

Dana Ward Family Newsletter July 2010

Dana Ward Bishopric

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Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Dana Ward,

The diet I have been on since the first of the year has really affected my perspective about food and the importance we give it. I hope you will forgive me as I share with you a couple of thoughts along this line.

The appropriate food and drink we consume each day helps us to enjoy our temporal existence. To do this we eat and drink several times a day. To enhance our temporal experience we can cook different things or even go out to eat at a restaurant. It is even possible to consume more than is necessary to sustain a healthy life style. Knowing this could happen, the Lord, in His wisdom, blessed us with Section 89 of the Doctrine and Covenants – more commonly referred to as the Word of Wisdom.

Now, just as our body needs nourishment to sustain life, so our spirit needs to be fed as well. For years we have been reminded of the need to feed ourselves, spiritually. The council we continually receive consists of two beginning steps – daily reading of our scriptures and prayer. By following these two basic steps we are blessed to be in tune with our Heavenly Father and enjoy spiritual experiences. To enhance our spiritual experiences we can fast, and attend the temple. But unlike the consumption of food and drink, we cannot pray or feast upon the words of the Lord too much.

So, here's the big question – how many of us are feasting temporally, yet dieting spiritually? How long are we spending on our knees and with the scriptures each day, in comparison to the time we spend eating?

In 2 Nephi, Chapter 9, Nephi invites us to feast spiritually: “Come, my brethren, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters; and he that hath no money, come buy and eat; yea, come buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore, do not spend money for that which is of no worth, nor your labor for that which cannot satisfy. Hearken diligently unto me, and remember the words which I have spoken; and come unto the Holy One of Israel, and feast upon that which perisheth not, neither can be corrupted, and *let your soul delight in fatness*. Behold, my beloved brethren, remember the words of your God; pray unto him continually by day, and give thanks unto his holy name by night. Let your hearts rejoice.”(2 Nephi 9:50 – 52 Italics added)

Our Church leaders counsel us to use wisdom in our actions, and to balance and manage our time appropriately. Just as Elder Oakes pointed out, there are good choices, better choices, and best choices. As we enter this new month in which we celebrate our freedoms as a country, it is my prayer that we will also reflect upon our spiritual freedoms as well. We have been richly blessed on both counts and I hope we will take advantage of our opportunities to feast spiritually and allow our souls to “delight in [spiritual] fatness.” In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.
Love, Mark Standage

*Blessed is the nation
whose God is the Lord.*

Psalms 33:12



July 2010

- 1 Kaler Mehlberg
- 2 Karen Schnebly
- 3 Donovan Blau
- 4 Kyndra Hassell
- 5 Zach O'Bryant
- 6 Samuel Williams
- 7 Jennifer Carter
- 9 Mariah Morales
Eddie Rodriguez
- 10 Billy Reynolds
- 12 Daniel Stevens
- 15 Nancy Lalliss
- 17 Denlynn Brown
- 18 Luis Rivera
- 19 Kaeden Blau
- 19 Gideon Filhart
Bailey Young
- 21 Aaron McRae
- 22 Anne Berryman
Denean Beals
- 23 Tyson Hill
- 24 Jordan Hancock
- 25 Alec Turner
- 27 Kevin Schnepf
Reed Tiffany
- 28 Dawn Southwick
Nazario Mendez
- 29 Renle Hird
Susan Jackson
- 30 Lauryn Tiffany
- 31 Emmett Hawks

Missionary Mailbox

**I ♥ THE
TEXAS
DALLAS
MISSION!**

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Elder Driggs is still serving in Longview, Texas and enjoying his experiences in the 'Bible Belt' of our country. There is a church on almost every street corner, of almost every denomination, except LDS. Almost daily, he meets folks who are anxious to hold heated discussions about their religious beliefs and reassure that they do NOT need the 'Mormon' message!

