

Dana Ward Bishopric

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Dear Dana Ward family,

As I contemplated the message for this month's newsletter, I came across a letter from a missionary I would like to share with you:

The lesson that I learned this week was about the power of remembering. The opposite of remembering is forgetting and it's mentioned many times in the beginning chapters of the Book of Mormon how quick Laman and Lemuel are, to forget what great things the Lord has done for them. Often times, if not always, this is the greatest source of their murmurings and their disobedience to their father, to Nephi, and to the Lord. It is very easy to forget the miracles and tender mercies that have happened in our lives, but it is very difficult to remember the great things that the Lord has done for us. The blessings of remembering are clear as we read about the life of Nephi and his many experiences. Always, he gives thanks to the Lord and subjects himself to God before doing anything. Remembering requires humility and sacrifice as it requires us to take a minute to stop and think. It requires us to have great self-control as we prepare to make a decision, but then pause as we remember the Lord, give thanks, seek His guidance, and then proceed.

In Sacrament Meeting on Sunday a young couple spoke; one on baptism and the other on the Holy Ghost and enduring to the end. The husband spoke second and recounted some experiences he had a few years ago in which he, shortly after having returned from a mission, was diagnosed with a form of blood cancer similar to leukemia. He underwent months and months of treatment and multiple rounds of chemotherapy. He also had to have a stem-cell transplant, which was a process lasting about 8 months accompanied by more chemotherapy and many doctor visits. Throughout all of this he had the strength and faith to keep going because of the priesthood blessing he received from his father at the start of his experience in which his father, under the guidance of the Holy Ghost, blessed him that he

would make a complete recovery and lead a normal life. This blessing was given before they knew of the severity of his disorder.

His talk and his experience went perfectly with the lesson I had been learning in the Book of Mormon as he spoke of how the only way that he was able to make it through and really survive that trial was through miracles and prayers. He powerfully testified of how that experience had brought him closer to his Father in Heaven and how it gave him a completely new outlook on life. Four years later, after having served a mission and being married in the temple, he shared that it is still easy for him to forget to read his scriptures every day, or to pray more often.

It doesn't matter who we are or what we've experienced in life, we are all subject to the same physical and natural tendencies that cause us to forget. How wonderful it would be if we could all be better at simply remembering. Our faith would increase and we would see and notice the hand of God more in our lives. As President Eyring said in his recent General Conference talk, we could all gain from pausing at the end of each day and asking ourselves, "How have I seen the hand of God touch my life, or my family's lives this day?" We would show the Lord that his bounteous blessings are not only noticed but needed. We would gain His confidence and as a result, similar to the experience of Nephi, we would be blessed that much more. So that's my goal for this coming week: Remember.

This letter caused me to "remember" some of the many, many blessings I have been given. I hope that you will also take time to remember your blessings and reflect on how much your Father in Heaven and Jesus Christ really love you. May the Lord bless you all.
Love, Bishop Hale

FYI

Mesa Temple Easter Pageant

All performances 1 hour long - begin@ 8 pm
English: Mar 12 & 13 & 18 - 22.
Spanish: Mar 14 & 15

During the 2 weeks of **Easter Pageant**, the temple closes early. **No sessions after 2:30 pm.**

Currently, there is a free, beautiful, **Photo Art Display** at the **Temple Visitor's Center** called "Reflections of Christ". The photographers staged models, wearing period dress, in New Testament settings, depicting the life of Christ. Visitor Center hours are 9 am – 9 pm, seven days a week.

Daylight Savings Begins – Mar 9 (for the rest of the nation, not Arizona. We will be the same time as California. **DO NOT change your clocks!**
SPRING BREAK; Mar 15 thru 23. (no school)
Easter is March 23

Missionary Mailbox

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Dear Family,

I heard about the passing of Pres. Hinckley and for some reason I wasn't sad at all even though he is the Prophet that issued my call and the prophet that I remember. I guess I just know that God will and did call another prophet and the fact that he is not suffering anymore and is with his wife. We were given permission to attend the funeral and it was special.

I am loving my new area in Santiago. My companion and I share an apartment with 2 other elders and it is fun. Elder Day and I are working really hard here in our new area. We have a few families that we are teaching but it is a little slow with getting member referrals. When you have a member referral you have a higher success rate of that person being baptized, they have a friend that will fellowship them and it really helps. The members are not as helpful as they should be here so we are spending a lot of time teaching them what to do. Every day we stop by a member's home and teach them a lesson. We invite them to share the gospel with other people. I figure that if I don't have any baptisms here I will measure my success as a missionary on how well we get the ward members to participate. We are also planning a ward party that is centered around missionary work. We will teach the members how to

visit a less-active member and how to share the message of the restoration with a friend in 5 minutes. We are anxious to see how that goes.

