the temple and complete her own temple ordinances. She is saving her family names so she can do their other ordinances as well. **Good for you Gwen!**

Edwina Dastrup has a new phone number. Be sure you change it in your ward directory. **480-980-8859**

The McRae family (Jacki, Brooke & Ezekiel and Sheigh) has moved to 1735 E. 1st Ave (the home the Mehlberg family used to live in). Be sure you change their address in your ward directory.

Keep an eye on **Lynette McGraw**. Lance is out of town on a job assignment and Lynette just celebrated her 35th birthday. It was news to Lynette! She thought she was 35 all last year! Happy 35th Lynette! (The Mind goes FIRST!)

The ward High Priest group held a dinner for their quorum members and families on October 14th. Our thanks to **Kerwin and Heidi-Ann Blau** who prepared brisket and ribs with their culinary talents. The food was so good, it was noted that no one fell asleep during dinner! **Chris Martin** made a 'passel of pies' to share with everyone and all the guests brought a pot luck dish to share. Nice Evening! Yummy Food!

A **ward Luau Party** was held Oct 7th for the ward to pay tribute and **honor Bishop Hale, Mark Standage, Kyle Hassell and Dwight Morris** as members of the outgoing bishopric. The ward truly appreciates all the service and work rendered by these special men. Thanks from the bottom of our hearts! We also appreciate the **Filhart family** that organized the Luau and **Brother Filhart** filled in on drums with the music and entertainment furnished by the **Unga family**.

A **dinner** was held at the Hunt Cabin on Sept 21st, to recognize the ward adults and youth who read the entire Book of Mormon during Bishop Hale's **S.T.O.M.P. summer challenge**. Congratulations to those who met the challenge and finished!

Floy Johnson had some excitement in early October. The Mesa Police knocked on her door in the middle of the night, requesting permission to check her backyard for a suspect that had been seen scaling her fence. Floy and her grandson, **Darrayl Hayward**, let the officers into her backyard but no suspect was found. Floy had just settled in to go back to sleep when the police returned with search dogs. Again the officers entered her backyard and this time they flushed out the suspect who was in hiding and arrested him. Floy shared the advice offered by the police; "Be sure you lock all your doors and windows and use padlocks on your gates. Plan your landscape plant locations to discourage intruders from jumping fences." Glad you guys are OK Floy.

John Chapman has resumed his radio broadcasts. He is on the "House Talk" show on Sat. mornings from 8 to 8:15 am on station 960 AM. His portion of the show is called "Insure Your Food Supply" and he gives tips on vegetable gardens, fruit trees and food supplies. If you would like to talk to him on the show the direct phone number to the show is 602-508-0960.

Cheryl Moore, who used to live in Dana Ward, recently got to shake hands with **President**

Monson. She and some coworkers were in a S.L. restaurant when one of them said, "There's that Mormon Prophet eating his lunch". Cheryl jumped up and ran over and asked if she could just shake his hand. He was very cordial. Joyce Berry says that Cheryl might not have washed her hand since then. Cheryl's daughter, Raija, goes to the SL temple often to do baptisms. She's now in Jr High and loving life! The Moore family is doing well in Utah. They have bought a home and Jeff and Cheryl are working towards going to the temple. Hooray!

The East Valley Mormon Choral
will present their Christmas Concert December 2
and 3, (Friday & Saturday) in the Ikeda Theater
of the Mesa Arts Center. "Come Ye to
Bethlehem"
is the title and it is a beautiful program.
Kimball and Claire Rogers are in the production.
For ticket information, call 480-644-6500 or go to
www.mesaartscenter.com.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Scheduled Ward Activities:

Nov 9 & 16: YW Sports
Nov 11 Fri: Veterans Day-No School
Nov 12: YM Garage Sale Fund Raiser
Nov 16: Primary Girls (age 8 - 11) Activity
Day - 4:30 pm at the Church
Nov 17: Pack Meeting, 6:30 pm at Ward
Nov 17: Ward Temple Night 6:30 session
Nov 19 Sat: Turkey Roundup by MIA Youth
Nov 23 Wed: No Mutual Meetings
Nov 23: Mesa Temple closes after 10am
Nov 24: THANKSGIVING DAY
Nov 25: Temple grounds Christmas Lights begin
Ends New Year's Day
Nov 28 thru Dec 12: Mesa Temple Closed
Nov 30: MIA - Dinner for Veterans



Dec 4: First Pres. Christmas Broadcast
Dec 14: MIA Christmas Caroling

With all the ward and stake changes over the past few weeks, the following new callings have taken place:

Mesa South Stake Presidency

Pres Ray Johnson, 1 Couns Rondal Jones, 2 Couns Douglas Millett, Exec Sec Daniel Zufelt, Stake Clerk Larry Schnepf

Stake Patriarch: Tanner Brown 926-0190

If you need an **appointment** with a member of the Stake Presidency, you may **reach Bro. Zufelt at 363-5795.**

Stake Temple Recommend Interviews
2nd and 4th Sunday of each month
3 to 5pm

at the Stake Offices in the Stake Building. No appointment is necessary – just show up.

Just a reminder that we are now part of the **MESA SOUTH STAKE**, and our building (24th and Pueblo) will remain the **Stake Building**. No ward boundary changes were made to any of the wards. The **EMERALD ACRES WARD** was added to our stake and with it came the chapel on Southern/Barkley, across from Mesa High School. That building will now be known as the **"SPUR BUILDING"** in our stake. Our Stake also now includes the **"SOLOMON WARD"** which is located immediately west of us across Stapley Dr. They meet in the building on the corner of Solomon and Broadway and their building is known as the **'SOLOMON BUILDING'.**

Mesa South Stake
Auxillary Leaders

Brother Raymond Wall is the Stake Clerk and **Dwight Morris** is the Assistant Stake Clerk and takes care of audio-visual and electronic equipment.

Relief Society: Pres Alayne Favreau, 1 Couns Suann Fleming, 2 Couns Jana Shelley, Sec Shannon Leavitt.

Young Women: Pres Patricia Larson, 1 Couns Kim Hale, 2 Couns Mindy Evans, Sec Sherri McConkie.

Young Men: Pres Bob Backus, 1 Couns Richard Young, 2 Couns Scott Beames, Sec Thomas Whiting.

Primary:

Pres: Andrea Riding 1 Couns Miriam Bjork 2 Couns Danelle Curtis Sec Vickie Lenkersdorfer

Sunday School:

Pres Jeffrey Blake, 1 Couns Don Stoker, 2 Couns Ron Neil, Sec Steven Crider

The Missionary Prep classes will now be held at 7 am each Sunday Morning at the Stake Building (24th and Pueblo).

Dustin Redd and Kevin Schnepf have both been called to the **Stake High Council**, from the Dana Ward.

Dan and Yolanda Zepeda have been called as the Stake Employment Specialists.

NOTE: All stake leaders and their phone numbers are always available on the LDS.org website (Tools Directory).

Dana Ward Auxillary Leaders

Ward YW Presidency

Pres. Lindsey Layton
Couns: Jill Schnepf & Mary Ann Kayberry
Sec: Dawna Bury

Ward YM Presidency

Pres: Richard Hale
Couns: Dallas Petersen & Pat Rogers
Sec: Conley Martin

Elder's Quorum Presidency:

Pres: David Hawks
1st Counselor: Mac Rainwater
2nd Counselor: Tyler Stradling

Sec: Spencer Bury

High Priest Quorum Presidency

Pres: Anthony Kaberry

Counselors: Clyde Ransom, Darwin Chapman and Ray Crandell

Sec: Ephrain Rodriguez

Ward Relief Society Presidency

Pres: Lou Hunt

Couns: Julie Eyring & Linette Morris

Sec: Nancy Tiffany

Teachers: Anna O'Bryant, Lonnelle Millican & Rosa Rodriguez

Ward Primary Presidency

Pres: Cheeri Redd

Couns: Karlie Stradling & Dawn Nichols

Sec: Marie Montgomery

Nursery Leaders: Darcy Allen & Kim Brown

Ward Sunday School Presidency:

Pres: John Chapman

Counselors: Semisi Tonga and

Chris Carter. Sec: Ernie Halliday

Gospel Doctrine Teachers: Melissa Standage and Ray Crandell.

