Dana Ward Bishopric

Bishop Richard Hale 834-3041 1 Counselor Dwight Morris 962-8221 2 Counselor Mark Standage 964-1685 Exec Secretary Pat Rogers 695-7616

Dear Members of the Dana Ward,

Elder Dallin H Oaks, in General Conference, October 1999, said: "Our concern with gospel teaching is not limited to those who are called to teach in the priesthood quorums, Primary, Relief Society, Sunday School, Young Women, and in other assignments. In the Lord's great plan of salvation there are no more important teachers than parents, who teach their children constantly by example and by precept. Each of us teaches those around us by example. Even children teach one another. Every missionary is a teacher. And every leader is a teacher".

The Church goes to a lot of effort to prepare the manuals that we teach from. There are many revisions before the approved version is released. Each manual is reviewed in depth by the Quorum of the Twelve.

There are many different ways to teach, but all good teaching is based on certain fundamental principles.

The *first* is love. It has two manifestations. When we are called to teach, we should accept our calling and teach because of our love for God the Eternal Father and His Son. Jesus Christ.

Second, a gospel teacher, like the Master we serve, will concentrate entirely on those being taught.

Third, a superior teacher of the gospel will teach from the prescribed course material, with greatest emphasis on teaching the doctrine and principles and covenants of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Elder Oaks, in a Worldwide training session, emphasized that we do not have the right to deviate from the lesson or

Happy Birthday!

31 Jan – JOHN Pace (we misspelled his name in the Jan. Newsletter. Sorry John!)

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- 1 Melissa Standage
- 2 Ed Provence
- 4 Tiffany Margo
- 6 Lindsay Apple
- 7 Carol Provence
- 12 Arlyce Reynolds
- 12 Shelly Hale

teach our own lesson.

Fourth, a gospel teacher will prepare diligently and strive to use the most effective means of presenting the prescribed lessons. The new Teaching the Gospel manual and the new Teacher Improvement Meetings are obviously intended to assist teachers in this effort.

The *fifth* fundamental principle of gospel teaching is the Lord's command, that gospel teachers should "teach the principles of my gospel . . . as they shall be directed by the Spirit. . . . And if ye receive not the Spirit ye shall not teach" (D&C 42:1214). It is a gospel teacher's privilege and duty to seek that level of discipleship where his or her teachings will be directed and endorsed by the Spirit rather than being rigidly selected and prearranged for personal convenience or qualifications. The marvelous principles of "Gospel Teaching and Leadership" in the new Church Handbook of Instructions include the following: "Teachers and class members should seek the Spirit during the lesson. A person may teach profound truths, and class members may engage in stimulating discussions, but unless the Spirit is present, these things will not be powerfully impressed upon the soul. . . .

That leads to the *sixth* and final principle." A gospel teacher is concerned with the results of his or her teaching, and such a teacher will measure the success of teaching and testifying by its impact on the lives of the learners.

L. Tom Perry said: "Learn to ask, seek and knock spiritually; to teach from the scriptures; to teach by the Spirit; to help the learner assume responsibility for learning; and to never leave a class without bearing your witness and testimony of the truthfulness of what you've taught."

As we strive to enhance and improve our teaching at home or in church, may our lessons be in accordance with the Lord's will. 'Thank You', to all of our ward instructors for your dedication, time and efforts in fulfilling your callings. Love, Dwight Morris

- 13 Patricia Watts
- 14 Judy Cluff
- 14 Chris Montgomery
- 20 Josephine Nischan
- 21 Clara Baloo
- 22 Josephine Carter
- 22 Naomi Morales
- 22 Nereida Flores

- 23 Sven Budge
- 24 Karisa Budge
- 25 Christy Ward
- 26 Caitlyn Nichols

Missionary Mailbox

Elder Jared R. Eyring China Hong Kong Mission 2 Cornwall St. Kowloon Tong Kowloon HONG KONG

Greetings from Hong Kong, China! We are so excited! My companion and myself had a baptism this past month. I baptized Brother Ho and I was able to say the baptismal prayer in Chinese. The ward was so excellent in making him feel welcome and fellowshipping him. More good news is that no one in our district was transferred on "Moving Day". It was nice to have the whole district stay intact! To celebrate, on our last P-day, we all went to a Korean BBQ restaurant. They had a big grill in the middle of the table and each of us cooked our own meat. It was very good. We also have met a young guy, 22 years old. We talked to him for a bit while out on the street and he seemed very interested and wanted to know more about the gospel. We have scheduled an appointment with him and are hopeful he will retain his interest. I had an opportunity to sample 'ox tongue' this past month. I hate to turn down 'cultural opportunities' but I will have to say that it is not likely to go in my book of 'favorites'! I thought it was way too chewy! The Church is true!

