



Desafio

Of the Brazil North Mission

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In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

(John 1:1)

Dear Missionaries:

Obedience Means Opportunity. I wish to emphasize to you that this phrase is true and the opportunities it contemplates are unlimited. You are potentially the most powerful people in the whole world. I want you to realize your power through obedience to the principles that generate it.



"Let thy bowels also be full of charity towards all men, and to the household of faith, and let virtue garnish thy thoughts unceasingly; then shall thy confidence wax strong in the presence of God; and the doctrine of the priesthood shall distil upon thy soul as the dews from heaven. The Holy Ghost shall be thy constant companion, and thy scepter an unchanging scepter of righteousness and truth; and thy dominion shall be an everlasting dominion, and without compulsory means it shall flow unto thee forever and ever." (D&C 121:45-46)

In my city some years ago there transpired the following events. An automobile accident had occurred and the victim was trapped in one of the cars. Various persons had tried to get him out of the car unsuccessfully. He was trapped behind a badly damaged steering column. All of a sudden the car caught fire. One of the persons who had tried but failed jumped forward and with great power bent the steering column away from the victim and pulled him free from the car thus saving him from a horrible death. The hero exercised power in the emergency that he did not realize he had. We are the same. We have great stores of power which we do not use. If we preserve that power through righteous living and obedience to God's laws we will have it ready when we need it. In all of our lives, the day will come when we must exercise great power and strength, greater than we realize we possess. It will be there, if we keep the commandments. The promise is ours.

Now is the time to build strength. Now, while we serve the Lord full time, can we place ourselves in the conditions to receive the strength of God. We will wax strong in the presence of the Lord as we seek to do His will here in the mission. I know the blessings of the Doctrine and Covenants are ours according to the way we fulfill the conditions of the promises contained therein. Obedience Means Opportunity.

Sincerely,

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God; and the Word was God.

The same was in the beginning with God.

All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.



In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

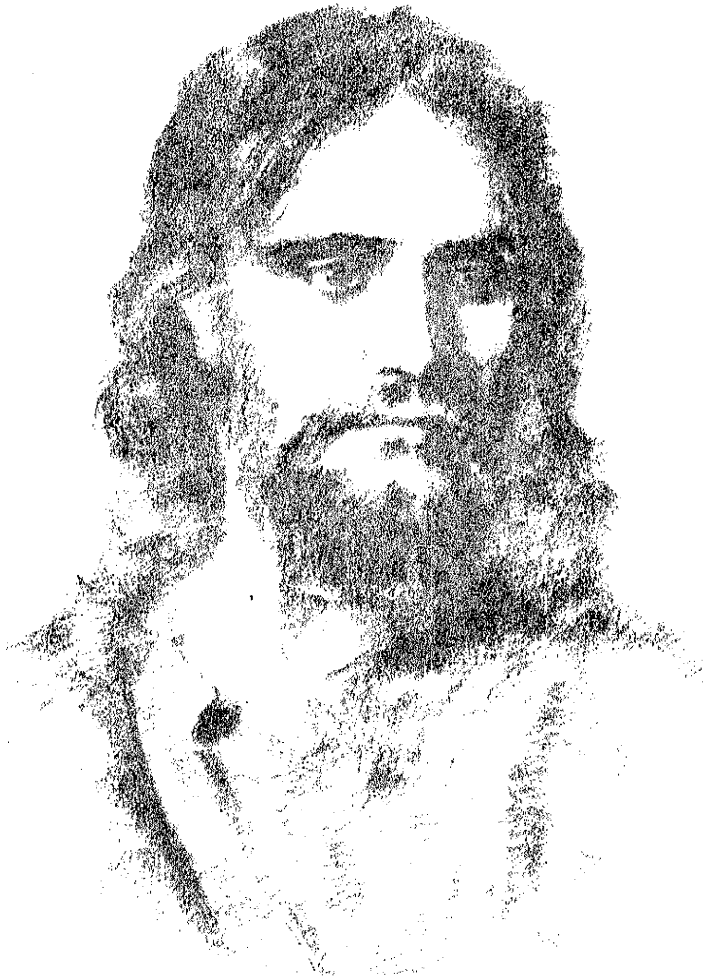
(John 1:1-5)

We do need each other, and the best thing we can do for our companion is to BEHAVE WISELY. I testify that you will develop solid relationships that are built on respect as you each behave wisely. This principle is eternal and if learned well here in the mission will surely benefit you now, and most important of all, in that eternal relationship that you will create in the future.

