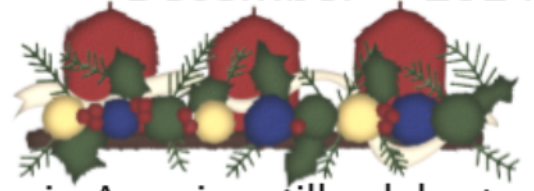


Dana Ward Newsletter

BISHOPRIC MESSAGE

December 2014

I love December. I love Christmas. I am so glad that I love it now for the right reasons.



I am very thankful, that for the most part, most of us in America still celebrate the birth of the Lord at this time of year.

He is our best chance at happiness while here on earth. He is the reason we can have hope and faith in eternal exaltation and being with our families forever.

I pray and hope we all get closer to Him this month, and that this improved relationship brings us more peace and happiness.

Bishop Eyring



First Presidency's Christmas Devotional

Sunday, December 7

6:00 p.m.



Bishopric

Bishop - Darren Eyring	480-695-2346
1st Councilor - Kyle Hassell	480-969-4276
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Mesa South Stake Presidency

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



Happy Birthday

Dec 9 Thomas St George
 Dec 10 John Oplinger
 Dec 11 Aida Aramburo
 Dec 11 Jill Schnepf
 Dec 12 Tom Legler
 Dec 12 Millie Smith
 Dec 12 Katrina Ward
 Dec 12 Anais Wuorio
 Dec 12 Kristen Yates
 Dec 13 Alex Scott
 Dec 18 JJ Thomas
 Dec 19 Nathan Martinez
 Dec 19 Porter Reynolds
 Dec 20 Mary Filhart
 Dec 20 Sid Hamblin
 Dec 22 Hailey Wood
 Dec 23 Michael Blackstad
 Dec 23 Mason Redd
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 Dec 27 Ann Driggs
 Dec 29 Nirrel Hanks
 Dec 29 Rhett Hird
 Dec 31 Emberlyn Tietjen
 Dec 31 Semisi Tonga

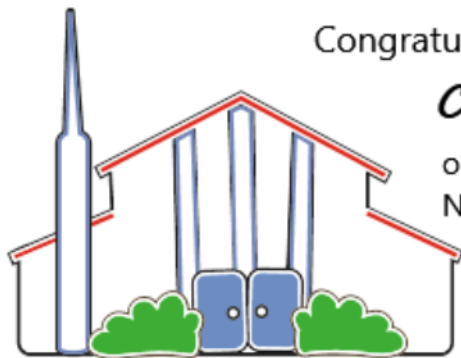
Jan 1 Elizabeth Crandell
 Jan 1 Cole Montgomery
 Jan 1 Vernon Thomas
 Jan 3 Nora Martinez



Congratulations to

Cash Fenn

on his baptism on
Nov. 29, 2014



My Baptism



Full-Time Missionaries

Elder Welsh
 Elder Rippstein
 480-212-2744



Be sure to
 sign up for
 Tithing
 Settlement
 with the Bishop on
 the clerk's door.



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



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



Priesthood Advancements



Spencer Nichols - Priest
 Gabe Wood - Priest
 Noah Nichols - Deacon

Congrats to
Anais Rodrigues
 and
Tom Wuorio on
 their recent marriage.



New Callings In The Ward & Stake

Brandon Halbert - Asst. 11 year old Scout Leader
 Bryn Neenos - Primary Pianist
 Cris Rogers - CTR 4 Primary Teacher
 Amelia & Pete Smith - CTR 5 Primary Teachers
 Homer Rogers - High Priest Instructor
 Destiny Taylor - Nursery
 Amber Merkley - Wolf Den Leader

Clyde Ransom - Asst. Stake Clerk over
 Technology



Primary News

Theme: *We Remember and Worship Our Savior, Jesus Christ*

Scripture: *"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).*

Article of Faith 13: *We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men; indeed, we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul—We believe all things, we hope all things, we have endured many things, and hope to be able to endure all things. If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things.*

Thank you for helping your children be prepared with their talk, scripture, or article of faith when it is their turn to help in primary opening exercises! You are welcome to come to opening exercises to watch and support your child!

