

Dana Ward Family Newsletter - OCTOBER 2012 -

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Dear Dana Ward Family,

I am certain that we are all grateful for the instruction we were privileged to hear from our church leaders during General Conference.

With the Trek Reenactment this week, it's easy to be reminded of the earliest converts of our Church and their

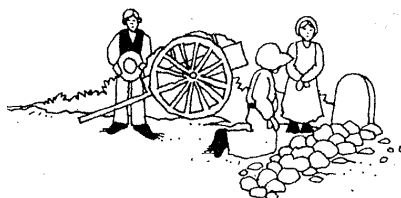


examples. For the most part, this was a migration of families hoping to find refuge from religious persecution. They came

by the thousands, often at great sacrifice, to live gospel teachings and to build the kingdom of God. As they trekked across the American continent, they sharpened their religious focus. They gained greater faith and grew closer to God. The Willie-Martin survivors chose not to dwell on the suffering and death they experienced and very few expressed bitterness. Almost all retained a vibrant faith in the gospel, and for some, the ordeal resulted in gaining "the absolute knowledge that God lives, for we became acquainted with him in our extremities." They practiced human kindness and brotherly love under harsh conditions. Those who died, died with dignity and faith.

These early Saints, were willing to make sacrifices for their posterity. They came with a willingness to be obedient and follow the leaders whom they sustained as prophets. They traveled with feelings of responsibility to the group and not just to their own needs and desires. They had a profound faith in God and the restoration of the gospel. We also recognize the rescue parties who risked life and limb to save their fellow stranded Saints. Their contribution cannot be overestimated.

Without rescue parties there



would probably have been *no* survivors.

In relating their examples to our own lives, I feel impressed to say that all will be well as long as we do our part. All injustice, unfairness and inequity will be worked out by the Savior in a day coming very soon. All we need to do is look at and work on ourselves, and to reach out and rescue others. Over and over we are reminded by the prophets to serve one another, thereby serving God. This must be a part of our nature if we expect to have our sins forgiven and become like our Father.

Lucky for myself there are so many in the Dana Ward who serve each other, for which I am very grateful. Thank you.

Love,
Bishop Eyring

Happy BIRTHDAY!

OCTOBER

01 Sean Dalton
02 Audrey Burklund
03 Leo 'Ahia
03 Amelia Smith
04 Gordon Curtis
04 Linette Morris
05 Riley Hansen
08 Pat Rogers
08 Nancy Mendez
09 Heath Robson
10 Cora Burgess
11 Joseph Standage
11 Pat Martinez
12 Peter Reyes
13 Ronan Blau
13 Sarah Young
13 Elsa Kitchen
13 Mark Brinton
14 Levi Gaytan
15 Jocelyn Gardiner
17 Joe O'Barr

19 Daija Hanks
20 Summer Collins
21 Sally Goodwin
22 Rodney Ballard
22 Kira Davis
22 Marquice Rollins
24 Joshua Gibson
24 Pete Smith
25 Dayton Robson
26 Wendy Tonga
28 Katelyn Gardiner
30 Mickey O'Barr
31 Kevin Hunt
31 Mac Rainwater

NOVEMBER

02 Carmen Newman
02 MiaLeah Hanks
03 Bennett Turner
03 Ed Goodwin
04 Jaidyn Bury
04 Marilyn Durfee

MISSIONARY MOMENTS



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Greetings from Northern Mexico!

Everyone loves the pictures of my Mother and Dad. They think they are my siblings! They can't believe how young they look.

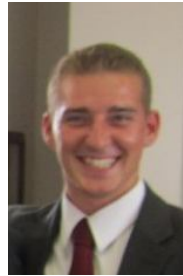
We had transfers this week and both my companion and I are staying here, but there is a change. I am now the new District Leader, which means I have to take care of 8 missionaries and everything involving them. I take care of all the problems and everything that might come up. It's a big responsibility, but the Lord has called me. Throughout my life I have gotten blessings that say I'm going to be a leader, so here is my time to shine. I think it will be pretty fun. I need to read my Patriarchal Blessing again but I know this will help prepare me for possible positions of leadership later in my life. I would appreciate ideas and advice from home for activities we can do and some fun things.

We had a way cool baptism a couple of weeks ago. I had my companion do it. It was his first baptism and he was as giddy as a school girl. It was spiritually uplifting to watch the enthusiasm of my companion as well as the young boy convert. The young boy is Alex Escalante Garcia. His mom is a member but his dad is a Catholic. His dad says he wants to be baptized but feels that out of respect for his parents, he should wait until they pass away. They are 'die hard' Catholics. I asked him how old his parents are and when he replied 89 and 79, I almost said, "Oh, you don't have to wait too long then!" Thank goodness I didn't!

