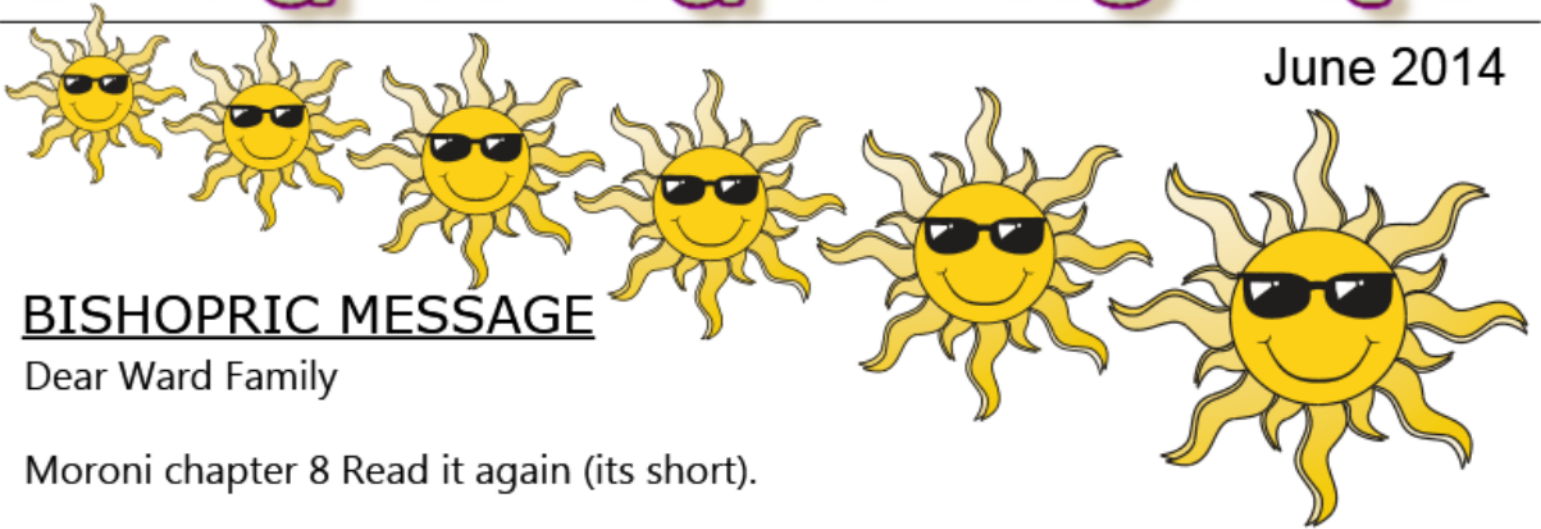


# Dana Ward Newsletter

June 2014



## BISHOPRIC MESSAGE

Dear Ward Family

Moroni chapter 8 Read it again (its short).

My thoughts today are on baptism since **London Reynolds** and **Brinley & Brigham Tietjen** are getting baptized later today. As parents of younger children it might be hard sometimes to believe they are not capable of error. But as I look at my weaknesses, by comparison the innocence of a child is more obvious to me. What I got from this chapter today was first how Mormon prays for his son Moroni "I am mindful of you always in my prayers...will keep you through the endurance of faith on his name to the end." And next how I need to be "humble themselves as their little children, and they shall be saved with their little children..."

Repentance and baptism make us clean. Ongoing repentance will keep us on the path to return with our children to our Heavenly Father.

