

The

BRIGHTON

BANNER



BRIGHTON FIRST WARD
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OCTOBER 1989

Help Me to See Like the Blind
September 17, 1989

The following words are from a camp song, sung by the "New Vision" singers. The words carry a message that is clear.

Isn't it strange that the way we look is what people judge each other by.

Designer jeans, hairstyle, shoes, from the best stores in town are what you have to buy.

Blind folks can't see if you're ugly or not, whether or not your hair looks the best,

Whether your outfit is just right or not, to them you look just like the rest.

Help me to see like a blind man, Lord, Help me never to judge with my eyes.

Give me the wisdom to look on the inside, Lord. Help me to see like the blind.

If blind folks can see better than you and me, maybe we're worse off than them.

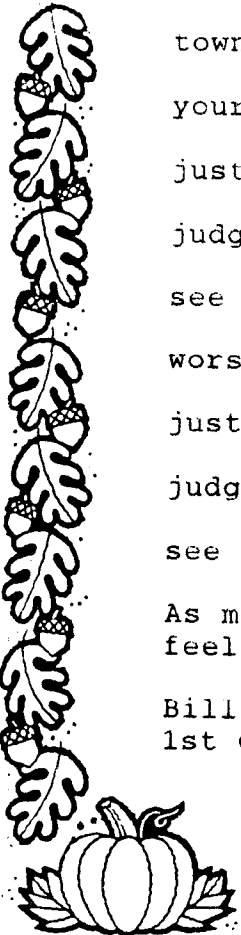
They only see what's inside you and me, what we look like just falls by the way.

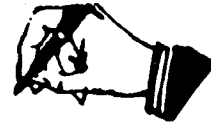
Help me to see like a blind man, Lord. Help me never to judge with my eyes.

Give me the wisdom to look on the inside, Lord. Help me to see like the blind.

As members of Christ's true Church, may we each be sensitive, feeling, and able to "SEE" as clearly as the blind learn to do.

Bill Allen
1st Counselor

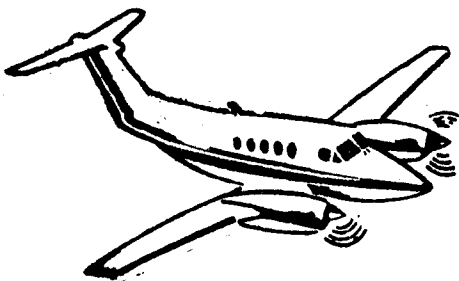




WELCOME HOME ELYSE !

From Elyse's last letter: "In Fairfield, we are teaching Karen Robertson. We met her a while back. Two missionaries and myself were walking around in the rain. We were looking for someone to talk to & of course, a place for cover. We knocked on the door & her friend answered. We talked with them a bit. We didn't feel they were really interested. So we let them go for about a month. I decided to take Sister Foutz to meet them, & double check their situation. Karen mentioned she would like to learn more. We taught her last week the first discussion, then last Wednesday had the most spiritual discussion. We taught her the second & third & committed her for baptism. The spirit was so wonderful we stopped in the discussion for a minute just to soak in the spirit, then we got on our knees & asked Karen to pray. She cried through her prayer & mentioned that she really felt that Heavenly Father wanted her to learn the Gospel & be baptized."

By the time this material is printed Karen will probably have been baptized and be partaking of the blessed membership in the true faith!



Don & Leola Herzog

(This is from a letter received by Bishop Butters)

We arrived here safely and went right to work on our first challenge of making the house liveable. A couple of days scrubbing and debugging and it is not too bad. We have gone back in time about 80 years but we will survive. Going from a nice shower to an old tub on a pedestal was the hardest.



Our Sunday meetings are at 7:00 a.m. We have had some great meetings. One never knows what day of the week it is hardly because we work every day. There is a lot of work to be done here and a lot are going home in the next few weeks and months. We had dinner with Laverna's brother and his wife and Sister Taylor, then we had them here along with another couple.

Wanda Mackintosh's brother is a special man and doing a great job. (Brother Andrus)

Tell everyone hello for us and we would love to hear from all of you.

We're enjoying it here and the history is so exciting. I'm finding some family names on the records and that makes it exciting. We went over to Carthage last week and that is a humbling experience.