Articles of Faith: Our Article of Faith recognition night with the stake is January 18th. All primary aged children and primary workers who have all 13 memorized will be recognized. If your primary child is close to doing it (or you primary workers) then work to get them memorized by the end of the month and let a member of the primary presidency know you're finished. If you're not quite there, it's okay! Keep working on it! There is always next year and besides that it's just a good thing to know.

Go to <https://www.lds.org/friend/online-activities/activities/articles-of-faith-memory-quest> for a fun online game to practice



Welcome to
the Ward

Sid Hamblin
Patricia Wycoff
Marilyn Clarkson
Nicole Flanigan
Wes Murray

We would like to give a special welcome to Pat Wycoff and her family. They live at 1827 E. 2nd Ave. across the street from Cheryl Lans. Pat's son, Sid Hamblin and her foster daughter Marilyn Clarkson live with her. Pat has been taking care of Marilyn for nearly all of her life (60+ yrs.). Marilyn has cerebral palsy and is confined to a wheel chair. You can catch Pat and Sid at sacrament meeting. Please introduce yourself and welcome them to the Dana Ward. We look forward to getting to know them better.

Young Women

Young Women's Presidency

President	Wendy Tonga
1st Coun.	Julie Eyring
2nd Coun.	Melanie Brinton
Secretary	Jill Schnepf



Relief Society

Relief Society Presidency

President	Dawn Nichols
1st Coun.	Rachel Schnepf
2nd Coun.	Kim Hale
Secretary	Brein Halbert

ELDER'S QUORUM

NEW ELDER'S QUORUM PRESIDENCY

President	Aaron Martinez
1st Coun.	Scott Baker
2nd Coun.	Shaun Brown
Secretary	Scott Driggs

young men

Young Men's Presidency

President	Richard Hale
1st Coun.	Daniel Scott
2nd Coun.	Jimmy Carpenter
Secretary	Spencer Bury



December Calendar

Winter Break
Dec. 22 to Jan. 2
NO SCHOOL

hay ride

All Mutual Caroling Activity
Wed. Dec. 17th
7 PM



DANA WARD CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday, Dec. 12th
6:00 PM

Come enjoy yummy food and a nice program. Please bring 2 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies.

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Pack Meeting
Tues. Dec. 16
6:30 pm



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Stake RS Volleyball
Thurs. Dec. 18th
7 pm



YM Baptisms
Mon. Dec. 29th
5:00 AM

YW Baptisms
Tues. Dec. 30th
5:00 AM

YM & YW NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
9 pm - 12:30 am
Inter Stake Center
ages 14 and up
Dancing and Yummy Food



Missionary Mail

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

Nov. 10 This week was good. Elder Peters, my new companion, is awesome! He jokes around a lot and he can't read very well like me (maybe even worse!) I got the pin stripe suit you saw in the pictures from the mission home. They have a bunch there and we trade ours out for ones that fit better.

So we have some one date for baptism! Tiffany Crebs is on date for November 22! What is really cool is she brought her son to the last lesson and we got to teach him for the first time.

Nov. 17 The work is going. We found out that Tiffany is still smoking and she has to quit for a week before she can be baptized so her baptism has been pushed back. I have been in Cottonwood Heights for 5 months now by the end of transfers it will be 6 months. I like it here. It snowed! It started on Saturday, not much fun. No, I don't get to help with the temple lights for the Salt Lake Temple. I can't think of any miracles this week, it was pretty slow.

Nov. 24 Well mom, this week was ok. We found some one who told us that his grandma told him when he was young that if he enters in to a church building and feels the spirit that he should join that church so we are going to ask him to come to church tomorrow.