Thank You all for your support and prayers on behalf of your bishopric. **Kyle Hassell**

### Bishopric

Bishop - Darren Eyring	480-695-2346
1st Councilor - Kyle Hassell	480-969-4276
2nd Councilor - Wes Filhart	480-832-0391
Exec. Secretary - Dustin Redd	480-369-7903
Ward Clerk - Conley Martin	480-313-7194

### Mesa South Stake Presidency

President - Ray Johnson  
1st Councilor - Rondal Jones  
2nd Councilor - Douglas Millett  
Exec. Secretary - Daniel Zufelt  
Stake Clerk - Larry Schnepf

## Fun in the Arizona Sun





- Jun 2 Larissa Hunt
- Jun 3 Judy Ahlberg
- Jun 3 Laura Rosenkrans
- Jun 5 Daelan Hanks
- Jun 5 Rose Perez
- Jun 6 Mike Billings
- Jun 8 Sharon McCartney
- Jun 8 Easton Neenos
- Jun 8 Riley Neenos
- Jun 9 Rosa Rodriguez
- Jun 10 Yvonne Molina
- Jun 11 Sheila Alvarez
- Jun 11 Marcus Scott
- Jun 13 Kerwin Blau
- Jun 14 Kim Brown
- Jun 14 Jaelyn Taylor
- Jun 15 Tom Wuorio
- Jun 16 Wes Filhart
- Jun 16 Marlene Stokes
- Jun 17 Payzlee Hird
- Jun 17 Tima Hird
- Jun 17 Nathen Wood
- Jun 20 Brandon Boone
- Jun 20 Conley Martin
- Jun 21 Kevin Price
- Jun 24 Chad Adair
- Jun 24 Daniel Scott
- Jun 24 Scott Taylor
- Jun 24 Daniel Zepeda
- Jun 26 Molly Reynolds
- Jun 29 Callie Gardiner
- Jun 29 Liberty Tietjen



On May 13th **Mari Ashby** went to her regularly scheduled OB appointment. After her exam she made her next appointment and then went to her car to leave. She saw her doctor leaving and then her water broke in the car. She went back into the office to tell them what was going on and the next thing she knew her contractions started. Her doctor was long gone, so they called the paramedics. She ended up on the floor of the waiting room pushing when **Mike** got there. The paramedics got there just in time to catch baby **Kate**. Everything happened in a matter of 30 minutes. Mother and baby are doing great. **Max** and **Tess** love their baby sister.

**Kate Ashby** 9 lbs. 3 oz. 21.5" long



### New Young Women's Presidency



Pres. Wendy Tonga  
1st Coun. Julie Eyring  
2nd Coun. Melanie Brinton  
Sec. Jill Schnepf

Beehive Adv. Cheeri Redd  
Mia Maid/ Laurel Adv.  
Kim Brown

**Larissa Hunt** has been called to the Minnesota Minneapolis Mission she reports on July 9th.

### NEW RELIEF SOCIETY PRESIDENCY

Pres. Dawn Nichols  
1st Coun. Lonnette Villarreal  
2nd Coun. Arlyce Reynolds  
Sec. Bryn Neenos

RS Meeting Coord. Terri Hill  
Historian Anna O'Bryant



*Lift up the hands which hang down.*

Hebrews 12:12

### Project Connect

Tues. June 10th  
6:45 am - 3:00 pm  
Inter Stake Center  
830 E. 2nd Ave

Volunteers are needed to escort guests through services, help register, serve food, distribute clothing and assist with checkout. Register at **vsuw.org**. Available shifts are 6:45-11:00 and 11:00-3:00.

Donate clothing of all sized in decent conditions for men, women and children.

Donate cash to help cover the cost of food. Please give monetary donations to Sis. Lonette Villarreal. Thanks.





## New Sunday School Presidency

Pres. Jimmy Matthews  
1st. Coun. Homer Rogers  
2nd Coun. Chris Carter  
Sec. Ernest Halliday

GD Teachers Judy Ahlberg  
Devin Tietjen

Class Pres. Jeff Keath  
Course 15-17 Trevor Schnepf  
Course 14 Connie Rogers

Course 13 Anna O'Bryant  
Course 12 Tanner Layton  
Brent & Syrena Waters

Temple & FH Chris Martin  
Temple Prep Marden Pace

Librarians Jim & Elsie Kitchen  
Asst. Librarian Vicky Stevens



ARE  
YOU  
ON  
TRACK?

