

Dana Ward Family Newsletter - DECEMBER 2011 -

Please note that Meeting Times
change on Sunday, January 1, 2012.
Sacrament Meeting will begin at
11 AM.

Dana Ward Bishopric

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,
What a great time of year! Celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ reminds me that all hope, light and happiness comes from Him. We all depend on Him and the Father for everything. We are all "poor and needy" in varying degrees. All we "own" or "possess" can be taken from us overnight. If we are blessed enough to be in a position of any strength of mind, body and spirit we need to reach out to those who may not be and strengthen them. Ann E. Tanner suggested 5 steps (Jan 2011 E nsign) in following the Savior's example in ministering to the sick and afflicted:

- 1) Look for those in need
- 2) Listen without criticism
- 3) Give anonymously

- 4) Understand and acknowledge grief or disease
- 5) Follow up with the sufferer

For as long as I can remember, the Dana Ward has been very good at caring for each other. I fast and pray often that this love and caring continues.

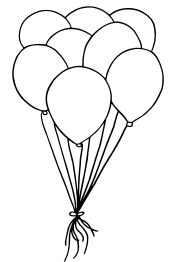
Thanks for all you have done in the past and will do in the future.

Merry Christmas,
Bishop Darren Eyring



Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done
it unto one of the least of these my brethren,
ye have done it unto me. Matt. 25:40

Happy BIRTHDAY



December 2011

- 01 Sally LeSueur
- 02 Tevita 'Apina
- 02 Edwina Dastrup
- 02 Alyse Turner
- 03 Cristal James
- 04 Ethan Merkley
- 05 Janet Hassell
- 10 Sheldon Hassell
- 10 John Oplinger
- 11 Jill Schnepf

12 Tom Legler
12 Katrina Ward
13 Robert Denton
13 Lance McGraw
13 Jess Root {105}
13 Alexandria Scott
13 Alex Shope
15 Daline Maddern
15 Taya Phelps
20 Mary Filhart
23 Michael Blackstad
23 Mason Redd
27 Ann Driggs
27 Brandon Eyring
28 Bianca Morales
28 Linda Perez
29 Rhett Hird
30 David Hawks
31 Sheigh McRae
31 Semisi Tonga

January 2012

01 Elizabeth Crandell
01 Cole Montgomery

Missionary Mailbox

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Elder Matthew Eyring on the right, with his companion and a recent convert. Sweet!

Final Greetings from Boise, Idaho,

We had transfers last week but I am staying with my same companion in the same area. I am really excited about that. It is a great area to end my mission in. My companion and I are teaching several people right now. We have 2 potential baptisms next week. It makes me so happy! We just started teaching a lady. Her brother is less active. Those lessons are awesome! She is just learning about God and she asked amazing questions. She is definitely searching for the truth. She asked those golden questions that missionaries love to answer.



This lady asks questions the missionaries love to hear!

The Grandma that we live with, fell and broke her arm. She is doing better and hopefully can come home soon, but in the meantime we are watching the house and taking care of her dog.

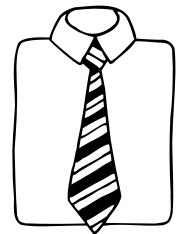
I had my last zone conference and I gave my final testimony. I love every minute of being a missionary. I love the gospel and understand that it is so much easier to follow the commandments than not. It's that simple. The church is true. See you soon!
Love, Elder Eyring

(Elder Matthew Eyring will be released to come home on the 17th of December, 2011. Several of the Eyring family are traveling to Idaho a few days before his release. Brandon has been given permission to go out on splits with Matthew and his companion. They will all arrive home on Saturday, the 17th. Matthew will give his missionary report in Sacrament Meeting Dec 18. What a great Two Years!)



Elder Matthew Eyring says "Welcome to Idaho!"