Serving as Zone Leader keeps him busy with district meetings, splits, companion exchanges, interviews and of course knocking on doors and being a missionary. "We have been knocking on so many doors recently that my knuckles bled. My companion and I have found more English speaking people that are interested in learning about the gospel, than Spanish speaking people. We are really helping the English speaking Elders in the area!"

Sunday, the 27th, Mexico played Argentina in soccer and most of the Spanish Ward we are in, stayed home to watch the game. Only 16 members were there when church started! One of our recent converts, Wily Bueno, came to church and blessed the sacrament for the first time. Wily was baptized two months ago. It is amazing what the gospel does to and for people."

They continue to find humble people who strive to learn the things they need to know to have a happy and fuller life and to be obedient to gospel principles. Elder Driggs and his companion are currently working with several individuals and families that have expressed a desire to be baptized. With good hearted humor, Elder Driggs says almost everyone they meet out tracting, has a young child on one hip, a dog in the yard and a front tooth missing! But he is quick to point out that he loves the people of the Dallas Mission and enjoys getting to know them and feels that his own testimony grows as he watches theirs grow and develop.

Sister Driggs attended a family wedding in Idaho Falls, Idaho this past month and was able to visit with one of Mark's former companions who is now an RM. Sister Driggs enjoyed hearing some of the experiences this young man shared with her son and

even shed a few tears. (Missionary Moms do that!)
The Church is true in Longview!

I ♥ THE
MICRONESIA
GUAM
MISSION!

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Pohnpei

My MTC companion, Elder South, who started his mission on Chuuk, came here to Pohnpei about 12 weeks ago and he recently finished his language mastery. He is going to be the new Zone Leader with my last companion, Elder Larson. They are going to be really good together and I'm excited for him. Three of the missionaries serving here on Pohnpei will be ending their missions this transfer and a total of 14 missionaries from throughout the mission, will be returning home. Basically, it means that there are either 3 or 4 new missionaries that will be coming here to Pohnpei. The only other variable is another elder from my group, Elder Keel. He has been in his area as long as I have been here in my area and his companion has been told that he is training a new missionary. That means that Elder Keel is either going to be transferred here with me in Mand or he is going to be leaving Pohnpei and going to Guam. If Elder Keel goes to Guam, then I will be training a missionary, at least in the Pohnpeian language, if not as a new missionary. My companion is one of the Elders going home, so I know that I will be getting a new companion. Whatever will be, will be, but it always makes missionaries either look forward to, or dread coming transfers. In many ways, it adds a little excitement to our lives!

Our P-days have been moved to Mondays now, but I think it's going to work out well. I am also teaching the Gospel Doctrine class here in my branch. I read it through first in English, from the manual, and then make up a lesson plan in Pohnpeian. It definitely puts a new spin on what's going on in that class. I actually pay attention and learn things now! We have a few new investigators now so things are starting to pick up.

We did get our transfer calls last week and I am staying here in Mand. My new companion is Elder Iglacia from the Philippines and he has been in the mission field for 10 months. This is his first assignment to Pohnpei so I am training him in the Pohnpeian language. I am now the Senior Companion which doesn't really mean much except

that I am the only missionary that knows any of the local language here in my area. It's making a big change for me because I am the only one doing any of the teaching and talking and such. Elder Iglacia is good though and he will learn Pohnpeian well and quickly. Remember us in your prayers.

Love – Elder Standage

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I ♥ THE
IDAHO
BOISE
MISSION!

Hello from Idaho,

It is the first of June and it has been cold and rainy. We even got a little snow. I was able to help fix a car for a guy. His speedometer was messed up. I took it apart and fixed it. Now it is as good as new. It was fun to work on a car again. We are working with a few people and we should have some baptisms by the end of June. I want people to be baptized for the right reasons. I want them to have a testimony and to know that the gospel is true. I want them to believe in God and to pray about the message we give. It is so amazing and I'm so thankful I am out here serving the Lord and the people of Boise. It is the best thing I have ever done and I enjoy and love every moment of it.

