

DESAFIO

OCTOBER 1971

BRAZIL NORTH
MISSION



VISIT SCHEDULE--for members and missionaries.

RECIFE----Nov. 17-18, 1971

RIO-----Nov. 19, 20, & 21, 1971

BELO-----Nov. 21, & 22, 1971

BRASÍLIA--Nov. 23, & 24, 1971



Dear Missionaries:

In recent months we have discussed the need for integrity in our lives. Integrity is defined as "the complete development of man's moral character in conformity with principles of justice and uprightness." Therefore, a missionary's calling is two-fold. One, self-improvement and two, the bringing of souls into the Kingdom of God. For a mission to be successful, the first is absolutely necessary. If the former occurs, the latter will follow, or at least, seeds for future conversion will have been sown. One of the major factors composing integrity is the reason for doing the things we do. Why do we serve God and our fellow man? Do we serve Him for selfish reasons?

"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." (Matthew 6:24)

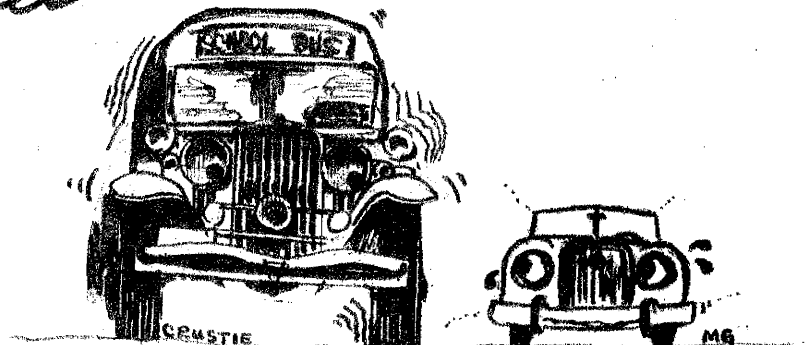
We serve because we want to be worthy of the Lord's blessings. We condemn the paid ministry of other religions. We must be careful that we do not seek some kind of material gain or reward for our service, nor should we desire the praise of men. We serve because we love God and our fellow men. We are no longer children. The priesthood is eternal, it must be received with dignity.

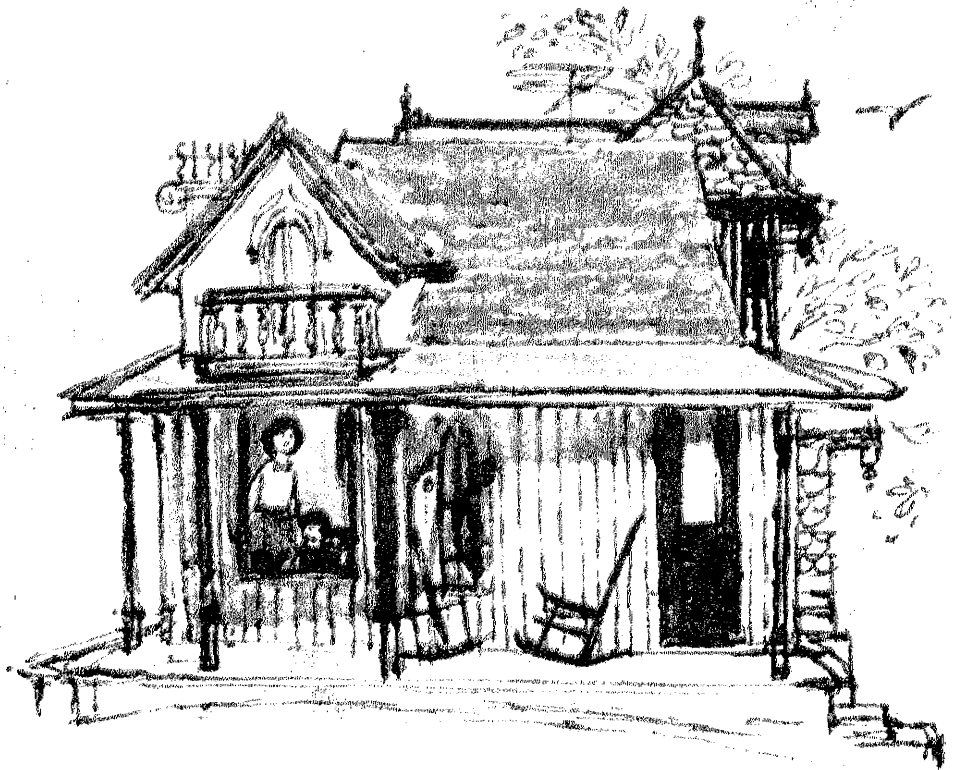
"To thine own self be true,
And it must follow, as the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man."
(Shakespeare, William)