So we found out that Tiffany was not smoking but we don't know if it was her or not that we saw. But it look like we are going to believe her and she is going to be baptized on the 29!!

So we have 2 dinners planned so far for Thanksgiving. There might move that day I have no idea so yeah I am going to be really fat when you see me at Christmas time. By the way transfer are on the 9th. so if u could send the package before then that would be best because I told Elder Peters that I get one for every transfer and there is stuff for my companions as well and I would fell bad if he did not get any thing.

Dec. 1 The guy I told you about whose grandma told him if he felt the spirit when he went into a church building then he should join that church...he did not come he had work. But Tiffany did get baptized!!!! No new people yet but working on it. We did have some inactive people that we are working with come to church that was good. I was able to go in to the sealing room with with.

We had two dinners one with a member who is the young men president and the other with someone in Elder Peters old area.

Elder peters has been out almost a year on the 22nd is his mark. And yeah I think I will be transferred, I have been here for 6 months but the thing is I don't want to leave. I made to many friends here. I have to go. Love, Elder Merkley

Missionary Mail

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

11/17 This week we saw many less-actives and a few of them even came to church on Sunday. It was good to see them there. We saw the Dorzoks, the one that got baptized in September. They found out they are having a girl. They are moving to Steven's Point Wisconsin to be closer to his job. They even found someone to move into their current home pretty quickly which means they will be moving at the end of the month. We are sad to see them go but I'm so happy that everything is working out so nicely for them.

We also had an amazing lesson with Adam and Andon Storey. We talked about the priesthood, obedience, and obeying the law. We asked Brother Storey and his wife how they were doing with the word of wisdom. My companion asked them if we could take the things from their home that were keeping them from obeying the word of wisdom. We didn't think they would give us very much but they gave us everything. They gave us their cigarettes, coffee, tea, tobacco, and a machine to make cigarettes. We were kind of shocked by this but we were very glad they gave up those things. We took the items in a basket and plan to fill the basket up with things they can eat like fruit, veggies, gum, sparkling Cider, etc.

Our district leader also came with us to their lesson. He and his companion gave each of the Storeys a blessing since we had talked about the priesthood. We thought it will really help them as they are starting to quit their addictions. We also thought Andon would enjoy one as well. It was awesome to see them have the desire to change their life. We can tell that the spirit was there in our lesson. I know they were able to feel the spirit because they gave up those things on the spot.

I love being able to witness lives change and seeing them come closer to Jesus Christ. It is such an amazing feeling. I love sharing the gospel. It brings me so much joy! Nothing else makes me happier. Andon and his mom were going to come to church but didn't show up so Andon didn't get to participate in the primary program. Hopefully they will be able to come this week. Adam is still working on getting off on Sundays so he can also come.

11/24 It actually warmed up for a couple days. It got to 50 degrees. It rained - which melted the snow. But don't worry ... it's back today. So it looks like I will experience a white Thanksgiving for the first time. That's so weird to me. We found out about Transfers today. My companion and I will be staying together for another transfer here in La Crosse. This is her last transfer so I will kill her off (meaning I will send her home). I'm excited to be with her again especially since this is her last one. I'm excited to spend Thanksgiving and Christmas here. Since my companion is leaving after this transfer I will probably stay for one or two more transfers. My companion and I think I will train a new missionary after this transfer. So I guess we'll see in six weeks what happens.

This week we had another lesson with the Storeys. We talked about baptism and confirmation. We also talked about Samuel the Lamanite and did an interactive lesson with that. We thought Andon would enjoy this activity. I was Samuel and my companion was the "holy ghost" protecting me. We had Andon and his parents throw paper rocks but none of them hit me because the Holy Ghost was protecting me. We have actually been doing this lesson with many ward families with kids after we have dinner with them. They all have enjoyed it. We want to come up with another story from the Book of Mormon that we could act out. Do any of you have suggestions for kid lessons.