Love, Elder Eyring

Elder Caleb T. Oldner (Argentina, Resistencia Mission) AV. Rivadavia 323 Resistencia, Chaco Argentina

Hola Me Familia,

I was transferred from Jardin America to Barrangueras, just outside downtown Resistencia and I love serving here. We are really close to the Mission Office. I miss JA because we were ready to baptize the whole Alvarenga Family and I miss Elder Andrus who was a great companion. It was also cooler there, with shade trees and breezes. Resistencia is completely flat and there is no shade and so far, no breezes to cool our 110 degree heat and a ton of humidity. My new comp is Elder Aguilar from Buenos Aires and my first Latino companion. He has been in the mission for 10 months and I really like him. I am feeling so much more confident in my Spanish skills.

This week has been great! I have never worked so hard in my life! We are trying to find some good investigators. We had a lesson Friday evening with the Lemos family we have been teaching for a few weeks. We taught them about the Plan of Salvation and something significantly changed in me. I felt the Spirit stronger than I ever have before in my life. I was talking and testifying and I don't even know what came out of my mouth. After the lesson, Elder Andrus told me he thought I did well. Elder Rhode told me I would learn so much more from my 2nd companion and he is definitely right. Besides learning the language and teaching methods from him, I think I am turning into a responsible and respectful human being!

We had such a good service at Church on Sunday. I've never seen so many members since arriving here in Argentina. The ward is excited that the Valesquez family will be going to the temple after the end of January, which is their "one year mark" as members. They will finally be sealed together for all time and eternity. I wore my gold watch to meetings that same day and almost every ward member came up to me and complimented me on the watch but warned me to be careful about wearing it because they were sure that someone would try to rob me. I made it safely back to our apartment and I won't be wearing it again while serving here.

We had to spend most of last Monday in our apartment because the owner of the building was drilling a big hole in one of our walls. Bet you can't guess what is going in that big hole in

the wall! AIR CONDITIONING! I am soooo happy! Now I will finally be able to sleep on our really hot and humid summer nights!

Today we had interviews with Pres. Del Castillo and I told him in my interview that I am related to Pres. Dan Udall of the Paraguay Asuncion Temple, through Pat. He said that Pres. Udall comes to every stake conference, so I will definitely get to meet him at our next Stake Conf, no matter where I am assigned at that time.

I have been working hard on Chapter 4 of *Preach my Gospel*, about how to recognize the Spirit and teach with it. I love it and I testify that this church is true, sin ninguna duda (without a doubt). I love you all and you are in my prayers. Elder Oldner

Having completed his Mexico, Tijuana Mission, **Elder Rick Rogers** arrived at Sky Harbor on Tues, Jan 20th and reported in Sac. Meeting Jan 25th! Thanks for sharing your mission experiences and successes with us thru the Ward Newsletter Rick. What a fine missionary and young man you have grown into! Excellent Job!

Elder Mark Driggs gave a beautiful talk in Sac. Meeting Jan. 25th, and flew up to the Provo MTC last Wed. Jan. 28th. After a few weeks of training and additional preparation, he will be assigned to the Texas, Dallas Spanish Speaking Mission. We are all looking forward to sharing Mark's mission experiences thru his letters home.

Elder Isaac Standage reports to the Provo MTC on Feb. 11th. He recently got a letter from his Mission Pres. telling him to only purchase one suit which he will wear while at the MTC, and on the plane going to and coming home from his mission. The rest of the time, he will be wearing dress pants and white, short-sleeved shirts. So we are learning a few more things as Isaac shares information concerning his coming Micronesia, Guam Mission.