I am extremely happy with you and your labors. You have shown yourselves to be men and women of integrity. I pray we may continue to progress together.

Sincerely yours,

George A. Oakes
George A. Oakes





It was such a pleasure for me this last month to see each of you again at the regional conferences. You are not only handsome and beautiful but you radiate a spirit that is a joy to be around. It was especially wonderful to hear of the fine experiences that you are having as you apply the principles that have been discussed in the last weeks.

Things are great here at the mission home, . . . with the addition of some new paint and a few tropical plants things are looking a bit different. We are busy planning for the arrival of Sister Madsen of the General Board of the Relief Society and Sister Ottosen of the Primary Board. They will be with us for the 24th and 25th of Oct. and will meet with the mission and district boards. Then OUR SPECIAL SISTERS of the mission will be here for the Sister's Conference. We look forward to three exciting and spiritual days.

One of the most necessary elements of missionary work is organization. Effective planning sessions can be the most important thing you do each day.

There may be nothing wrong with you,
The way you live, the work you do,
But I can very plainly see
Exactly what is wrong with me.
It isn't that I'm indolent;
I work as hard as anyone,
And yet I get so little done.

The morning goes, the noon is here,
Before I know the night is near,
And all around me, I regret
Are things I haven't finished yet.
If I could just get organized!
I oftentimes have realized,
NOT ALL THAT MATTERS IS THE MAN;

THE MAN MUST ALSO HAVE A PLAN.

What's your's for today?

I love you,

Jeannette N. Oakes
Sister Oakes



Commonplaceness, the surrender to the average, that good which is not bad, but still the enemy of the best--that is our besetting danger." (The German writer Goethe)

There once was an old man who was sitting in the attic reading the valedictorian speech he'd given when graduating from high school. Why had he failed to reach his dreams? His answer, "...that it was the surrender to the average, permitting my life to become commonplace." We can have anything in life if we will but pay the price. The Lord tells us in the D&C 130:20, 21 that to obtain any blessing from God, it is just by obedience to that law upon which that blessing was predicated.

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price that is necessary deal of training, and necessary. Any can tell of the many doing wind sprints thought he would ting out that fort when it been much easier

There was who had as pro-basketball at the same time to the school yard, then shoot from each from each. He did this tremendous heat or in the great cold running the whole time he was there. This man paid the price and became the number one draft choice as well as an All-American for three years in college. He paid the price for success, and wasn't just commonplace.

once a young boy his goal to be a player. Every day he would ride his bike draw thirteen circles and circle until he made 10 shots summer and winter, in the

We as missionaries cannot afford to be just commonplace, or just average. Our time is so short and so we must take advantage of every minute that we have. We must have a purpose in everything we do--that being to build the kingdom of our Heavenly Father here in Brazil.

The Lord will bless us according to our need, but we must remember that He can't be mocked. We can never fool God, and He can only bless us according to our obedience. We must stand pure before God before we can expect His help. To obtain the blessings of God we must be completely righteous, and not just commonplace, or almost righteous.

I hope and pray that we can all obtain the blessings of the Lord and not surrender to commonplaceness. May the Lord bless us while we are serving Him here in Brazil.