Well, for some exciting news, I got hit by a car. I hit the front of her car and I did a front flip and landed on the hood. I wasn't hurt at all, not even a scratch. When she got out of her car, I offered her a Book of Mormon and asked her to listen to the missionary lessons. I promised her I was okay, and then my companion and I rode off.

I have been transferred to Eagle, Idaho. It is about 20 minutes from Boise. I am excited to be in a new area.

Our new mission president is Kent Hales Cannon. He and his wife Laurie, have 5 children and are from Salt Lake, Utah. Pres. Cannon served a mission to Paris France and has worked as Pres. Of Beneficial Financial Group. He has served as Bishop, Stake Pres., stake mission pres., elders quorum pres. and Aaronic Priesthood advisor.

Love, Elder Eyring

FYI: Our full time Missionaries **Elder Kearns & Elder Norman** may be reach-
ed at 495-8138. They live in the Gordon Curtis apartment, 1634 E. Nielson Ave.

I ♥ THE
ARIZONA
TEMPE
MISSION!

Tyler Sandberg is at Shepherd AFB in Wichita Falls, Texas. You may text Tyler at 480-392-9087. His e-mail address is tylersandberg90@gmail.com

New Faces in Dana Ward Places

Karen Huebel has moved to 1347 E. Broadway #120



Derrek and Georgina Fulk live at 1628 E. Broadway #105. He is a relative of Johnny Martinez. Derrek has been doing a lot of family temple work since moving into the Dana Ward.

Notes on Dana Ward Folks

In a June talk in Sac. Meeting, **Trevor Schnepf** shared some of his thoughts on preparing for a mission. He suggested that CTR for missionaries, could be a reminder to: C-be **clean** and worthy to serve a mission. T- Gain a personal **testimony** and practice sharing that testimony with others. R-be **ready** and willing to serve wherever called. These are all good ideas Trevor. Thanks for sharing.

CTR

Melissa Crandell has been accepted into a program to prepare and certify her to become a Surgical Technician. Good luck Melissa!

Kelsey Crandell has been investigating her college options and is enrolling in E.A. College in Thatcher, Az. for classes that begin August 23rd. YAHOO Kelsey!

Kaylea Hunt is going to marry **Marshall Sharp** July 20th. Marshall is a policeman in Williams, Az and has three sons – **Austin** (18), **Jensen** (16) and **Grayson** (12). Kaylea and her two sons and the rest of the Sharp family, will be living in Williams. Best Wishes! Keith is getting married 2 days after Kaylea. This makes it possible for the Hunt relatives to make one trip to attend the two special family occasions. The Hunt household is rapidly dwindling! By the end of summer, Marinda and Larissa will be the only kids still home with Kevin and Lou.



Jolene Emerick is now Private Emerick. She has joined the Army and will report to Boot Camp October 12th. She will receive training in IT Computer Repairs. In the meantime, Jolene is staying with her grandparents in Sun Lakes. The love of the Dana Ward goes with you Jolene.

Francisco and Candace Osegueda just graduated from SVU in Virginia and will be staying with his Mom, **Carmen Newman** for a few months while 'Frankie' refines his search for permanent employment. They have their new baby daughter, Emery with them. We get to spoil her for a short while! Carmen's daughter, **Myra Janill Harline** had a baby boy June 7th. They have named him **Owen Brandon Harline**. Janill and her husband live in East Mesa.

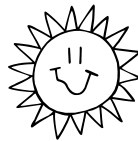


Alec Turner has been working this summer at Camp Geronimo in the Trading Post and is doing a great job!



The **Kevin Hunt** family spent a week of June at Camp Geronimo as staff. Lou painted a picture while there, of the “Mongollon Monster”, famous in Camp Geronimo folklore!

Karen Rivera had her appendix removed June 17th and was taking care of Ward Library duties on June 20th!
WONDERWOMAN!



Nancy Tiffany has completed her chemo treatments, had some reconstructive surgery and is doing very well.

Daline Maddern fell in her home June 13th and broke her pelvis and collar bone. She spent a week in the Hospital and some time recovering in a Care Facility. Her sister-in-law has come down to stay with her while she finishes recovering at home. We are wishing Daline a speedy recovery!



