

# Dana Ward Newsletter

September 2014

## BISHOPRIC MESSAGE

We must be trying to be Christ-like to be exalted and saved in the Kingdom of God. The way we become like Him is to **LEARN**, **LIVE** and **LOVE** the commandments.

There are endless ways to learn the commandments. All of our spare time could (and most of our spare time should) be spend prayerfully pondering and studying materials at/in [www.lds.org](http://www.lds.org), the scriptures, For the Strength of Youth pamphlet, Church magazines etc. These sources are the "head of the fountain" where pure truths can be found. Other sources (non Church websites, blogs etc.) can help us learn the commandments. However, many times these sources are too far downstream and are causing members to be misled as people interject their own beliefs.

Once we learn and consistently live gospel truths with all of our might the day soon comes where we can handle all the challenges life throws at us, and we find that we are more like Him, fit for His Kingdom.

Bishop Eyring



## Stake Conference

September 21, 2014  
10:00 am  
Inter-Stake Center

### Bishopric

Bishop - Darren Eyring	480-695-2346
1st Councilor - Kyle Hassell	480-969-4276
2nd Councilor - Wes Filhart	480-832-0391
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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



KEEP CALM  
and  
GO TO THE TEMPLE 1

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1 Sep	Darren Eyring
1 Sep	Miriam Martin
2 Sep	Dwight Morris
3 Sep	Melanie Brinton
5 Sep	Colter Fenn
5 Sep	Bonnie Jackson
5 Sep	Jimmy Matthews
8 Sep	Joyce Berry
9 Sep	Ken Coker
9 Sep	Vickey Stevens
10 Sep	Vanessa Wendell
11 Sep	Heidi-Ann Blau
12 Sep	Kumen Dixon
13 Sep	Pam Arrington
14 Sep	Brandon Halbert
14 Sep	Claire Rogers
14 Sep	Doris Smalley
15 Sep	Hunter Tietjen
17 Sep	Cristina Curtis
18 Sep	Dennis Hewes
18 Sep	Christine Martin
18 Sep	Sue Thompson
19 Sep	Chandler Rodriguez
21 Sep	Donna Baker
22 Sep	Austin Beckstead
22 Sep	Jimmy Carpenter
23 Sep	Tess Ashby
24 Sep	Melissa Crandell
25 Sep	Violet Rogers
26 Sep	Luke Nichols
28 Sep	Jaden Lang
28 Sep	Terrence Morgan
29 Sep	Kimball Rogers

## October Birthdays

1 Oct	Sean Dalton
2 Oct	Audrey Burklund
2 Oct	Lisa Wagenman
3 Oct	Amelia Smith
3 Oct	Gabe Wood
4 Oct	Tressa Carpenter
4 Oct	Gordon Curtis
4 Oct	Linette Morris
5 Oct	Moring Eknilang
8 Oct	Patrick Rogers
9 Oct	Brent Waters
10 Oct	Cora Burgess
11 Oct	Pat Martinez

## My Baptism

Congratulations to **Larry Pollard, Steele Filhart, Junior Ankien and Denlynn Brown** on their recent baptisms.



## Full-Time Missionaries

Elder Welch  
Elder Spencer  
480-212-2744



## General Conference

October 4 & 5, 2014  
9:00 AM  
1:00 PM



PV2 **Christopher Martinez**  
CMR 415 Box 6795  
APO AE 09114



**Royal Edley Hildreth**  
1928  
2014



Royal Edley Hildreth, 86, of Mesa, Arizona passed away on July 22, 2014 after a year-long battle with cancer. Royal was born April 27, 1928 in Gladstone, NM to Clarence and Evelyn Hildreth. He was raised in Texas. Royal left home at an early age to build a life of his own and was successful. He served his country in the Army during the Korean War. He was a groceryman by trade and traveled the country opening stores. In 1970 he was assigned to open a store in Sun City, AZ. He and his wife Barbara transferred here and Arizona became their home. He loved to tell people "he would much rather shovel sunshine than snow." In 1985 he joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This new way of life only added to the life of service he was already living. He was a great neighbor and a loyal friend. Ed was living with his granddaughter Cris and Patrick Rogers & family.