This week we had another baptism. I baptized a young boy. My companion did the confirmation and he was super nervous prior to the ordinance. We practiced it a lot and it came off fine.

Time seems to fly when you are doing the Lord's work!

Love, Elder Stark



Elder Trevor Schnepf
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Trevor is the Zone leader. His comp is Elder Gutierrez. He is serving in a town along the coastline of Ecuador.

We have had 16 baptisms this past month and we have 8 more scheduled, so we will complete our goal if we just exercise a little more faith. This past Saturday, we did a service project. We dug an out house for some members and it was really hard physical labor.

A few weeks ago, Elder Gutierrez and I had been passing through a lot of trials with our Zone. We felt really bad, particularly one week. We couldn't focus really well and we didn't know what to do about the problems. We worked like mad men for a scheduled baptism and at the last minute, it fell through. We had been working hard, but didn't feel like we were having much success. We had a mission conference a couple of weeks back. Both the North and South Missions attended, so we pretty much filled the Stake Center with missionaries. Elder Christofferson and Elder Pino, who is the area president of the northern part of South America, were the speakers, along with their wives. Before the meeting began, they had us all come up and shake their hands.

Elder Pino spoke to us first and began by saying that "As I shook your hands there was an interesting spiritual connection. I know a few of you have come here today with burdened hearts and lots of problems on your minds." He spoke about how the gospel is a seed that has to be planted and then nourished to grow to maturity so the new plant (member) can grow strong enough to stand on its own. He told us that our mission will have a huge impact and influence on our lives and told us not to lose the perspective of our calling and to enjoy our time and that two years will pass really fast for us. He told us to focus on our purpose of our mission. He shared a story about his own children. They had a favorite TV program called "What Do You See?" In the program, they would show a small circle of something up real close so that it was so close and

such a small part of the 'big picture' that you couldn't usually even guess what it was. Often times, the 'close up' made the object very unappealing or unattractive. When they would show the 'whole picture' it turned out to be a delicious pizza or some other attractive object. He suggested that if you don't see the full picture, you may reject some valuable and important things in your life. You have to open your vision and see it all and that one day, our mission will be over and then he asked us after we go home from our missions, "What kind of movies will we watch? Who will we go out with or associate with? What music will we listen to?" We will have gone on our mission in vain if we don't continually make and personal progress and keep commitments.

Elder Christofferson is so cool! He talked about the things we can learn from others that have passed through trials of faith. He said love is a Spiritual Gift and that there is little defense against love. The way to help someone feel your love is through service. He also told us that we can learn and understand more about faith by living it and not by just studying it. He said that learning by the spirit is more precious than to have visions. Teaching by example and not by word is important and he reminded us that God knows each one of us perfectly. Elder Christofferson told us about when he was a Zone Leader and how he felt an awful feeling about some missionaries just like I have been feeling and he decided to go to those missionaries and speak with them. They sang hymns together and bore testimonies to each other and that solved the problems. So that's what Elder Gutierrez and I did. We talked to two of our zone missionaries and it really helped us sort things out. It was a really spiritual and growing experience for me.

I know that our Heavenly Father prepared this conference just so I would know that he loves me and he knows what has been going on with me. This conference was the answer to many prayers for my comp and I.

I love you all. Have a good week.

Elder Schnepf (Our Zone Below)



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Hello,
Everything is great in Gloucester. We are teaching some awesome people. We have been teaching this lady and she committed to baptism. The night before her baptism she called us to say that she was on her way home from the hospital and she was too weak to get



baptized. She wanted to cancel. My companion and I went right over to see her. We prayed with her and we told her to pray and ask Heavenly Father what she should do. So the next day we called to check on her. She said that the baptism was not going to happen. I didn't feel good about that. So about 3pm, my companion and I went over to see her. Her baptism was scheduled for 6pm that night. I had a strong impression that she needed to be baptized that night. I didn't know what to say. I said a prayer in my heart. Then two scriptures came to my mind, Ether 12:6 and Mosiah 7:33. I read them to her and asked her more questions. I testified of the importance of baptism and that this was what she was supposed to do. The spirit was so strong. I just knew the baptism was going to happen. Then she said she felt a lot better and would

like to be baptized. We called the members, filled up the font and two hours later she was baptized. It was the sweetest thing ever. It was a miracle and the Spirit can change hearts. It was an amazing testimony building experience. I love serving a mission and helping others come unto Christ. Love, Elder Eyring



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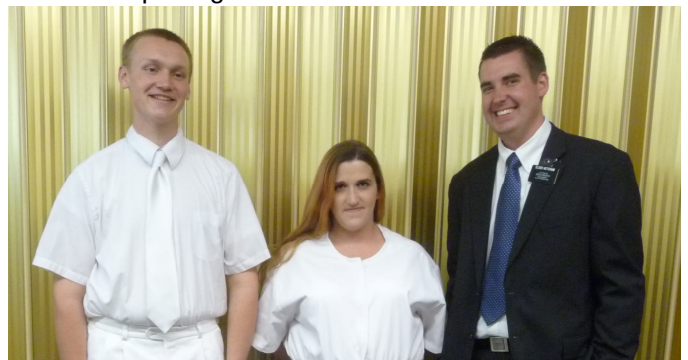
Well, after 6 months in Bend, Elder Ketchum was transferred to Salem, Ore. It was bitter sweet to have him go and me to stay since he won't get to see end results with several choice investigators we are working with.