I was given permission to call and check on a man that I baptized in Jarabacoa 8 months ago. He has received the Melchizedek priest- hood and is the 1st counselor in the Bishopric now. He is preparing to take his wife and their children to the temple this summer to be sealed. I know that I was called to this mission to help bring this man into the gospel. It's an amazing feeling to know that you were an instrument in the hands of the Lord. Missionary life may be hard but there are amazing rewards.

My companion and I had a pretty funny experience the other day that I thought you might enjoy hearing about. My companion decided that it would be fun to stand on the end of a rope that was tied to a huge cow. The cow was standing in a field eating the grass. As my companion stood on the rope, he started preaching to the cow in a loud voice, thinking that the cow would run away from us. Well the cow didn't like my companion doing that and got pretty angry. Instead of running away from us he started to charge us and chased us down the road a good bit. We were laughing so much. It was fun. (Mom, notice it wasn't ME standing on the rope.)

Missionary life goes on as it always does; we tract, find, teach, drop some, work with the members, bring people to church and bear our testimonies. I will miss it when it is over and I come home.
Love, Elder Justin Schnepf

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Dear Family,

We had Zone Conferences this week. That means we spent the entire week attending

different Zone Conferences. They all went really well. President Clark spoke and shared some really inspiring things about how we can improve our work and bring more souls to Christ. We talked a lot about goal setting and faith. One thing that was said about goal setting that I found especially interesting was, "You can't go from A to Z without hitting every letter from B to Y." We can't just set big goals and expect to go from where we are now to achieving the goal overnight. There needs to be many smaller goals set in between to help us along the way to accomplish our end-goal. It applies perfectly to missionary work because we set goals every week as to what we want to accomplish that week, but we will never achieve those goals if we don't first make a plan.

We did have another awesome experience this week with Shay and Misty. President Clark invited them over for dinner in the mission home as well as another young law student couple that they are good friends with. After dinner we watched "Between Heaven and Earth" and talked about Temples and eternal marriage and Misty was so excited. We asked her what she thought about what we had taught her and she said, "Wow, I already thought this religion was great, but it just keeps getting better and better!" It's been amazing getting to teach this couple and getting to see the Gospel touch their lives. Things are going well with our other investigators as well and they are all making steps toward baptism which we are excited about. So even more good things are still to come!

I absolutely love my mission. Every minute of every day I am able to say to myself or more importantly to others, that I am a representative of Jesus Christ, sent to this place to declare a message of utmost importance that will change the life of any person who will take the time to listen. Prophets and Apostles are on the earth today, living witnesses of the divinity of our Savior Jesus Christ. The Book of Mormon: Another Testament of Jesus Christ, has come forth in our day to boldly declare to the world and stand as evidence that God's priesthood authority is on the earth and that the Gospel of Jesus

Christ in its fullness is once again available for the benefit and salvation of man. Wow! How cool is that? I know that my Redeemer lives, what comfort this sweet sentence gives.
Love, Elder Hale

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I am enjoying my new area and it is a lot different riding a bike instead of having a car. It has rained quite a few days this week. My upper body stayed pretty dry, but my legs, shoes, and socks got soaked. People felt bad for us and I could even see sympathy in the eyes of people waiting at stop lights. It made me appreciate the bike elders and I felt really bad for the people that don't have a dry and warm place to stay.

This is a rough area. There are a lot of drug problems and much of the area smells like marijuana all the time. The people here really need the Gospel! The other day, while approaching an apartment complex, a large group of people were standing together and pointing. We asked what was going on and they pointed out the site of a recent shooting where their friend had died. We could see bullet holes in the wall. It seems a strange area to put the elders on bikes, but people leave us alone and the Lord takes care of his missionaries. There are really a lot of humble people that live here as well. My companion, Elder Ricket, actually grew up here and moved to Texas when he was 16. He knows quite a few members from the ward and has been a good companion. He goes home in about 5 weeks.

I will be teaching English classes every Tuesday and Thursday nights. Most Latinos want to learn English so it is a great way to introduce people to the Church.