Elder John Pace
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Hey Everyone,

I'm still in Idaho Falls. Things have been good but pretty hectic! My new companion, Elder Saldaña, is very nice. I am now considered a trainer, so he is my first! He has been out for a month. He is from Tijuana, Mexico. We have been doing a ton of tracting. He is so enthusiastic and still has his Greeny fire! I remember I was just like him when I first came out! I really like being with a new missionary. It makes me feel renewed! I'm going on 6 months working here in Idaho Falls, which is absolutely crazy! President Colton has never kept me in the same area for so long. It's starting to get chilly, but not too bad. :) Last Week we ate with some ward members. Come to find out - she is part of the administration for the school systems here and she is going to help me apply to some colleges! I haven't decided where I want to attend yet, but I'm thinking BYU-Idaho or maybe BSU(Boise State) I'm still working on making a decision.

I am wishing all of you a Happy Thanksgiving! We have been invited to Thanksgiving dinner at a lady's house from my very first area. I'm excited about that! Well I guess that's about the whole

update for now!! Hope everyone at home has a great week! :)

Love, Elder John Pace

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Friday we got over a foot of SNOW here in Newcastle, Wyoming! Arizona girl driving in snow - not a good combination! I just drive like an old lady, about 20 mph. Oh my word - it is sooooo cold here now, aaalll the time! I am wearing everything I can, trying to stay warm. I'm so glad I'm from Arizona and don't have to deal with this all the time at home. I get teased a lot about my intolerance of the cold. I just tell them that in Arizona winters ... you can actually be outside and enjoy it! It is in the high 30's today and actually feels a little warmer.

This has been a great week. We got to go to Gillette for district meeting so we can go into Gillette 2 or 3 times a month if we are careful about the miles on our car. It was so nice to be with the other missionaries. Our district meeting was all about inviting someone to be baptized on our very first or second visit. The idea is to stress our purpose as missionaries and to get right to the point. We were super excited to try this with our new contacts. We met a guy on Tuesday and invited him to be baptized. He has committed to be baptized Dec 17. We have three contacts now in New Castle, with a baptism date. Another cool experience is that we have made contact with a sheriff's deputy that the missionaries worked with a few years ago. He bore his testimony of how he knows the church is true and how he got a testimony of The Book of Mormon. It was powerful! He wants to have an eternal family so bad and wants to have kids and a wife. I guess the lady he is dating is unsure

about this. So the hold up is that he is trying to decide if they should break up and he move forward with missionary discussions or have her take the lessons too. We promised him as he reads The Book of Mormon entirely, then he would receive an answer about what to do.

I love meeting and talking with people and learning that there really are people out there who are striving to follow Christ. Much to be thankful for!

A few weeks ago, we felt like we really needed to focus on tracting and to find those people that are prepared to listen to our message. We sat down with a map of Newcastle and then prayed and asked where we should go. My companion, Sister McCormick, and I both felt we should go to this street called Delaware. And as we put forth the faith to go to this street, we found 6 new investigators in an hour and a half! That is unheard of! We usually get that amount over a weeks time, but never in one day. We gave away 4 copies of the Book of Mormon and we would have given out more but we ran out. Almost every single door that we knocked on, listened and wanted to learn more! It was truly amazing! The Lord had prepared these people for us. They just weren't ready when the Elders tracted that street earlier. I guess this whole town has been tracted several times. It seems that every door we go to, someone is surprised to meet female missionaries. I think we are actually able to get in better because we are girls. It was such a wonderful experience that we were able to talk to so many people that wanted to learn more. I know Heavenly Father helped us and directed us to them.

Speaking of being the talk of the town, ... We were in the post office the other day checking our mailbox and we heard the postal workers on the other side of the boxes say, "Hey did you see the new missionaries? They are girls instead of guys and they go by

"Sisters". They didn't know we were just on the other side of the boxes. We were trying so hard to contain our laughter! I think we are quite the novelty.

My companion has had some pretty traumatic experiences in her life. One day she just had to let it all out and truly let them go. I suggested we try something. We got three balloons and she wrote short notes about the experiences that have caused her pain and grief. Then she prayed and put them in the balloons and let them go up in the air. I felt so bad for her. I can't even begin to fathom having those experiences. I'm so grateful for the family I was raised in and that we are all close and strong in the Gospel.