I love you very much,

Jeannette N Oakes

Jeannette N. Oakes



"HE BEHAVED HIMSELF WISELY"

There is something very important in this great world of ours . . . it is companionship. I think often of the words of a song, "No man is an island, no man stands alone, each man's joy is joy to me, each man's grief is my own . . . we need one another . . ." and especially here in the mission field, we all need good companions.

I believe that all of you deserve to be treated with great respect. Your callings are noble and you are to be honored and treated like special people. I trust that each of you are loving and considerate to one another. Looking to the scriptures we see a beautiful companionship portrayed in the story of Jonathan and David. "The soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul . . . and Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle . . . and David behaved himself wisely, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people." (I Samuel 18:1-5) These words, "behaved himself wisely" I believe were the key to their great friendship. They were both good and righteous and respected each other.

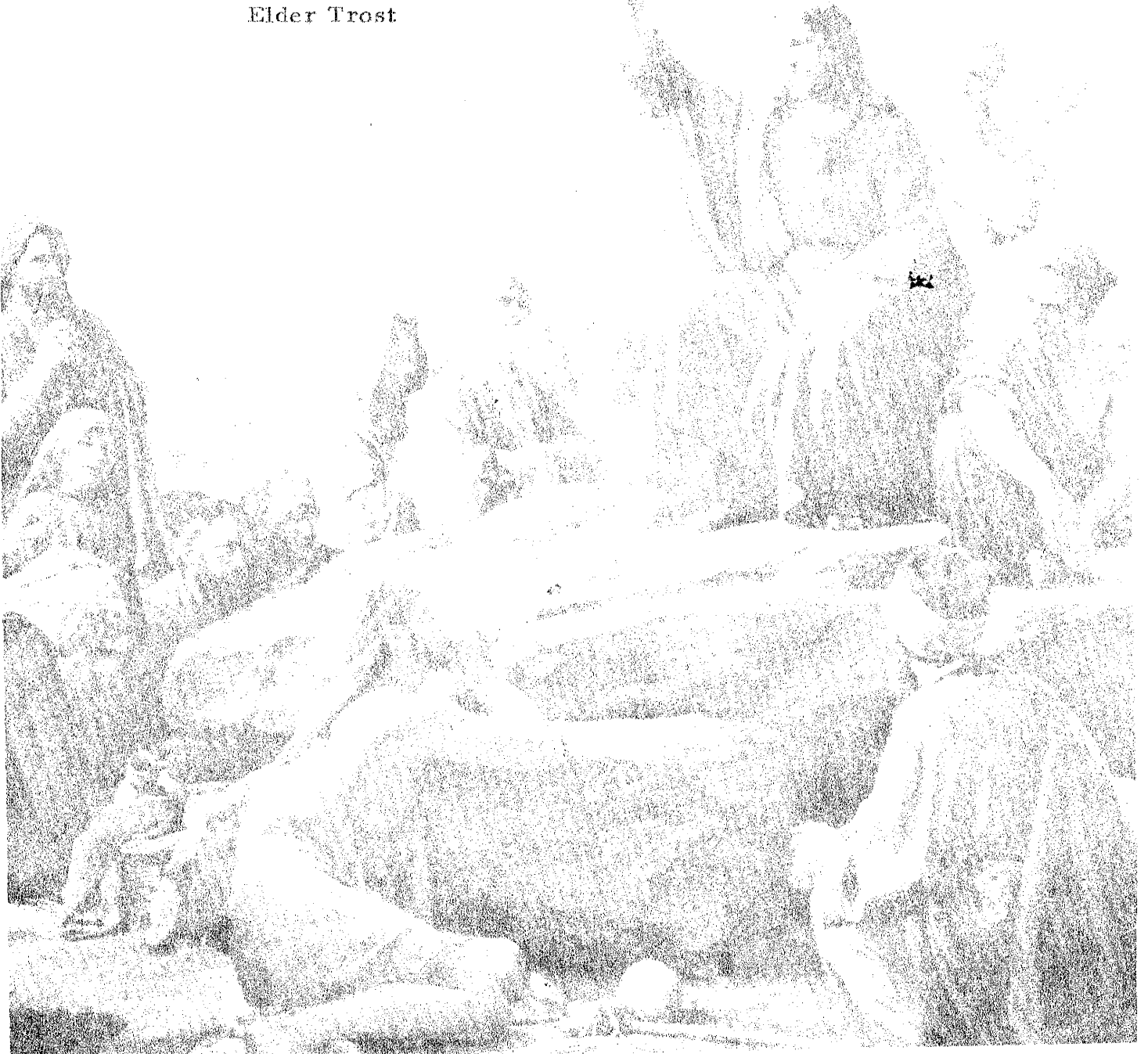
Good companionship between missionaries begins with respect. An Elder or a Sister that is keeping the rules and living 'the program' in an attempt to be worthy of the spirit is a person to be honored. When rules are broken by either companion your relationship suffers, and the work that you were sent to do suffers. When an Elder or Sister sleeps-in and time begins to pass away bad feelings are wrought that can dampen the Spirit for the whole day. Time is lost . . . time for reverent prayer, time for study, time for planning, time for building love and respect between the companions. As a missionary, you have an appointment with the Lord everyday at 6:30 a.m. He gave you this call, this assignment. When He went into Garden of Gethsemane He said to His disciples, "Tarry ye here, and watch with me." You will recall that when He returned, "He came and found them asleep . . . for their eyes were heavy." You can imagine the sadness He felt because of their lack of support. You must support your companions by keeping the mission rules while you 'tarry here' for this brief time.