The other day, Elder Ricket and I were riding down the street on our bikes when we saw two Hispanic guys walking towards us. My companion braked to talk to them but only applied the front brakes. The back wheel kept going and the front stopped, throwing gravel at the 2 fellows and almost throwing Elder Ricket over the handlebars. After recovering from the near disaster, Elder Ricket asked them if they had any interest in attending an English class. Ignoring the gymnastics that had just taken place in front of them, they both looked interested and asked "When? - Where - and What time?" As they were leaving, one of them looked back and said,

"Maybe we can talk about God after the class." On Thursday, they both showed up for the class. Is that Way Cool, or What? They participated well in the class and afterwards, we played some games to practice English communication. They both seemed to like it. I think they will turn out to be awesome. One of our investigators is a young 18 year old named Adrian. He and his father are the only members of his family who have not been baptized. He was recently shot 9 times in some kind of a gang incident. He is lucky to be alive. He seems sincere and wants to know if the Book of Mormon is true. We taught him the story of Alma the younger and the life-changing experience he had. He agreed that he needed to do the same thing and make a change from his old life. He says he knows God let him live for a reason and he wants to be better. We took him to a Missionary Prep Class with his cousin this week. He didn't really understand it, but had a good time and met some people his age. We are also teaching an older couple who want to be baptized, but have the usual problem of not being married. We are working on a solution with them. Our apartment manager stopped us the other day as we were leaving and wanted to ask us a few questions. Her brother lives in the Phoenix area and is a member of the church. When she told him her new renters were Mormon Missionaries, he told her it was a sign that God wanted her to get baptized. She seems very interested and has a Book of Mormon someone gave her a long time ago. We marked a bunch of places in it for her to read. Because she is English, the other missionaries will pick up her lessons with her. While trying to keep an appointment with a man we met on the street, we met the man's roommate, Jesus. He was friendly so we asked him if we could come back and teach him and he said, "You can come in right now if you like!" (Imagine us saying NO!) We had a good lesson with him. He has only been here from Mexico for a month. He says he knows God has something for him here in the U.S. His father told him he needs to get into a church. Hang in there! I love you all.
Elder Hunt

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Dear Family and All -

Earlier in the month, our zone went out and did a thing we call a "Blitz". We get a new companion for an hour and go out and contact together. Two other elders actually got a man's name but gave it to us for follow up at a later time. Yuri is his name and he is proving to

be very interesting. He is about 50 and works as a security guard at a local bank. He liked reading scriptures and has seemed very accepting about what we are teaching him. We told him we usually begin a lesson with a prayer and he wanted to know if we read our prayers like the Orthodox Church here does. We told him that we pray using our own words, from our heart and he liked that. He wanted to try and pray to start our lesson so we agreed. We briefly explained how to pray and he reviewed it with us and then bowed his head and was silent for about 30 seconds. We weren't sure what to do, so we waited. Yuri still had his eyes closed and head bowed when I finally said, "OK". At that point, he looked up and said out loud, "In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen". I then explained that normally when one person is saying the prayer for a group, they say their prayer out loud. So then I prayed so he could see and hear how to do it. It always makes me a little nervous when someone prays for the first time, but he didn't seem embarrassed or offended. The important thing was that he wanted to do it himself. He has been working a lot lately and we have not been able to teach him but he thinks he can change his work schedule and wants to attend church with us.

We were out contacting on the street last week about 8 at night. We stopped a guy and were talking to him and had learned that he is Muslim and not a Russian. Suddenly, the cops pulled up and jumped out of their jeep and asked to see our documents. We showed them ours and the guy gave them a plane ticket. We never did know what the problem was, but they arrested him and let us go. It left us with a very weird feeling.

I finally completed plans to move half our missionaries around. Besides regular transfers, 20 are going to St. Petes and I, like myself, have to go to Moscow to renew visas. Since I am doing all the shuffling, I found out early my new companion would be Elder Gubler. (nice perk to this job!) I am 2 transfers older than him and I served in his zone while in Surgut and he will do a good job working here in the office. Yesterday was just crazy. It was probably the busiest day of transfers. It started out at 4 AM. I sent