# it's a boy

**Cannon Harrison Gardiner**

July 29  
7 lbs. 8 oz.  
20" long

Proud Mama & Papa  
**Chad & Randee Gardiner**

## 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





# Primary News

## Primary Presidency

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

LIVING THE  
GOSPEL BLESSES  
MY FAMILY



## Primary Sacrament Meeting Presentation

Sunday, September 14th  
11:00 AM

Mesa South Stake Center

Please invite your neighbors and friends

## Primary Presentation Practice Pizza Party

Sat. Sept. 13th  
4 PM

Please have your part memorized



## New Callings In The Ward

Denean Beals - Primary Worker  
Blake Driggs - Indexer  
Julie Driggs - Indexer  
Tonya Whiting - Primary Worker  
Molly Reynolds - RS Committee  
Hannah Nelson - Primary Worker  
Lou Hunt - Bear Leader  
Heidi Morgan - RS Committee  
Amelia Smith - RS Committee  
Tanya Smith - RS Committee  
Thomas St. George - Emer. Preparations



## Primary Girls Softball

Wed. Sept. 24  
Thurs. Sept. 25 5:00 pm  
Tues. Sept. 30 each day  
Wed. Oct. 1



## Young Women

### Young Women's Presidency

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



## Relief Society News

The lesson for our RS Presidency this month is about setting goals and using our time wisely. It has been said, "A goal not written is merely a wish," and that, "If you don't know where you're going, it doesn't matter which road you take." As we set goals and use our time wisely, the Lord will bless and magnify us to serve those around us better and to reach our own personal potential.

President Uchdorf teaches that "personal goals can bring out the best in us." He also states that even if we fail to reach our goals, "we can be empowered ...Even though we might fall short of the finish line, just continuing the journey will make us greater than we were before."

So, my challenge to each Sister is, consider setting 2 or 3 goals for yourself and your family. Write them down, and then get to work on them. Don't wait, "The best time to plant a tree is now" Sis. Dawn Nichols

## R.S. SUPER SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 13  
10 AM - 1 PM

- \*We will have a nursery.
- \*We will have an exchange table.
- \*If you would like to, bring a yummy snack to share.
- \*We will be tying a quilt.

## GENERAL WOMEN'S MEETING

Sat. September 27  
5:00 pm  
Stake Center  
Ages 8 and Up



# YOUNG MEN

## Young Men's Presidency

Pres.	Richard Hale
1st Coun.	Daniel Scott
2nd Coun.	Jimmy Carpenter
Secretary	Mike Ashby
Asst. Sec.	Spencer Bury

## New Teacher's Quorum Presidency

Pres.	Nathan Martinez
1st Coun.	Jared Nichols
2nd Coun.	Mason Redd
Secretary	Chris Montgomery

## PRIESTHOOD ADVANCEMENTS

Dylan Merkley	Priest
Junior Ankien	Priest

**MISSIONARY**  
HASTENING THE WORK  
OF SALVATION

Dwight Morris is  
the new Ward  
Mission Leader.

# Calendar

Stake Choir Practice  
Sunday, Sept 7 & 14 7 PM

**Ward Employment Center  
Open 7PM**

Tues. Sept. 9	Thurs. Sept. 11
Tues. Sept. 16	Thurs. Sept. 18
Tues. Sept. 23	Thurs. Sept. 25
Tues. Sept. 30	Thurs. Oct. 2

**SCOUT Training Month**  
Something every weekend.

**Fall Break - NO SCHOOL**

October 6 - 10  
OH YEAH!!

*fall fun*

# Welcome to the Ward



Shaun Larson  
Cara Gillis  
Aida Aramburo  
Miah Camacho  
Ray Silk  
Jose Garza  
Amanda Garza  
Doug Molina  
Charles Goodwin

Bryce Beckstead  
Danielle Beckstead  
Jayden Lang  
Gavin Beckstead  
Austin Beckstead  
Kristen Yates  
Colter Fenn  
Cash Fenn



We welcome all the new families into our ward. We are anxious to get to know you.

## New Stake YM Presidency

President	Jason Dickson
1st Coun.	Jeff Long
2nd Coun.	Nate Nelson
Secretary	Lawren Petersen



## New Stake YW Presidency

President	Ginger Crockett
1st Coun.	SherriMcConkie
2nd Coun.	Christy Jensen
Secretary	Connie Brubaker



## New Stake Callings

Richard Young	High Councilor
Bob Backus	Employment Specialist
Gary & Nancy Tiffany	Strengthening Marriage Instructors