We do love the Lord - - - We're proud to preach his gospel and testify that he lives. We're proud to preach to anyone who will hear and even those who won't hear that Joseph Smith Jr. is a prophet of God. We're proud to preach that the true gospel of Jesus Christ has been restored and to invite men to repent and join The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. I pray that we will always acknowledge our Father's hand in all things and that we will remain faithful until the end.

Sincerely,

Eldere Trost

Elder Trost



"We serve the Lord because we want to be worthy of his blessings. We serve because we love God and our fellow men. We are no longer children. The Priesthood is eternal it must be received with dignity."

These words were spoken by President Oakes a year ago and they are still applicable to us today. We are all grateful to be a part of this great work and for the privilege that is ours to serve under President Oakes. He has taught us that we cannot afford to be commonplace or average. We, rather, should seek to excel and do our very best to be the very best missionaries possible. Father in Heaven is ready and willing to make you the very best missionary in the history of Brazil if you are ready for him. Our time is so short and we must take advantage of every day.

Returning to Christ is a step in the right direction. Preaching to everyone, everywhere, and at anytime is true crust. By doing so we have received increased power in the mission. We have the promise that if we fulfill our missions with dignity and power we will enjoy the blessings of heaven forever. Elder Reid Olsen once said: "I've never been more tired, never worked harder, and never been happier in my life." Elder Olsen gave us the formula for happiness---CRUST--- Going out each day without complaint and giving our all--dedicating our wholeselves to the work of the Lord because we love him. Then will we be happy and "man is, that he might have joy" 2 Nephi 2:25-Father in Heaven wants us to be happy and certainly he expects us to sacrifice and to be dedicated to his cause. Then someday he will say to you:

"Well done thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Matthew 25:21

I pray that he will be able to say this to each one of us - Well done thou good and faithful servant. We are no better than those who have gone before us - those who gave up everything they had including their lives, for this gospel.

Assitant's Article

the B.N.M.