She is getting through this rough time and working hard to build her self confidence. I think she sees more clearly that she is a daughter of God. I have learned so much from her. I think we were meant to be companions and to lift each other.

I love this Gospel and the healing power of the Atonement. It is so real. It truly is amazing how Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ are always there to help us.

Love, Sister Hunt

turkey dinner with their family. It was pretty awesome! U.S. Holidays don't even feel like holidays here. We did missionary work like always and then had our turkey dinner. It wasn't quite like Thanksgiving at home, but was just a nice dinner. It was definitely better than just eating bread with a slice of ham on it and it was so thoughtful of the Echeverria family.

Last week I was told that I have a native accent. It was funny because we were eating lunch and a lady in the ward asked why I have a good native accent and why my companion didn't. She was confused because he has been out for 20 months. I felt bad for him but he laughed it off.

This week was pretty sad in the missionary dept. This area died very quickly. We don't have anything! We have one investigator who we are trying to take very good care of. But that's it! We are trying to figure out why and we're trying to improve things, but nothing is really working yet. Maybe we need to learn patience. I'm still struggling to understand everyone and the language.

We have bikes in our area but our Mission President has asked us to not use them so much unless we have to travel quite a distance. I am still in a city called Reynosa. It's in the state of Tamaulipas and just across the border from McAllen, Texas. Every 6 weeks we have transfers, but I haven't changed since I got here three months ago. The only thing that changed was my comp 4 weeks ago. The next transfers are in 2 weeks but I'm most likely staying here with Elder Hatch for another 6 weeks.



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Dear Ward Family,

How I do ever, so love letters from HOME! First off, I thought about the Turkey Bowl (Stark family football game played on Thanksgiving) all week. It was fun to get to hear about it in letters. I am sorry though, that I missed it. Thanksgiving here was alright. They don't celebrate Thanksgiving here in Mexico, even though we are just across the border. But, Bro. Echeverria, a local member, loves us and goes to the USA often. He got a turkey and we ate



Elder Stark, Elder Fernandez and Elder Hatch.

Every day from 2 to 3 o'clock, we eat our main meal with members. It is called "La Comida" or "The Food". From learning Spanish I find that I can also understand a lot of Italian, Portuguese, and if its slow, French. I'm not very good at it but other missionaries that have more time in the field and members, can, so I want to get good at them all!!

This week was our Primary Presentation. Some of the kids were so enthusiastic, they did more yelling than singing during some of the songs, but you could tell they loved the songs and wanted to be sure their parents heard them!

Remember to be a missionary. Happy Thanksgiving.
Love - Elder Stark



Bad Hair Day! (The Post-it says it all!)

Elder Trevor Schnepf
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Salt Lake City, Ut. 84130-0150

Dear Dana Ward,

I love my mission! When I get home I would like to teach mission prep, because now I know how it's done and I know some things missionaries need to prepare for and I could really pump them up! So far, I've talked to two guys that have started their papers and I just go on and on about how neat a mission is! And it is! There is nothing more important that you could be doing

at the age of 19, than serving a mission.. You will grow spiritually and in many ways



temporally. So for anyone getting your call, don't worry about where you are called to serve. The Lord already has prepared a special place that's perfect for you so just put your life in His hands and He will direct you in every way. I have found that if you are well prepared then you will be able to follow Him with greater ease. Remember that this is the Lord's mission. We are his tools "to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of the sons of man. (Moses 1:39)

The other day, we were given a referral by a ward member. We were told that some evangelicals wanted to hear the gospel. We drove out to Changong and we taught them the first lesson. There were so many people that we had a big circle around us. We started with a "get to know each other" kind of thing. It was myself, my companion Elder Cruz and 3 new, strong converts. We shared our testimonies and



Elder Schnepf, 3 young converts about to be baptized, and Elder Cruz. Very special experiences in Ecuador.

our conversion stories with them and it introduced them to the spirit. Before we even started the lesson, I could see the spirit speaking to these people. The spirit was so strong! When we taught the lesson they were all really receptive. We are meeting with them all again on Wednesday and Sunday. Changong is like driving to Surprise, Az from Mesa, so these trips have to be worth it. This is such a miracle because we were fasting to find new investigators that wanted to hear the gospel and low and behold, we found 7 - and in one day! Fasting works and its not starving! It's our opportunity to learn how to depend on the Lord to provide strength and the things that we really need.