Richard F. Stayner
Elder Stayner
Assistant to the President

LOVE



As I begin this article, I pray that the Lord will aid me in expressing to you, my fellow servants, the feelings that I wish to express in this short space.

An axiom of the missionary work is that our investigators base their trust and beliefs upon experience. That is true brothers and sisters. Their reactions to our message are generally not based upon the message at all, but on the experience they have in hearing and confronting the gospel of Jesus Christ. Steve Covey writes, "People will only trust their experiences and if they have an experience with lovelessness, force, manipulation, sarcasm, light-mindedness, impatience, or unkindness, they will trust that experience and reject your testimony." Can you see the importance of "love unfeigned" for this wonderful people, especially for those with whom you contact every day? Christ spoke anciently saying, "Love ye one another, as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." That is the "key" by which the world can judge disciples of Jesus Christ, if they show and radiate love. Do you radiate love by not doing your best, by criticizing your fellow missionaries or the country in which we work? Do you show your love by unkindness with those who refuse to believe or accept your testimony, by argument and impatience? You could be the greatest worker in all the mission, but "without charity it profiteth you nothing, for charity never faileth. And charity suffereth long, and is kind, and envieth not, and is not puffed up, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil, and rejoiceth not in iniquity but rejoiceth in the truth, beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things". For charity is THE PURE LOVE OF CHRIST, and it endureth forever, and whose is found possessed of it at the last day, it shall be well with him. (Moroni 7:45-47).

Remember who you are. You are ordained ministers of the Lord Jesus Christ who died on the cross because of his great love and affection for each of us. Who are we to deny that same love to fellow man, if one so great and noble could love us as he does and suffer as he did for us.

Wherefore, my brothers and sisters, PRAY unto the Father with all the energy of heart, that you may be filled with this love, which he that bestowed upon all who are TRUE FOLLOWERS OF HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST, that ye may become the sons of God. This is my prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

R. Douglas Holt
Elder Holt
Assistant to the President

**ZONE
DISTRICT**

NITERÓI	18
niterói:.....	12
são gonçalo:.....	2
nova friburgo:.....	4
RECIFE	17
madalena:.....	11
recife:.....	6
BRASÍLIA	16
brasília:.....	7
taguatinga:.....	9
MINAS	15
floresta:.....	15
serra:.....	0
TIJUCA	13
santa tereza:.....	10
tijuca:.....	3
CASCADURA	10
cascadura:.....	5
irajá:.....	5
MEIER	10
boca do mato:.....	3
meier:.....	7
GOIÂNIA	6
anapolis:.....	4
goiania:.....	2
JOÃO PESSOA	6
joão pessoa:.....	3
campina grande:.....	3
PETROPOLIS	4
petropolis:.....	4
juiz de fora:.....	0
RAMOS	3
ramos:.....	3
vitória:.....	0
FORTALEZA	1
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**ZONE
BAPTISMS**