REGION ONE

Frei - Reg Leader

TIJUCA

Santa Tereza

Woofers DLZL Barzee

Farnsworth, Amato

Saenz Pena

Allison DL Booth

Andersen, Miller

ANDARAÍ

Maracanã

Hansen DLZL Roberts

Sorensen, Dyches

Vila Isabel

Olsen DL Tresnak

Mills, Davis, R

Grajaú

Furness DL Abraham

Woffinden, Robinson, M

ILHA DO GOVERNADOR

Galeão

Carver DLZL Boswell

Smith, Bradshaw

Ramos

Packard DL O'Brien

Echols, Kreitlein

MEIER

Speed ZL Robinson, E

Dias da Cruz

Fackrell DL Richards

Silva, Potter

Boca do Mato

Stanger, L, DL Underwood

Swensen, G, Clarke

Todos os Santos

Wiggins DL Carey

Gaertner, Enger

São Cristóvão

Giblette DL Maughan

Forsyth, Hafen

CAPIXABA

Vitória

Solomon DLZL Brannen

Robinson, P, Sargent

ASSISTANTS

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Frei - Region One

Trost - Region Two

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Mendenhall

Swensen, R, Dunn, Ldshp.

REGION TWO

Trost - Reg Leader

CASCADURA

Jacarépaguá

Huffaker DLZL Dixon

Milner, Hymas

Madureira

Hall DL Chatfield

Edwards, Potter

JARDIM BOTÂNICO

Botafogo

Chlarson DLZL Thiriot

Hunter, Baird

McCurdy, Ennes

Lagoa

Fuhriman DL Nielsen

Welch, Porter

MONTANHAS

Petrópolis

Webb DLZL Reimschuessel

Foster, McGee

Juiz de Fora

McIntire DL Hortin

Teresópolis

Brown DLBP Jackman

ESTADO DO RIO

Niterói

Proctor DLZL Phelps

Walters, Lass

São Gonçalo

Graden DL Rishton

Elggren, Warner

Nova Friburgo

Wilde DLBP Wilson

Volta Redonda

Robertson DL Dance

IRAJA

Penha

Thatcher DLZL Metcalf

Johnson, Hipmarsh

Vila Cosmos

Heaston DL Wangemann

Fuzeto, Rich

Burton, Malborquim

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Prado

Baldree DL Christiansen

Rex, Warcup

Floresta

Ehat DL Larson

Barclay, Hayes

Sete Lagoas

Wilford DL Arnold

REGION THREE

Hammond - Reg Ldr Mendenhall

DISTRITO FEDERAL

Asa Sul

Lopes DLZL Biehl

Asa Norte

Gagon DL Sherman

Taguatinga

Benedict DL Peterson

Wood, Stanger, D

GOIAS

Goiânia

Andelin DLZL Wyal

Baumgarten, Gilgen

Anapolis

Toone DLBP Armstrong

Owens, Recksick

PERNAMBUCO

Recife

Southwick DLZL Burlingame

Stimson, Holley

Boa Viagem

Wieg DL Svedin

Barney, Lewis, GE

Olinda

Higley DL Marsh

Shillig, Crismon

PARAIBA

João Pessoa

Thomas DLZL Deuel

Robeck, Lewis, GM

Campina Grande

Nassar DL Barnes

CEARÁ

Fortaleza

Taft DLZL lardesty

Dissel, Quinn

"I know the program is inspired. If we show our faith by living the program, the Lord will fulfill His part. We've seen it work in Nova Friburgo."

Elder Steven E. Wells

"Since my mission began, my family and I have been blessed abundantly. I enjoy the work and know the Lord will bless us with baptizing the family we have."

Elder Mark L. Keller

"I am very grateful to the Lord for the growth and progress I have made on my mission. I know that Christ lives and that this mission program is inspired by Him."

Elder Gary

"The mission program is of the Lord. It is a true example of correct principles."

Elder Braden

"I'm really glad to be here. I like serving the Elders and hope I am helping in some small way to make this mission the best. I hope you like The Desafio this month!"

Elder Ben Chacon

"I am grateful for the opportunity we have of serving the Lord and watching the Gospel enlarge the lives of others. I know we will be blessed if we obey the Lord."

Elder Lubman

"I love Christ now more because of the sacrifice of this mission. To be laboring in his service gives me an idea, however insignificant, of the tremendous love and sacrifice He has given me."

Elder Thatcher

"I'm so grateful to my Father in Heaven for the wonderful privilege I have to be a missionary in the Brazil North Mission."