**Kyndra Hassell** has  
taken a job in Boston  
to be a nanny.  
We wish her well.





# Missionary Mail

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

The last week has been so spirit lead and I love it. I find that as I study and my companion and I unify our efforts with what Heavenly Father wants for those we talk with each day the Spirit leads us to what needs to be done and I absolutely love the feeling when you just know you are doing the right thing especially the times where you and your companion are on the exact same page because the Spirit is there testifying through you. So let me explain, In starting off the week we met up with a less-active member who is 19. She was going to singles ward but know wants to come to our ward because its almost an hour commute to where the young single adults meet and she has no more ride since her ride is leaving to BYU tomorrow. We learned, as we continued to talk and get to know her, that she had no idea why she stopped coming to church and the activities. Once she left and started living on her own, for the most part, in California when she was about 15 she just had no real desire to continue. She came back to Oregon at the beginning of June and my last companion and I invited her to the YSA activities and she said that she loves it and just cant comprehend why she would stop. SO her and basically her family, mom dad and siblings, all work at the dirt track in Lebanon and since our main focus is on her dad and step mom. So we were able to get into the races, sadly no one from her family was there but we were able to find an investigator I taught back in Salem! He dropped us and never talked to us again but we went, completely blind just to catch a race really quick and we happened to sit right behind him! He said he'd meet with the missionaries again and start going back to basketball on Saturdays.



To continue on with the miracles we have had an investigator, Hal, who never understood what the importance of going to church was, but he wanted to be baptized and he knows this is the true church he just doesn't want to come. He happened to come two weeks ago and has now come for the last three weeks because he sees the difference it is making in his life and the spirit he feels there. The power of church attendance is so amazing!

We also had two baptisms this week! Which have been a long time coming. Two 11 year olds a boy and a girl. They have both wanted to get baptized for a long time now but the parents didn't want them to, well they finally got permission and Abbi Jenkins and Matthewscott Levesque were baptized on the 23rd of August! Super spiritual experience. They are such sweet spirits and I cant wait to continue working with them.

To end off this letter I just want to bear my testimony. I know that this church is the true church of Christ restored by the prophet Joseph Smith and that he in fact did see God the Father and Jesus Christ. I love our prophet who leads and guides not just the church but the whole world. He is truly called of God. The last nine and a half months have been a molding experience. I may not sound like the person I was before I left and thats because I have changed my wants and desires. I know that our creator, our Father in Heaven loves us deeply and wants nothing more than for us all to return to Him so we can be with Him in the eternities to come. The plan he has created is perfect and we are imperfect but there is One who died for us to make it possible for this plan to be completed. I love you all and hope this letter finds you in happiness. Love, Elder Boone

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

So you saw the picture of my hand, yeah I fell off my bike. I am fine. We had a conference with Elder Don R. Clark of the seventy. It was really good.

Things aren't going so well with Tiffany. She still hasn't been able to go to church for a while. We have some other prospective members and we are excited about working with them. It is kinda fun and scary having to tell the new Elders in area about our area. It's because my companion wrote everything down in the transfer book. I didn't even touch it until he got transferred.

You asked about fun things for pday, our last one we played chair soccer. It was really fun!

The picture you saw of the temple was at Jordan River. My arm feels okay. The doctor says it is healing nicely. Yes, I am still on a bike.

I know miracles happen everyday. I just forget to write to you about them. One I would like to share happened the other day. We were going around visiting people we are teaching and seeing how they were doing. I had a feeling that we needed to visit one of our less active members. When we got there she was really sad and said that she felt like no one really cared about her. We pointed out all the people who loved and cared for her. And the one person who cares for and thinks of her every second of the day is our Heavenly Father. We gave her a blessing. She was happier and could feel our Heavenly Father's love for her. I am so grateful for the love He has for each of us. That is one of the main reason why I am here. There are so many who do not know how much He loves them. That is what I try to express the most. Elder Merkley





# Missionary Mail

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

This week has been really good. We got a new investigator yesterday. We had met her and her husband while they were out taking a walk with their three year old son. She was so nice and when we taught her yesterday, she agreed to be baptized if she comes to find out that what we have told her is true.

Greetings from Florida! It has been a really great week. We have been blessed with so many miracles that it would take too long to write them all. We did have the opportunity to have a wonderful conversation with one of our investigators that helped her understand what she needs to be doing and why we are here to help her. The Lord has surely been good to us. Also this week, we found out that I will be transferring from the area and that Sister Sullivan will be training a new missionary straight from the MTC. It's exciting to be embarking on this new journey, but I will miss the people here in Waterford Lakes. Hope everyone else is having a wonderful week filled with the miracles that God will help you create.