My new companion is Elder Gomez. He was born in Mexico and he is fluent in both English and Spanish. He is giving me some extra Spanish help and I'm looking forward to serving with him. I've heard a lot of good things about him. Since arriving in Bend, he has been made the District Leader and has initiated some good missionary joint-time activities. As a

district, we play sports together at the church building for an hour on Tues, Thurs and Sat. (Usually Basketball or dodge ball). Mon. we do push-ups, Wed we do Abs and Friday, it's whatever exercises we need or want. He and I are doing workouts together. At first I thought it was going to kill me but it works! I have more energy during the day and I sleep better at night.

We are working with some awesome people. We tracted out a guy named Ronny. He is in his late 60's and he is actually a preacher of 40 years. He knows a lot about the scriptures. Last Sunday, he came to church and stayed for the entire 3 hour block. He seemed to have had a pretty good time. He was with our ward mission leader who is a high priest and they stuck together for the entire 3 hours. It was super cool!

Amy, who we baptized recently, brought her mother, Cheryl to church on Sunday. Amy's 12 year old son, Brandon, has just set a baptism date and his 7 year old brother, when he is old enough, wants to be baptized. Devin, Amy's husband will be able to baptize him then and at that time, they all plan to go to the temple together to be sealed. It will be so cool.



Amy, who was baptized 16 Sept, 2012

Shawn and Ashley, a young couple we are teaching, are doing really well. Shawn has been able to quit smoking and Ashley had her baby a few weeks ago. If all goes well, Ashley's grandparents are coming for the baptism of Ashley and her grandpa will baptize them.

We've been trying to be better at talking to people and we walked up to a guy on the street and we are teaching him now. He is 32 and suffers from occasional depression and is a slow learner. His name is Gabe. I am learning that some of God's choicest

spirits are housed in frail frames. He is just a cool guy and is learning as we teach him.

We've been teaching Mike for 6 months (we and a former set of Elders). Yesterday morning our Ward mission leader told us that Mike has asked to be baptized. We went by and visited with him and he told us that he finally got the answers to his prayers. He KNOWS Joseph Smith was a prophet and that the Book of Mormon is TRUE! We had just about decided that we just didn't know what to do to help him progress. He said he just laid out the scriptures and prayed about it and it came to him that he is comfortable with everything and has chosen Oct 13th to enter the covenants of baptism. He has given up cigarettes, tea and alcohol. Miracles do exist. I've seen them.

Last week, we received the "Higher Law" of the OEM (Oregon Eugene Mission). Pres. Young has been praying about this for about a year. He wants the missionaries to focus more on getting results, or the end results and not the hours tracted and how many people we talk to. He said we still have to tract and talk to people, we just put our efforts into DOING IT rather than keeping track of it. He is asking us to plan more carefully to effectively help as many of Gods children come unto Christ as we can and not spend so much time worrying about meeting set numbers.

It's cooling down here now. The evenings are pleasantly cool. Just back in August, we were harvesting huge blackberries along the local roads.



The locals call them 'nuisance berries' but they were a welcome treat to hungry missionaries. I can't remember ever eating anything I found growing along an Arizona road!

After 3 months (2 of them in the MTC), my shoes wore out and they never were comfortable. My

companion gave me a pair of his "Johnston and Murphy" shoes and they are super comfortable. I've worn them 4 weeks and they are awesome. He said they cost about \$120 but hopefully they will last the rest of my mission. I threw away the Walmart pair. I guess the lesson is that sometimes you get what you pay for!

I'm honestly having the greatest time of my life. I used to wonder what missionaries meant by saying "It's the best two years of my life." You just can't explain it. Get out there and be a missionary. In last month's Ensign, there is an article about being a missionary and sharing the gospel by sharing you. The gospel is so simple. We over complicate it sometimes. The Book of Mormon is true. Elder Gomez says, "The gospel is true and the book's still blue!"

Con Amor,
Elder Hassell

Tate Brinton (452-5783) Ward Mission Leader.

Full-time Missionaries:

Elder Tanner and Elder Lithgow 495-8138.

