

“THE SPOKANE WORD”

Washington Spokane Mission

Issue #86

Dec 2016—Jan 2017

“The Character of Christ” President Dymock

Many times, growing up on a farm, my father would give me a hard task to do, smile and say, “Don’t worry, it will build your character.” A mission, if you will let it, will help you build the character of Christ within. It is a process of hard work, becoming, and enduring well this short time we have to serve with all of our heart, might, mind and strength. I love these words by Elder Neal A. Maxwell:

“There is another very powerful inducement for us to endure well. President Young said of Jesus, “Why should we imagine for one moment that we can be prepared to enter into the kingdom of rest with him and the Father, without passing through similar ordeals?” (Journal of Discourses, 8:66). Peter noted how this sacred process produces an exclusive cadre—those who have known the “fellowship of [Christ’s] suffer-

ings” (Philippians 3:10). These are they who will have the greatest capacity for endless service, joy, and happiness.

“I turn now to Jesus, who is at the center of it all. Brigham Young observed that real faith requires faith in Jesus’ character, in His atonement, and in the Father’s plan of salvation (Journal of Discourses, 13:56). Jesus’ character necessarily underwrote His remarkable atonement. Without Jesus’ sublime character, there could have been no sublime atonement! His character is such that He “[suffered] temptations of every kind” (Alma 7:11), yet He gave temptations “no heed” (D&C 20:22).

“Jesus, who, by far, suffered the most, has the most compassion for all of us who suffer so much less. Moreover, He, who suffered the most, has no self-pity! Instead of self-pity, even as He endured the enor-

mous suffering associated with the Atonement, He reached out to others in their lesser suffering” (Maxwell, N.A. Feb 1995).

As we enter into the Christmas season, we are also finishing another transfer and sending yet another wonderful group of faithful missionaries home. I can’t help but notice who and what they have become. They have the image of Christ in their countenances. They have become mighty servants of the Lord. They have developed the character of Christ. We can honor him this Christmas by developing the character of Christ each day we serve. What a blessing it is to serve together in the Washington Spokane Mission of Miracles.

SLY, President Dymock



**We can honor him this
Christmas by developing
the character of Christ
each day we serve.**

President Dymock



“Light the World” Elder Avery and Elder Brenchley

Dear Elders and Sisters,

With winter upon us, and the days getting darker, the words of Mosiah are ever present on our minds; “He is the light and the life of the world; yea, a light that is endless, that can never be darkened; yea, and also a life which is endless, that there can be no more death.” (Mosiah 16:9) What a wonderful time to be a servant of the Lord and to be able to share his light with the world! Many hearts are being softened as our brothers and sisters are reminded of the birth of their Savior this Christmas season. The new #LIGHTtheWORLD initiative is a wonderful tool that we now get to utilize in our missionary efforts. Not only is this a great thing to share with nonmembers, but an amazing resource to help our members be missionaries! Help our members catch the vision of spreading the light of Christ this Christmas season! Continue to work with your WML and Bishop to get into the homes of your members during the later hours of the day to share the initiative. By sharing the #LIGHTtheWORLD initiative with our members we can help them “let their lights so shine before men, that they may see their good works.” (Matthew 5:16 emphasis added) We have a testimony of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are grateful for all of you answering the call to serve Him. May you continue to spread his light as his authorized representatives this Christmas season!