The November Ward Temple Night-Thurs, Nov 17, 6:30 pm session, if you can make it.

Otherwise, please attend when you can.

NOTE: the temple will close for winter maintenance Nov 28 thru Dec 12.



The Mesa Temple Grounds will again be lavishly decorated in Christmas lights beginning Nov 25 (day after Thanksgiving) thru New Years Day, Jan 1, 2012. The lights will be turned on each evening at dusk and there will be short music concerts each evening by different groups from around the valley, on the NORTH side of the Visitor Center. For details or info, call 480-964-7164.

All of the LDS media information for billboard ads, TV ads and internet ads may be viewed now at <http://boncom.com/mormon/> This campaign began Oct 3rd and YOU can be a part of it!

When talking to your friends, be sure you tell them at least 3 things:

1. That the campaign is designed to dispel myths.
2. That we believe in the teachings of Jesus Christ,
3. Invite them to learn more. (Pass along cards are available from the Bishopric.)



Rendering of the Payson, Utah Temple.

Groundbreaking took place Oct 8, 2011 for the **Payson, Utah Temple**. Dallin H. Oakes officiated at the ceremony. The temple site is located at 930 West and 1550 South on the southwest side of Payson, one mile from the 800 South, Interstate 15 interchange.

The new temple will help to ease the heavy use of the Provo Temple, which is the busiest temple of the entire church. The new temple will serve approximately 22 stakes from Spanish Fork to Nephi, which amounts to about 78,000 LDS Church members.

The **Payson Temple** was announced in 2010. There are 15 temples either operating or announced in Utah.

In Peru, Elder Rafael E. Pino of the Seventy conducted groundbreaking ceremonies for the new **Trujillo Peru Temple**.

The temple is being built on the site of an existing LDS meetinghouse in the Urbanización Primavera section of Trujillo. The site is located near the prominent Campo Eterno cemetery, on the highway to Huanchaco. The second LDS temple in Peru (the Lima Peru Temple was dedicated in 1986), it will serve more than 88,000 LDS Church members in the area. Currently many members of the church in the Trujillo Temple district must travel as much as 10 hours by bus to participate in ordinances in the Lima Temple.



Artist rendering of the Trujillo, Peru Temple

The 2012 **Hill Cumorah Pageant** will mark the 75th anniversary of “America’s Witness for Christ.” The pageant has been an annual event in Palmyra, N.Y., since 1937.

Anniversary events include historical exhibits showcasing the pageant through the years before the performances, which will be July 13, 14 and 17-21, and reunions for the cast and crew members of previous pageants and missionaries who served in the Eastern States, Cumorah and New York Rochester missions.

Organizers will also be collecting stories and photos from those who have participated in the pageant and are taking those submissions at hcp75th@gmail.com.

For information about the 75th anniversary, see www.hillcumorah.org.



Performance scene from Palmyra Pageant July, 2011. Photo and article taken from Deseret News 9-18-11.

The **Philadelphia Temple** groundbreaking ceremony was held Sept 17, 2011 at the ‘Center City’ site. The 70 million dollar, 60,000 square foot structure will be made of granite and will be similar to the Logan Temple in appearance, with a spire on each end of the structure. Just west of the temple site is the Family Courts Building and to the south is the Catholic Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. It is expected to take 2.5 to 3 years to complete construction. Pres. Henry B. Eyring officiated and the Philadelphia mayor, Michael Nutter joined in the ground breaking ceremony.