Barbara Martinez has moved into the ward and is renting 1433 E. Nielson, phone 480-343-0559. Barbara is divorced and the mother of 4 adult sons and grandma to 8 little boys and 1 grand daughter, all living here in the east valley. She was born and raised in Mesa and graduated from Westwood High School. Her maiden name was Martinez and her high school sweetheart and then husband was also named Martinez (no relation). She was raised Catholic, but her husband was a member of the church and encouraged her to learn about the church so they could raise their children LDS. She was baptized and they were sealed in the Mesa temple in 1974, and married for 33 years. Over time, she became stronger in the Church and her husband drifted away from the Church and its doctrines, leading to them eventually getting a divorce. Barbara works for a company that provides medical equipment for the use of patients having knee and hip replacements. She loves to read and does scrap booking, makes personal cards and sews fun things for her grand children. She has a little shitzu dog that answers to "Bam Bam". Besides working, she stays busy babysitting grand children, reading scriptures and working out at a nearby gym. Two of her sons are active in the Church and two not guite so active. One filled a mission to Montreal, Canada and is currently serving as his ward Elder's Quorum Pres. Of her daughter-in-laws, one is a teacher, one an accountant, one does medical billing and one is soon to graduate as a medical therapist. Barbara, we are so happy to welcome you into our Dana Ward Family!

Notes on Dana Ward Folks

The ward and neighbors of the Mike and Cheryl Lans family, were saddened to learn of the sudden death of Mike on Sunday, Jan. 18th. They have a 5 year old son, Garrett. Although not members, Mike and Cheryl have attended many of the ward functions over the years. Several ward members pitched in to help Cheryl plan funeral arrangements and participated in the services and family luncheon afterwards. Cheryl has expressed her gratitude to the ward members for their expressions of unconditional love during this very difficult time. Our love and prayers remain with the Lans family.

Betsy Rogers is preparing to have a hip replacement procedure soon, but first has to settle some other complications her doctors are working with.

George Cherrington tripped over a box at the Humanitarian Services Center and tore his rotater cuff and had to have some surgery on his shoulder. Some heart problems were detected during the shoulder procedures but seem to be under control now. He says he is a "new man" and ready to get rid of his arm 'sling'.

Rowena Root has been in the hospital with pneumonia early in the month of Jan but was finally able to recover and join us for meetings again. Yahoo!

Arliss Ellsworth is in Mission Garden's Rehab Center while her doctors work on treating some back problems she has been having. She is wearing her own custom designed, plastic suit of armor, hoping to give her some relief from pain and stabilize some vertebra problems. We wish Arliss a speedy recovery and a good solution to her medical challenges!

Audrey Burklund and Daline
Maddern each had cataract
surgery on their eyes during

Jan. It's OK for those 'girls' to hang out together, but they are going to have to quit sharing physical ailments!
(Hope they both recover soon!)

There are many ward members who are ill or having problems, and need our prayers at this time.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Mesa Regional LDS Employment Resource Center now has a Professional Career Networking Program in place. The center will be open for personal access to this program the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. For details, contact **Ed Province** of the Dana Ward at 480-461-0487.

Our Stake is sponsoring a series of 7 classes on the **New Family Search Program** for those interested in Family History work and submitting names to the temple. Classes will be at 7 pm, Thursdays, at the Barkley Building in the Young Women's room (NW corner).

Feb 5: Introduction to New Family Search by Edith Haws

Feb 12: Understanding & Combining information by Christine Martin

Feb 19: Correcting information

Feb 26: Contributing new information

Mar 5: Preparing names for temple work by DeAnn Johnson

Mar 12: Using Family Insight

Mar 19: NO CLASS - Spring Break

Mar 26: Family Trees in Family Search

Christine Martin is the consultant for Dana Ward. She is available to meet with ward members for one-on-one help with new.familysearch. Call her at 835-6396 for an appointment. Additionally, much help and training is available at the Mesa Family History Center. A schedule of classes with them can be seen at mesarfhc.org.

bountifulbaskets.org is a website with information on how to sign up for fruits and vegetables from local growers for a reasonable price. Several delivery sites are available, convenient to our ward boundaries. Check the site to see if this program might benefit your family.