SLY, Elder Avery and Elder Brenchley

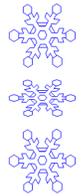
• In This Issue

- Convert Baptisms p 2
- Zone News p 2
- Sis Dymock Msg p 3
- Arriving & Departing Missionaries p 3
- Words of Wisdom p 4-5
- Calendar p 6

Convert Baptisms—22 Oct—27 Nov 2016

Zone	Ward	Date		Zone	Ward	Date
Spokane East	Belle Terre	10/23/16		Lewiston	Kamiah 1st	11/6/16
Spokane East	Belle Terre	10/23/16		Spokane East	Evergreen	11/11/16
Spokane East	Belle Terre	10/23/16		Spokane West	Cheney 1st	11/13/16
MT Spokane	West Valley	10/22/16		Spokane North	Shawnee YSA	11/13/16
MT Spokane	Friendship Park	10/22/16		Spokane East	Terrace View YSA	11/20/16
Sandpoint	Priest River	10/23/16		Spokane	Spokane YSA	11/20/16
Spokane East	Evergreen	10/23/16		Lewiston	Lewiston 3rd	11/20/16
Moscow	Pullman YSA	10/30/16		MT Spokane	Beacon Hill	11/19/16
Colville	Colville 1st	10/30/16		Lewiston	Kamiah 2nd	11/21/16
Colville	Deer Park	10/30/16		Moscow	Pullman YSA	11/25/16
Lewiston	Kamiah 1st	10/30/16		MT Spokane	Marshallese	11/27/16
Spokane West	Spokane 2nd	11/6/16		Spokane East	Pines	11/27/16
Moscow	Sunnyside	11/5/16		Hayden Lake	Timberlake	11/27/16
Spokane West	Ritzville Branch	11/6/16		Spokane	Moran Prairie	11/27/16
Spokane West	Ritzville Branch	11/6/16		Spokane West	Silverlake	11/27/16
Spokane North	Shawnee YSA	11/6/16				

Zone Name	Zone Leader	Sister Training Leader	1st Trainer	2nd Trainer	District Leaders	New Leadership
Colville	Eld Cummings Eld Rapp	Sis Worthen	E Cummings	Eld Gibbs	Eld Redd Eld Wood Eld McCullogh (Sr. Miss)	STL Sis Worthen
Spokane West	Eld Lamb Eld Higbee	Sis Schmidt	Eld Holmes		Eld C Park Eld Holmes Eld Esser	DL Eld Holmes
Spokane North	Eld Davies Eld Jorgensen	Sis Cheney	Eld Davies		Eld Tsang Eld Zyhailo	ZL Eld Joregensen
Spokane	Eld Ewell Eld Nielsen	Sis Andruski			Eld Eager Eld Richardson	STL Sis Andruski
Mt. Spokane	Eld Lenning Eld Bulloch	Sis Bryson	Eld Bulloch Eld Harris		Eld Harris Eld Lundberg	
Spokane East	Eld Morse Eld Beltran	Sis Egbert	Eld Francis		Eld Francis Eld Allred	
Spokane Valley	Eld Monson Eld Marinos	Sis Thompson	Sis D Brown Sis Cardona		Eld Martindale	DL Eld Martindale
Sandpoint	Eld Bowman Eld B. Christensen	Sis Burdie	Eld Warnick	Sis Burdie	Eld Urry Eld Hallerman	ZL Eld Bowman DL Eld Hallerman
Coeur d'Alene	Eld Ipson Eld Patch	S. Ireland		Eld Ipson Sis Ireland Sis Young	Eld Stoddard Eld J Hawkins Eld Horman	STL Sis Ireland
Hayden Lake	Eld Rowe Eld Forrester	Sis Sherwood Sis Chugg	Eld Rowe	Eld Forrester Sis Sherwood Sis Chugg	Eld Forrester	STL Sis Chugg
Moscow	Eld Weech Eld Nelson	Sis S Johnson	Eld Lewis Eld Herbst Sis S Johnson	Eld Yankey Eld Moleff	Eld Kosmicki Eld Lewis Eld Moleff	DL Eld Kosmicki DL Eld Lewis STL Sis S Johnson
Lewiston	Eld D Wood Eld Frehner	Sis Blauer	Eld St. John	Sis Brown Sis Arnett Sis Lott Sis Blauer	Eld Merrill Eld Satuala Eld St. John	ZL Eld D Wood DL Eld St. John DL Eld Merrell