If you would like to help with some meals for Daline and her Sister-in-law, call Audrey Burklund at 649-3006.

Audrey will coordinate the help for

Daline. Many thanks to the ward members who have stepped in to help get some of Daline’s family temple work completed for her.

Garrett Lans injured his foot and it got infected. He spent some time in Gilbert Mercy



Hospital and has had several surgeries to take care of the MRSA infection he contracted in the wound. Some of Cheryl’s neighbors have stepped in to care for Gavin. Cheryl’s aunt traded off staying at the hospital with Garrett so Cheryl

could get some rest. Garrett miraculously has overcome the infection and is growing healthy, new tissue in his foot. He came home in a wheelchair to help him through his recovery time. Our prayers are with Cheryl and Garrett at this time. We are all looking forward to his total recovery.

Grace Halliday fell at home a couple of weeks ago. She didn’t break anything but they had to cancel their Nauvoo trip because of bruises and some very tender knees. Ernie says they may reschedule at a later date.

Dale and Violet Rogers have had a busy but fun past month as they shared their son **Craig’s** wedding and they took her father to Nebraska to celebrate his 90th birthday with their family. The Birthday Bash was total fun,



but heavily influenced by a tornado and lots of travel across Nebraska. During their visit, **Rev. Winkelmann** took a tumble - fortunately, didn’t break anything, but was

banged up a bit. Violet is still huffing and puffing from the trip, but even she is going to survive! We are glad they are all home safe.

Billy and Arlyce Reynolds’ sons, Clar and Madison, received their Masters Degrees this past month from the University of Phoenix. Their daughter, Arlissa, who is serving with the U.S. State Dept. in Jerusalem, was able to view the services by Internet while the rest of the Reynolds family cheered from the stands in Phoenix.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

President Thomas S. Monson dedicated the **Cebu City Philippines Temple** June 13th. It is the 2nd temple in the Philippines (Manila) and the 133rd temple of the Church worldwide. When the Manila temple was dedicated 25 years

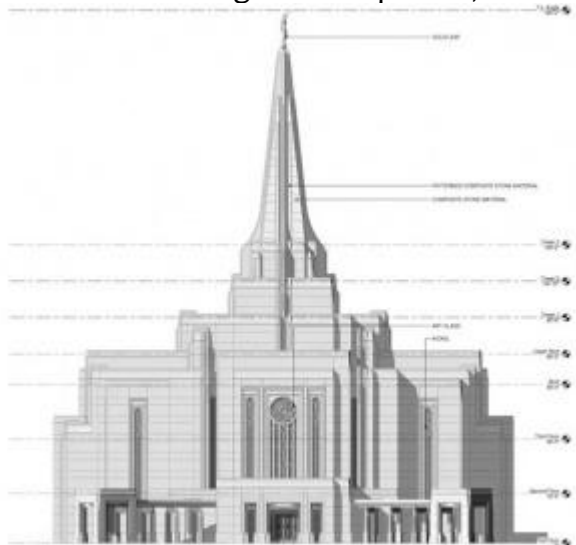


ago, there were 80,000 members. Now there are 630,000 members in the Philippines.

The Church has also announced the planned open house and rededication for the **Laie, Hawaii Temple** renovation. The open house will be held Oct 22 thru Nov 13. Dedication services will be Nov 21. The temple originally was dedicated 27 Nov 1919 by then Pres. Heber J. Grant as the 5th operating temple and the first built outside of Utah. It is located on the NE shore of the island of Oahu. The temple sits next to BYU-Hawaii campus and the Polynesian Cultural Center.

More than a year after the Church announced plans to build a **temple in Gilbert**, the church has unveiled its design for the high-profile structure as included here.