## Dana Ward S.T.O.M.P.

Title - Brief Explain		Jun	29	19 - 21
May	23	1 - 3	30	22 - 24
	24	4 - 7	1	25 - 27
	25	8 - 11	2	28 - 30
	26	12 - 14	3	31 - 33
	27	15 - 16	4	34 - 36
	28	17 - 18	5	37 - 39
	29	19 - 22	6	40 - 42
	30	1 - 2	7	43 - 44
	31	3 - 6	8	45 - 47
	1	7 - 9	9	48 - 50
June	2	10 - 14	10	51 - 52
	3	15 - 19	11	53 - 55
	4	20 - 24	12	56 - 57
	5	25 - 26	13	58 - 60
	6	27 - 29	14	61 - 63
	7	30 - 33	15	1 - 3
	8	1 - 3	16	4 - 6
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July	12	1 - 3	20	1 - 3
	13	4 - 7	21	4 - 6
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	16	14 - 17	24	14 - 17
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	18	21 - 24	26	21 - 26
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	21	1 - 3	29	3 - 6
August	22	4 - 5	30	7 - 9
	23	6 - 8	31	1 - 4
	24	9 - 11	1	5 - 9
	25	12 - 13	2	10 - 12
	26	14 - 16	3	13 - 15
	27	17 - 18	4	1 - 7
	28		5	8 - 10
			6	School Starts!!

## My Baptism

May 24, 2014

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

**Brinley & Brigham Tietjen**  
**London Reynolds**



## Ward Missionaries

Ward Mission Leader

Ward Missionaries

**MISSIONARY**  
HASTENING THE WORK  
OF SALVATION

Kyle Packer  
Anne Berryman  
Ayan Dixon  
Kumen Dixon  
Grace Halliday  
Sheldon Hassell  
Sharon McCartney  
Semisi Tonga

We thank you for the time and effort you put in to assist the full-time missionaries in preaching the gospel.

## Full-Time Missionaries

Elder Barlow  
Elder Krzycki  
480-212-2744



## Service Missionaries

**Scott Baker**

Maricopa County, AZ  
Correctional Facility

**Audrey Burklund**

Mesa, AZ  
Bishops' Storehouse



# Welcome to the Ward

We also welcome **Russ Ary** to our ward. Take time to shake his hand and welcome him to our ward.

We welcome the Schnepf family, **Justin & Rachel** and their son **Conner**. They are living with Justin's parents **Kevin & Jill Schnepf** while he continues his education. We look forward to getting to know them and are glad that the Bishopric took no time at all to put them to work.



Write a letter to:

**Jeff Hoepfner**

AZ Department of Corrections

ADC# 78465

Eyman Complex

Meadows 10-A-29

PO Box 3300

Florence, AZ 85132-3300



**PV2 Christopher Martinez**

DCO 2-10 IN 3rd PLT

495 Iowa Ave, Unit 42

Ft. Leonardwood, MO 66473

# Calendar



**Pack Meeting**  
**June 17**  
**6:30**

**Father's Day**  
**Sunday**  
**June 15th**



**Girls Camp**  
**June 3-7**



**Stake Youth**  
**Fireside**  
**Sunday**  
**June 29th**  
**7 PM**

Temple Baptisms  
YM Wed. June 25th  
YW Thurs. June 26th  
5:30 AM

## MESA SOUTH STAKE INDEXING RECOGNITION PROGRAM

The Mesa South Stake Index goal for the year 2014 is a total of 370,000 records indexed. We want to recognize the efforts of everyone contributing to the Stake Indexing goals for the year and make sure they feel appreciated. Therefore, the Stake has established 7 categories/groups for purposes of a recognition program based on the total number of names indexed for the year. The following chart shows the various groups and records to be indexed in the year.



500=Honey bee

10,000=Gazelle

1,500=Squirrel

15,000=Cheetah

3,500=Beaver

20,000=Eagle

6,000=Kangaroo

At the end of the year, every member of each group will receive a nice certificate to be signed by the stake presidency to be presented by the bishop in a sacrament meeting.