Month	Baptisms
JAN	21
FEB	15
MAR	37
APR	17
MAY	29
JUN	28
JUL	27
AUG	25
SEP	26
OCT	32
NOV	20

DEPARTING MISSIONAIRES November 2016

Elder Janis Elder Pauuvale Elder Young

DEPARTING MISSIONARIES 05 December 2016

Eld M Anderson Eld Bingham Sis Gregory
Eld S Hawkins Eld Joseph Eld Kattil
Sis Flores Eld Louis Sis Oligario
Eld C Peterson Sis Rogers Sis J Smith
Eld Wilcox Eld B Wood

DEPARTING MISSIONARIES 08 December 2016

Eld & Sis Wall

DEPARTING MISSIONARIES 17 December 2016

Sis E Brown Sis Hartle Sis Paget
Sis Suprise Sis Tyler

ARRIVING MISSIONARIES 05 December 2016

Sis Atwan Eld Chamberlain Eld Chen*
Eld B Davies Elder T Davis Eld Holmgren
Eld Horne Eld Klunker Sis Lindsey**
Eld Rapier Eld Roberts Eld Timmerman

*= Marshallese **=Spanish

Senior Couples: Pres & Sis Clark Mission Office
10 Dec 2016 Elder & Sister Burns Military Relations
31 Dec 2016 Elder & Sister Hummel Member Leader Support

DEPARTING MISSIONARIES 16 January 2017

Sis Burdie Eld Ewell Sis J Johnson
Eld Lewis Eld Satuala Sis Schmidt

ARRIVING MISSIONARIES 16 January 2017

Eld Carson Eld Glidwell Eld Hess
Sis Mosis Sis Packer Eld Strum

As I consider Words of Wisdom to all my missionary friends, I say, take each day one day at a time, love our Father in Heaven, love the Lord, and be grateful for the Gift of the Holy Ghost. You will never be alone. Include them always as part of your life choices and endeavors. Remember Elder D. Todd Christofferson said, "The world is already wicked enough, we need more righteous." So keep on working. Elder Wall

"The Exhilaration of Service" Sister Dymock

I remember the first time I did a truly anonymous service at Christmas. My older brother was home from college, and we decided to bring some Christmas joy to the family who lived across the bridge. Together we wrapped presents, loaded them in our car, and headed out on that dark Christmas Eve. We turned off our car lights as we neared the bridge to keep our arrival a secret. I felt both nervous and excited as we parked, loaded up the presents, and crossed the bridge on foot. As we crept slowly towards the house, I was sure the children who lived inside could hear my every step crunching on that hard snow! Thoughts of being caught right on the family's front yard nearly paralyzed me, but my brother kept us moving along. We tip-toed up the front steps, quietly placed the gifts on the porch; and then my brother knocked on the door. My heart nearly jumped out of my throat when he whispered, "Run!" We raced across the lawn, dashed back over the bridge, and jumped into our car... and we were out of there in seconds, still with the lights off. I don't think I took a full breath until we were back safe in our own home. I often wondered what happened on the other side of that family's door. Were they surprised, happy, and grateful? Did the children like the game I gave them? Regardless of their experience, I had felt the exhilaration of doing a secret service, and I wanted to experience that joy again!

As missionaries, you also knock on doors of people in need; but you offer gifts much more valuable than the presents my family gave that Christmas Eve so long ago. You bring "tidings of great joy" (Luke 2:10). You speak of Eternal gifts. Indeed, you offer Eternal Life to those with prepared hearts. You become a Savior on Mount Zion to those who will let you in. During this Christmas season, may you feel the exhilaration of sharing Isaiah's joyous message: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6). Merry Christmas! #LIGHTtheWORLD!