Brother Storey told us he asked his boss to start having Sundays off so he can come to church. We are so proud that he had the courage to do this. This will start the day after he is baptized. He did come to church two times before he got this job which is good. He really has a desire to change and to be baptized. His wife already made arrangements with her dad to fly here for the baptism. He will baptize Adam and Andon and will be here the next day to confirm them. We are very excited for them and can't wait for their baptism.

I love this gospel because we are given so many opportunities to repent and come closer to our Father in Heaven. This was made possible through the sacrifice that Jesus Christ made for us. His Atonement paid for everything we struggle with or sorrows we face in life. The Atonement is the greatest thing we have and brings us hope that we can repent and exercise our faith in him. Faith brings forth miracles. The more faith we have the more miracles the Lord will give us. He shows me miracles everyday.

We were able to set up an appointment with a guy named Tim. His fiance is a less-active member. We have been wanting to have a lesson with him for a while so it was good we got an appointment with him. We will have the lesson at his soon-to-be in-laws.

We will also start teaching Heather, a friend of a less-active. The Lord has definitely blessed us here in La Crosse. Well I love you all so much and I hope you have a good week. Love, Sister Hunt

Missionary Mail

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

11/9 This week has been really good and kind of crazy. We found out Saturday that Sister Stratman is leaving and that I am staying here in Melbourne. It definitely wasn't what we were expecting, but I should know by now that change rarely happens in the way we expect it to. I am really excited to be finishing my mission here in Melbourne. I love it so much. There are so many people here that I have grown to love so much and I am grateful to have the time to continue working with them and teaching them. We have four people here that will hopefully be baptized in the next six weeks, and I am going to give it everything I have to make that happen. I am going to miss Sister Stratman, but I look forward to helping someone else love these people just as much as I do. Some highlights from last week were getting to do random acts of service for 3 different people throughout the week that we met on the side of the road. We also stopped by to see a member we had never met before and he came to church with his son. I love it when people come to church. Another really big event that happened this week was the baptism of Acie and Debbie. They had met missionaries seven years ago in Arkansas and they have been running into missionaries ever since. When we found them, they had just moved into a member's old house. At first, Acie would try to argue different points of doctrine. Debbie knew it was true when she met the missionaries in Arkansas. Together, they have read and prayed and grown in the testimony of Christ and His restored gospel. I'm pretty sure baptisms are the craziest times of a missionary's life. Something always goes wrong last minute and there is the fear that it won't all work out, but for the most part, it always happens how it is supposed to. I am excited to be here to help them continue strengthening their testimonies for a little bit longer.

11/17 This week has been awesome. On Monday we had a super cool lesson with a woman that hasn't come to church in 20 years. She said we could come back and she really enjoyed our visit, so we were pretty excited about that. On Tuesday, one of the people we are teaching tried to cancel our appointment with her multiple times, but we ended up going over and helped her clean a little bit and then shared a lesson with her. She knows the church is true, she is just going through a hard time right now. On Wednesday, we taught so many appointments and had members come with us to each of them so we didn't have to bike all day. It was pretty miraculous. On Thursday, we finally got a hold of someone that had sent his information in from Temple Square and got him set up with the missionaries in the area where he lives. We had been trying to get a hold of him for a while and we didn't have a correct address for him. It is all good now though. :) On Friday, I got to go on exchanges to the church ranch Deseret Cattle and Citrus with Sister Stratman, my companion from last transfer. It was so much fun. She is a sister training leader now, which means she helps other sisters learn how to be better missionaries by following her example. She is a really great example. :) Saturday, we did the planning for the week that we normally do on Fridays. Yesterday, we taught a really awesome lesson to a guy who is good friends with a family in our ward. He has been less active in the gospel for a while now because of some doubts that he has, but as we were all discussing the gospel together, the Spirit was so strong and he felt it. He didn't want to acknowledge what it was, but I know that what we did was a good thing.

