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A TIME FOR RE-COMMITMENT

Here we are at the beginning of a new year -- "1987".
Seems just like yesterday we were saying hello to 1986.

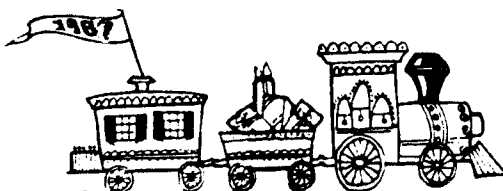
It is fitting at this time to give thanks to our Father
in Heaven for His wondrous work; including the greatest of all
of His blessings--the sending of His Only Begotten Son, to
give to all of us, His children, redemption and, to those who
will listen and obey the gospel, salvation and exaltation in
the kingdom of our Father.

Obedience to the principles of the gospel brings
happiness, and happiness is what we are all seeking.

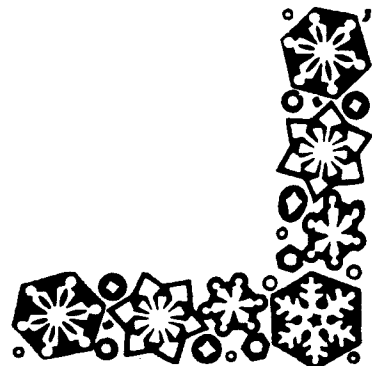
The purpose of the gospel is to bring to men the
greatest happiness. And Jesus said, "I have spoken unto you
...that your joy might be full." (John 15:11)

It is my prayer that we may all find joy and happiness
in the service of our Father in Heaven and Brother Jesus
Christ in this New Year.

Mark L. Rasmussen, 2nd Counselor



Happy New Year





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We are going to feel like strangers when we return! Sounds like there are a lot of really good, talented people moving in the ward.

The activity here is improving. We are giving the discussions to a couple and have a baptism date for Nov. 29. They will really be an asset to the ward.

Dan performed a wedding which was a choice experience. There were 140 guests, and a big percent were non-members who said it was the nicest ceremony they had ever been to. Some of them came to Sacrament Meeting the next day and were in tears during our returned missionary's report. We hope it will all have a lasting effect on them.

Today Dan is in Dundee which is 160 miles away to take our 4 seminary students to a 5-stake seminary program. He left at 6:45 a.m., and the dance ends at 10 p.m. I have been to a stake leadership meeting in Aberdeen for which we had to leave home at 8 a.m. and got home at 4:30 p.m. We take a lot for granted at home, don't we? We just saw, in September, two sessions of the April Conference and haven't seen any of October's. When we do see them, they are really important to us and we digest every bit.

Eldon Ricks and his wife are bringing a tour group of 52 people to our ward. They will present our Sacrament Meeting program as well as put on a fireside that evening.

Dan and Wanda

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Christmas will be over by the time this is published, but we were thinking of you all and the fun things going on there.

Our days will be full. From the 18th to the 20th of December, missionaries are putting on a program, open to the public. The 23rd, we go to Keokuk, Iowa, to nursing homes to take goodies and sing carols. The 24th, we will



be taking goodies to widows and widowers in Nauvoo and singing carols. Christmas day, all missionaries will have dinner together at the Stake Center. This sure helps to make our Christmas away from family and friends a bright and glorious occasion.

We hope you all have a Happy New Year. Thanks for all the cards and letters.

Love to all,
Elder and Sister Morrison

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Shortly before Thanksgiving, David was transferred to Macon. David writes: "Today on the way home it started to rain. The streets were already muddy and wet, and when riding on a bike without a fender, it is not easy to stay clean. We got sooo muddy and wet while riding down a busy street. Who would ever do that? Especially in a white shirt and tie. Well, when we came home, we changed into dry clean clothes and went out and did it again. What fun. Only on a mission do we get experiences like that."

David has a wonderful attitude and enjoys his mission very much. He has not written much about any baptisms, but they have many investigators listening to the discussions. David sent a little story to us to read to the family on Christmas Eve. We think the ward would enjoy it also even though it will be after Christmas. Keep up the good works, David, and keep smiling.

Mom Larisch