October Ward Activities Calendar

Oct 6&7: General Conference

Oct 11-13: YM/YW Handcart Trek

Oct 14: FAST SUNDAY

Oct 19&20: Family History Expo

Oct 25: Ward Temple Day

Oct 26 & 27: Stake Scout Camporee

Oct 27: Ward Halloween Party

Oct 31: HALLOWEEN-NO MUTUAL

Oct 31 thru Nov 3: MHS musical "Oklahoma"

Nov 4: End of Daylight Savings Time

Nov 7: Youth Veterans/Senior Dinner

Nov 11: Stake Conference

(Be sure to check for activities/details listed under the different Auxiliary Organizations)

GETTING TO KNOW YOU!

Nirrel Hanks, a New Ward Member, lives at 2011 E. Birchwood Ave. Nirrel is a single mom with 4 children: son **Daelan**, age 12 who is a member of the scout troop; Daughter, **Daija**, age 9; Daughter **MaiLeah** age 7; and son **Giordan** age 6, all members of the ward Primary. Welcome to the Dana Ward Family!

Johnny Mascaro was baptized Aug 4, 2012. (480-330-0628) Johnny, in his 'earlier life' was the World Amateur Champion for Heavyweight Boxing. Johnny was ordained to the office of a Priest and with the assistance of **Chris Martin** and **Dwight Morris**, Johnny has been able to do the baptisms for several of his deceased ancestors and is having the temple work done for quite a few of his ancestors that Sister Martin was able to find for him both here in the States as well as in Italy. Johnny recently visited a daughter and her family in Iowa but is back now and anxious to be a part of the Dana Ward Family.

Myra Rosas lives at 1931 E. 1st Ave, phone 430-1377. She was baptized Sept 15, 2012 and was confirmed Sept. 16 by **Kevin Schnepf**. Myra is a single Mom and has two sons: **Justiss Arriaga**, who is 17 and a senior at Mesa High School. He transferred from Westwood when they moved to their present home. Justiss is active in wrestling and serves as president of one of the academic clubs on campus. He is very involved in learning about colleges and scholarship programs and trying to make important college decisions at this time. **Nathaniel Arriaga** is 13, an 8th grader at Taylor Jr. High and very much enjoys belonging to the ward scout troop. Nathaniel is also involved in school wrestling and has just completed a successful season in this sport. Myra was just called to serve as the

secretary to the Dana Ward Young Women Organization. She was born in El Paso, Texas and grew up there. She moved to Mesa in 2007. She was raised Catholic, in a family that included 4 older sisters and no brothers. She has lots of nieces. Her mother is still living but her father passed away about 20 years ago. Myra attended UTEP (Univ of Texas @ El Paso) majoring in art and interior design. She is also a licensed nail technician. She has been working for a company doing outside sales but just got a new job with All Copy Products where she will be a sales representative. She likes to cook, clean, draw and paint. She and her son Justiss were both hoping to get to go on the Handcart Trek, but starting a new job didn't seem like a good time to be taking time off from work. Justiss is attending a School Leadership Program and College Work Shop this week-end. They will have to "Pioneer" at another opportunity.

Amy and Andrew Petersen (1922 E. Nielson Ave, 602-919-2196) have moved into the Dana Ward from Casa Grande. Andrew spent many of his youngest years in the Dana Ward when his parents, Julie and Dallas Petersen lived in the ward. Andrew's grandparents are Edwina and Tom Dastrup. He is also the brother of Dallas Petersen (Jr) and Amelia Smith. Dallas and Helen just moved from the ward to Australia and Amelia and her husband Pete, live in our ward. Amy and Andrew have a 3 year old son, **Jackson** and they are expecting a baby girl sometime early in November. Andrew graduated from Mesa High, served a mission in France, graduated from ASU with a degree in Finance and is Project Manager for Sahuaro Contracting. His hobbies include hydroponics gardening, beekeeping, (he also removes bee colonies from inappropriate locations) and enjoys local politics. He has served as Cub Master in the

Cub Scout Program and been in charge of awards. He is certified in Woodbadge Training.

Amy (Young) grew up in Buckeye, Az, earned her Education Degree from ASU, taught first and second grades for 3.5 years at Lehi Elementary and Desert Willow in Casa Grande. She enjoys doing family histories and family calendars that include pictures and fun stuff. She is currently working on a history for her grandmother, who is a Baptist, that will include text and lots of pictures. Amy is not a descendant from Brigham Young (as far as they can tell). Her immediate family are converts to the Church.

Andrew proposed to Amy at the Snow White Wishing Well at Disneyland. Needless to say, they are both great fans of Disneyland! Amy has just been called to work with the Primary Girls Activity Days program for the 8-11 year old girls.