I had my first baptism's this week. We have been teaching a lady named Maria Corozo. She is 78 years old. She was baptized and confirmed yesterday. She cried a lot. I also baptized a 12 year old boy named Yagual. It was amazing.

Elder Uceda of the 70 visited us and it was Awesome! Our conference was almost 6 hours long and it was a spiritual K.O. I took so many notes and learned so much. He really motivated me to work harder. He started out by greeting all

the missionaries individually. One by one we would walk up, say our name and where we are from. Then he gave us a big hug which was even better. He thought it was so cool that I was from Arizona! And I had to agree!

I love you all so much. Thanks for all the support. Be safe and have an amazing Christmas. Remember to do some missionary work.
Love, Elder Schnepf

Tate Brinton (452-5783) 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. 'EVERY MEMBER A MISSIONARY!'

Notes on Dana Ward Folks



Rebecca Stark, daughter of **Joe and Elizabeth Stark**, is getting married in the Mesa temple on Dec. 22nd to **Peter Madsen**.

Sister Chris Martin reports:

"All of the Scouts have nearly completed their Genealogy merit badge. They have printed a Family Ordinance Request for their own family members. They followed up by going to the temple on Friday, November 25 to do baptisms for the dead in their own family lines. I'm so proud of them!!!"

Spencer Nichols, the ward scout troop Sr. Patrol Leader, was given a grant to attend a National Youth Leadership Training Program Dec 19th through Dec 24th at the Scout Heard Pueblo facility. Spencer will be camping over nights as the lone Dana Ward representative, in Dec weather. He will have an opportunity to learn many things to develop his leadership skills. Good for you Spence!

Kylie Hassell Pond (daughter of Kyle and Janet Hassell) will graduate from NAU in Flagstaff, on Dec. 16. She majored in Elementary Education and will be receiving her Bachelors Degree. Being mid-school year, Kylie is hoping to get a full time position with the University in the office where she has been working for the past 3 1/2 years. TJ, her husband, will complete his Associates Degree on the same day from Coconino Community College. He has been accepted into the Business College at NAU and will start classes in January. He is working on an Accounting degree.

Congratulations!

Amber Merkley completed her Associates Degree through the University of Phoenix, on line, in October. Her major is Education.

Awesome!

Ernie and Grace Halliday are excited to be welcoming home their oldest grandson who has completed his mission to Uruguay.

Betty Curtis has a new little grand daughter, making 35 grandchildren for her.

Lois and John Chapman have a new grandson born in Missouri. Benjamin Bryan Adams was born Sunday, Nov 27, at 5# 11 oz.

Al and Joyce Berry will celebrate their 68th Wedding Anniversary Dec 18. They were married in 1943. Al had just come home from serving a mission in Florida and was promptly greeted with a draft notice from Uncle Sam. They wanted to be married before he had to report to the army and become a participant in the military actions

of WW II. Joyce was slightly under-aged but with her parent's permission, she and Al were married in 4 different ceremonies as they attempted to meet different state and Mexico legal requirements. Apparently, all the trouble they had, was well worth it! Congratulations on way more than a half century of happiness together!

Audrey Burklund got to 'hang out' with her sisters in Las Vegas over the Thanksgiving Week-end.

Marden and Myrna Pace are excited that one of their former foster sons is getting married in San Diego, right before Christmas. **Casey Olsen** (used to be **Fair**) will marry **Tiffany Cunningham** on December 21. Casey was adopted as a young teen, by the Olsen family and is majoring in E ngineering at ASU. Tiffany is a pre-med student, also at ASU.