We love the work and know this is where we're supposed to be at this time. Love to all.

Don & Lee (Herzog)

KEVIN COPELAND



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Kevin writes that already the English classes have been a success. One man seemed to be interested, not only in the language, but what the missionaries were doing. He offered Kevin and his companion a ride home after the class and they showed him where they held the meetings. They have already given him the first discussion.

Kevin felt that he probably would soon be transferred, so he & his companion were working so hard with some of the best families to try to help them before they left there. Just as he supposed, he got his letter of transfer, which informed him that he was becoming a Zone Leader. The letter from the President also said that he would be companions with one of his best friends he met in the MTC. They will open up a brand new zone in the northern part of his mission called Maringa. He is so excited! But he is so sad to leave the wonderful people of Nio Negro. He states: "They have been so great to me. They have seriously treated me like a king. It will also be especially difficult to say 'good-bye' to Elder Marcelo. He is the best friend. We talked about it for a few hours last night when we found out." Elder Marcelo is from Sau Paulo & has been a member for only two years. His family has never written him since he came on his mission. Kevin said at times he would wake up at night shaking with nightmares wondering if anything had happened to his family since he hasn't ever heard from them. So Kevin & the members have basically been his family. Kevin says Elder Marcelo has never let his sorrow interfere with his work. He just works all the harder & has been a wonderful companion to work with.

We are so proud of Kevin & his hard work & wonderful attitude. He

has learned love for his fellowmen far above anything we as his parents could ever hope for. He genuinely loves the Brazilian people. He has certainly learned that people must know you care before they want to hear what you say.



THE LESS PEOPLE SPEAK OF THEIR GREATNESS, THE MORE WE'LL THINK OF IT!

MIKE SPENCER



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Mike is still having success in baptizing people into the church. The week he wrote last, he & his companion were going to baptize a family, and a lady & her teenage daughter. They are also teaching several "great" people. They were teaching one special family and getting ready for baptism and had had some discussions where the Spirit was very strong. Mike thought they were making good progress, but the last time they met, the woman had hardened her heart and had really changed. Mike hopes they can do something that will change her back again.

The branch where Mike is, has some real problems. There are about 100 active members and about 300 inactive ones. Also, one of the counselors to the branch President is creating problems within the branch.

There are many successes in the mission which make the missionaries happy, but they realize there is much more to be done. This is the way it is in all the missions in the church. We wish all the missionaries much success in doing the Lord's work.

DANNY LARISCH

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Danny writes "I have been so caught up in my work that I don't even take the time to write letters. This area has been so successful lately. The Coventry Mission has been on a spiritual high the past couple of months. We have really been exercising our faith! And we have seen miracles. We have been teaching more discussions than I have on my whole mission--almost 20 a week. We will be baptising a really good family on Sept. 3rd.

I have been with Elder Brandt two months now. He is the one from Germany. He eats some of the strangest foods. He makes a very mean muesli every morning. He drags me to the health food store every week and buys these big bags of horse food. Then he puts them in a big green tub with milk. I always tell the lady at the store that we have horses at home.-----
----Oh, nice. Elder Brandt just burned another one of his German dishes. This is the grossest food I have ever seen. He takes a big pot and fills it with water. Then he puts everything in it; potatoes, rice noodles (the noodles must be green or brown), tomatoes, peppers, whole mushrooms, whole carrots and everything else he can find. Then he boils it for 2-3 hours. He begins at 7:00 a.m. and it is done when we go out. Then he puts it all on a plate with ketchup and eats it.

The other missionaries who come over here are really amazed. A lot of times he forgets about the pot of stuff and the water boils out and it burns.

Well, now it is time to go street tracting."



Elder Roger Butters

Santa Rosa, Calif. wasn't where Roger thought he would be right now, but until his visa for Brazil comes he is enjoying it there.

The Mission hadn't planned for extra missionaries, so they are staying here and there. Roger's bedroom is a missionary's living room. His bed is the couch. The only disturbing thing is when anyone sits on the couch, their knees touch their chin. His suitcase is closet and drawers for his clothes---but he loves being there and says his companions are the greatest.