The 83,000 square foot temple will use ivory-colored stone and concrete and feature leaded-glass windows. A 195 foot spire will rise from the center of the three story structure, capped by a statue of a trumpeting angel Moroni. Colorful gardens with water features and accent lighting around the temple are meant to encourage contemplation,



meditation and rest. The 15 acre site near Greenfield and Pecos roads will have 658 parking spaces and room for a future meeting

house which will probably be built within two to four years. Pre-construction work on the temple site should begin soon and once the design receives final approval from the Gilbert Design Review Board, a formal groundbreaking ceremony will be held. It is estimated that it will take approximately 2 years to complete the temple.

The Church has also announced details for the 9,000 sq. ft. **Brigham City, Utah temple**. Many features of the Logan, Manti and Salt Lake temples will be incorporated into the architecture. The outside walls will be a warm white, pre-cast concrete limestone.

The existing sycamore trees lining Main St. will remain and fruit trees will be added to the landscape to blend with the agriculture of the local area. It will be built across the street from the existing tabernacle.

Parking will be included for 250 vehicles. The groundbreaking ceremony will be held July 31, 2010.

The Mormon Tabernacle Choir will present a **Pioneer Day Commemoration Concert** on Fri. July 16 @ 7:30pm (6:30 Az. time) in the Conference Center. It will be rebroadcast Sat., July 17 on BYU Television and at various times on the Satellite Broadcast Network of the Church. Check local listings for accurate local times.

Ward Temple night will be Thursday, July 22, 2010, the 6pm session, or whichever session you can attend.



FAMILY HISTORY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Family History room at the Stake Center will be closed Thursdays for all of July. It will reopen in August.

The temple has a new policy of only holding the ordinance cards for one month now, and then they will be destroyed. If the work is not

completed in one month, the cards will have to be reprinted for ordinances to be completed.

Canning Schedule for the Home Storage Center

Canning time is always 1:00 pm for each month for 2010. July: Apples, carrots, macaroni, milk, regular oats (Orders due Jun 20, canning July 14) August: Potato Flakes, fruit drink mix, sugar, black beans. (Orders due July 18, Canning Aug 11th) Sept: Cocoa, flour, onions, refried beans, white wheat (Orders due Aug 15, Canning July 14).

Relief Society

Pres Susan Dilworth	636-7985
1 Couns Arlyce Reynolds	615-1622
2 Couns Melissa Crandell	353-9556
Sec Wendy Tonga	962-4825

The Relief Society sisters are delighted to welcome the Young Women into Relief Society who just graduated from High School. They are: Kelsey Crandell, Jessica Hale, Cassandra Rivera, and Carol Ransom.

JULY RS Lesson Schedule

July 4: "TBA" – Wendy Tonga
July 11: #13 – "The Priesthood" - Lou Hunt
July 18: #14 – "Priesthood Organization" - Linette Morris
July 25: "Healing the Sick" by Dallin H. Oaks (May 2010 Ensign) – Rosa Rodriguez

Watch for more details for a Relief Society Activity planned for the ward sisters on July 20th from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. In the Cultural Hall. The theme is on Gratitude and Service and each sister will have the opportunity to make their own "Gratitude Book". Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

Rosa Rodriguez started rumors that their family might transfer their membership to the Liahona Ward rather than her accepting a RS teaching assignment. But Efrain and Eddie were able to convince her that this would all work out for the best. Rosa did a beautiful job teaching her RS lesson last week and we've taken steps to be sure she won't transfer out of the Dana Ward! Thanks Rosa, for a super lesson!

RELIEF SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

Single Older Sisters Potluck Mon, July 19, 5:30pm, @ home of Audrey Burklund.

Temple Session Thurs, July 15, 10am session. Lunch after in the temple cafeteria.

Book Group Mon, July 26, 11am @ Violet Roger's Home - "Spoken From the Heart" by Laura Bush and "The Dugger Family-20 & Counting", by Michelle & Jim Bob Dugger.

The Single Older Sisters had a really special and spiritual get-together in June at their Pot-Luck. There were nine sisters attending to share their 'Sisterhood' in the Dana Ward Family.