Our mission has been blessed to have Elder & Sister Wall serve the last 18 months in the Mission Office. Their mission comes to a close on Dec 8, 2016 and we thank them for the second-mile service they have provided. Elder Wall's expertise with all our housing needs has been indispensable. That includes bed bugs, couches and cleanliness! Sister Wall has supported missionaries through colds, coughs, surgeries, and sicknesses! They have been an incredible team and we will miss them tremendously. Best wishes to them as they return to their family and home in Mona, Utah.



Obey the rules in everything you do. The church is true. Sister Wall

Elder and Sister Wall

Words of Wisdom *from our departing missionaries*

There is no one perfect way to do missionary work except for this: rely on the One who is. Love you all! Sister Smith

Smile and be confident in the name you wear. Be obedient and do your best. Allow the Lord to make up the difference. Know who you are and why you are here. Trust in the Lord and remember who you are serving. Mosiah 2:17 Find Joy in the work. Sister Oligario

If there is anything that I would like to share it would be this: Jesus is the Christ! He is the Only Begotten Son of God, who is Elohim. He, being Jesus, has walked among the children of men, to know what it would be like among us, to know how to succor us, according to our infirmities. Jesus is the only realist that has ever walked the face of this Earth. I know that as we continue along our journey of discipleship, we will be blessed for all of our consecrated efforts. Lastly, keep working hard and outwork the hardest worker! The hardest worker should be yourself. The mission is a great place to learn to work hard. Finally, there should be no excuse as to why something didn't get done. Love you all! Work Hard! No Excuses! Be Great! Elder Louis

My dear Elders and Sisters, I've had so much fun on the mission. I would like to testify to you if you will stay obedient to the Lord's commandments and keep working hard he will be happy. I love the mission and will miss it. Have a great day Elders and Sisters. Elder Peterson

Let us remember that this truly is HIS mission and that it doesn't end after two years. In this time I have strengthened my testimony and conversion and know that we have a loving Heavenly Father. Because of this there lies divine potential in each of us. I also know that it is through the Atonement of Jesus Christ and applying His gospel that our very nature can be changed. The gospel of Jesus Christ has been restored through a modern prophet, Joseph Smith, and that Jesus Christ is at the head of the church. Because of these truths and many more none of us can ever go home the same. I pray that my mission will never truly end. Elder S. Hawkins

"Ye are eternally indebted to your heavenly Father, to render to him all that you have and are... For I do know that whosoever will put their trust in God shall be supported in their trials, and their troubles, and their afflictions.... The Lord began to bless them, insomuch that they brought many to the knowledge of the truth... I know that I am nothing; as to my strength I am weak; therefore I will not boast of myself, but I will boast of my God, for... I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Mosiah 2:34; Alma 36:3; Alma 21:17; Alma 26:12; Philippians 4:13) Elders and Sisters, I know in whom I have trusted and will continue to trust. I know that as we give Him our all, consecrate ourselves, and lay everything on the altar of sacrifice, holding nothing back, we become so much more. There was a time when I believed I was sacrificing everything to serve the Lord, but I have sacrificed nothing, and gained all. Let us love as the Savior would, serve as the Savior would, teach as the Savior would, listen as the Savior would, obey as the Savior would, submit as the Savior would, live as the Savior would. For we are the Saviors on Mount Zion. We serve a loving, merciful, grateful, perfectly all-knowing God of Miracles. How very blessed are we!! Sister Evin Brown

The mission goes fast and it's not easy. We give up a lot to come out here and work hard.