2009 Mesa Temple Closing
Schedule
Maintenance Closings:
Mar 30 thru Apr 13
Sept 28 thru Oct 12

Holiday Closings:

July 4 - Saturday, all day
Sept 26 - after 1:30 pm
Nov 25 - after 10 am
Nov 26 - Thanksgiving, all day
Dec 24 & 25 - all day
(Christmas)
Dec 31 - after 10 am

Mon - Feb 16th - there will be sessions every ½ hour from 7am to 11 am. (No new sessions after the 11 am session starts.)

The LDS Church was represented at the inaugural events for **President Barack Obama** by **President Dieter F. Uchtdorf**, 2nd counselor in the First Presidency and **Elder M. Russell Ballard** of the Quorum of the 12 Apostles. **Pres. Thomas S. Monson** said, "It is always an honor for the Church to be represented at the inauguration of a new president. We send our best wishes to President Obama and pray for the blessings of a loving Father in Heaven to be upon him and his administration."

Pres. Uchtdorf and Elder Ballard warmed as they witnessed two days of not only a historic national event but examples of graciousness, hope and unity. Pres Uchtdorf said, "I left with a feeling that the people of America are going to unite behind this new president and his administration and that we need to pray for him." Elder Ballard said. "We need to exercise our prayers and help him accomplish the great objectives that he has set."

Pres. Uchtdorf added, "it was wonderful to feel that unity of different faiths" as they joined Muslims, Jews and others of different Christian denominations at the prayer service. "We felt we were in the right place with all these whom we call brothers and sisters, to pray for this presidency, for this administration, and with them, to pray for all the governments around the world to bring again peace and prosperity and unity to all countries."

Dry Pack items

Feb.: potato flakes, fruit drink mix, sugar, black beans, rice and quick oats.

(Orders due by Feb 1st and canned at 1 pm on Feb. 26th). **March:** white beans, refried beans, cocoa, flour, onions, and red wheat. (Orders due by Mar 1st and canned Mar 26th at 1 pm). **April**: milk, regular oats, macaroni, carrots, apples and pinto beans. (Order due 29 Mar, and canned at 1 pm on 23 Apr.) Call Rosa Rodriguez for further information 644-0128.

Relief Society

Pres. Cris Rogers 1 Couns Melissa Standage 2 Couns MaryAnn Kaberry Sec Karisa Budge 695-4370 964-1685 835-3973 610-6407

You are invited to a Visiting Teaching
Conference
Tuesday, Feb. 10th
7 to 8 pm at the ward building
Refreshments will be served

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Senior Single Sister's FHE Mon Feb 16, 5:30 pm @ home of Helen Fort. (969–1810)

Temple Session Feb 19, 10am session, lunch after in the temple cafeteria. (Ward temple night is Feb 26th, 6 or 6:30 pm session)

Book Group Feb 23rd, 11 am, @ home of Lynette McGraw. Ch. 11 & 12 of "Jesus the Christ" and "Can't Wait to Get to Heaven" by Fannie Flagg.

Kid's Play Group each Wed @ 10:30 am @ Silvergate Park (S. of Pueblo on Briar)

OUT OF ROOM? NEED A GOOD HOME FOR SOME OF YOUR "STUFF"? NEED SOME STUFF IN OTHER SIZES OR LOOKING FOR A "SPECIAL" ITEM? Tues. Feb. 24th there will be an **EXCHANGE** in the Rel. Soc. Room at 6:30 pm. Bring your <u>GOOD STUFF</u> you no longer need (kids clothes, household items, etc) and take home some NEW GOOD STUFF!

NO JUNK PLEASE!

As part of the ward RS Enrichment Program, Josie Carter is starting up a Quilting Class for any wanting help with quilting skills and 'tricks of the trade'! If you have an interest in participating, please let Josie know your quilting skills level (beginner or advanced, etc) and your interests or needs. She can be reached at 480-461-1425 or it might be easier to contact her at quiltjosie@hotmail.com

FEBRUARY RS Lesson Schedule:

Feb 1 - #27 Beware the Bitter Fruits of Apostasy
Feb 8 - #28 Missionary Service: A Holy Calling
Feb 15 - #29 Living with Others in Peace & Harmony
Feb 22 - Teaching For Our Times-"Come What May and
Love it" by Joseph B. Wirthlin (Nov 08 Ensign, p 26)