11/24 On Monday, one of our members who had said she would be able to come with us had to cancel, but she found someone else to come with us. That has never happened before on my mission. Tuesday, we had a cold snap and found someone new to teach and we taught him the Message of the Restoration on his doorstep. On Wednesday we had zone conference and received a lot of really awesome instruction. On Thursday, we stopped over at someone's house who requested a priesthood blessing over mormon.org. Friday we made a lot of good plans for the week and Saturday we went to the temple and I got to do a family name. Yesterday we had five people at church and it was so awesome.

12/2 On Monday we went roller skating as a group of missionaries, which was a lot of fun. Tuesday, we found out that we had the "He is the Gift" video on our iPads, so we shared it with the members we were having dinner with and invited them to share it with everyone. On Wednesday, lots of people went out of their way to make my birthday special. It was sweet. Thursday was Thanksgiving, and we ate lots of food, shared the gospel and got lots of leftovers. Friday officially started the time for us to share the "He is the Gift" video and we shared it with as many people as we could, whether it was at their door or just going down the street/sidewalk. On Saturday, we finally got to teach some of the people we are meeting with and on Sunday we taught someone that went out of town for about two months and he still wants to meet with us. Over all, the week has been really busy and satisfying. I realize that I am so much happier when we are busy. Hope everyone is having a great week!

Love,
Sister Carol Ransom



Missionary Mail

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

11/10 This week has been amazing. I'll start with the investigators. Janet Castro (41). She has a baptismal date for this Saturday and has been meeting with the Elders quite a bit. She has had about 4 baptismal interviews but always something comes up and she can't be baptized. But she is not going to drink tea or coffee so now she should be good. Rolando Martinez (19) is awesome! He has been sharing with the missionaries for a while as well and yesterday was the first time that he had come to church and is excited for his baptismal date for the 29-Nov-14. He is praying and really wants to know if this is the true church of God. Cristina Williamson (9). She is awesome! We had lunch and a sweet lesson with this family last night and put some great goals so that they can go to temple as a family again in July of the next year and so they are willing and ready to receive callings and to do their family history work and all that! And the son in May of next year, has the goal to be advanced to the Melkisedec Priesthood! (I forgot how to spell that in English...) But he is doing great!

And now with my studies, we finished as a mission our BoM studies and will start up again in December. So meanwhile I have been reading in D&C and I am loving it! I have been thinking a lot lately about the Twelve and also about John the Beloved and the 3 Nephites. And the desires of the majority were to preach the Gospel until their time was through and then go to live with the Lord in His kingdom. And so the Lord blessed them and granted them their wish and they were happy. But then, reading in D&C 7, it shows the conversation that the Lord had with John. I loved reading it and that is what sparked my thought process. Their desires were so much purer and they would receive even more blessings and joy. That doesn't mean that the others weren't pure, it just shows that our desires can be more pure. And so as I was reading on, in Sections 15 and 16 the Lord tells a secret to John Whitmer and his brother, Peter Whitmer Jr. He tells them the following,"

1 Hearken, my servant Peter, and listen to the words of Jesus Christ, your Lord and your Redeemer.

2 For behold, I speak unto you with sharpness and with power, for mine arm is over all the earth.

3 And I will tell you that which no man knoweth save me and thee alone—

4 For many times you have desired of me to know that which would be of the most worth unto you.

5 Behold, blessed are you for this thing, and for speaking my words which I have given unto you according to my commandments.

6 And now, behold, I say unto you, that the thing which will be of the most worth unto you will be to declare repentance unto this people, that you may bring souls unto me, that you may rest with them in the kingdom of my Father. Amen.