Brother & Sister Haws

**Flag Day**  
**June 14**



Coolidge Farm Day  
**Sat. July 5th**  
**5:30 AM**





# Primary

## New Primary Presidency

Pres.	Laura Carpenter
1st Coun.	April Hogue
2nd Coun.	Janet Hassell
Sec.	Tima Hird

Music Leader	Elizabeth Martinez
Pianist	Violet Rogers

Sunbeam	Kyndra Hassell
	Genevieve Hewes
CTR 4	Amber Merkley
CTR 5	Brein & Brandon Halbert
CTR 6	Yolanda Zepeda
CTR 6	Sally & Ed Goodwin
CTR 7	Jenn Packer
CTR 7	Amber Blau
Valiant 8	Molly & Olen Reynolds
Valiant 9	Kimberly & Chad Metcalf

Valiant 10-11 Girls	Melisa Crandell
Valiant 10-11 Boys	Jarom Hogue
	Jonathan Nichols

Nursery	Lena Chapman
	Jessica Rainwater
Music	Jennifer Carter



## Activitty Day Leaders

Myrna Pace  
Hannah Nelson  
Amelia Smith



## Cub Scout Leaders

Cubmaster	Kerwin Blau
Cub Comm. Chair	Heidi-Ann Blau
Webelos Leader	Lisa Lines
	Destiny Taylor
	Scott Taylor
Wolf Leader	Cheryl Lans
	Miriam Martin
Bear Leader	Nancy Tiffany

## Congratulations

**Mike Billings** will be  
marrying **Jennifer**  
**Bachand** in the Gilbert  
Temple on June 14th.



# Missionary Mail



**Elder Brandon Boone**  
Oregon Salem Mission  
700 Deborah Rd. Ste 260  
Newberg, OR 97132



# Missionary Mail

**Elder Brenden Merkley** Utah Salt Lake City East Mission 3625 S. 900 E. #10. Salt Lake City, UT 84106



5/20 Yes, I did get transferred. I am in the Granite Zone and my companion is elder Andela, he is cool! We are white washing this area which means that we are both knew to the area. We live with another set of missionaries that are in a different zone than us and the assistant to the president and the zone leader of my old area live in the same apartment complex. It's a little weird but I am enjoying it.

5/26 Well, the area I cover is in Millcreek and it is in between Sugarhouse and Murray. The street I am near is 900e in between the 3300s and 3900s. The real address is 3625s 900e #10. My companion, Elder Andela, and I are getting along great! He is

always trying to do what is right and following the rules. Now, one of the elders we share an apartment with, that is a different story. I won't go into details but there are some minor rules that he does not want to follow but his companion is cool. He is another Ukrainian elder and he is from New York farming area and he tries to do what is right but it is a little hard with a companion like the one he has.

The teaching in my area is a little hard because neither of us know what is in our area. We try to contact people but most of them are at work so we try to come when it is ok for them but they are never home. We do a lot of rescheduling. I think the more we work at it we will find the work. That is what's going on over here.

I am glad that I can be out here and serve those around me. I know that as we give service we are also serving our Heavenly Father like it says in Mosiah 2:17. "And behold, I tell you these things that ye may learn wisdom; that ye may learn that when ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God."

Elder Merkley

**Sister Carol Ransom** Florida Orlando Mission 10502 Satellite Blvd Ste E Orlando, FL 32837-8426

We taught a family this week! They consist of a mom and dad and three teenage boys. We didn't get a hold of them in enough time to get them to church this Sunday, but we will be calling them today to set up a return appointment and they said they will come to church next week. It was such a miracle finding them. We were visiting people previous missionaries had tracted into but had never followed up on. No one we meant to see was home, but we met the dad outside walking his dog and we talked to him for a little bit. Turns out, he had been meeting with missionaries a while back and came to know that the Book of Mormon is true and Joseph Smith is a prophet. We are working on helping him understand the importance of those facts in his life, but we are so happy he already has that testimony.