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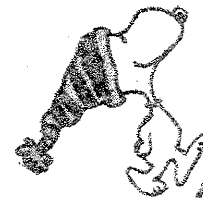
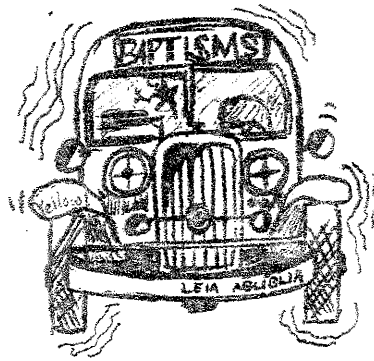
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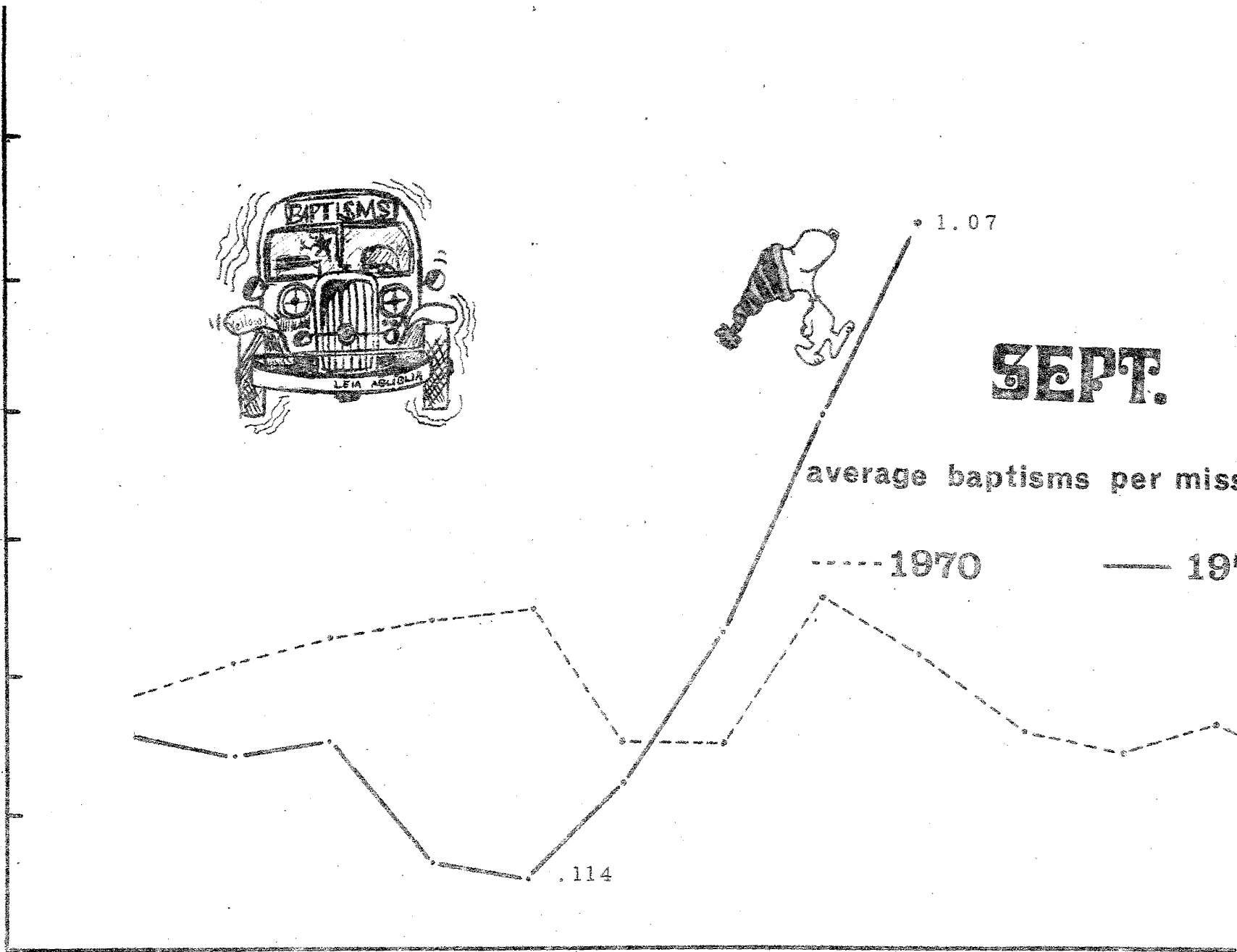
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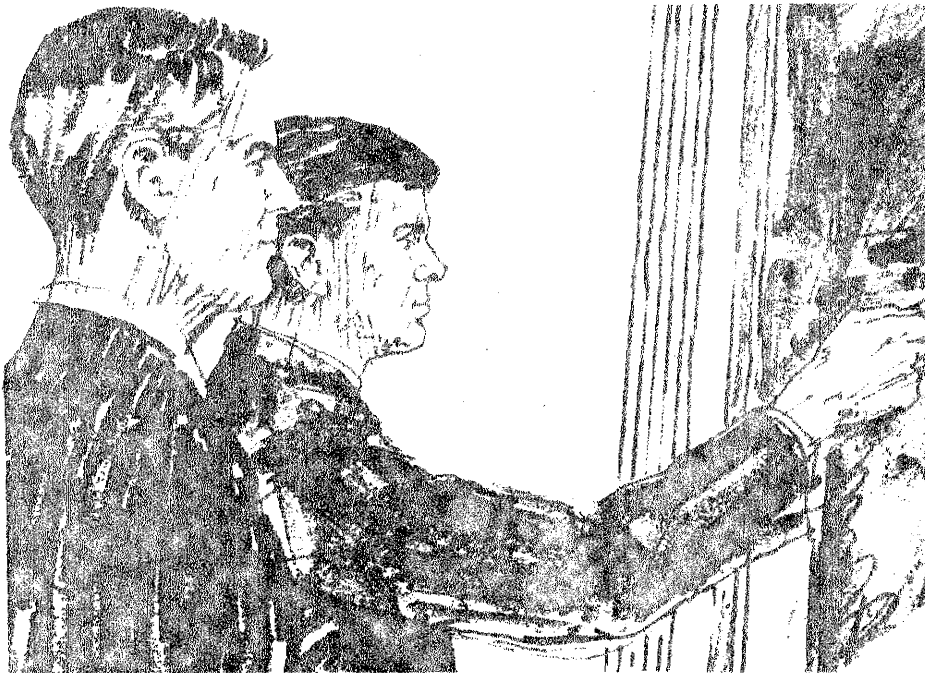
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WHEREFORE, LABOR