I know that the thing that will be of most worth unto us will be and is to declare repentance unto this people. It doesn't matter where we are, who we are, or what we are doing. If we preach repentance unto all people at all times, we will be doing that which the Lord wants. I know that is what John and the 3 Nephites wanted to do and I know that is what they are doing. Also, this week, I have been trying to figure out how God thinks and I was led to read in the Pearl of Great Price in Moses 7 when Enoc is talking with God and asking Him why He is crying. I loved to read His response and then see what Enoch proceeded to do. He wept as well after seeing everything the Lord has done for us. I too want to be able to reach that level and be able to preach repentance unto this people all the days of my life.

There is so much more I could share but it just doesn't take the same meaning over the internet. I am so glad that I can speak with all of you every week so easily seeing as earlier they had to use snail mail. I love you all very much! Thank you for all your prayers and thoughts!

11/17 This week has been a great week! We have really felt the spirit of the work in this week. We had a baptism of Janet Castro on Saturday but she didn't get to church in time to be confirmed.... And next week we have stake conference so we have to wait until the 30th for her confirmation. But she is strong and so I am sure that she will make it. Her whole family came to her baptism and we were able to converse with them and start planting a few more seeds.

And also, The Williamson family came to church and they were really excited! They stayed for the whole 3 hours and came with their daughter Cristina (9). She has a baptismal date for the 30th of November and she is reading and praying every night! We taught her about how baptism is and what she will do by being baptized and she said yes! SO we are going to keep going and help her learn all that she needs to learn to be a faithful member of the church!

This week, especially last night, we taught a lesson to a less active member and after the lesson, Elder McElhaney did an action that I always do and he didn't realize it. He just laughed and said, "I am going to be exactly like you in a month or so..." It was pretty funny. I love being able to share my knowledge of the gospel and the best way to teach people. A few months ago, Michael challenged me to help another Elder reach his potential faster than I was able to so that he can help more people. I feel like I have been able to do that with every Elder and Sister in my district. It is a great goal to be able to help others realize who they are and what they have to do in the Gospel to be able to come to live with their Heavenly Father again.

I think that's about it for this week. Elder McElhaney and I are doing well and getting ready for the transfer calls. I don't think there will be any changes but you never know. This area has been kinda crazy lately. President has been doing a lot of emergency changes and weird changes recently. But if that is how the Lord wants it, así sea. I love you all so much and hope you're all doing well! I'll send pictures next week! I am backing them all up today so I don't lose any.

12/1 But this week has been a good week. We have been teaching a lot of lessons and this week was the week in the which we taught more lessons than ever in my time here in Anibal Pinto. And once again, I don't have a picture because we have just forgotten every day... And I have been pretty busy. This week we had a District Leader Meeting with Pres and in one of the breaks I went and told Pres that I was cleaning a HUGE stain in the carpet that he asked me about with shampoo and told me to keep going! And then he also asked me about Elder Ammirati and asked me if he was going to be ready to be district leader after. I told him yes and then yesterday I set about teaching Elder Ammirati how to be a district leader. It's fun and awesome because he wants to learn EVERYTHING! He will be a great leader.

Also, yesterday Rolando passed his interview and will be baptized this Sunday. He is doing well but still needs lots of prayers. And we have a few other people that have baptismal dates and all that jazz. But today we have to go to prepare an activity and we have to go. And so I still haven't taken a picture with him but I will send one next week. Thanks again for all you are doing! I love you so much!

Love, Elder Hale

Missionary Mail

Elder Steele Crandell Texas Dallas Mission 6300 Round Rock Trail Apt #3602 Plano TX 75023