In the October General Conference (2011), President Monson announced **six new temples** to be built: **Paris, France; Barranquilla, Columbia; Durban, South Africa; Kinshasa, Congo; and Star Valley, Wyoming.** The **Provo, Utah Tabernacle** that was destroyed by an accidental fire in December, 2010, will be rebuilt and converted to a temple. This will be the second temple in Provo. The current Provo temple is the busiest temple in the entire Church and the new temple will help relieve the strain on the current temple in the hometown of BYU.

This will be the second temple in Columbia. The Bogota temple was dedicated in 1999. The Kinshasa and Durban temples will be the fourth and fifth temples in Africa: Johannesburg, South Africa was dedicated in 1985, Accra, Ghana was dedicated in 2004 and the Aba, Nigeria temple was dedicated in 2005.

The exact location of the Paris, France temple is still being worked out.



Provo Tabernacle Temple

the third temple in Japan. The Tokyo temple was dedicated in 1980 and the Fukuoka temple was dedicated in 2000.

Currently, there are 135 operating temples and 31 announced or under construction.

The Mesa Temple Visitors Center has a beautiful Art Exhibit that will be on display through Nov 15. "The Art of Faith" features the Savior and His Works both during his lifetime and today. Paintings and sculptures are done by local valley artists. The Visitor Center is open 9am to 9pm seven days a week. Admission is free. For additional information, call 964-7164.



Gilbert, Az. Temple - 5 Oct, 2011 Located at Pecos Rd. and Greenfield Rd. -SE Corner

Canning Schedule for the

Home Storage Center

With Stake changes, our Canning will always be the 4th Wednesday and our time will always be 9 am.

Nov: No Canning date. Cancelled so Stake holiday orders may be filled.

Dec: Refried Beans, cocoa, onions, sugar & potato flakes (Orders due 27 Nov, Canning 21 Dec). Jan 2012: Milk, Reg. Oats, macaroni, carrots, apples. (Orders due 25 Dec, Canning Jan 25) For information, call Sally Goodwin 444-8740.

Just a reminder to all members that they are required to wear **closed-toe shoes** to all canning activities at the Mesa Home Storage Center. This is for safety reasons. We don't want to have anyone drop a can on bare toes.

Free Cooking Classes are taught

Monday mornings

9:30-11am in the Mesa Cannery

Nov 7: Soups

Nov 14: Main Dish-Turkey Leftovers

Nov 21: Desserts

Nov 28: Something to Share

NO CLASSES HELD DURING DECEMBER!



The Sapporo, Japan Temple.

Ground was broken for the Sapporo, Japan Temple Oct. 22, 2011. Gary E. Stevenson of the First Quorum of Seventy presided. This will be



Relief Society

Pres Lou Hunt 833-4867
 1 Couns Julie Eyring 835-1799
 2 Couns Linette Morris 962-8221
 Sec Nancy Tiffany 834-8494

November RS Lesson Schedule

Nov 6: Taught by the Ward RS Presidency
 Nov 13 #43 - "Signs of the 2nd Coming" by Anna O'Bryant
 Nov 20: #44 "The 2nd Coming of Jesus Christ" by Lonnette Millican
 Nov 27: "Priesthood Power" by Pres. Monson - by Rosa Rodriguez
 Dec 4: Taught by the Ward RS Presidency



Young Women

Pres Lindsey Layton 292-4556
 1st Couns Jill Schnepf 890-8934
 2nd Couns MaryAnn Kaberry 993-3351
 Sec Dawna Bury 529-6112

Welcome to our new Laurel Advisor, **Melanie Brinton** and we are so excited to have her!

The Evening in Excellence

Program was wonderful! All

the girls presented their projects beautifully! We are so proud of our Young Women!

Cherish Beals did an amazing job setting up the whole evening for her project!



YOUNG MEN

Pres. Richard Hale 834-3041
 1st Couns. Dallas Petersen 219-1432
 2nd Couns. Pat Rogers 695-7616
 Sec. Conley Martin 313-7194

On Friday, November 4th, The Young Men and Young Women and their leaders hosted a special dinner

and program to honor the older members of the ward and those who served in the military that live within the ward boundaries. We give a special thanks to the Allen Family and Darcy's extended family (Rogers) for an excellent dutch oven dinner. Thank You!