Young Women

Pres Kim Hale	834-3041
1st Couns Miriam Martin	313-7194
2 nd Couns MaryAnn Kaberry	835-5149
Sec Elizabeth Stark	964-7754

Young Women Camp Fundraiser

**\$4 per person or \$20 per
Family**

Patriotic Breakfast

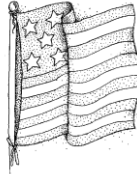
Pancakes, Sausage, Hash Browns, Eggs, OJ and Milk

Monday - July 5th - 7 to 9 AM
(That's Tomorrow Folks!)

Stake Building Cultural Hall

Come One! Come All!

Help the YW raise the funds to attend
Girl's Camp! Your ticket also gets you a
free carwash on July 7th!



Many, Many thanks to the YW and
YM of the ward that did 84 Baptisms for the
Dead for ward member's ancestors during the
month of June! You Guys are Super!

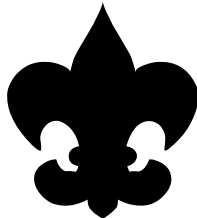
YOUNG MEN

Pres. Darren Eyring 835-1799

1st Couns. Wes Filhart 277-1924

2nd Couns. Pat Rogers 695-7616

Sec. Conley Martin 313-7194



**The Bishop has once again challenged the
YW and YM to S.T.O.M.P. (Students
Trying Out Moroni's Promise) this summer.**

All of us in the Dana Ward have also been
invited to read the Book of Mormon over the
summer. Included here is a suggested
progress chart, that if followed, will enable
us to complete the BofM by the deadline.

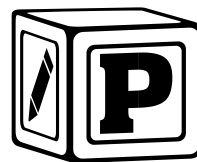
2010 STOMP The Dana Ward

— More Success, Greater Stakes —

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17	6/13	31 32 33
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PRIMARY

President Jennifer Mehlberg 279-2790
 1st Couns Cheeri Redd 834-7788
 2nd Couns Darcy Allen 241-9315
 Secretary Janet Hassell 969-4276

July Theme: "I can Follow Jesus Christ's Example"

July Scripture: Jesus said, "Come follow me."
 Luke 18:22

8th Art. Of Faith: "We believe the Bible to be the word of God as far as it is translated correctly; we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God."

July 4:

O. Prayer: Bailey Young

Scripture: Mercedes Silva

Talk: Rhett Hird

Art of Faith #8: Elizabeth Rivera

C. Prayer: Brittany Whisman

July 11:

O. Prayer: Brandon Hite

Scripture: Claire Rogers

Talk: Jocelyn Gardiner

Art of Faith #8: Sarah Morales

C. Prayer: Lynsi Forrest

July 18:

O. Prayer: Noah Nichols

Scripture: Audrey Redd

Talk: Samantha Rivera

Art of Faith #8 Kaeden Blau

C. Prayer: Samantha Montgomery

July 25:

O. Prayer: Josh Montgomery

Scripture: Jordan Gardiner

Talk: Parker Hird

Art of Faith #8 Leah Morales

C. Prayer: Lizzie Crandell

**A Pioneer Story - "The Brooklyn"**

When it was decided that the Saints must move west from Nauvoo or face even worse persecution than they were currently enduring, some of the brethren were in the eastern states directing the work of the Church there. The members of the Church in the vicinity of New York wished to go west also. Traveling overland from New York to Nauvoo would place them in danger from many enemies of the Church.

One of the brethren in the east was Samuel Brannan, a man with great executive ability. Orson Pratt appointed Brother Brannan to take charge of moving the eastern Saints to the west and he made arrangements to have them sail from New York to San Francisco in the ship

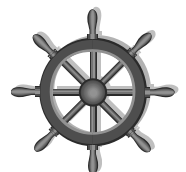


Brooklyn.

This would be a long voyage as they had to sail south and around the extreme tip of South America and then north to San Francisco, which was then called Yerba Buena by the Spaniards and Mexicans. California was Mexican territory but it was taken by the United States in the Mexican War, in which the Mormon Battalion took part.