He is tracting with Spanish speaking missionaries. He is loving the area and the experiences they are having. The only thing that worries him is he is not doing much to help get better in Portugeuse.

The people he is getting to know are humble, special people who love the gospel,---and he says missions are the best!

Keep up the good work, Elder Butters.

Love from his Family



Help! I'm being brainwashed.



KEVIN SEGUIN

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"If a cat doesn't come along in five minutes, I'll give you your money back."

On Sept. 10th Kevin left Colombia as they took all North American missionaries out of that country. He went to Miami then on to Corpus Christi, Texas, which is his new mission.

Kevin had been sick for about four weeks before he left Colombia. He arrived at his new mission the night of Sept. 11th and was quite ill. The following day he was put in the hospital with ameba dysentery & pneumonia. The doctor said it was very fortunate he got there when he did as he was a very sick boy. He was in the hospital a week there, then we brought him back to Salt Lake to St. Marks Hospital. He still had pneumonia and has been under the care of Dr. Kurt Francis, who is a pulmonary specialist.

Kevin is home now and he is doing quite well. We are trying to get his body built back up to be a strong person again.

We are grateful for the many prayers that have been offered in his behalf. We know that they have helped a great deal.

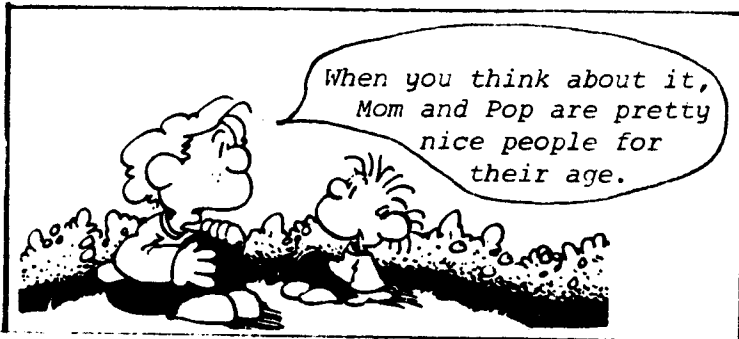
His new Mission President, Pres. Frost, has called many times to see how he is doing. He was so helpful to Ron and Myself when we were down there. We are hoping for a speedy recovery for Kevin.

Elder Chuck Stubbs

In his first letter home, Chuck wrote: "Before I wrap this letter up, I just want to tell you one thing---it's true. I know it and the MTC has helped me along the lines of strengthening my testimony incredibly. I have had the Spirit bear witness to me of this possibly two or three times a day for ten days and it makes me happy."

Each succeeding letter has contained the same sort of enthusiasm and spirit. He looks forward to the conclusion of his training & going to Argentina. He had some concerns about learning Spanish at the same rate as others in his group because all of them had taken Spanish in the public schools. Chuck's latest letters indicate that he has been able to experience increasing success & feels good about his studies now. It seems to us that he has already learned to work & study hard & to depend on the spirit when he needs to.

Chuck will be at the airport at 6:00 a.m. on October 2nd, where his family & friends will tearfully bid him a fond farewell until August of 1991. Chuck & his family all know that he is going where he needs to be & at the time he needs to be there. He's primed for the work & his family anxiously supports him in every way they can.



CUB SCOUTS

TEACHERS QUORUM RE-ORGANIZED

Our Cubscouts have had a wonderful summer. We have been on hikes, picnics, field trips, cub power rendezvous, cub country, Webelos woods and weekly den activities.

BRANDON WOOLSTON	President
STEVEN FRANCIS	1st Counselor
ISAAC PACE	2nd Counselor
TRACY WOOLSTON	Secretary

Our final summer activity was our pack meeting Aug. 29th. It was a cub-annapolis race. The families who participated enjoyed one of the most fun events we have had this summer. Ribbons were presented to the boys for a good race. Prizes were awarded for the imaginative efforts in designing their race cars.



RELEASED

Jed Berhold & Patrick Robbins received their Wolf Badges, and there were many arrows and sports awards given.