Katie Johnson is a new member of the ward. Katie is 18 and the niece of Julie Eyring and she is living with the Eyring family right now. Katie went on the Stake Youth Handcart Trek this past week. She is from Nevada and worked as a dental assistant in Utah. She is hoping to find a job here in Mesa and take some classes at MCC in January. It's nice to have Katie in the Dana Ward!

Notes on Dana Ward Folks

The Dana Ward Youth (ages 14 – 18) participated in the **Stake Handcart Trek** this past week during the school 'Fall Break'. Because of the time frame, we won't have any Trek Details until next Newsletter. The theme was "Go Forth with Faith". Kevin and Lou Hunt were in charge of food for the group. Nick and Tima Hird and Richard and Kim Hale went along as "Ma and Pa" for two of the "family groups"

and Bishop Eyring was the "official" videographer. There are several ward leaders that went as "walkers" and part of the fabulous "support crew". Then, of course, there are the youth of the Dana Ward that "pushed and pulled" and helped and prayed and learned many things from this experience they will always remember. We are proud of our youth and grateful for all the adult leaders that pitched in and made this opportunity available and possible!

Congratulations and "Happy Wishes" are due for **Anna O'Bryant**. Anna is engaged and planning to marry **Michael Brown**, probably in the Spring of 2013. Michael and Anna are waiting for temple clearance so they can be married in the Mesa Temple. Michael was born in Michigan and at the age of 7, his family moved to Mesa. At the age of 18, Michael joined the Church and then served a mission to Milan, Italy and because of health reasons, was later transferred to San Diego, California to complete his mission. He is a third grade teacher at Concordia Charter School in Mesa and has four daughters: **Ashlee**, age 18, **Chelsea** age 13, **Tiffany** age 9.5 and **Hailey** age 5. Besides looking forward to life with Anna, Michael is also looking forward to having two boys to hang out with in the 'Man Cave' and watch sports with. Anna is getting Michael in the deal plus the prospects of now being able to shop for 'pink things' for a change. Anna and Michael met back when Anna was in Westwood High School. Michael graduated 4 years ahead of her, but he took her to a Westwood Homecoming. They had met while both of them were working for Chick-fil-A. Now, many years later, their paths have crossed

again and they fell in love and plan to live 'happily ever after' together. Their plans are to live here in the Dana Ward . Congratulations to Anna and Michael. We look forward to Michael and his daughters being part of the Dana Ward Family.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the **Zepeda family. Yolanda's mother, Ramona Artalejo Jaquez**, passed away 22 Sept, 2012. She was buried the following Friday in the Mesa City Cemetery. She had been ill for some time with colon cancer. In June, she fell and broke her hip and had to stop her chemo treatments. Because of this, her cancer flared up rapidly. Yolanda and her family were able to spend loving time with her mother before she passed away. She and her sister were able to travel to Mexico with their other sister, after the funeral, and spend a week together sharing family memories and time together.

Conley Martin's Tucson heart medical transplant team is working closely with his U of A kidney transplant team to get him reactivated on the national registry for a matched donor kidney transplant. Because of his 4 heart transplants, his kidney match has to be compatible with the antibodies and DNA of 5 individuals, rather than one. This is a bit of a 'bother' but Conley and Miriam have done their homework and have pleased the transplant team that will do his surgery by producing all the necessary medical reports and test results to make this happen. Conley feels good about his prospects and is anxious to DO THIS! Hopefully, a kidney will be available for him soon. We always remember the individuals, families and medical personnel that make a donor organ available and the sacrifices and graciousness

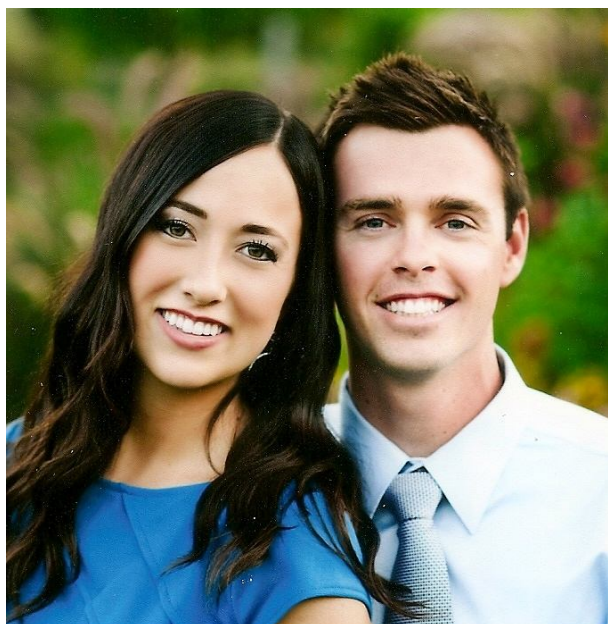
involved in doing so. A successful kidney transplant will remove the currently necessary daily dialysis for Conley and solve many of the complications and issues involved in the compromised port problems required for his daily dialysis. As a ward family, we will keep Conley and his medical team in our prayers and anxiously follow his progress to a new kidney. Our prayers are with you Conley!

