

Dana Ward Newsletter

BISHOPRIC MESSAGE

February 2014

Throughout our lives we have all encountered, in some way or another, deadlines that have to be met. Many of us have had deadlines at school or at work. I believe deadlines are a blessing. Usually with deadlines come goals, assignments, and a vision of what is to be accomplished by that deadline. I personally need deadlines to give me a time frame to accomplish a task. As the deadline approaches I tend to work faster and harder.

Last week we were instructed by our Stake leaders to HASTEN THE WORK in our homes, the Dana Ward, and The Mesa South Stake. Hopefully there was something said at Stake Conference that we took to heart and that inspired us to HASTEN THE WORK. What is our deadline?

Prepare ye, prepare ye, for the Lord is nigh : D&C 1:12;

We are to HASTEN THE WORK in preparation of the return of our Savior Jesus Christ. There is so much we can do- receive ordinances, family history, temple work, missionary work with friends and neighbors, service, indexing, accept and fulfill callings, etc.

As we take into consideration the challenge to HASTEN THE WORK, pray for guidance, and fulfill the work in which we covenanted to do we will receive blessings and find much joy in the work.

WE ALL HAVE WORK; LET NO ONE SHIRK. PUT YOUR SHOULDER TO THE WHEEL.



Bishopric

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Happy
Valentines
Day!

happy
birthday
to you



1 Feb Audrey Smith
7 Feb Carol Provence
11 Feb Ephraim Goodwin
12 Feb Holly Lines
12 Feb Arlyce Reynolds
13 Feb Jarom Hogue
13 Feb Patricia Watts
14 Feb Rory Mitchell
14 Feb Chris Montgomery
17 Feb Lina Chapman
17 Feb Mae Hogue
20 Feb Josephine Nischan
20 Feb Chad Robinson
22 Feb Nereida Flores
24 Feb Richard Taylor
26 Feb Caitlyn Nichols
26 Feb Destiny Taylor
27 Feb Dustin Redd

I Hope They
Call Me On A
Mission

Brenden Merkley
Utah Salt Lake City East
Reporting March 19th

Ben Standage
Iowa Des Moines
Reporting March 12th



I Know When I Am Baptized I Am Following Jesus' Example

Congratulations to:

Jacob Carpenter
Amalynn Merkley
Haley Wood



The Pinewood Derby



1st -- **Garrett Lans**
2nd -- **Evan Redd**
3rd -- **Jacob Carpenter**
4th -- **Andrew Wood**

There was a 3 way tie for second place. So **Redd, Carpenter** and **Wood** had a run off. **Redd** and **Carpenter** ran first with the winner going to **Redd**. They switched sides on the track and ran again with **Carpenter** winning the race. They did a coin toss with **Carpenter** calling for heads and the coin landed on heads. He then chose the side of the track that his car won on and they raced again. With some of the boys chanting, "**Jacob Jacob Jacob**", **Evan Redd's** car squeaked passed **Jacob's** at the last second to win 2nd place. **Jacob** and **Andrew** then raced with **Jacob** winning on both sides of the track taking 3rd place.

Andrew Wood
Rhett Hird
Luke Nichols
Ronin Blau
Garrett Lans
Ephraim Goodwin
Jacob Carpenter
Evan Redd
Jacob Perez
Jeremy Perez
Christian Sandoval
Joshua Montgomery

- Most Unique (looked like a tank)
- Best Workmanship
- Most Futuristic
- Best Craftsmanship
- Fastest car in the Pack
- Best Looking
- Coolest Car
- Best Wedge Shaped
- Best Racer
- Best Design
- Sportiest Looking
- Flat Tire Cake and Award



Colter Clelland - The Sportsmanship award went to **Colter** because his car never lost a race, but he had previously decided that if he was to place, he didn't want to take it away from one of the boys in the ward since he had moved out and would be racing in his new wards Pinewood Derby also.

SPECIAL
Delivery

IT'S A GIRL

Quinn

1/29/14

8:26 AM

7 lbs. 13 oz.

21" long

Proud Mama & Papa

Brandon & Brein Halbert



Eagle Scouts

Congratulations to **Kimball Rogers**
and **Xavier Hamilton**

What a great accomplishment!



Full-time Missionaries

Elder Baker & Krzycki

480-212-2744

NEW CALLINGS

Kumen & Ayan Dixon

Heather Suhr

Tanya Whiting

Genevieve Hewes

Dennis Hewes

Tony Brown

Pinky Hoeppner

Mark Brinton

Ward Missionaries

Indexer

Indexer

Sunbeam Teacher

Building Security

Ward Missionary

Indexer

Building Cleaning

Coordinator

Chris Martinez is off to the Army.