MAURINE LEDBETTER	Assistant Librarian
BOBBIE OSTLER	Den Mother
JEAN FRANCIS	Primary Teacher
DON HERZOG	Temple assignment
JOYCE SKIDMORE	Temple assignment
TAMMY PHILLIPS	Beehive Teacher
JIM PHILLIPS	Sunday School Teacher
LINDA HANSEN	Primary Teacher

David Glad received his Arrow of Light and he graduated out of the cub program into Blazers. We wish him well and will miss him in cubbing.

SUSTAINED

All of you ward members get ready. The cub scouts will be around to sell popcorn. Get your Christmas list out and see if you can support the boys.

JANET MAJOR	Assistant Librarian
WENDY MAXFIELD	Primary Teacher

We appreciate all that you do for us. Thank you.

Terry Glad



PRIESTHOOD ADVANCEMENTS

MATTHEW WILSON	Priest
MICHAEL LARISCH	Deacon



A belated HAPPY BIRTHDAY to ANDREA BARNES, whose birthday was September 14.

Christmas Party

Mark DECEMBER 1st on your calendar and plan to attend the "FABULOUS" CHRISTMAS PARTY that is being planned for that evening. More later.



First you chew up a wad of bubble gum and then you put some on each shoe.

Relief Society

Young Women



This month in Young Womens we had many fun activities. Not only have we had fun activities, but many spiritually growing activities also. This month our presidencies were reorganized and we had a great leadership training meeting at Terry Johnson's house. The breakfast served and the company was great.

The Jordan River Temple fireside was really neat and the girls looked beautiful. We had a fun time bowling. The "Family Fued" with the Young Men was also an exciting activity as we learned what many Seminary students thought.

This month the Laurels had a good time with the Priests at their picnic, then afterward they watched the Three Stooges. They also went to the Visitors Center on Temple Square and had yummy food afterwards at Crossroads.

The Mia-Maids had a refreshing time in the mountains with the Teachers while they played spoons and had a picnic. They topped it off with nice, cool ice cream-- sounds good. The Mia-Maids are quite the night owls. They had a sleep over at the Butler's house and watched "The Land Before Time" and "The Sound of Music". Yep, Yep, Yep.

The Beehives had a special time making cookies while they talked about their personal progress. They also had a very touching farewell party for Tammy Philips. We will miss her.

The Autumn Social luncheon at the Lion House on Saturday, October 21, 1989 will be served promptly at 11:30 a.m. so please arrive by 11:15 a.m. The cost is only \$5.00 for the \$8.95 meal (but there is no validated parking). A short program will follow lunch. Plan to join the party!

Please continue to save Mrs. Butterworth syrup bottles for the "Pilgrims" to be made in November Homemaking.

SUNDAY LESSONS:

- Oct. 8 "Pondering Strengthens the Spiritual Life"
Kim Thomas
- Oct. 15 "Strengthening Part-member Families"
Wanda Mackintosh
- Oct. 22 The Works of God
Angie Clawson
- Oct. 28 "Hold to the Rod 4: Feast Upon the Word"
Barbra Brasher

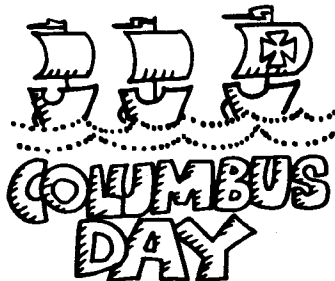


Primary

This month in Primary we have been learning about prayer and the different words we use in prayers. We have also been busy little bees getting ready for our Sacrament Meeting presentation coming up in October. We've been learning new songs, so you won't want to miss it

We're sad to see Sister Francis leave and her class will miss her, but we are happy to welcome Sister Wendy Maxfield and Brother Steve Zollinger as new teachers in our Primary. We would also like to welcome Sara and Steven Briggs to our Primary which is growing by leaps and bounds.

We want everyone to come to our Primary service project which will be during the first part of October, so keep a look out for more details. It is going to be great fun and at the same time be of great service to someone else.



News Briefs



Notice



DALE HANSEN was really a winner on the bow hunt this year. He came home with a 5 point bull elk which he shot with bow & arrow. He will have the head mounted and hang it in their home.

There is always something going on at the JACOBSON'S. FLORENCE'S SISTER is visiting with them from Alaska where she has lived for 35 years.