Dwight Morris, who is the prime example of a person who unselfishly gives SERVICE to his fellowman, quietly underwent surgery the last week of September to have three vertebra fused in his neck. Everything went well and he is recuperating and attending meetings and giving service. In his own words, "he fell among 'cut-throats' and he is now an official member of the 'Stiff Necked Generation' mentioned in the scriptures". He will have to wear his neck brace for another month or so. Although we tend to jest in reference to Brother Morris, we are grateful for his successful surgery and wish him a speedy and complete recovery and hope this procedure greatly improves his quality of life.

Floy Johnson had a heart attack a few weeks ago. Her doctor installed a stent in a blocked artery which has helped but she is still struggling with some issues. Many thanks to the ward members who have helped her through a few rough weeks. We hope she is better soon.

Lina Chapman (wife of **Darwin Chapman**) was baptized by her husband on Saturday, September 29th. Lina has had to learn English, adjust to a totally new life style from her native China and absorb a new religion and culture over the past few months since her arrival in the U.S. She is amazing in everything she has learned and accomplished. We are all so proud of her. Congratulations Lina!

Lots of excitement at the **Eyring** Home!
 Oldest son, **Jared**, is going to marry **Kristen Elizabeth Hurst** Oct. 18, 2012 in the Salt



Lake Temple. Jared lives in Provo, Utah (since returning from his Hong Kong Mission several years ago). He works for a construction company, driving a dump truck. Both of them are also students at Utah Valley University in Provo. They plan to make their home in Provo after their wedding. An Open House will be held in their honor Sat., Nov 17, 2012 from 7-9pm in the Mesa South Stake Center (our building) and the whole ward is invited to attend.

The MHS production of the Rogers and Hammerstein musical, **"Oklahoma"** will be Oct. 31 thru Nov 3 at the Mesa High auditorium. All seats are reserved and tickets are available now, at the school bookstore. Our own **Brenden Merkley, Courtney Eyring, Kimball Rogers and Sarah Young** are in the cast. **Can you guess which Dana Ward member is playing the heavy part of JUDD?** (answer on page 10.) It will be fun to get to watch our

youth performing in what is sure to be a great production!

The Annual Ward **S.T.O.M.P.** dinner was held Oct. 3rd. The entire ward was invited and the ward members that completed the reading/re-reading of the Book of Mormon over the summer, were recognized. Hooray for all you Summer Readers, both young and old! You guys are awesome!

The List of **'STOMPERS'** as we have it are:
Bishop Eyring, Kyle Hassell, Wes Filhart, Lance McGraw, Melissa Standage, Elsa Kitchen, Betty and Gordon Curtis, Edith and Harvey Mosley, Ethan Merkley, Brandon Boone, Brenden Merkley, Lindsay Layton, Ernest and Grace Halliday, Kevin Hunt and John Chapman. (We strongly suspect there are more, but some are shy in sharing personal information. Congratulations to all of you, named and anonymous!)

Rumors are flying around the ward that the Filharts may have their new baby by the time you get your newsletter!



Relief Society

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2 Couns Linette Morris	962-8221
Sec Nancy Tiffany	834-8494

October RS Lesson Schedule

Oct 7: GENERAL CONFERENCE
Oct 14: #20 "Temporal Salvation..." - by Vickie Stevens
Oct 21: #21 "The Power of Kindness" by Wendy Tonga
Oct 28: "Sacrifice" by Dallin H. Oaks – Apr '12 Gen Conf by Lois Chapman

Through November 18th, the stake is having a Food Drive to help replenish the bare shelves of the Mesa United Food Bank. We are encouraged to bring items we can donate, to Relief Society each Sunday. Items especially needed are: canned tuna or

chicken; canned vegetables, fruit, soup and beans; peanut butter, rice and pasta. Thank You for being generous.

VISITING TEACHING

"Jesus Christ showed us how to minister - how to watch over and strengthen one another. His was a ministry to individuals, one by one". (Daughters in My Kingdom, pg 105)

We as Visiting Teachers in the Dana Ward have a responsibility to our assigned sisters. We are asked to stay close to our sisters so that we are aware of their needs as well as the needs of their family. Please share with the Relief Society President (Sister Lou Hunt) knowledge of any illnesses or other needs so she can coordinate with the Bishop to meet these needs. If we, as Visiting Teachers, follow the example of our Savior, we will minister to our sisters in the gospel with love and friendship. Thanks for all the kind and thoughtful services you provide to the ward sisters. You are loved and appreciated.