Another miracle lesson we had was last night when we were out tracting. We knocked into this woman who was probably about 80 years old or so. As we had been walking up to the door, I just felt like we should offer to say a prayer with her, which was not the approach we had been using. So I asked if we could pray with her, and she said yes. We talked to her some before the prayer and got to know her a little bit and shared a scripture with her. When we finally asked if we could say the actual prayer, she invited us inside, which doesn't happen very often. We sat down at her table and prayed with her. Then we asked if we could share more and she said we could. So we taught her about the Restoration and left her a copy of the Book of Mormon for her to read and pray about. We also set a return appointment and got her phone number and left her with ours in case she needs anything. I know God is the Author of this work. Sister Godfrey and I are both staying in Oviedo for at least another six weeks.

So about that family I was talking about last week, they all came to church yesterday! We were trying to be too irreverent, but we were so happy they all made it. They were only able to stay for the first hour, but it was still a miracle that they all came. We also have a lesson with them tomorrow evening, so we will be following up with them about their church experience. I know the Lord is blessing our work. Love you all and have a happy Memorial Day! Sister Carol Ransom



# Missionary Mail

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



So as a Zone Leader, we have a little less interaction with the missionaries and more supervision. We receive instructions from President and the Assistants and then we give them to the District Leaders and make sure that it happens. And we also get to do things first. For example, about a month ago, we received from Salt Lake, some stands to help the work go on. And this week, we get to use it in the morning and some people are going to be observing us to see if it really works and if it really works, to use it in more parts of South America. And so it's pretty fun.

We had interviews with Pres yesterday and that's why I couldn't write. Each mission President is called by revelation and he in turn receives the revelation for us.

We are teaching a little lady and her name is Uberlinda. She is great and has a baptismal date for the 24th of May. She came to church on Sunday and is doing really well! We couldn't go visit her yesterday but today, we are going to go teach her. So if you could please pray for her so that she can be baptized on that day! Thanks!

This week, we were able to see some good miracles! So on Friday, I had a training meeting and gave us our responsibilities as zone leaders and all that jazz and so I went back with Elder Esquivia and we put some goals on how we were going to improve. (His last companion had 6 weeks left in the mission and so he was trunky and a little rubbed off on my comp). So we put goals and then saw miracles.

#1. Alexia and Malcom - We taught them about what a testimony is and were able to have a great lesson with them about how they can strengthen their testimonies and be baptized. They are going to read and pray every day to gain a stronger testimony!

#2. Catalina - The girlfriend of a young man in our ward and she went to his house to help him with math and ended up having a gospel lesson with us! We also taught her about what a testimony is and she basically said she didn't have a testimony of the Catholic church. We talked about the Book of Mormon and invited her to Church. We were leaving and she told us that she was going to go to church yesterday to get a book of mormon to gain a testimony!

#3. Jimmy - The brother of a recent convert that has been investigating the church for about 2 months now. He is 10 years old but thinks like an adult. He is a stink' genius and hasn't accepted being baptized in the church. Last night, I went on splits with a member of our branch to teach him and again, we taught him about what a testimony is and explained to him that he has learned A LOT with us and that he is just missing the spiritual confirmation. So at the end of the lesson we invited him to pray and the member invited him to ponder afterwards to receive his answer. So he did that and then told us that he felt a peace inside. We let him know that was his answer and he proceeded to tell us that he had always felt that peace after praying to know. We told him that he had received his answer a long time ago and just didn't recognize it! He now has a baptismal date for the 21st of June but we're going to baptize him in May! I am so excited for him!

So miracles happen and this work will go on and nothing can stop it! I know that and I know that when we follow the spirit, we will be guided to the blessings that we need! Have a great week and I look forward to hearing from you again!

Well this week has been great! I got the pens and some more birthday cards and so I have used the tie from Jessica's wedding! It's a sweet tie and I got lots of compliments!