JACK & JACQUE DOTY'S twins came home to celebrate their 26th birthday together. SUSAN DOTY BEESLEY is from Vista, California and STEVEN & THEA DOTY hail from Dallas, Texas.

MELISSA PACE, daughter of CRAIG & LINDA, left last week on a U.S.O. Tour. She will be the vocalist in a musical group. The group will tour the South Pacific and will return home in December.

Bishop Butters thought it might be well to give this information to the ward members.

"If you had an FHA loan to purchase your home and your home is paid for, you may be entitled to a rebate on the default loan to FHA which the buyer had to have, which was .4 of 1%. (this was to protect FHA in case the buyer defaulted)

You must apply for it if you are eligible---They won't contact you. Some have done so and received a rebate.

Thanks!

The Activity Committee wishes to thank all those who helped make the ward picnic such a great success. Those on the committee were: Paul & Gladys Hamilton, Dick & Ruth Paxman, Melvin & Marge Brown, Dick Scharman & Don Nydegger. Thanks to all the committee.

OCTOBER



LE GRAND COLLINS is on the mend--feeling better & getting stronger every day.

SHIRLEY KIDD is recovering from a severe case of vertigo (dizziness) which she had for four and a half weeks.

It is good to see STEVE JOHNSON up and about after his accident. He was able to start the school year on time.

We are happy to report that BOB ROSS is improving each day.

CONGRATULATIONS !

COLLINS JONES was baptized and sustained a member of the church by his father. CONGRATULATIONS!

LISA BEATTIE has been called to represent the Brighton First Ward and serve on the Stake Youth Committee.

LAUGH AT YOUR MISTAKES.
EVERYONE ELSE
DOES.





Bon Voyage!

We are sad to say "Good-bye" to STEVE & LINDA HANSEN and to JIM & TAMMY PHILLIPS and their families. We will miss them but we wish them well in their new homes.

CONGRATULATIONS to KURT & JEAN FRANCIS whose baby girl was born Sept. 17th. The lucky little girl has three big brothers.



HEATHER GLAD LETTERS knows what Labor Day is all about. She delivered a 7 pound 4 ounce baby boy on Sept. 4th. Heather & husband, Frank, live in Detroit, Michigan. Grandma TERRY GLAD went back to help with the new baby. Grandpa went back to bring Grandma home. Baby's name is Calvin Brant.

HENRY & LOU JEAN MIDDLETON are grandparents for the 11th time. A 9 pound 10 ounce baby boy was born to CRAIG & PEGGY MIDDLETON on Sept. 12th. The baby is named MICHAEL HENRY.

WAYNE & BETSY WEST'S 16th grandchild was born Sept. 8th to DON & TAG WEST. the new baby is named Isaac.

BRANDON SCOTT PEDLER is the name of SCOTT & BECKY THOMAS PEDLER'S new baby boy. He was born Sept. 5th, and weighed 8 pounds 3 ounces. First time grandparents, RALPH & IVY THOMAS are ecstatic.

JACK & KAYLIN NYDEGGER are parents of a baby boy, born Sept. 9th, and weighing in at eight pounds eight ounces. The baby had to stay in ICU for a few days, but is doing fine now. The baby's name is KYLE LLOYD and he has two brothers and one sister. DON & JEAN NYDEGGER are the proud grandparents.

A Christmas wedding is on the docket for WAYNE CLAYTON & TAMMY BURNINGHAM. The young couple are planning to be married Dec. 21st.

Wedding bells will also be ringing on March 15th for RICK SPENCER and his fiancée, SUZANNE PATIENCE.

Welcome

VALERIE MONTAGUE WALKER, her husband CRAIG, and children AMY 18, CODY 12, and EMILY 8 will be living with LEOLA for an indefinite period. They sold their home and will be building a new one.

WELCOME to EVAN & JULIE TAYLOR who are living in Evan's parents home at 2825 Carole Drive.

Welcome to SHERWOOD STEFFENSEN who is making his home with Wes & Rea.

ROBERT & ANNETTE MYERS have moved into our area and reside at 7986 Danish Oakes Drive. WELCOME.



Getting Acquainted



RAMON & JAN McCOMBS FAMILY

JANNIFER-NICHOLAS-KJERSTI-CAMERON-AMELIA

2825 East 7800 South
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Ramon grew up as a typical farm boy from Rupert, Idaho working hard at milking cows and hoeing beets. He served a mission in the California South Mission. He then went to BYU where he met Jan.