4 missionaries off to Moscow and the new missionaries flew in that morning. So we went over and took all their luggage to the train station. I ordered a moving van type thing to carry all the luggage. Elder Gubler and I got to the station at about noon. people started arriving from different cities, So I would go out to meet them, while E. Gubler watched the bags. We had too many bags to go inside the station and wait so we had to wait outside. The first hour was not bad, but after 5 hours we were frozen. It is probably the coldest I have ever been. That night, we went to ZLC dinner. It was really good. It was a good meal to end a pretty crazy day. For my own trip, I will fly out of Ekaterinburg early in the morning, to Moscow, and spend most of the day sightseeing and eating at TGIFriday or the Hard Rock Café. Then I embark on a 14 hour train to Tallinn,

Estonia where we will spend much of the day and then take a night train back to Moscow. I'll spend another day in Moscow and then fly home – all as part of the necessary process to renew my visa. It will take 2 weeks to complete all the moves for the 45 mission people who will be shuffling around the country. I sure hope it all goes smoothly. This is my first big shuffle which will be totally my responsibility. If no one gets lost or disappears, we will call it a "good 2 weeks" in the mission! If we lose a few, I may have to lay low for awhile or transfer myself somewhere that no one can find me! (Just kidding! actually, I will have to stay close so I can hopefully fix anything that may go wrong.) I'm not going to lie, it is pretty stressful being in charge of moving 45 people all around Russia. I wish you all happiness and health and every thing good. Love – Elder Stradling

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Dear Family,
I can't believe that we're already into February! The time is flying by pretty fast. Mexicali has been treating me pretty good. My companion, Elder Perez, was transferred this past week to Tijuana and neither he nor I was too sad for his going. In my opinion, he has a real problem with the principle of obedience! My new companion is Elder Lopez, straight from the Mexico City MTC. He was stranded for 6 hours on the bus from Tijuana because of intense snow fall in the Rumorosa which is the mountain range between Tijuana and Mexicali. They finally were just sent back to Tijuana. They got to the mission home at 2:30 AM and finally arrived here at 4:00 PM. He was tired, but excited to get his mission started. He's from Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua. We've been working really well together these past few days. I think that we're going to have a lot of success together. I never thought that being a "DAD" in the mission would ever be so literal. I love my companion, I really do. He just never really had an opportunity to learn a lot of modern civilization survival skills before his mission. For example - riding a bike. On Saturday, he probably fell over like 6 or 7 times and hit 3 or 4 parked cars. I was trying to coach him and get him to stay in a certain spot, but he didn't want to be a "slow learner" and is truly trying. I finally decided that we were going to walk. It was too dangerous for him on a bike! Little by little, I think that he'll learn, if he survives, and relax and actually listen more to what I say. I got up at 5 one morning to go to San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora for the wedding of our

investigators. The trip was relatively short. It's only about an hour and a half away from Mexicali. A sister gave us a free ride to Sonora. The actual wedding process only lasted about 30 minutes. We needed to get 4 witnesses to be able to do the wedding. I couldn't be a witness because I'm not a citizen of Mexico. The sister and my companion were witnesses and we got another couple that was getting married to be witnesses too. The drive to San Luis was really pretty. It's just pure farm land. It was really beautiful. It reminded me a lot of Queen Creek. Every thing went fine and that couple will be baptized on Wednesday.

There is also another baptism planned for a young woman named Angela this Sunday. She's really excited to finally be able to be baptized.

Today, we spent about 3 hours getting a door knob out of our toilet. I have no idea how it got in there, but we didn't want to have to go to the chapel anymore to use the bathroom. We felt like we had done a good day's work when we finally got that door knob out.

We just went through a week of earthquake tremors. It didn't really scare me. I actually got excited. It was the first time that I had ever felt an earthquake. In all, there were about 400 tremors which provided an exciting week.

I thank you all for your love and support. Dana Ward is in my thoughts and prayers every day. Thank you all for everything! Well, I love you guys and I hope that you all have a great week!

Love,
Elder Rogers

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Láy hó (Hello),

This past week, our whole mission went to see the big Buddha. The largest statue of a Buddha is at Ngong Ping, Lantau Island in Hong Kong. It is called the Tian Tan Buddha. We took a huge cable car ride through the mountains and over the ocean to get there. There were 268 steps to get to the top where the statue is. It was awesome! We were served a nice vegetarian lunch afterwards. It was a cold day and the fog was very thick. On p-day we rented bikes and rode everywhere. There's some awesome sites to see in Hong Kong. We bought some

cool kites and went to the park to fly them. We had transfers last week. I am still in Tia Po and have the same companion. My companion will be going home in a few weeks. We now have 6 missionaries in our apartment. I am doing pretty well with the language. It is also helpful that a lot of the signs in Hong Kong are also written in English.