Young Women

Pres. Ariyce Reynolds 615-1628 1st Counselor Lou Hunt 833-4867 2nd Counselor Janet Hassell 969-4276 Secretary Yolanda Zepeda 834-4469

The kids that got to go on the Handcart Trek had a ball. They 'earned' some blisters and got a whole lot dirty, but they had a blast! The 2 Australian "Exchange Student" girls that spent 13 days with the Kevin and Lou Hunt family, also went on the trek. The Hunts had advised them of the planned trek before they left home and they came with their parental permission slips and as much required gear as they could bring with them. The Hunts provided them with bonnets and pioneer skirts and the girls both expressed their enjoyment of learning about a special

part of American History as well as learning a lot, first hand, about the LDS church, doctrine and history. They participated in a testimony meeting and expressed their appreciation for getting to be a part of the Stake Trek and the opportunity of meeting and making some new American friends. They took home some wonderful memories of their "American Experience"!

The 3 classes held a fun activity one night and assembled their own personal "Time Capsule". Each girl chose the items to include in a #10 can, such as, pictures of themselves, family and close friends, notes on favorite music, school schedules, hobbies, their testimony, current special interests and future goals and thoughts and ideals on marriage, family and life experiences they hope to accomplish. The cans were later sealed on the Stake Equipment and each girl has put her decorated can away to save for a designated date in the future when they will open the can and enjoy the little "history capsule" they have created for themselves.

The Laurels and Priests also spent some time helping at the Mesa Humanitarian Center. Many Thanks to our Awesome Ward Youth!

Feb Wed. Night Mutual Activities:

Feb 4 – Stake Trek Night for premier showing of "WALK IN THE LIGHT" film. 7 pm in Cult. Hall. All youth 12 – 18, their parents and all participants of recent trek are invited to attend. Feb 11 – Combined Activity w/ YM - Beehives in charge

Feb 18 - Individual Class Activities

Feb 25 - New Beginnings (Parents invited) Sunday Dress

Meet in the Primary Room.

YW Camp will be July 21st thru 25th. Cost this year is \$100 per girl. Start Saving NOW for your camp fees! The ward girls would love to help you with household chores and babysitting to earn their camp money. Please call one of our YW if you need help! Our ward

Camp Directors are Sisters Anna O'Bryant and Andria Tiffany.

YOUNG MEN

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

Kimball Rogers and Joseph Standage earned their "LIFE" Scout Ranks. WAHOO!!!

The Scouts are working on their "Cycling" Merit Badge. On Saturday, Jan. 17th, they went on a 15 mile bike ride. It was hard work, but everyone survived and returned to tell about it!

Six Australian Foreign Exchange boys, stayed with the Joe and Elizabeth Stark family in January. Unlike the 2 girls, the boys did not participate in the Stake Handcart Trek but they did go with the ward young men on a few activities. They particularly enjoyed getting to go target shooting. Guns are not owned by private citizens in Australia and are only allowed on shooting ranges there, with strict rules and expensive fees.

Saturday, Feb. 7th will be the annual **SCOUTING FOR FOOD campaign**. Please be generous with your contributions. Place your food items in a plastic or paper grocery bag and leave it near your front door. The Scouts will be collecting between 10 am and Noon.

PRIMARY

President Kim Hale 834-3041
1st Couns Naomi Morales 218-5887
2nd Couns Elizabeth Stark 964-7754
Sec Erika Payne 967-1101

Sunday Assignments

Feb Theme: I came to earth as part of a family. Feb Scripture: "The family is ordained of God" (the Family Proclamation, paragraph 7) 2009 theme is "My Eternal Family" (NOTE: The Articles of Faith are found at the very end of the Pearl of Great Price, in the section under "Joseph Smith".)