He will be stationed at
Fort Leonardwood, MO

He reports Feb. 3rd.

Good Luck and God Speed!!



Write a letter to:

Jeff Hoeppner

AZ Department of Corrections

ADC# 78465

Eyman Complex

Meadows 10-A-29

PO Box 3300

Florence, AZ 85132-3300

NEW MEMBERS IN OUR WARD

Brent & Syrena Waters were sealed in
the Mesa Temple on Jan 4, 2014. They
are living in the Carter rental on Jarvis.

They both grew up in Mesa.

Brent is in his last semester of school at
ASU to be an electrical engineer. He
runs "Ultra Marathons", which are
100km or about 60 miles!

Syrena graduated from BYU in Exercise
& Wellness. She works at Ideal Physical
Therapy and Rehab of AZ.



Quorum Presidencies Changes

Austin Tietjen - Priest Quorum Sec.

Jared Nichols - Deacon Quorum Pres.

David Webb - 1st Counselor

Jordan Gardiner - 2nd Counselor

Nathen Wood - Secretary

President's

Day

Feb. 17th

No School



MESA SOUTH STAKE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2014

finding

HOPE

Please join us

February 8th

10am to 3:30 pm



Elder Brandon Boone
OREGON SALEM MISSION
November 2013 - November 2015

Elder Brandon Boone

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Missionary Mail

Sister Carol Ransom

Florida Orlando Mission
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1/6/14

Happy New Year from Florida! We have been blessed with so many good things in the last week. My companion and I, as well as most of the other missionaries in our mission, have been cleared to use online proselyting via Facebook. Sister Wells and I created our missionary Facebook pages this week. We have also been preparing for a baptism that we'll be having this weekend for a woman named Joyce. She is a wonderful older lady who is so committed to the gospel. She has read all of the Book of Mormon and is almost through the Doctrine and Covenants. She has asked me and my companion to sing "How Great Thou Art" at her baptism. It's amazing to realize how much God loves each of His children. I know that everyone is a precious child of God and that the message of the restored gospel of Jesus Christ is for everyone. Have a blessed week!

1/21/14

Here's your dose of Floridian missionary news: We are having a mission conference this weekend with Elder Nelson from the Quorum of the Twelve, which is going to be awesome. I'm currently serving in Oviedo in the Orlando Stake. The ward here is great. Everything is going really well and I am happy to be where the Lord wants me to be. I know that God blesses us with the things that we need, rather than the things we want, and I am so grateful for that.

A note from Carol's Dad: She was just transferred last week, so this is her fourth area.

Sister Ransom

Elder Brandon Eyring

Virginia Richmond Mission
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Richmond, VA 23235-4965



Hello,

We just had a baptism last week. It went really well. We have two new investigators and they are set for baptism at the end of the month. It is a miracle. One of the investigators is a big rig truck driver. He took us for a ride in his 18 wheeler truck. It was awesome. We are teaching a lady and her daughter. We found her when we were out tracting. She had a dream about priesthood authority and she knows that the book of Mormon is true. She is well on her way to the font. It is awesome! We were invited to dinner and they served us chili. It had squirrel meat in it. It was pretty good. Everything is going great here. I am so thankful for the gospel, for the knowledge and testimony that I have of it. Some people are out there looking for it, but know it. I am thankful to be on the Lords errand to find people looking for the truth. I am trying to count my blessings. I noticed that when I am busy counting my blessings I am happier. I love the hymn Count your Blessings. It is wonderful.

Love, Elder Eyring

Elder Eyring returns home February 12th.

Missionary Mail

Elder Steele Crandell

Texas Dallas Mission

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1/5/14

I would like to share a quick story with you. So before Christmas came around we had appointments, as we should, and we were going around and we were at an elderly less active lady's home. They we were talking about how money was tight and how they were not going to get a tree this year. So after the appointment I told Elder Briggs, "hey we need to give them the tree we have in our apartment." Not really thinking much of it. So the next day we bring it by and leave it on the door step and just drive away. We didn't want them to know it was us.

We were not able to meet with them until yesterday. They told us that they had seen two boys in white shirts running away from their house and then found the tree. This old lady, who could only get the strength up to leave her house twice a week, just bore her love to us in a way I had never felt. Trying to fight back tears we just thought she shouldn't go without a Christmas tree. So you never really know what a simple act of kindness will do to someone. We have made it a goal to see how many simple acts of kindness we can do to help brighten others life with no other motive than just the love of Christ.

With love honor and respect. Your favorite missionary.

Elder Crandell P.S. Don't forget to smile!