Two hundred and thirty-five of the Saints decided to make this journey. They chartered the ship for \$1200 and this amount was divided among the various members of their party. They each paid \$50 per adult and \$25 each for their provisions. Children between 5 and 14 paid half fare.

On Feb. 4, 1846, the first company of Saints left Nauvoo by ox-team and the eastern Saints boarded the Brooklyn and sailed out of New York harbor. They took with them, farm tools and seeds that could be used to 'get started' when they reached their destination. Also on board the vessel were 2 cows, 40 pigs and a number of chickens. The second day out, they ran into a heavy storm and nearly everyone on board became very seasick. But the storm passed quickly and they soon had good winds. When they crossed the equator, they encountered a calm and with no wind, they were unable to make any progress. The heat in the tropics was almost more than some of them could bear. As they finally moved south of the equator, they ran into one of the worst storms known to the members of the crew who had sailed this area for many years. The ship rolled so badly that furniture and cargo were tossed from one side of the ship to the other. Children and those who were sick had to be strapped in their beds for fear of being thrown about the ship. At last, all the passengers were taken into the very bottom of the ship for protection. At night, there was little light and the rolling of the ship made it unsafe to light the kerosene lanterns.



Frightened children cried and those who were sick groaned, making their shipboard conditions even worse.

In the middle of the storm, the captain went down to where the Saints were huddled

together and said to them, "My friends, there is a time in every man's life when it is fitting that he should prepare to die. That time has come for us and unless God interposes, we shall all go to the bottom. I have done all in my power but this is the worst gale I have ever known since I have served as master of a ship." One of the sisters spoke up and said, "Captain, we left for California and we shall get there." Several others responded positively. The captain was surprised at their confidence and went back up the stairs, saying, "These people have faith that I have not. They are either fools or they know more than I do."

The storm subsided. When they were circling Cape Horn, the tip of S. America, another bad storm arose and one of the sailors was washed overboard. Sister Laura Goodwin was thrown down the stairs as the ship tossed in the sea and she died from her injuries. She left a husband and 6 little children.

As they finally rounded the Cape and headed north, it became evident that they now had other problems. Their drinking water had been carried from New York in barrels and it had become so thick with slime that they had to strain it before it could be used. As their provisions dwindled, they were reduced to only a pint of water each day per person. Finally the ship was able to land at the Island of Juan Fernandez, the island where Robinson Crusoe had stayed for so many years. The happy Saints were allowed to go ashore for a brief time and fresh water and food was obtained. They were able to rest from their journey for a short time. They also caught fish and eels on the island and enjoyed the great pleasure of a good bath in fresh water. Sister Goodwin was also buried there.

Rested and refreshed, they boarded the ship and soon were sailing north again. In the warm sunshine, children played on the ship deck and mothers held school classes for their youngsters.

They reached the Hawaiian Islands May 9, 1846 and sailed into Honolulu Harbor. They were again able to rest but were warned by officials that they should take guns with them and be prepared to defend themselves when

they arrived at San Francisco because of trouble arising from the Mexican War. They bought a number of guns for \$3 and \$4 apiece.

They reached San Francisco on July 31, a full year before the first wagons reached Salt Lake Valley. When the officials boarded their ship, they announced that San Francisco was now a part of the United States and they were among friends. A cannon was fired from the fort to salute the arrival of the Brooklyn.

The Saints unloaded their belongings and set up a few tents but most of them were given quarters in some of the army barracks there. The barracks were long, spacious buildings and the families hung up quilts to partition off rooms until they could travel inland to meet the rest of the Saints in the Salt Lake Valley. Much transpired with the Saints in California.

Samuel Brannan with all his gift of persuasion, was not able to convince Brigham Young to bring the Utah Saints to California. President Young pointed out that he, like the Prophet Joseph Smith, had seen in a vision where the Church was to be established. He further pointed out to Brother Brannon that the Lord was not interested in wealth, but in the spiritual growth of his people.