The weeks seem to be flying past here. It must be because we are working really hard. :) We found three new people to teach, one of whom came to church yesterday. Two of the people we are meeting with have been keeping all of their commitments to read and pray about the Book of Mormon, and God is blessing them with His Spirit as a result. :) Last week, we didn't have the car, so we biked everywhere we went other than times members gave us rides, which we were really grateful for. It's been a pretty hot week, and we have seen the miracles of being out doing the work of the Lord in it. It's the best feeling to have worked so hard and sweated so much that you just want to collapse at the end of the day.

The Lord has been providing us with miracles! This week, we met with two people who referred themselves to missionaries through mormon.org and started teaching them. Today at the grocery store, two different people started talking to us because we were missionaries and we will be getting in contact with one of them again to start teaching him. He had just moved and had been meeting with missionaries before. He told us that he wants to get his life back in order and go back to church. And those are just a couple of examples. Be blessed everybody!  
Love, Sister Ransom

happy harvest

**Elder Steele Crandell** Texas Dallas Mission 1410 s. Goliad #1010 Rockwall TX 75087

hey so this week was pretty service oriented we got a call from a member who was having some non members who were friends with them move in from florida and so of course we were eager to help what they didnt tell us was that they had 2 full semi trailers and a small uhaul trailer as well AHHHH!!!!!! so this generous offer turned into a 3 day and about 20 hours later of moving these people in it was incredible(ly difficult) and it was a party and a half. but yeah that was insane but hey now we got a couple new investigators, so thats great and whats good #ammon. we also did habbit for humanity, i went and bought myself a framing hammer and i feel like a man again and i can feel normal haha. so i have been meeting alot of people who are telling me that welding is the profession to stay in and i had some people that took us out to lunch today that said they have a father in Baton rouge that has welders that are making 6 figures out there, and they could get me a job there if i wanted, so thats pretty sweet. but we got to talk to the Grants again, the part member family we helped clean their pond, and they got us hats from nyc it was pretty sweet. my companion celebrated his 18 month mark by lighting his pants on fire with a roman candle as the pants were drenched in lighter fluid, so long story short, it was pretty amazing. the other cool thing we have been working on in this area is trying to get members to respond to thier spiritual prompting in trying to share the gospel, its pretty fun but not very fruitful right now, but there is much success coming (i hope). and we have mostly reactivated a guy is a friend of ours and our favorite pass time has been disc golf and not gonna lie i have gotten pretty good i got 2 over par on one of the hardest courses in texas (which happens to be in our area). well hey im exhausted the church is true and the book is blue. sorry i wish i had more info..... oh our investigaor Nicole came back from her trip and we have another investigator its awesome, double fist pump with love

so this week my companion went to East Texas so i got to be companions with the Greenville elders and we had an awesome lesson with shea (member) and ryan (boyfriend) who live together we got to know ryan so that was super awesome and then tuesday i picked up elder Forbush then we had a meeting with rob and michelle and they are slowly progressing but not super fast like we would like, then the next day we went and did service at the horse ranch as well as had district meeting where i gave an awesome lesson!! and we got to meet all the new members of our district, one is from Gilbert. We had dinner with the fish family the one who had the baby pass away. Friday we did service at the library and then we got to meet with Branden, the less active we are fellowshiping who has come to church 3 times already! and we got to meet his wife who told us how grateful she was for getting her husband back to church so hopefully we can start teaching her soon! Then on saturday we did habitat for humanity which was good and then that evening all of our plans fell through so we tried to find members in the ward and we found a family who moved from the Greenville ward and moved 5 months ago with no contact with the church since their move. They were very glad to have us over and the father realized that he needed to do some changes but the wife was hesitate to have us their, hopefully we will see some changes in their lives soon. Sunday church was awesome and we saw alot of less actives and investigators there as well then we had a lesson with mary and Dawn, a family we tracted out a while ago who has a daughter named roxy. I taught her how to play cards and she taught the whole neighborhood. and thats our week sorry its short again I hope you all have a great week as well.

Keep loving Jesus Love Elder Crandell





# Missionary Mail

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



8/11

The Lord really knows how to make the missionaries work!!! Well, this week, Catalina (10) wasn't able to get baptized again. We have to work a little bit more with her mom who is Less active and is passing through some hard times... We have to keep going strong and this week, we are going to be looking for a lot more people to teach!