Jan grew up in this ward with no idea that she would later live and raise here family here.



Ramon likes to fish and go running & of course, loves BYU football. You would think that he loves being a "professional student," but actually looks forward with great anticipation to graduating from the U of U in June with his Bachelor in nursing to go along with his bachelor in Health & Master Degree in Public Administration.

Jan loves to sew, mold chocolates and do anything she can to make money at home. Her all time favorite thing is to put the children to bed and settle down with a book to read (which doesn't seem to happen very often).



We all love to be together as a family. We all like to fish, go camping or settle down with an old classical movie.

Jannifer is 11 years old and in the fifth grade. Jannifer is very talented and seems to be able to do anything she tries. She likes to do ceramics; she likes to sew; loves to read (especially if it is past her bedtime) and she had a beautiful singing voice.

Nicholas is eight years old & loves Cubscouts. He is the fastest runner in town. He loves to play basketball and work in the yard with mom or dad. He is a hard worker and sticks to his work until it is done.



Kjersti is nearly six years old and is so excited to be in Kindergarten. She takes care of Amelia (her baby sister) almost as much as mother does. She is a great helper and mother doesn't know what to do without her while she is in school.

Cameron is three years old and insists on saying the prayer everytime at meal time and for family prayer. He gets very upset if he can't say the prayer. He adds a lot of laughs to our family as he discovers new abilities and new adventures every day.

Amelia is six month old and is so peaceful and happy. Of course, with four brothers and sisters who absolutly love her, adore her, and play with her, she can't help but be happy.



HURRICANE HUGO

Hurricane Hugo caused untold destruction as it slammed into Charleston, South Carolina last week. Reid & Tina Cram and their four children had moved into Charleston and relate some experiences that give an insight into this gigantic storm.

Reid & his family were transferred from Batesmelle, Indiana, to Charleston in June of this year. They moved into a new home on James Island which is connected to Charleston by bridges. It sits out in Charleston Bay.

Reid had felt moved to make motel reservations in Columbia some days before and when the warning came to move out, they drove to Columbia. His foresight paid off because others were unable to get into motels a day after the hurricane struck.

They feel very fortunate that their home was still standing, as the fiercest part of the storm hit them. They sustained some damage; it tore the front porch off and gouged some holes in the roof. It tossed four pine trees onto their roof and uprooted all but two trees in their yard. It was an answer to prayer that more damage didn't happen.

The day after, eight brethren with five chain saws, from Columbia came to their home and cleaned up most of the fallen trees. Two days later the trees were removed from the roof, and the holes in the roof repaired. On Friday, the 29th, members from Atlanta, Georgia, brought a wonderful dinner to the Charleston Chapel for all to enjoy. They also brought supplies of clothes, water, Coleman gas stoves, diapers, canned goods, fruits and vegetables, meat and many other items. The hurricane victims could help themselves to anything they needed. Reid and Tina said it was wonderful, and many tears of gratitude were shed.

On Saturday, 30th, 150 youth and leaders from Jacksonville, Florida came, and it was Reid's assignment to put them to work in the various areas of the ward.

Many marvelous testimonies are being borne by the Saints in that area. It is wonderful that so much love and sustaining of each other comes from tragedy. The Saints of the Southern States are willing to put the "Gospel into Action!"

THE BEST WAY TO MAKE YOUR DREAMS
COME TRUE IS TO WAKE UP.

Happy Birthday!

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Oct. 7, 1989

Wes and Rea Steffenson

Dear Bro. and Sister, Wes and Rea;

Hello Brad and Sis, How are your life now, May our heavenly Father Bless you a healthy body both of you and your whole family,

Brad and Sis, I'm so grateful and thankful to the citizen here in America specially to our brethren here in Salt Lake City, because you are not selfish of what you have received from the lord, the things what I mean is the salvation you have received from the lord and you have imparted to us here in the Philippine, you spend much dollar just to send missionaries to bring to us good tidings about eternal life into the celestial glory.

Brad and Sis, we were so happy that the lord re-found his church here in this most beautiful country in which the people are not selfish or that are very willing to spend their money, just the cost of salvation of the other race.