Elder Larson

Baptism

2000

Statistics

1837
1670
1503
1336
1169
1002
835
668
501
334
167

151 August
218 July
146 June
142 May
274 April
154 March
163 February
176 January



August

1972

Jacarépaguá	13
Madureira	11
CASCADURA	24
Dias da Cruz	9
Boca do Mato	5
Todos os Santos	8
São Cristóvão	1
MEIERS	23
Galeão	8
Ramon	9
ILHA DO GOVERNADOR	17
Bole	6
Prado	2
Piedade	10
Sete Lagoas	0
MINAS GERAIS	18
Peabiru	8
Vila Cosmos	4
MAJÁ	12
Mar Sal	2
Mar Norte	4
Marabunga	5
MARILIO FEDERAL	11
Maracanã	4
Vila Isabel	0
Graciosa	6
MARABÁ	10
Doutor	4
Lagoa	4
JARDIM BOTÂNICO	8
Santa Tereza	1
Saenz Peña	5
MAJUCA	6
Niterói	1
São Gonçalo	1
Nova Friburgo	3
Volta Redonda	0
ESTADO DO RIO	5
Goiânia	4
Anapolis	2
GOIÁS	6
Recife	2
Boa Viagem	2
Olinda	0
PERNAMBUCO	4

João Pessoa	4
Campina Grande	0
PARAÍBA	4
Petrópolis	1
Juiz de Fora	2
Teresópolis	0
MONTANHAS	3
Fortaleza	0
CEARÁ	0
Vitória	0
CAPIXABA	0

151 People Baptized

WHO BAPTIZED

Men over 20	36
Women over 20	44
<u>TOTAL OVER 20</u>	<u>80</u>
Men 12 - 20	20
Women 12 - 20	21
<u>TOTAL 12 - 20</u>	<u>41</u>
boys 8 - 12	10
Girls 8 - 12	13
<u>TOTAL 8 - 12</u>	<u>23</u>
Fichas not received	7

WHEN BAPTIZED

First week	30
Second week	39
Third week	33
Forth week	49

HOW FOUND

Member referral	52
Tracting	43
Investigator referral	0
Street contact	7
Self interest	6
Business contact	2
Street meeting	2
Unreported	44

We remind you that a referral is not acceptable and is channelled directly to the round file if it is not qualified and doesn't have at least the following information:

- 1- Civil Status
- 2- Complete address
- 3- Complete name
- 4- Times they are at home
- 5- Occupation
- 6- General Comments
- 7- Lineage Comments