We are going to be having a baptism this week on Wednesday of Jimmy. The miracle I sent you last week and he is awesome! He came to church yesterday and we told him to ponder about the Atonement while he partook of the sacrament and he started to pray and ponder. This kid is 10 years old and the most intelligent kid I have ever known. He is going to be a great missionary! It is such a great feeling to help others come unto Christ like this! I love it!! Have a great week and we'll talk again next week! Love, Elder Hale



# Missionary Mail

Elder Steele Crandell

Texas Dallas Mission

1410 s. Goliad #1010

Rockwall TX 75087



sorry we had a crazy day yesterday but im here ok this is what went down so Saturday we got to go down to Bishop Johnsons ranch and it was huge, there was good food fun games and good company so that was really nice then that evening we had the spanish elders come over for transfer call night, they got a call pretty early on and we waited till 1030 (lights out) and no one called us a couple of the elders said that my new companion said i was going with him but the assistants are the ones who tell us for sure, so we went to bed, and i texted the APs that morning to know who elder Bryants new companion was going to be and they texted back that i was to be district leader in Rockwall and elder Bryant was getting sent to Paris Texas and that 2 sister missionaries would be taking over the area, so that was a little nuts so i was preparing my talk that i was going to give that day in the 2nd ward so we did a little bit of packing and cleaning. so the first ward was ok, i had to say bye to all the youth who i had drawn pretty close to there, nothing to bad took a couple pictures and then it was off to 2nd ward so we had some investigators come that hadnt come in a long time but Denis Crecillious was there and we had

really done alot with that family and had alot of lessons and really had become like family there. and he was sitting with his family i then went and sat on the stand and waited till it was my time to give my talk. so i did and it was ok a little shaky but it was alright and the sister and the brother after me that spoke did a great job and then we sang my county tis of thee in honor of memorial day. so once secrament meeting is out then brother james' father comes and shakes my hand and tells me that i had really brightened the ward and that i was the best missionary that they had ever had..... well that hit me really hard and was starting to feel some tears coming on but i wouldnt let them show until i see brother crecillious with tears in his eye comes and meets me at the steps of the stand and just hugs me and i could just feel his love..... and then i just started sobbing uncontrollably, and i had only cried like that once in my more matured life and that is when i gave my farewell talk and started crying just the same way. the mission is really interesting that you have to leave home, to go home, to have to leave home, before you go home. that is the best way that i could explain it, it is just so incredible how if you are willing you can love some foreign place just as much as home. there are so many memories there and so many great people that i love it was such a blessure to serve in waxahachie. so monday was comprised of just packing like a manic and then we played volley ball with the youth and friends then dropped of elder bryant then went with the spanish elders for the evening then the corsicanna elders came up and spent the night so we had 5 missionaries in one apartment then in the morning we left and then i went off to rockwall with elder Maldonado who i replaced in waxahachie who also served there for 6 months so we represent a year of waxahachie kinda funny well hey that was part of my crazy week talk to yall soon oh and dont be afraid to write me letters

Well this week wasn't all that exciting we had several things cancel so that was pretty sad, but as i learned in high school "carry on" so i have been keeping that up we chopped some wood and stacked it all up and the next day we painted a single moms house so that was really good for her she really needed the help. oh i got a pair of Wrangler jeans at a yard sale for a dollar, that was sweet. i feel like im starting to get a hang of the gospel and i am beginning to teach much better it may not being dierectly quoting the scriptures all the time, but i have really been able to teach in a way that really helps the people i am teaching and it may be in a different way but it really works. for a long time i have been pretty bitter about not getting sent to some where so "cool" but my testimony is really growing that the lord knows a thing a two, and a quite a bit more than i do haha. we got two new investigators this week one is a young girl just coming back form college and the other is 45 and hasTWELVE kids!!!!!!!!!!!! holy crap she is the nicest lady and is so ready to hear the gospel and her family is just so awesome, im so glad that we were able to meet them. oh ok funny story so at the museum we volunteer at we have been cleaning the 3rd story and and we had bags and bags of dirt that we needed to get rid of, so the museum rented a dumpster and so my job was to grab these heavy trash bags and throw them about 10 feet out and 10 feet to the left so lets just say ..... i got about 90% in the dumpster hahaha well we sure got some funny looks from that i'll tell you what haha but that was really a hoot.

love your boy Elder Crandell