(Kimball Rogers is playing the role of Judd.)

Young Women

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1st Couns Jill Schnepf 890-8934
2nd Couns Janet Hassell 969-4276
Sec Myra Rosas 430-1377



Primary

Pres Cheeri Redd 834-7788
1st Couns: Marie Montgomery 834-2093
2nd Couns: Dawn Nichols 610-1223
Sec: Anna O'Bryant 602-509-8757

CTR

The Ward Primary Children did a fabulous presentation of the Sacrament Program, the Sunday before General Conference.

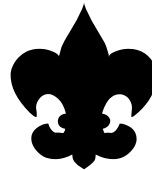
They knew their parts and shared their singing voices with the ward. Thank You to them and their teachers and leaders for a JOB WELL DONE!

Parents who have been given a "Spotlight" sheet are asked to fill out the information for their children and return them to the Primary Presidency ASAP so that we can SPOTLIGHT your children during Sharing Time.
Thanks!

Clair Rogers was baptized September 15, 2012 by her father Patrick Rogers.

Luke Nichols was baptized by his father, Jon Nichols, on Sept. 28, 2012

YOUNG MEN



Pres. Richard Hale 834-3041
1st Couns. Daniel Scott 602-620-1072
2nd Couns. Pat Rogers 695-7616
Sec. Conley Martin 313-7194

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Ward Temple Night will be Thurs. Oct 25. Please attend the 6:30 pm session or any other session that fits your personal schedule.



Suzette Fletcher-Tiffany (600-2063) has been called to be the Choir Director. Suzette has a lot of music background and is looking forward to some fun and rewarding experiences with the ward choir which will be meeting Sunday Afternoons in the chapel at 4 pm except for Fast Sundays. Please come and participate if you are experienced or would like to get some experience with the choir. Beginners and/or experts are welcome. If you aren't sure you can carry a tune in a bucket, come on down and find out. Everyone is welcome to participate, age 12 and up.

2012 Canning Schedule for the Home Storage Center



Our Stake Canning day will usually be the 4th Tuesday and our time will always be 10:30 am. You do not have to sign up ahead of time for the items you wish to can during our assigned times. Just arrive 15 min. early and let them know what you want to can from

that month's scheduled items. You may also purchase extra of those items at the end of the canning session.

OCT: non-fat dry Milk, fruit drink mix, dry carrots, apple slices, Refried beans (Canning: Oct 23). **NOV:** Potato Flakes, macaroni, Sugar, hot cocoa mix, White Beans. (Canning: Nov 27) **DEC:** Black Beans, dry onions, regular oats, sugar & potato flakes (Canning: Wed. Dec. 12 <Holiday Schedule>). For information, call **Sally Goodwin 444-8740**.

Exciting announcements were given in Saturday's morning Gen. Conference meeting.

New temples were announced for **Tucson, Az.** and **Arequipa, Peru**. Location and construction plans were not given at this time. This will be the 6th temple for Arizona and the 3rd for Peru.

Changes were made in the Church Missionary Dept. President Thomas S. Monson announced that, effective

immediately, men who are high school graduates may now begin serving at age 18 (lowered from age 19) and women at age 19 (lowered from age 21), based on individual circumstances, as well as upon a determination by local Church leaders. Mission lengths did not change. These changes were made as 'options' to our youth and worthiness, personal preparation, college, scholarships, military and other personal factors should be considered by each individual. Time spent in the MTC will be reduced by about 1/3.

New curriculum for Young Men, Young Women and Youth Sunday School classes

was announced Sept. 12, 2012. The new "Learning Resources for Youth" will replace existing manuals and Church units will begin using the curriculum in January 2013. The focus is on strengthening and building faith, conversion and testimony, using the most current teachings of the Gen. Authorities and Gen. Auxiliary Presidencies. The curriculum will be available on line and can be found on **lds.org/youth/learn** and in a limited number of printed manuals. It is intended to cause a shift from stand-and-deliver gospel teaching to gospel-centered conversations between youth and leaders. Since the resources are available online, parents can keep up on what their children are learning and even use it in their families. The monthly lesson topics can then be incorporated into family home evening or dinner table discussions. The curriculum is designed to allow young people to better develop their abilities to learn and teach the gospel. It can help them prepare to be effective, Christlike teachers as they serve missions and in their future homes. Instructors can start by making the classroom a safe place – a forum where young men and young women can freely share their comments and experiences without fear of being mocked. (For more details, see the Church News, Oct 7, 2012 and the web site listed above.)

Free October Events sponsored by the Mesa FamilySearch Library:

Webinar on line with James Tanner Monday, October 15, 2:00 PM. Learn how to transfer from new.FamilySearch to ***Family Tree***, the new Church Family History Program. Preregister at www.mesafsl.org and click on "WEBINARS". Enjoy this presentation live in the convenience of your home!