Sometimes we might wonder why. I know now that we gain more from serving than we will ever give. It's the perfect opportunity to give to the Lord and know that if we do our best, He will make us better than we could ever make ourselves. Don't give up. Take it one step at a time. "The only way that we fail, is if we fail to take one more faithful step forward". I know He is always by our side in the most challenging moments and the most joyful moments. This is the best thing we could be doing right now at this time in life. I know that God has great things in store for each of us. I know that we can be great if we want to be. This is that time to give it your all and He will make you great. This mission has changed my life. Thanks for being a part of that. Make it last, it goes fast! See you on the other side! Sister Hartle

This mission has been the best choice I have ever made. It has changed the way I act and think. It has brought me closer to the Lord. It was tough but worth it. If the day was tough I always said tomorrow will be better and it always was. Being able to see conversion in to the church is beyond words. I will miss this place. It has a special place in my heart. I came I saw I conquered. Elder B Wood

And if your eye be single to my glory, your whole bodies shall be filled with light, and there shall be no darkness in you; and that body which is filled with light comprehendeth all things. D&C 88:67 As you see as He sees, you will act as He acts, and become as He is. He is the light and the life of the world. We gain light, truth, knowledge as we are obedient to His commandments. Light is discernible, and all of you are a beacons to those that are in darkness. Sister Gregory



Words of Wisdom *from our departing missionaries*

"Big gulps huh? Well, see you later. Elder Wilcox

I love the Lord and I love his Gospel. It's my favorite hobby. In fact, I wrote a Rap/Poem about it (depending how you look at it). It goes like this...

Hey, I'm talking to you
I got a Book of Mormon and I know it's true
You heard about the Bible and how it went,
Well this one's just another testament!
The straight and narrow path begins with faith
It's a lifetime pursuit, not a race
Exercise faith unto repentance
Don't act like it's a death sentence
Enter the waters thru baptism
Follow the example of his Son
Receive the Holy Ghost
Endure to the end
Then you live the Gospel all over again!
The Church is true
The Book is Blue
I think I'm done
Yeah this Rap is through.
Sister Tyler



I'm so grateful for the opportunity we have to talk with our Heavenly Father each moment of every day. One soul is great in God's eyes, and He's helped me to see that. As we look to Jesus Christ in all things, we can individually find our Savior and Redeemer who will then help us lead others to Him. Seek revelation daily and follow it. This is His work. He will guide you.
2 Nephi 27:29 ; D&C 84:97-102, 119 Sister Rogers

This is an incredible time. A time to grow, learn, experience, overcome, and enjoy. God wants us to have joy, especially while we are serving Him. We are Promised "How great will be your joy if you should bring many souls unto me!" D&C 18: 16 These are our brothers and sisters. They are of great worth to God. Missions are not easy but as you learn to truly rely on God and on Christ's Atonement, your mistakes will be forgotten and your weaknesses will be strengthened, you will overcome the adversary, and every effort you make will be noticed. "Remember Him, He is our captain, He has called us, He will go before us." - President Uchtdorf SLY Sister Paget

Well, It's been one fantastic ride. The ups and the downs. The upside of seeing people retain the gospel light in their lives. The downside of people rejecting the gospel due to unknown issues and articles. A roller coaster isn't exciting without its ups AND downs. When you go down, you know that you will be going up at some point. Just hold on for the ride. Don't let the anti sentiment get to you, remember Elder Uchtdorf's words, "Doubt your doubts before you doubt your faith". I am going to miss it out here but I can also say I'm leaving with no regrets. My challenge to all of you is to go through your mission with no regrets. You may not baptize the entire nation, but in the end you will have made a difference with those you teach. The teachings will remain with them and they will teach their children, and their children's children, down through the generations until the work is done. So don't give up! Elder Bingham

Remember Elders and Sisters that the Lord loves you. Be obedient and work hard. Put your trust in Him. Elder Kattil

Elders and Sisters
This year and a half to two years can be the best years of your life if you let your mission become HIS mission. Trust in Him, be obedient and have fun. Sister Suprise

Elders & Sisters. I cannot believe it has been 2 years. Just a few words. 1) Having toured most of the mission (Minus Spokane), President Young's statement in the White handbook is true. Work HARD! 2) President Dymock is inspired. 3) #'s make for the best transfer journal entries. Elder Joseph

From my biggest hero, "Those who have read [the scriptures], and who have drunk of the stream of knowledge which they convey, know how to appreciate them."—Joseph Smith