So I have been kinda lazy about sending some info about the people we are teaching. But we are teaching 2 families that are great! Really receptive to the Gospel and all that but, they don't want to come to church or get married. We have been finding that there are a lot of people here that just don't get married. The first couple is Alejandro Alfaro and Cynthia Espinoza. I actually found them one day when we did splits and I was with our ward mission leader. It was awesome and they are now reading the book of Mormon and praying every day but they aren't praying together. And the other couple we found is Alexi Vilches and Claudia Rios. They are awesome and actually live really close to the church. They have 2 daughters, Constanza (13) and Pia (4). They actually had never heard about Joseph Smith and the Book of Mormon. It was really surprising but they are willing to read and pray every day as well! We are working hard with them so that they will make the

decision to come to church and get married so that they can get baptized!

Also, our other investigator, Felipe Medina Pakarati (10) is going to get baptized the 24th for sure. His dad is way active in the church and his mom is reactivating herself so that they can go to the temple and be sealed! It is so awesome to see how the gospel works miracles in the lives of the people! Last night, Fernando, the dad of Felipe, told us that he had thrown away the pamphlets that he had gotten from the missionaries because he had lost hope of his son being baptized because his wife was inactive. But that doesn't mean that he didn't stop reading and praying. He has been faithful in the church and after years of waiting, his family is finally going to be able to be together forever.

Alejandro didn't come to church yesterday and we tried to find his house, the address that he gave us wasn't where he lives. So until he comes to church again, we will have a hard time finding him. I think that's it with our investigators. I am learning a lot about serving with all your heart might mind and strength as that is our study for these 3 months in the Book of Mormon. I have a strong testimony of that!

And also, today, we learned how to make empanadas!! They are so good and we cooked them in a mud oven! It was really interesting! And our mamita always tells us to say hi to all of you and I always forget but I remembered today. She is awesome and never lets us down! Also, one of the members is dating a girl from Idaho and she has been here for about a month now and will be here for another 2 months and so it is interesting see all of her struggles with the language and her adventures. They make me remember mine. :) Also, we are the only 2 people that really speak English well in this area, well I lied, there is another Gringo that married a Chilean girl and now lives here, but Carolyn, the american girl, always speaks to us in English and we always respond in Spanish. It's really funny because she gets frustrated. But here are some pictures of our adventures making empanadas!!!

8/25

Just to let you know, I am fine and nothing happened from the earthquake. FYI, Chile is used to all of these earthquakes and so everything is built to withstand these seizures. A 6.4 would rock any state in the states, like the one that happened in Cali yesterday, but here, the majority of the people called it a tremor or a seizure but not an earthquake. So we were in a house while it happened and everything started to shake and the whole family ran to the door. Some things fell over and some papers but nothing crazy.

We also had a baptism! This baptism was very simple and we almost didn't have to do anything. We just got to the church and filled up the font and the dad and the Ward Mission Leader took care of the rest. We had to make sure everything was open and all that and listo! He got baptized! And afterward, his family had prepared some refreshments and it was great! That all ended at about 3 and we usually eat lunch with the members at 1:30. But because the baptism went so long, we didn't start lunch until 4:15. It was crazy! But we were able to go visit come people before lunch.

And, one of our favorite investigators is Alfredo (76). He is an old guy that on Sunday, he sits outside his house and rents his bathroom to the people in the fair and earns about 30 bucks every week! But this week, he told us that if it rained, he would go to church! And... IT RAINED!!! So he went to church and loved it! He stayed all 3 hours and also stayed for the baptism and made a lot of good friends and today we have an appointment with him and we are going to put a baptismal date with him! I am so excited! This man has been prepared! We are still working hard!

We are going to be sending Felipe and the Barrera Family to the temple! Felipe should be going in these next few weeks and the Barrera family in September!

I know that this is the church of Jesus Christ and that the Book of Mormon is true. It is amazing to see the clarity that the Book of Mormon brings to the bible and the truths that have been lost but thanks to a living prophet of God, we have them again! Thanks for all of your prayers and thoughts! I love you all!

9/1

Well, I don't have any time this week. I had to send a giant report being the end of the month and then the internet went down and all that.... But I am doing really well! We ended the month of August with 3 baptisms and are going to be starting September with 2! So we are going in a good direction!

Alfredo came to church this week! He didn't work in his bathroom yesterday and came to church in a full suit! It was amazing! We went to pick him up for church, and he lives basically in front of the church, and he came out in a suit! I was just beaming with happiness! And then in Gospel Essentials, we were talking about Missionary Work and he gave his testimony of the Restored church and of Joseph Smith and everything. He is going to be baptized for sure in September!