Feb 1

O. Prayer: Cayden Shope Scripture: Mason Redd Talk: Payzlee Hird Art of Faith #1 Corey Martinez C. Prayer: Donovan Blau

Feb 8

O. Prayer: Bryson Patenge Scripture: Rylee Hird Talk: Jared Nichols

Art of Faith #1 Jose Rodriguez

C. Prayer: Kelly Eyring

Feb 15

O. Prayer: Leah Morales
Scripture: Jason Rodriguez
Talk: Jordan Gardiner
Art of Faith #2 Taylor Payne
C. Prayer: Chris Montgomery

Feb 22

O. Prayer: Noah Nichols Scripture: Salesi Morello Talk: Kaeden Blau

Art of Faith # 2 Tanner Payne C. Prayer: Benjamin Shope

Sharing Time: CTR 6 and Valiant 11 Girls

Feb 5th, All Primary teachers are invited to attend a special **Teacher Training Meeting**, at 6:30 pm at the Payne home. Please come and learn how to make the most of your important calling!

Boy's Primary Softball will be held Feb. 10 - 12 and 18 - 19 at Robson school.

February 28th
11 year old Scout Day Camp
at Papago Park.

MARGIN NOTES

Because Jesus Christ suffered greatly, He understands our suffering. He understands our grief.

Joseph B. Wirthlin

Sometimes the very moments that seem to overcome us with suffering are those that will ultimately suffer us to overcome. Joseph B. Wirthlin

If we approach adversities wisely, our hardest times can be times of greatest growth, which in turn can lead toward times of greatest happiness.

Joseph B. Wirthlin

At one time or another, everyone must experience sorrow. No one is exempt. Joseph B. Wirthlin

The Lord Jesus Christ is our partner, helper, and advocate. He wants us to be happy. He wants us to be successful. If we do our part, He will step in.

Joseph B. Wirthlin

Hope is a 3-legged stool, together with faith and charity. These 3 stabilize our lives regardless of the rough or uneven surfaces. Pres. Dieter F. Uchtdorf

In the twilight of the Nephite nation, Moroni wrote that without hope we cannot receive an inheritance in the kingdom of God. Pres. Dieter F. Uchtdorf

When asked how he had produced the magnificent statue of an angel, Michelangelo is reported to have simply replied, "I saw the angel in the marble and carved until I set him free." That is what the Lord will do with each of us if we allow Him to do so. He can carry our burdens and help us overcome our self-doubts and fears. It was He who said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls". Matt 11:28-29

"If prayer is only a spasmodic cry at a time of crisis, then it is utterly selfish, and we come to think of God as a repairman or a service agency to help us only in our emergencies. We should remember the Most High day and night - always - not only at times when all other assistance has failed and we desperately need help." Pres. Howard W. Hunter

"Prayer is the act by which the will of the Father and the will of the child are brought into correspondence with each other. The object of prayer is not to change the will of God, but to secure for ourselves and for others, blessings that God is already willing to grant, but that are made conditional on our asking for them." UNKNOWN

The time to be happy is NOW! The place to be happy is HERE! Sister Thompson (Chris Martin's Mom)

"If you pile up enough tomorrows, you'll find you've collected a lot of empty yesterdays."

from The Music Man

"These things are important: temple marriage, mission, college. Press on, set goals, write history, take pictures twice a year." The 25 word message Elder Jay Hess was allowed to write to his family from a North Vietnam prison where he had been held for 2 years unbeknownst to them.

He beckons, "Follow me." He instructs, "Go, and do thou likewise." He pleads, "Keep my commandments." Let us obey His word.

Pres Thomas S. Monson

We talk of Christ, we rejoice in Christ, we preach of Christ, we prophesy of Christ, and we write according to our prophecies, that our children may know to what source they may look for a remission of their sins. 2 Nephi 25:26

"If Preach My Gospel doesn't get missionaries into the scriptures, then it has failed." Elder Dennis B. Neuenschwander

"The history of the Church is people like you having impact on people like me." Elder Jeffrey R. Holland

"We have to do more to get people through the 'gate' of baptism because as far as salvation goes, everything else is on hold for them until that covenant is made." Elder Jeffrey R. Holland

"We're all teachers. The day we came into mortality, we started to teach, even as babies teach their parents." Elder L. Tom Perry

"And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers..."

(1 Corinthians 12:28)

"We have the potential to teach the correct principles of the gospel to the peoples of the world." L. Tom Perry "And so, today in these strangely perilous times, in the true Church of Jesus Christ, we teach and live the principles of His gospel." President Thomas S. Monson