The Ward Young Men are holding a **Garage Sale** on **Saturday, Nov. 12th** to raise funds to support their YM activities, including summer special outings. **8am to 1pm** They would greatly appreciate the donation of any 'gently' used saleable items. Information may be obtained by calling any of the YM leaders. (See box above for #'s) **The Young Men will pick up items during the week of Nov 7th thru 11th.** If you have items you want to donate early, you may leave them in front of the garage door of Anna O'Bryant, 2345 E. Capri. Anna has offered to store the items in her 'empty' garage until the sale. (Anna lives across the street from Bishop Hale.) Whatever items are not sold will be taken to D.I. afterwards.

Spencer Nichols has passed his Scout Life Award.

Kyle O'Bryant has passed his Scout Star Award.

The following Scouts are earnestly working to earn their **GENEOLOGY** Merit Badge: **Cole Montgomery, Dylon Merkley, Cory Downs, Kyle O'Bryant, Nathan Young, Donovan Blau, Spencer Nichols and Kimball Rogers** from the Teachers Quorum. The boys toured the Mesa Family History Library, worked on their family records on Family Search.org and are planning on doing baptisms for the dead for their own ancestors on the

Friday after Thanksgiving. The boys have a good team of leaders that are helping with their goals and training; **Nick Hird, Kyle Hassell, Kerwin Blau and Chris Martin**. These Young Men are hard workers!

The ward **Varsity Scouts** participated in 'Operation On-Target' Sept 16 - 17, with troops from all over Arizona. It was a communication experience with about 100 teams stationed on different mountain tops throughout the state. They communicated with the other teams by ham radios and flashing mirrors. The boys from Dana Ward were **Kevin Hale, Chris Martinez, Brandon Boone, Brendon Merkley, Ethan Merkley and Kimball Rogers**. Leaders were **Bishop Eyring, Bishop Hale, Daniel Scott, Dallas Petersen and Conley Martin**. Bishop Hale and Conley took their ham radios. Dana Ward was assigned to *Milk Ranch Point* which is above Pine and Strawberry. Everyone had a great time. The skies were clear when they settled in for sleep so the only ones who put up tents were Bishops Eyring and Hale. Sometime past midnight, it started to rain and everything not covered, got wet. The Scouts invoked the Scout Motto 'Be Prepared' and piled in with those who were prepared! Lots of comradery and scout skills were enjoyed by all.

One of the Young Men activities in October was an evening of working on their profiles for "I Am A Mormon". The boys met at **Bishop Hale's** home where he had 11 computers set up for the boys to work on their profiles. The boys had fun

composing their statements and profiles and learned some computer skills as well as strengthening their missionary and testimony skills.

Primary

Pres Cheeri Redd 834-7788

**1st Couns: Karlie Stradling
323-0611**

2nd Couns: Dawn Nichols 610-1223

Sec: Marie Montgomery 834-2093



An Extremely Nice and Special Program was presented by the Ward Primary Children in the October 30th Sacrament Meeting. It is obvious that the children and their leaders worked extra hard to learn their parts, practice the songs and performed their very best! They were very reverent for a very long time! The parents and the audience enjoyed the beautifully presented music, speaking parts, harp accompaniment and sweet spirit of the program. We were all impressed with the enthusiastic presentation of "Scripture Power"! You are beautiful young girls and handsome young boys. Thank You for all of your hard work. (Leaders and Teachers Too!) The Ward Appreciates all of you!

Welcome, Welcome to all the NEW Primary Teachers and Nursery Leaders!

Primary Girls ages 8-11 are invited to participate in their **Activity Day** on Wednesday, Nov. 16. Meet at 4:30 to 5:30 at the ward in the Primary Room.

The next **Pack Meeting** will be Nov. 17, at



"Hi, Bishop! We brought you ten percent of our Halloween candy!"

6:30 at the ward building.