The children of Brother Jess Root are inviting ward members and friends to help celebrate his 105th Birthday on Saturday, Dec. 10th. It will be 'COME & GO' from 5 to 7 pm at the ward building on Southern and Barkley, across from Mesa High (and just a little West). No gifts please. Light refreshments will be served. If you need information, call Linette Morris at 201-2941.

Donna Smith is serving a Church Service Mission at Deseret Industries. Nick Brice, grandson of the Berrys, is also on a work mission at D.I.

On Saturday, Nov 26, **Kevin Hunt** baptized a man he met at Walmart four years ago. Brother Hunt gave the man a Book of Mormon with his name printed on the front cover. The man said he only kept it because it seemed a shame to throw it away with his name on it. Over time, he read it and wanting more information, he called the missionaries. Don't ever give up on the idea that you can help change people's lives through the gospel. It's NOT that hard to do!

Several years ago, Arlyce Reynolds mad friends with another teacher while she was teaching school. The lady was not a member of the Church but often asked Arlyce questions about the "Mormon" Church. Arlyce had not seen this friend for many years but recently ran into her and learned that the lady has married an LDS member and joined the Church, partly because of the information Arlyce had shared with her years before.

Don't forget to fill in your profile on www.Mormon.org. Someone you know may be looking for you to find out what you believe about the Church. The Church has spent a lot of money on the "Mormon Ads" running on TV. You can do your part by sharing on your own profile. If your friends ask you about the Ads, be sure you tell them...

1. The campaign is designed to dispel myths
2. We believe in the teachings of Jesus Christ
3. That they can learn more from the missionaries.

Thank you to the many ward members who helped with the food preparation for the luncheon for the extended family of **Johnny and Pat Martinez**. Pat's sister, **Etta Mae**, was visiting Arizona and passed away unexpectedly from a heart attack Wed, Nov 16th. Her funeral was held here in Mesa, Mon, Nov. 28th. Etta Mae lived in the Valley most of her life. She was buried at the Mountain View Cemetery. A family luncheon was held afterwards, at the Martinez home. Our love and thoughts are with Pat and her family at this time.

Congratulations to the **Lans family**. **Cheryl and her son Garrett**, have completed their adoption proceedings and **Gavin** is now officially a permanent member of the Lans Family. There were 316 adoptions the same day as Gavin's. Good News!

Brenden Merkley is working on his Eagle project. Brenden and his uncle **Scott Merkley**, coordinated their Eagle Projects with a drive to collect food, clothes and hygiene items to be distributed at the annual *Breakfast with Santa* at Mesa High. The Dana Ward members responded to their plea for help and were very generous in their donations and a request to help sort the donated items. The Merkley boys plan to complete their project activity by December 4th and will spend the holiday school break doing their write-up. Thanks for your help!

George and Ann Cherrington will be spending the holidays with their family in Cedar City, Utah. They will return the first part of January.

Edwina Dastrup is enjoying a visit to Disneyland with her daughters who are all grandmothers themselves. NO KIDS – Just the girls enjoying time together! Edwina will spend the coming holidays with her Daughter, Denette, in the L.A. area.

Fred and Caroline Crum have moved their family into the 18th Ward in the Gilbert Rd & Brown Rd area. They will be living in his parent's home.

Paul and Darcy Allen and their family, moved over the Thanksgiving Week-end. They will be living in Darcy's grandmother's home in north Mesa for at least a year. They will be renting their Dana Ward home.

We will miss these 'former' ward families!

Ron Johnson has moved back into the ward. It is nice to again have Ron, as part of our Dana Ward Family.



Relief Society

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

Please plan to attend the Relief Society Christmas Party this next Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2011 in the ward cultural hall. A wonderful dinner will be served to the RS sisters. You don't have to make a thing! There will be lots of fun and we are doing a SWEET GIFT EXCHANGE (that means WHITE ELEPHANT gift) so



bring a Sweet Gift from your 'collection' at home. No one is supposed to buy anything! The fun begins at 6:30 pm. If you are a sister working in the Primary or YW, please come! You won't want to miss the fun with friends and sisters!