"I do not regard my own life. I am ready to be offered a sacrifice for this people; for what can our enemies do? Only kill the body, and their power is then at an end. Stand firm, my friends; never flinch. Do not seek to save your lives, for he that is afraid to die for the truth, will lose eternal life. Hold out to the end, and we shall be resurrected and become like Gods, and reign in celestial kingdoms, principalities, and eternal dominions." —Joseph Smith
I love you all. You are my friends. Take care until we shall meet again! Elder M Anderson

I am very grateful to have served in the Washington Spokane Mission. I have learned to rely on the Lord. There's going to be hard days. There's going to be time you meet people and all they want to do is bash. Just remember President Gordon B. Hinckley "Just do the best you can BUT be sure it is your VERY BEST". You're all amazing missionaries. You have a wonderful testimony that someone in your area needs to hear. Don't be afraid to share it! Ustes tiene la Luz de Cristo! You have the Light of Christ! There is no doubt that your meant to be here. Work hard and have fun on the way! Los quiero :)
Hermana Flores

DECEMBER 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 World Wide Day of Service	2**Eld C Greene Zone Training Mtg	3 Bmp.419
4 Outgoing Missionary Dinner & Testimony mtg. @ MH 6-9 pm	5 **Eld Fuller, Eld Case, Eld Jackson, Sis Hsiao Departing & Incoming Missionaries	6 ** Eld Chamberlain Transfers	7	8 ** Eld Lundberg, **Sis Sherwood	9NLT @MH 9-3	10 ** Eld Martin, **Sis Olsen Bmp.458
11	12 **Eld Monson	13 **Eld Avery Specialized Training SE ,SV @SESC 9-3	14** Sis Norman Eld Roberts Specialized Training HL,CDA @HLSC 9-3	15 **Eld Burns(Sr. Miss) Specialized Training SP @SPSC 9-3	16 Specialized Training SW @SWSC 9-3	17**Eld Goodwin Eld Warnick Bmp494 Specialized
18	19	20 Specialized Training S, MT @ SSC 9-3	21 Specialized Training L @LSC 9-3	22**Eld Wilcox Specialized Training SN @SNSC 9-3	23 Specialized Training C @ CSC 9-3 Christmas Holiday Office Closed	24 Bmp 531 Christmas Holiday Office Closed
25**Sis Whitehead Christmas Holiday Office Closed	26**Eld Esser Christmas Holiday Office Closed	27	28**Eld Brenchley NMT @MH 9-3	29	30**Eld C Park	31**Sis Hardy

LEGEND: **= Happy Birthday
 Bmp= Reading Schedule 35pg/week
 MLC=Mission Leadership Council
 NLT= New Leader Training
 NMT = New Missionary Training



JANUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Sr. FHE	3 MLC @Evergreen 9-3	4	5**Sis Cardona	6 Zone Training Mtg	7 Stake Conf SE
8 **Eld T Jones Stake Conf SE w/GA SESC 10 am	9	10	11	12	13	14**Eld K Park Stake Conf S
15 Stake Conf S Outgoing Missionary Dinner & Testimony mtg. @ MH 6-9 pm	16**Eld S Anderson Departing & Incoming Missionaries	17**Sis Schmidt * *Sis Parker Transfers	18	19	20 NLT @MH 9-3	21 Stake Conf SV
22 Stake Conf SV **Eld Markov **Eld Pulotu	23	24 Zone Conf SN, SW, C @ SNSC 9-3	25 **Eld Martindale Zone Conf M,L @ MSC 9-3	26 **Eld Fisher Zone Conf HL,CDA, SP@HLSC 9-3	27 Zone Conf SE, SV,MT,S @SE 9-3	28 Stake Conf SW
29 Stake Conf SW	30**Eld J Christensen **Eld Hallerman	31**Eld Morrison MLC@ Evergreen 9-3				