Legacy Stories with Kathleen Mack and Dennis Stack Wednesday, October 17, 7:00 PM at the Training Center Auditorium, 464 East 1st Ave, Mesa (just west of the Temple). Learn to capture forever defining moments of life with multi-media pages. No need to pre-register.

Mesa FamilySearch Library EXPO all day event, October 20, 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM at the LDS Solomon Ward Building 997 E. Broadway Road, Mesa 85204 (corner of Broadway and Solomon). Twenty classes to choose from with excellent teachers! Register at www.mesafsl.org Call 480-964-1200 for more information.

MARGIN NOTES:

"I want it absolutely clear when I stand before the judgment bar of God that I declared to the world, in the most straightforward language I could summon, that the Book of Mormon is true, that it came forth the way Joseph said it came forth and was given to bring happiness and hope to the faithful in the travail of the latter days."
Elder Jeffrey R. Holland

"Once again, I ask that you would remember me and all the General Authorities in your prayers."
President Thomas S. Monson

In Primary, one of the songs learned is "A Child's Prayer." In the song, we sing, "Pray, He is there; Speak, He is listening. You are His Child. He hears your prayer."

"Pray always, and I will pour out my Spirit upon you, and great shall be your blessing." D&C 19:38

Be thou humble; and the Lord thy God shall lead thee by the hand, and give thee answer to thy prayers.
D&C 112:10

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

"We are all teachers. We should ever remember that we not only teach with words; we teach also by who we are and how we live our lives. As we teach others, may we follow the example of the perfect teacher, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." Pres. Thomas S. Monson

My grace is sufficient for all men that humble themselves before me; for if they humble themselves before me, and have faith in me, then will I make weak things become strong unto them. Ether 12:27

Christ left His footprints in the sands of the seashore, but left His teaching principles in the hearts and in the lives of all whom He taught. He instructed His disciples of that day, and to us He speaks the same words, "Follow thou me." May we go forward in the spirit of obedient response, that it may be said of each of us as it was spoken of the Redeemer, "Thou art a teacher come from God." Pres. Thomas S. Monson

The same Lord who provided a Liahona for Lehi provides for you and for me today, a rare and valuable gift to give directions to our lives, to mark the hazards to our safety, and to chart the way, even a safe passage, not to a promised land, but to our heavenly home. That gift is a patriarchal blessing. Every worthy member of the Church is entitled to receive such a precious and priceless personal treasure." Pres. Thomas S. Monson

"Success is contingent upon our effective use of the time given us. When we cease peering backwards into the past, and forward into the fog that shrouds the future, and concentrate upon doing what lies clearly at hand, then we are making the best and happiest use of our time"
President Thomas S. Monson

"Fathers, mothers, siblings, friends, missionaries, home and visiting teachers, priesthood and auxiliary leaders, classroom instructors – each is, in his or her own way, 'come from God' for our schooling and our salvation. In this Church it is virtually impossible to find anyone who is not a guide of one kind or another to his or her fellow members of the flock." Elder Jeffrey R. Holland

"It is important to search for opportunities to serve and succor the troubled, sick and lonely. We are surrounded by those in need of our attention, our encouragement, our support, our comfort, our kindness – be they family members, friends, acquaintances or strangers. We are the Lord's hands here upon the earth, with the mandate to serve and to lift His children. He is dependent upon each of us." President Thomas S. Monson

"If we will try with faith and prayer and resolution, we can accomplish great good, especially for our own souls. May we be willing and obedient, that we may eat the good of the land." Pres. Gordon B. Hinckley

"Today, we no longer think of Zion as where we are going to live as much as how we are going to live."
Elder Jeffrey R. Holland

"The Church can never 'dumb down' its doctrines in response to social goodwill or political expediency. It is only on the high ground of revealed truth that gives us any footing on which to lift another who feels troubled or forsaken."
Elder Jeffrey R. Holland

"Our responses and behavior in public should always reflect our religious beliefs and our gospel commitments. How we respond in any situation has to make things better, not worse." Elder Jeffrey R. Holland

"It is through the Lord's help that individuals are able to make impossible things possible, find rest from one's labors and feel the love of Heavenly Father. So choose to be optimistic. Choose to look on the bright side. As you go about your day's activities, expect the best."
Elder Steven E. Snow of the 70 and Church Historian

"Although challenges and trials will come, it is through being prepared through prayer, scripture study and keeping the commandments that they will become seasons of learning in our lives. Rather than times of setback and loss of faith, these experiences themselves will become stepping stones of spiritual strength for our eternal progression." Elder Steven E. Snow of the 70