It is great to be serving a mission in Hong Kong. I love the people over here and want to share the gospel message with them. I know that the gospel of Jesus Christ can bring us true happiness. I am so grateful for Jesus Christ, for his life and example.

Love, Elder Eyring

Notes on Dana Ward Folks

New Elder's Quorum Presidency!

Pres. Dustin Redd 834-7788

1st Couns. Paul Allen 733-4339

2nd Couns. Pete Smith 602-292-5978

Daniel Zepeda has been called to serve as the Ward Mission Leader. He replaces **Gordon Curtis** who has served faithfully in that position. Our thanks to both of these men of our ward!

Last October, **Logan Oldner**, age 14, joined an Explorers Post through the Boy Scouts of America. This is an aviation post. They meet Saturdays at Falcon Field where they learn to fly airplanes and maintain them mechanically. This past week, Logan got to actually fly a plane with his instructor. They took off from Falcon Field and flew over Red Mountain and out to Saguaro Lake and back. Logan fueled up the plane, taxied out, took off, flew and then successfully landed the plane. He wasn't allowed to do a "stall out" but that will come a little further along in his flight training. Logan has to be pretty proud of the fact that he got to fly a plane before he was old enough to drive a car! Another really fun part of this experience is that his younger brother, **Kimball Rogers**, got to go up with him. Next time

is sister, **Mariah Rogers** turn. What a humdinger of an experience Logan! Three cheers for you for your efforts and hard work!

Kaler Mehlberg went way beyond what was expected at last week's Primary Softball Game. An enthusiastic 1st baseman on the other team was attempting to make an "out" at home plate, but there was no runner and Kaler was headed for the plate as the next batter! As a result of the physics involved at that particular moment – Kaler is sporting a broken nose and a genuine, beautiful black eye! Kaler was such a good sport and even grinned when it was professionally pronounced that he had an honest-to-goodness broken nose! We don't know if we won that game – but **Kaler is our HERO!**

Rod Boone got a nice promotion at work (CVS Pharmacy)! Bravo for you Rod!

If you need/want a **new puppy**, you may want to call **Robby or Tammy Turner** 644-1836. Word on the street is that they have TWO brand new batches of puppies!

LOOK WHO'S MATCHED!

Congratulations to **Rusty Hunt** who got engaged to **Fabriza Marin** on Valentine's Day. Fabriza is from Brazil, but did not meet Rusty until after she moved here from Brazil. They met at a birthday party staged by some local Brazilian friends whom they had in common. Fabriza is a convert to the Church and she and Rusty plan to be married in September after she has been a member for a year. The Hunt family has also fallen in love with her and are excited for her to join the "Hunt Bunch"!

and... LOOK WHO'S HATCHED!

Jessica and Cassidy Trimble have a new little boy at their house who weighed in at 10# and 1 oz. They've named him Cade Roy and he was born Feb. 2. He was 23 " long. Everyone is happy he is here. Congratulations to the Trimble family.

Amelia and Pete Smith welcomed their 1st child, Audrey Ann Smith, on Feb. 1st. She weighed 8# and 5 oz. Pete and Amelia and grandparents, Tom and Edwina Dastrup are very proud of her! Awesome!

Jennifer Mehlberg is just positive their expected little boy will arrive before the newsletter but **daddy Brian** is preaching "patience", just not within earshot of Jennifer!

With a little help from a great-great-graughter, **Betsy Rogers-Merrill** is now a great-great-grandmother! That's 5 living generations folks! **You are amazing Betsy!** (with or without help!)

The Sad DISPATCHED List!

Anai Morello has decided to return to her former home in Argentina. She was only in our ward a short time, but we came to love her sweet and gracious spirit. We will miss you Anai and you must promise to come visit when you can! Good Luck!

Relief Society

Pres. Cris Rogers	695-4370
1 Couns Melissa Standage	964-1685
2 Couns Lonnie Halls	964-8596
Sec Karisa Budge	610-6407

Happy March Birthdays

01 Chelsea Evans	11 - Wilma Emery
07 - Rita Blackstead	12 - Hazel Parra
09 - Betsy Rogers-Merrill	14 - Anna O'Bryant

10 - Pinky Hoepner	16 - Tonya Whiting
10 - Kim Hale	23 - Anai Morello
28 - Marilyn Mingione	

Please remember to phone in your Visiting Teaching reports by the last day of the Month! The RS will be reminding us twice a month.