11/4 Well this week was better than last week, it is just a massive change of pace from all my other areas but im getting used to it, i think my bike might kill me and if its not that its all the teenage or other awful drivers on the road, between my companion and i we had about 8 close calls just this week. Be safe on the road and watch out for your mormons. So we had about every single appointment this week cancel but thats ok im used to that now. on the positive side none of our dinners cancelled, that makes life pretty tolerable. The definite highlight of the week was Halloween we had been looking forward to that with much great anticipation (its the little things in life). We were contemplating about whether we would dress up or not, and finally the idea came to us that we should do Cowboys and Indians (my companion is Navajo.....) so that was so much fun a lady in our ward made his costume and it looked sweet and he knows how to do the war paint so he looked legit and everyone thought he was cool and i just dressed as myself and looked like a cowboy ahaha but all and all it was pretty sweet we handed out candy at the ward trunk or treat and had a blast then had a zone sports party after and that was good. So the only other thing worth mentioning is so the ward wants us more involved with the Youth so we have been playing flag football with the YM on Saturdays but the young women are not very involved in that so the YW president asked if we could teach a Wednesday activity and since i cant do anything that the girls would be interested in Elder Maloney will be teaching us how to "bead" the way that Indians make cool bracelets and necklaces so that should be really cool i have been working on mine and it is coming out pretty good but still is a long way from being done. that has been the week here in plano

11/12 So this week was good we taught more lessons than in the previous weeks so that was a good improvement. Monday was good we went and did some window shopping in cool hipster stores in the happening part of Plano, and then got adjusted by a chiropractor so that was good. Tuesday we had zone meeting and the stake President was there so he is ready to help move the work along in this side of the vineyard. Wednesday was fun we had some appointments my companion got on tv, and then he taught YW mutual class and taught Native American beading, i will show you mine when i finish i am almost there.... be patient. Thursday i was going a little bonkers, and the night before we found some wood on our evening stroll and there is quite the drop off our back patio and the dirt is always really muddy there so i constructed a ramp to go up from the ground on to the patio. and then had some lessons. but the ramp is alot of our enjoyment in our spare time going down it and trying to ride up it (not as easy as it looks btw). Friday we went and did Service again at the food pantry and i think every time i go there i get just a little more soul haha. There are some good people there and a couple crazy ones as well. Saturday was a hoot we played flag football with the youth and we ended up getting put on the other team because they didnt have enough players present so we put the woop on our own ward and well some of them are not speaking to us so that is awkward. One lesson to learn is not to mess with Texans and football.... some lessons are learned the hard way..... Sunday was good we had a couple investigators promise to be there and nothing came of that so that was unfortunate. the Talks were kinda weird but i felt the spirit. The Lord Qualifies those that proclaim his will i have seen that in my own life as i have been trying to share the gospel and it was cool to see it in theirs as well. We had some pretty good contacts this week our teaching pool is pretty small so hopefully with those contacts we can help and turn them into investigators, that would be awesome. the ward here is good and been treating us well and there is a couple of guys in this ward that just inspire me to be awesome and successful it helps me realize i can make great things in my life happen. well hey yall keep loving Jesus because he is always loving you. oh yeah dont forget to read the Book of Mormon its true and itll change your life.

11/19 well hey yall, this week was pretty good i got a package from Aunt Leann so that was great, and i finally got a letter from dad, i wasnt feeling geat that evening so my companion went to grab mail and i was out like a light hey came in and woke me and told me i had a letter, i read it and may or may not have teared up and went back to bed promptly, then in the morning i told my companion that i had a dream that my dad wrote me a letter..... well he laughed at me for a while i guess i was still out of it. So an unexpected thing happened yesterday we got out of our last appointment we were walking to the door and we looked out the window and out of no where it was snowing outside, so we rode our bikes in the snow because no one in Plano owns a pick up truck its so weird. well i really hate the cold so that was no fun. so we have

an awesome investigator and he is slowly progressing but it was really cool because he called us up the other day and asked for a blessing because he had hrt his back and he is really working on developing his faith so that is pretty sweet. So flag Fotball is officially over we put up a good fight but the other teams were just a bit better. So now we are trying to work with the ward to find more investigators and less actives so that sounds exciting we will see about how that will work together but im excited for what we can do to make it happen. other than that nothing is really going on other than frezzing on the bikes and having my legs get huge from biking. still working hard and can see the end peaking on the horizon, gosh this mission is a long time but its good for me, i think haha

With Love,
Elder Crandell