1/12/14

Dearest Mother and Family,

Yeah I was very glad that the Van Wart family was able to get that tree that I had to them. Oh I'm so sad to hear Brother Root passed away. That is too bad, but I guess it was his time to go after a great life he lived. Man Bishop Eyring is one funny guy, I always appreciated his sense of humor, he could always lighten the mood.

Lizzie is a giant! My new companion is great. Life of a District Leader, there isn't much to do. I send in numbers to the Zone Leaders and make small decisions occasionally.

So funny story time. So we get media referrals all the time and we got one for up in Midlothian. We got excited because all it said was Ally Neal with a phone number an address and a small message that said, "I love Jesus". We were really excited. We got to the house about 7 pm and there is a family playing wii (we could see through the glass on the side of the door). We knock and a little girl comes cautiously to the door then looks at us and shakes her head and says "no". We are now super confused and so we are just standing there for a second and the mom with a perplexed look on her face says "Can I help you?" I tell her how we are looking for Ally Neal and the mother then tells us that that is her 9 year old daughter. We gave her a card and left. I had not laughed that hard in a long time. Well that's all I got. Don't forget to smile!

Love your boy, Elder Crandell



Missionary Mail

Elder Sheldon Hassell Oregon Eugene Mission 5115 Walton Dr. Apt. A Klamath Falls, OR 97603

Mom,

I am now serving in what everyone tells me is the coolest Spanish area of the mission Klamath Falls. I'm not sure but I most likely will end up finishing my mission here in this area. I am serving with a new missionary who has been on his mission only 3 months named Elder Hooker. He is an awesome missionary and I have gone on exchanges with him several times and I really look forward to working with him and in this area.

We had Stake conference this past weekend and there were some awesome, awesome experiences that we had. President Young asked all of us missionaries to attend the leadership meeting as well as the Adult session. In the leadership session, with all the Ward Mission Leaders, they focused on Facebook and how the missionaries in the OEM now have the opportunity of using Facebook to help further the work. The man who gave the presentation really gave some awesome advice and hopefully opened the eyes to some of the members about how they can help us out as missionaries. Just for all you back home that get this email Please, Pretty, pretty, please when I ask for comments on a post or if there's something that you at least like that gets posted by me or other missionaries, "like" it or better yet share it with someone that needs uplifting. During the Adult session they invited all the Youth from 12 + to attend and there were some awesome talks that were given by a couple of the youth. One girl gave a talk about family history work and how much she loved doing it. It was really cool because she was 18 and she had been super involved in it since she was 12 and was her Ward family History consultant and knew the system in and out. I think another sister about gave President Thompson a heart attack. She was talking about sharing the gospel and how she shared the gospel with her friends. Then she started talking about her cousin that used "flirt to convert" and how the last person her cousin flirted with was now a full time missionary. It was just pretty funny and I can imagine what the Stake President was thinking as she started talking because she prefaced her flirt to convert saying "And then there's always flirt to convert"

President Young had all of us missionaries in the congregation stand up. Then he called up 2 missionaries and asked them if they were gonna live in Oregon after their missions, they both said no (side note he actually coached them and made sure they'd say no because he did the same thing in another stake and an Elder said yeah I could see myself living here some day). Anyways, then he said "well brothers and sisters sounds like these missionaries are only part time missionaries serving full time in your wards." Then he said "President Thompson lets see how sharp this congregation is" Then he said "will all the Full Time Missionaries please stand up." And the whole congregation stood up. It was really cool to see them all stand up. I really feel that with the Hastening of the Work, Members and missionaries really are coming together as President Monson wants us to, well as the Lord wants us to. It is so cool to see the changes that are happening and how the work is hastening.

Sunday they had asked me and my companion to translate. I figured that since Elder Romero wasn't too fluent that I would end up translating the whole thing. Sunday morning Elder Romero woke up and he wasn't looking too good. I heard him get up during the night and when I asked him what's up he said he threw up like 3 times during the night. So we called our Zone Leaders and they had us do an exchange with the Elders in the Central Point 2nd ward that live like 2 minutes walking from our house. So I took one of them with me and the other one sat with Elder Romero. Translating the conference was a lot of fun. It was difficult at times because well, people I don't think realized that a poor missionary was trying to translate everything they were saying and nobody gave me a copy of their talk. But it was a really cool experience. I didn't get as much of the conference, I don't think, as I would have if I had just been listening, but I at least helped some people that wouldn't have gotten anything if we hadn't been translating for them. One of the talks in particular that really impressed me was about not turning back. We need to remember the past so that we don't repeat history, but not look back. It was really good and helped me learn. Hope you all have a wonderful week. The Gospel is True! therefore, NOTHING else matters.