March RS Lesson Schedule:

Mar 2 - Personal Revelation: Teachings of the Prophets
 Mar 9 - #5 Repentance
 Mar 16 - #6 - The Mission of John the Baptist
 Mar 23 - Good, Better, Best-Elder Dallin H. Oaks, Nov 2007 Ensign
 Mar 30 - Joint meeting with the Priesthood

Dana Ward Service Project for 2008

As we continue to forge ahead with the Newborn Kits, we encourage donations of diapers, diaper pins, large non-allergenic bars of soap (Ivory or such) baby socks, 2 gallon ziplock bags and flannel and knit fabrics. WalMart and Toys R Us usually have low prices. JoAnn's has had flannel for \$2 a yard. Thanks for all the support. Sisters continue picking up supplies from the RS room on Sunday, work on booties, blankets and gowns during the week and return them the following Sunday. If you find you cannot finish a product, rather than let things pile up at home, return them and someone else will finish it the following week. We encourage families to participate in the project by purchasing items to donate, work at home to cut or sew and attend a service day or participate with your quorum or auxillary. Money donations will gladly be accepted to go towards the purchase of needed items. As we stockpile finished items, the Primary and YW/YM will hold service days in the near future and assemble the kits. With the entire efforts of the DYNAMIC DANA WARD, we will meet our goal of 600 kits by Oct. 2008!

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Cooking Class: Mondays @ 9:30am @ the Storehouse. **Mar 3:**How To: Substitutions/Casseroles/etc. **Mar 10:**No Class **Mar 17:** Tortillas/Crepes/Fillings. **Mar 24:** Breakfast/Lunch **Mar 31:** Pizza/Sandwiches.

Quiet Book Each month, we will make 1 two-sided page for your child's Q. Book. Call Cheeri Redd for list of supplies. 834-7788. Date TBA.

Senior Single Sister's FHE Mon, Mar 17, 5:30 pm @ home of Helen Fort. (969-1810)

Book Group Mar 24, 11 am, @ home of Lynette McGraw. {Books written by our new Prophet, Thomas S. Monson.}

Temple Session Because of Pageant schedules, temple closes @ 2:30 pm. Pick an AM session.

Kid's Play Group: each Wed @ 10 am @ Silvergate Park (S. of Pueblo on Briar)

Humanitarian Service Mar 11. RS Birthday Party
NOTE: Tima Hird is the RS Enrichment Leader.
If you have any questions or need information, she can be reached at 282-8479

www.SisterSavings.net is a free web site for local grocery bargains/sales, menu ideas, recipes & info on long term storage ,helpful hints on lots of sister related activities & responsibilities & a savings page on bargains and coupons to reduce purchase prices.

The Stake R.S. will be compiling a special booklet of testimonies for Stake Home, Family & Personal Enrichment. To participate, submit your written testimony, testimony strengthening experience, or conversion story to Sister Groscost via e-mail at amygroscost@hotmail.com or give it to your ward Relief Society 1st councilor by March 29th.

YOUNG MEN

Pres. Darren Eyring 835-1799
1st Couns. Trent Payne 967-1101
2nd Couns. Lance McGraw 699-0723
Sec. Conley Martin 313-7194

The Stake Handcart Trek for the YM and YW which was announced for March, has been postponed and will be held at a later time. Watch for future announcements.

The Ward Scouts celebrated a commemoration of the Scouting program which began 100 years ago. It was held at the Heard Scout Pueblo camp in Phoenix. The scouts of all ages, and

their families enjoyed a dutch oven dinner with stew, biscuits and cobbler. After the meal, the boys participated in interesting games taken from the 1928 BSA "Rally Book", which was followed by a flag ceremony, uniform inspection and then a campfire program. Many of the boys received scouting awards: Joseph Standage and Kimball Rogers both became 1st Class Scouts. Kyle Baggett received his 2nd Class Badge. Jessie Herran received his Tenderfoot, 2nd Class and 1st Class Badges. The Scouts and leaders then conducted a "reader's theater" which recounted the history of Scouting. Bishop Hale led the group in the traditional Candle Ceremony in which all present were given a small candle. When these were all lit, each person present realized more fully, their own personal potential as a "light in the world". A reverent flag burning ceremony taught everyone a bit more about patriotism and love for our country. The final event of the evening was the "Honor Trail". Scouts and their families walked the trail - which had signs for each point of the Scout Oath and Law. As each person passed each sign, they were given opportunity to re-commit to living that point in their own life. It was a grand evening in the best of Scouting traditions.