Brannan had lost site of their original objective and in becoming the first California millionaire, got involved in gambling, selling liquor and other vices. Brannan's wife left him and took their children to Germany. Eventually he lost all of his wealth and died penniless. Many of the Mormon Battalion were discharged and joined the California Saints, and were also involved in the discovery of gold at Sutter's Fort. Eventually most of them traveled on to Utah where they joined the rest of the Saints.

Their travel by ship had been successful but the dangers and time involved in such passage proved to not be practical for future groups of Church immigrants. Nevertheless, the Good Ship Brooklyn's voyage is an important part of the Mormon Immigration Story.



Margin Notes:

"The only time you cannot fail is the last time you try." Anonymous

"Our efforts to proclaim the gospel, perfect the Saints and redeem the dead all lead to the temple. Each holy temple stands as a symbol of our membership in the Church, as a sign of our faith in life after death, and as a sacred step toward eternal glory for us and our families."
Elder Russell M. Nelson

"Our temples and the ordinances administered therein represent the ultimate in our worship. These ordinances become the most profound expression of our theology." Pres. Gordon B. Hinckley

"What're thou art, act well thy part" (saying discovered by Pres. David O. McKay while serving his mission to Scotland and over the door of the Dastrup home while their children were growing up.)

"Make the right choices every single day to get back home to Heavenly Father." (Goal of Primary Activity Days held this summer at the Church History Museum in Salt Lake.)

"ON OUR WAY" to follow the Savior; Seek Truth - Have Courage - Take Action
(Compass Primary Activity - Church History Museum)

...be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.
- 1 Timothy 4:12

"Have the moral courage to be a light for others to follow." Pres. Thomas S. Monson

"The Prophet Joseph Smith taught that 'friendship is one of the grand fundamental principles of Mormonism.'" Elder Marlin K. Jensen of the Seventy

If you try to fail and succeed, which have you done?

Whose cruel idea was it to put an 'S' in the word 'LISP'?

A closed mouth gathers no feet.

If the clothes fit, they're ugly!

Clyde Ransom went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, "Where's the self-help section?" She said if she told him, it would defeat the purpose.

"The time has come for us to stand a little taller, to lift our eyes and stretch our minds to a greater comprehension and understanding of the grand millennial mission of this, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." Pres. Gordon B. Hinckley

"All that we can know about those we have loved and lost is that they would wish us to remember them with a more intensified realization of their reality...The highest tribute to the dead is not grief but gratitude." Thornton Wilder

"Do we see the sacrament as our Passover, remembrance of our safety and deliverance and redemption? With so much at stake, this ordinance commemorating our escape from the angel of darkness should be taken more seriously than it sometimes is." Jeffrey R. Holland

Fear God and keep his commandments for this is the whole duty of man. Ecclesiastes 12:13

"By holding fast to Church standards, you will have greater happiness in your life."
Bishop H. David Burton

"Never forget - even for an instant - who you serve, and who is in charge. Trust in the Lord. Trust in His gospel. Trust in His commandments. And trust in His promises." Elder Dallin H. Oaks

"Happiness in family life is most likely to be achieved when founded upon the teachings of Jesus Christ and when parents make their family their highest priority." Preach My Gospel, p. 85

Those who make one serious mistake tend to add another by assuming that it is then too late for them. It is never too late! Never! Boyd K. Packer

"True words, true doctrines and true principles planted by faith, like seeds will sprout and grow. They lead to testimony." Elder Jay E. Jensen

A family should never attempt an auto trip if the kids outnumber the windows.

If you had your life to live over again, you'd need more money.

Ninety-five percent devotion to God is about five percent short.

A flashlight is a case in which to store dead batteries.

Opinions are like noses; everyone has one!

Remind me to think before I speak rather than to regret what I have said.

“Most of the ‘thou shalt not’ commandments are meant to keep us from hurting others, but I am convinced the commandment not to covet is meant to keep us from hurting ourselves.”
Elder Jeffrey R. Holland