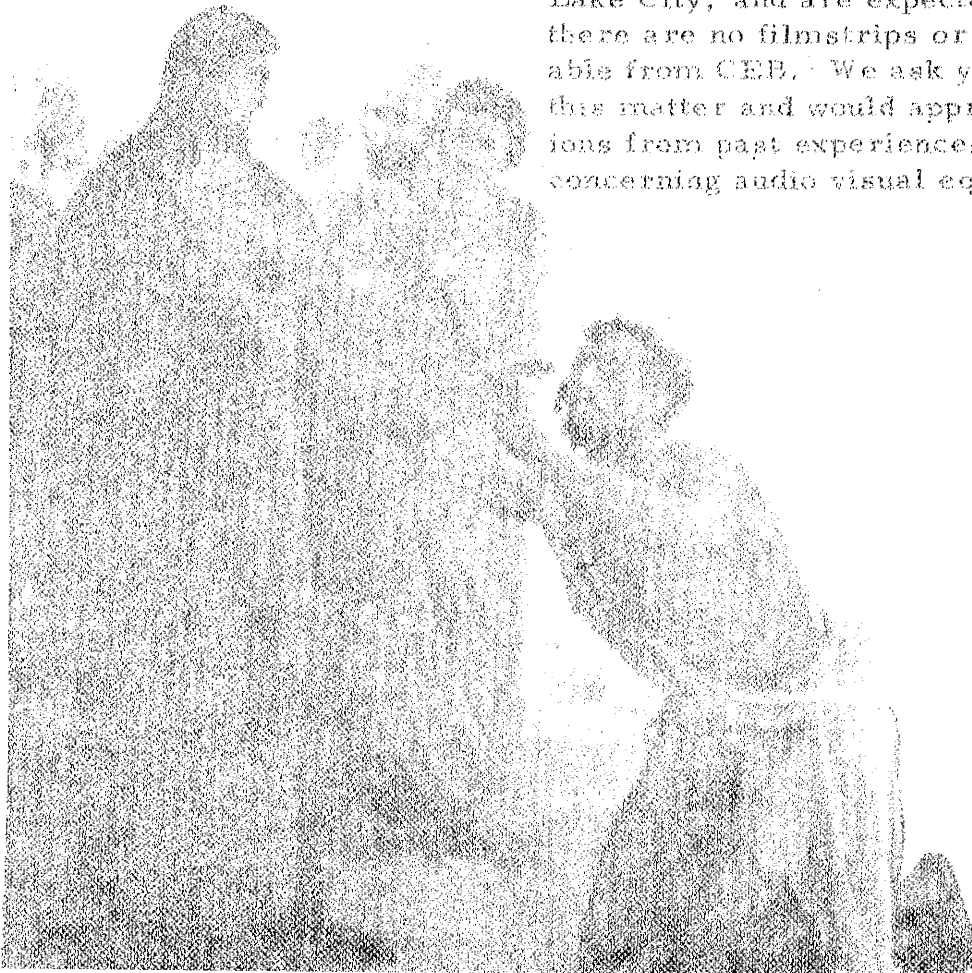


Mission Memos

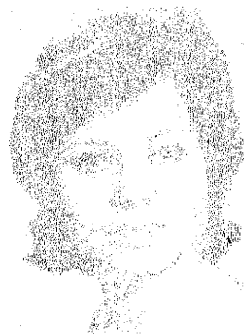
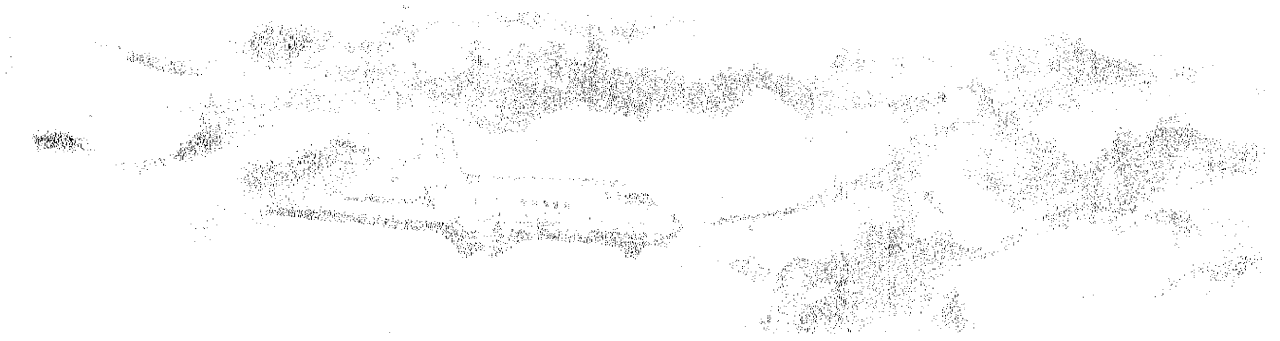
We are restating the rule that suit coats are the appropriate attire to all baptismal services, regional meetings, sunday school and sacrament meetings. When we wear suits it denotes a special and important occasion, and we are examples to all as we represent our Savior by showing a deeper expression of respect and worship.

We need to take a particular interest and concern in our general appearance. Hair should be cut regularly to keep it off ears, collars, etc. We also remind you that shoes should always be shined and well soled.

Our audio visual inventory is low in the line of filmstrips, 16 mm films and cassette tapes. We are doing everything possible to increase our numbers in these items. These items have been ordered for some time from Salt Lake City, and are expected soon. Apparently there are no filmstrips or cassette tapes available from CEB. We ask your cooperation in this matter and would appreciate any suggestions from past experiences you might have had concerning audio visual equipment.



Wings Award



Sister Dorair Castro Alexandris and Elders Robert A. Zauri, Jr. and Brent L. McMillan were honorably released from the Brazil North Mission.

Sept. 7, 1972

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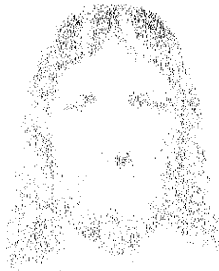
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