PRIMARY

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2nd Couns Elizabeth Stark 964-7754
Secretary Erika Payne 967-1101

Sunday Assignments

Theme: Jesus Christ is my Savior.

Scripture: "And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world." (1 John 4:14)

Mar 2:

O. Prayer: Diego Root

Scripture: Audrey Redd

Talk: Samantha Montgomery
Art. of Faith: # 3 Jordan Gardiner
C. Prayer: Joseph Standage

Mar 9:

O. Prayer: Salesi Morello
Scripture: Kaden Blau
Talk: Cayden Shope
Art of Faith #3 Tanner Payne
C. Prayer: Kyle O'Bryant

Mar 16:

O. Prayer: Jocelyn Gardiner
Scripture: Eden Carter
Talk: Korben Mehlberg
Article of Faith #3 Molly Allen
C. Prayer: Ashlynn Herron

Mar 23:

O. Prayer: Isaac Root
Scripture: Talk: Joshua Montgomery
Talk: Brittin Budge
Art of Faith # 3 Evan Redd
C. Prayer: Chris Germany

Mar 30:

O. Prayer: Sarah Morales
Scripture: Joseph Standage
Talk: Kaler Mehlberg
Article of Faith #3 Chris Germany
C. Prayer: Kimball Rogers

The Super Primary kids from the Dana Ward have accepted the challenge to collect enough "small change" to purchase most of the needed diaper pins for the Newborn Kits the ward are making. Sr. Hale has made arrangements to purchase Gerber Diaper Pins for 25 cents and the company will foot the postage. The kids are earning money for the project, paying their tithing and then donating the money in a special container at Primary each week. So far, they are off to a GREAT START! Keep up the good work Dana Kids!!!! (NOTE: the kids are accepting donations!)

Marvelous March Birthdays

02 Kelly Eyring* 10 Kim Hale
03 Molly Allen 21 Evan Redd
22 Kamea Turner*

Special Announcements

Kelly Eyring and **Kamea Turner** are both turning 8 this month! We are so EXCITED!

Chris Montgomery was baptized on his Valentine's Day birthday. A "sweet moment" was observed when older brother **Cole and Chris**, in his baptismal whites, were seen walking into the RS room together with their arms around each other's shoulders. You could see the pride and support of a big brother, for taking this important step. Congratulations Chris!

Young Women

Pres. Arlyce Reynolds 615-1628
1st Counselor Lou Hunt 833-4867
2nd Counselor Janet Hassell 969-4276
Secretary Anai Morello

Happy March 16th Birthday to
Harmony Beals!

The YW Presidency sponsored the all Mutual activity in Feb. which included games, and frosting and eating cookies. Everyone had a good time and the YW and YM were able to do service for some of the ward members.

The Laurels learned how to make biscuits and gravy, caramel candy, and fresh lemonade made from real lemons. Mighty tasty end results! The Laurels are now contributing recipes for their own cookbook.

Check the ward bulletin board for pictures from the service evening where the girls learned how to cut and sew gowns for the Newborn Baby Kits. They completed 10 gowns and cut out many more. They will assemble kits on a service day in the near future.

NOTE TO PARENTS: Encourage your daughters to complete one or two experiences a month towards their Personal Progress Projects!

March CALENDAR

Mar 5 — Individual Class activities

Mar 12 – All YW & YM meet at the ward at 6:30 for rides to go to the temple grounds for the Easter Pageant.

Mar 19 – No MIA – Spring Break

Mar 26 – Check on Personal Progress – Girls remember to bring your 3 ring binder and Personal Progress Books.

Girl's Camp is June 9th – 14th. The full cost of camp is \$65. The first half (\$30) was due by March 1st. Anyone in the ward needing help cleaning, baby sitting or other chores, please contact any of the YW, ages 12 – 18, or call a member of the YW Presidency listed here in the newsletter. The girls would appreciate an opportunity to earn their camp fees!

Margin Notes:

The 125th operating temple (Rexburg, Idaho) was dedicated by Pres. Monson Feb. 10th – his first official event since being named Pres. of the Church.

Margin Notes are taken from the 1945 Handbook for Boy Scouts of America. A fun step "back" in time!