Last Aug. 1987 we were reach by the missionary and preach to us the good news, at the same time the Book of Mormon D & C Pearl of great price were introduce to us. They say that we must read this book specially the book of Mormon and ponder in our heart, and prayerfully. So I do so, I read the book of Mormon daily, I read also the D & C, After a lot of days of my daily reading I found out that the book of Mormon is true, the true gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of heavenly Father. I realize also that we were drawing to our God nearer as before. We also know that Joseph Smith jun is the man that GOD had ordained to restore His true church here on earth.

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We also believe that GOD reveal to prophet Joseph Smith thru him, what are the will of God to his people and to be followed.

After we have finish the lot of lesson that we had discuss, we accepted ^{the} challenge of baptism by water, So at the last Sunday of Aug. the same year we were baptize in water, the whole family.

Brad and Sis, ~~let~~ May I introduce first my whole family before I close this letter of mine,

I am Jonucio Otacan (Billy) is my wake name
Arania my wife, My son Jonathan (15)
Naomi (15) Jany Jun (6) Arania (5) and Melanie
2 years old.

Brad and Sis, I hope that our Heavenly Father bless you more spiritual knowledge, and well strengthen you in many function you may encounter.

Wrestake is under your consideration:

Yours Truly
Billy Otacan

Purok 2 Manggawang Mangagay
Binalig Surigao del Sur Philippine

Brother & Sister Steffensen are sharing this touching letter that they received from recipients of a Book of Mormon. Some of the people who receive the books are so greatful to have them. The Steffensens have been on the Family to Family Book of Mormon program for several years.

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Editor's Page



THE NAUVOO RESTORATION

One hundred fifty years ago a homeless, persecuted people settled in a land along the Mississippi River. They drained the swampland and in seven years they made it the most beautiful and largest city in Illinois. Then again they were driven from their homes. It slowly fell to ruin.

Then in 1954, Dr. LeRoy Kimball went to Nauvoo, Illinois, and bought his great grandfather, Heber C. Kimball's home. He restored it intending to use it as a second home. So many L.D.S. people stopped and wanted to go thru it, he realized he wouldn't be able to, so he opened it to the public. He also restored several other homes, using his own money.

President David O. McKay went back and asked what he was doing. Brother Kimball said if he could he would like to restore Nauvoo. President McKay told him to go ahead. He was good at getting private donations for this large undertaking.

About 1000 acres now belong to the Nauvoo Restoration. Some are planted in corn & soy beans; there are also some cattle. There are 22 sites finished and two more nearly done. The R.L.D.S. also have four sites that they show. Our church traded some property in Independence, Mo. for the "Old Mormon Cemetery" and the N.R. is now cleaning it up. They have really beautified the grounds at Carthage and enlarged the Visitor Center. The Women's Garden is beautiful.

Thanks to Donna Taylor, you can go there now and if you had grandparents who owned property there, they can show you on a map where it was. We understand Leola Herzog will be working there.

We may be prejudice, but we think Nauvoo is the greatest place to go to learn about our heritage. We loved the 18 months we served there and were glad we could return there this last summer.

If you want a spiritual experience, go back and walk the streets where our Prophets, Joseph Smith, Brigham Young, John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, Lorenzo Snow, Joseph F. Smith and many other true and faithful saints walked.

It is the only city where Main Street starts at the edge of the Mississippi River, runs across town and ends on the banks of the Mississippi.

Spring and Fall are beautiful times to go, but so is February, when you can walk down Parley's Street past the Blacksmith Shop and the Seventy's Hall to the waters edge to look across the river. You can almost see the saints with their wagons crossing over on the ice.

The second week of August is the pagent, "City of Joseph".

I guess our favorite spots were the Temple site, 70's Hall, and Carthage. Altogether we served in 11 of the sites.

If you are planning to go and want to know where all the church history sites are and how to get to them, there is a book "The New Guide Book to Mormon History" by William & Eloise Anderson. There is also the book "111 Days to Zion" by Hal Knight & Dr. Stanley Kimball, that gives a day to day account of the saints trek to Salt Lake Valley.

If you want to see everything plan on a stay of two or three days

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