December RS Lesson Schedule

Dec 4: Taught by the Ward RS Presidency
Dec 11: #45 - "The Millennium" by Anna O'Bryant
Dec 18: #46 "The Final Judgement" by Lonnette Millican
Dec 25: TBA – taught by Lois Chapman

Young Women

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

The New Presidency for the Laurel Class is:

Pres: Amber Blau

1 Couns: Harmony Beals

2 Couns: Larissa Hunt

Sec: Courtney Eyring

Mia Maid Class President is Sarah Young
(Currently, Sarah is the only Mia Maid)

The New Beehive Class Presidency is:

Pres. Lauren Eyring

1 Couns: Renle Hird

2 Couns: Jacqueline Mamoni

Sec: Payzlee Hird

NOTE: There will be no MIA meetings for the
YW and YM on Dec 21 and 28. Enjoy your
families over Christmas Break and if
traveling, be safe!

YOUNG MEN

Pres. Richard Hale 834-3041

1st Couns. Dallas Petersen 219-1432

2nd Couns. Pat Rogers 695-7616

Sec. Conley Martin 313-7194

There are quite a few youth in our Young Men Program who are very close to earning their Eagle Award. A few are just winding up the last merit badges needed before they start their project. Some are deciding on a project while others are awaiting approval for their proposed project and others are doing their write-ups or awaiting final approval of the finished projects. We think this speaks highly of the caliber of Young Men in the Dana Ward. It says a lot also for the quality of parents as well as the leadership within this ward program.

Gracias to the ward members who donated usable items to the Young Men for their GARAGE SALE, which was held between the Hale home and the O'Bryant home, on Capri Ave. on Nov. 12th. They

were very pleased with the proceeds earned! They had a lot of Good Stuff left over so they held another sale at the same place. Left over items will be taken to the Mesa D.I. A lot of time and effort went into this project by the young men and their leaders and it would not have been possible without the generosity of the donations of the Dana Ward Members. THANK YOU FOR HELPING FUND THE YOUNG MEN ACTIVITIES!

Primary

Pres Cheeri Redd 834-7788

1st Couns: Karlle Stradling
323-0611

2nd Couns: Dawn Nichols 610-1223

Sec: Marie Montgomery 834-2093



Parents, please be aware that class changes will take place Jan 1st, for our new year. It would be most helpful to have your children attend that day so they can meet their new teachers and become familiar with the new year changes. Have a happy holiday!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



The ward Christmas party was held Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011 in the Cultural Hall. A wonderful dinner was enjoyed by the ward families and the nativity activity was a special reminder of the reason for our celebrating the Christmas season. All of the kids, big and small, enjoyed the visit from Santa. Everybody be on your best behavior because Santa is still making his list and checking it twice!

Thank you to all the ward members who helped with the **"Christmas Angels Project"** to provide gifts for some families needing a little help this year. Dana Ward is made up of many angels! We LOVE you all!

Ward Calendar Activities

Dec: Temple grounds Christmas Lights
thru New Year's Day 5-10pm
Dec 1 thru Dec 12: Mesa Temple Closed
Dec 4: First Pres. Christmas Broadcast - 6pm
Dec 14: MIA Christmas Caroling
Dec 25: Sunday - Christmas Day
Jan 1: Sunday - New Year's Day - Meeting
Schedule changes to 11 am.

You are invited to take your family and friends to visit the Mesa Temple Grounds to enjoy the display of lights and celebrate the Christmas Season. The palm trees and flower gardens are illuminated with hundreds of thousands of lights. There are beautiful nativity scenes and other displays with recorded messages in both English and Spanish. The lights will be on each evening from dusk to 10PM thru December 31, 2011. The Visitors' Center is always an interesting place to visit and it is all free of charges of any kind. For more information, call 490-964-7164 or visit mesachristmaslights.com.