Con Amor, Elder Hassell



Missionary Mail

Elder Kevin Hale Chile Viña del Mar Mission 4 Norte 1112 Casilla 631 Viaparaíso Chile

1/13/14 This week we have interviews with President. I am pretty excited as always to talk with him. And this time, they will be in our apartments and will be for 20 minutes each one! There are 260 missionaries in this mission and so to spend 20 minutes with each Elder or sister is a long time. He will also be verifying how we are doing in our reading of the Book of Mormon as a mission. I think I mentioned it but we are reading it 4 times as a mission. This morning, I just read 2 Nephi 1-2. We should be reading about 10 pages a day and we will finish in 64 days. But we have about 90 with the days we can't study in the morning and all that. But I have learned quite a bit by reading the Book of Mormon faster. Because I finished the Book of Mormon for the first time in my mission the 31st of December. That was a STUDY and I learned A TON from that study. There is no way that the Book of Mormon isn't true. It makes sense and it only teaches good things. I always think to the Bible when Christ says, 'por sus frutos, conoceréis', (I don't want to butcher it in English...) The Book of Mormon only teaches good things and anything that comes from it, is good.

I have also been studying the Bible a lot more and the lives of the apostles. they are so powerful and are completely guided by the spirit. This first half of the year, Pres. Kahnlein wants us to focus on different parts of Preach my Gospel and this month is chapter 4. The spirit. And as a District Leader, I get to teach every week about the spirit and then next month, about studying or the next chapter and all that jazz.

I love this work and the Lord. I hope you can all continue to work hard and bring souls unto Christ!

1/20/14

ALO! This week was a great week! Nicole is going to be baptized this Saturday, she passed her interview and we're having a Family Night with her and another family tonight! We have done a lot of great friendship here with her. She has only been to church 3 times but she feels great there! And it is also amazing to see the changes that the gospel does to people. The first week they come to church, they have on normal clothes and aren't very secure. Then the next week still in normal clothes but a little bit cleaner and they are more confident. The 3rd week, they come in formal clothes and are ready to take on the whole world! It is amazing! You can see the changes that the Gospel does in our lives so much! Not just in that but also in their eyes! The gate of the soul is the eye and that is true! It is amazing to see the progression of Nicole! Now we just have to work more with her husband. She still needs a lot of prayers to be able to help her husband come to church and to believe. We love them both and their little boy Maximo!

We also had Interviews with President Kahnlein and he really has been called of God to help us right now. I love him! He helps each and every one of the missionaries in their own special way.

I also have realized the importance of having a good Bishop and being able to work well with him. Our Bishop here is awesome! He does everything that is in the manual and also does it with love. He really has a desire to serve the people and to help everyone improve. He doesn't waste any time but always has time for those who need his help. I am amazed by what he has done in this ward and he is only 31 years old.

I think that's about it. We're having a family night tonight with a Brother in our ward who is into application designing and so I'm going to talk with him a little more about how he got into that. He reminds me a lot about you dad. He has a Google Phone and a Nexus 7 which you can't buy here in Chile. He had to order it from the States. I am excited! Ha ha! Thanks again for all your love and prayers! I love you all!

1/27/14 Well we have transfers this week and once again, we won't know what will happen until Wednesday in the morning. But I wouldn't be surprised if both me and my companion stay here.

We almost had a baptism on Saturday and everything was going well and then at the last minute, she had some complications and we decided to postpone it for another day. She is still going to come to church and participate and everything but we are going to wait for a little bit for her baptism. So she wasn't able to be baptized but she will get there one day!

This week has been a good week and we have been working hard! I have also learned this week the one of the godliest attributes would have to be patience. I have had so many times to develop and work on my patience here. And I think back on our Heavenly Father and how much patience he has with us. Everything he tells us is clear to him and we don't understand. It is hard but a great learning experience.

Money in the bank! Ha ha! I totally thought that guy ripped me off! That's so awesome! And I also just realized that I get to pay tithing here in the mission! I never thought I would have to do that because I didn't think I had any income. Ha ha! and so you can get a feel of how much money that is here in Chile, that's 45,000 pesos. Just a little bit. (Kevin received a check for work he did in July 2012)

And no we weren't able to get enough baptisms to attend the temple. The goal was 1000 and we reached 931. Pres. Kahnlein still called and asked for permission but we don't get to. Un año más!

Well I'm doing well and even though we didn't have a baptism, on Sunday, one of the less active sisters went to church with her family! I was so happy! And funny story, the other day we went over to teach her and I accidentally called her Mom! :) She actually reminds me a lot of you! I'll have to take a picture with her family to send home next week! She is really funny and we're helping her find her faith once again! I love this work and I love you all! Elder Hale