Elder Hale



# Missionary Mail

**Sister Larissa Hunt** Minnesota Minneapolis Mission 5931 W. 96th St. Bloomington, MN 55438-1715



Hello everyone,  
Wow! I've been here one transfer! Where has the time gone? I'm staying in La Crosse with my companion to finish out my training. Some of the sisters I met in the MTC are being half-trained by someone else. I'm glad I get to stay here.

On Monday we had an awesome lesson with Danny Dorzok. My district leader and his companion also came to that lesson because he was going to give him his baptism interview. However, the lesson went a little longer than expected so they had to reschedule his interview. We taught him about the Gospel of Jesus Christ. At the end of the lesson we sang him the primary song "Faith". I could tell he was feeling the Spirit - so that was cool. Our mission president encourages us to use songs in our lessons because they bring in the Spirit really quickly. His baptism is coming up soon. It's so exciting!

On Tuesday we worked in the garden. We were helping with the compost, so worked with all the rotten veggies. We dumped out lots of boxes of old veggies and then put dry leaves on top of them. They put the leaves on the veggies so less flies get on them. We also did some more weeding and pulled out some onions.

On Wednesday we had our last district meeting of the transfer. Elder Harrison (he and his companion are in our ward) is going home and he actually lives in Mesa. Anyway I

always love district meetings because I learn so much from my district leader. After our meeting was finished we went to help clean the Sowa's house. So her house is super messy and gross, like a hoarder. People like that just keep everything and can't throw any of it away. We helped her for five hours just cleaning one room. We took all the clothes out of the room so we could clean the rest. There was a lot of stuff stuck on the floor so we actually used a snow shovel to clean up a lot of stuff. It was pretty nasty. Oh my companion brought out a bucket and saw something moving. She freaked out! She set the bucket down and a bat flew out and she screamed some more. I'm glad that didn't happen to me. So Sister Sowa had a bat living in her house. EWW! Oh, and there were also mouse turds all over. That was quite the experience! Wednesday night the sister training leaders spent the night with us. They wanted to help us find people to teach.

Since the sister training leaders came we tracted the whole afternoon. We found a lot of potential investigators so that was good. In the evening we were going to have a lesson with Danny again but he forgot that we told him 7 pm at the church. He came at eight though for his baptism interview. The interview lasted an hour. Our district leader told us that Danny drank a cup of coffee the day before. We were bummed to hear that. He now needs to have a second interview next week and we will probably have to move his baptism date back a week. He really wants it on the 7th so his wife's family can be there to see it but we can't really do that (but depending on how the second interview goes). It will most likely be the week after that.

On Saturday we went finding with a member in the ward. She enjoyed coming with us. She took us out to lunch afterwards. We had a good time. We saw some recent converts later in the day. We saw a girl named Jenny with our ward mission leader and his wife. Jenny is always feeling down because she has to work early in the mornings. She is going through a rough time so we told her that church can help with that. The ward mission leader offered to pick her up. She did come to church with her daughter so that was good.

We also saw the Xiongs (a Hmong family). We had a couple in the ward go with us. We taught the dad about the Restoration and the priesthood. He recently received the priesthood so we told him he can give his kids priesthood blessings for the new school year. They are planning on going to the Nauvoo temple to be sealed when he reaches his year mark in March. That will be very exciting for them!

So we had a fun day today. We first went to an Amish auction with a couple in the ward. They offered to buy us something around 20-25 dollars. My companion bid on some rugs and got them. I didn't bid that much. I almost got a small wooden box for like jewelry but someone bid higher so I didn't get it. The Everetts that took us bought five cutting boards. She gave one to me since I didn't get anything. It is a very nice cutting board. I think I might send it home though so I don't have to pack it around even though it's small.

Dad would have loved that auction. They were selling some really cool wooden rocking chairs and other wood items. I knew he would want to buy some of the items because he loves wood. They sold some beautiful quilts also. Brother Everett bought us some doughnuts and bagettes (scone-like doughnuts with some kind of cream in them). I had like four of those and one doughnut. They are so good. After that we had a ward picnic at a park for Labor Day. My companion and I played capture the flag with a whole bunch of kids. Then we went with the elders in our ward and another set of Elders in our district to a place called Shenanigans. It had human hamster balls that you go inside and run in them, bumper cars, miniature bowling with miniature bowling balls the size of your hand, laser tag, arcade games, and rock climbing. We had a good time there! It has been a very busy and fun day.

Well that's all the news I have for this week. I love you all! Love, Sister Hunt



Called to *Serve*