The December Ward Temple Night-Thurs, Dec 15, 6:30 pm session, if you can make it.

Otherwise, please attend when you can.



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

Family History Classes will begin in January. They are held during Sunday School time. If you would like help to get started with the basics of family research, contact Kyle Hassell to sign up for the class which can accommodate 6 students.

Sister Martin has found a site that will print out a colored, fan-shaped pedigree chart of your family. If you would like to print pedigree charts for your family for Christmas, log on to createfan.com. You will be asked to sign on with your LDS sign-on information.



Canning Schedule for the Home Storage Center
Our Canning day will always be the 4th Wednesday and our time will always be 9 am.

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.

**Free Cooking Classes are taught Monday mornings
NO CLASSES HELD DURING DECEMBER!**

Ground was broken Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2011, in Fortaleza, Brazil, for the Fortaleza Brazil Temple.



Rob Howell, All

Rendering of the new Fortaleza Brazil Temple.

The temple will be "an exquisitely detailed double-towered edifice surrounded by lush landscaping and built into a slope to permit a daylight basement. Plans for the site also call for an Accommodation Building, a meetinghouse, and maintenance buildings." The members that will be served by this temple. currently make a 500-mile trip to Recife to attend the temple there.

And in France, the final hurdles have been cleared for the construction of the **Paris France Temple** in the southwest outskirts of Paris. The city council has validated the building permit filed on behalf of the Mormon Church. It will be built in Le Chesnay, just north of Versailles, on property that overlaps the small village of Villepreux.

President Monson made the official announcement of the church's plans to build the temple during the opening session of the October LDS General Conference.

In order to build the new temple, the imposing EDF-GDF (the French gas and electric company) building will be demolished. Once that is done, construction may begin. Structures planned for the site include the temple, a housing facility, a temple president residence, an underground parking facility and beautifully landscaped grounds which will be open to the public. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$108.3 million U.S. dollars.

Negotiations have been ongoing since 1998, to purchase property on which to build a temple and get building permits approved. At one point, the parties interested in the purchase of the large property included an Arab emirate, a Russian, and the Mormons. The mayor of Villepreux said he preferred the Mormons for two reasons: morality and quality of investment. "Never has there been any concern about public order with church members"

Renderings of the temple will be released in conjunction with the ground breaking ceremony.

Open House for the **Quetzaltenango, Guatemala Temple** was held Nov 11 through the 26th. The new temple is scheduled to be dedicated Sunday, Dec. 11 by Pres. Dieter F. Uchtdorf of the First Presidency. This will be the second temple operating in the country of Guatemala.



The Quetzaltenango, Guatemala Temple

Latter-day Saint missionaries arrived in Guatemala in 1947. Assisted by John F. O'Donnal, a Church member living in the country as an agricultural adviser to the United States government (and former member of the old 19th ward), they met with Guatemalan officials and began to organize the Church. The first official meeting was held in a rented building on 22 August 1948, with 66 people in attendance. Later that year, John F. O'Donnal baptized the first convert in Guatemala, his wife, Carmen. By 1956, three small congregations with a membership of about 250 had been established. In 1966, membership was 10,000 and the Guatemala City temple was dedicated. Today, there are more than 226,000 members and more than 400 congregations in the country. Rosa Rodriguez and her family were among some of the early converts in Guatemala.



Artist rendering of the Gilbert, Az. Temple located at SE corner of Pecos and Greenfield.

The Gilbert, Az Temple. Taken 12 Nov 2011. The 3 thick and solid columns in the interior are elevator shafts. The steeple will be mounted on the smaller square on top of the structure. Concrete has been poured for the baptismal font in the basement area.



Excavation for the Phoenix Temple foundation has begun. 10 Nov 2011 photograph. Site is located in a residential neighborhood.



Artist's drawing of the completed Phoenix, Az. Temple located at 5220 W. Pinnacle Peak Rd.