Bruce Warner.....331
 Gordon Hall528
 Stephen Brady.....312

TOP
 PROSELYTING
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IN MY VINEYARD.

AND TEACH ALL NATIONS...

Parker Robinson.....172
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 Julianne Briggs.....160

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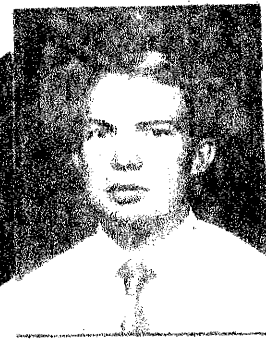


SEPT.

HOW GREAT IS HIS JOY*



Dennis Humes..... 10



James Proctor..... 9



John Milner..... 10



Briant Buckwalter.... 7



John Hendrickson.. 7

BAPTISMS

IN SEPT.

AND YE SHALL BE ENDOWED...



Then come the wild weather,
Come sleet or come snow,
We will stand by each other,
However it blow.

—Simon Dach



...WITH

Dear President,

Well, we're really starting to get crusty up here. The work is just going fantastic here in the city, also; the members are really beginning to work. People are being baptized on Sat. and by Tues. they're working with the missionaries. My companion and I are trying to get crusty. When we hang up our clothes at night they do start to steam; we've finally learned (the hard way) which barzinhos to avoid! The churches in the area are opening their doors for the elders to teach the true gospel of Jesus Christ. We're finding many, many sharp people, and teaching is a privilege.

Well, as you can see, I am muito feliz, and the Lord is providing an answer for everything. May the Lord stay with you and your family.

Love,

Elder Jim Wiggins
Elder Wiggins

Dear President Oakes,

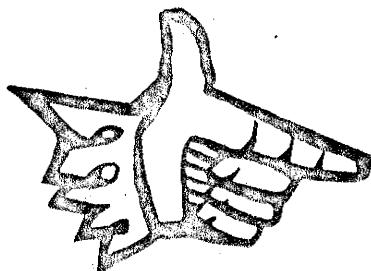
Things are looking real great here. I think the thing which is the most exciting is the way the missionaries are being helped by the members. The members have taken the EU ME IMPORTA program and put it to good use. The past week, Elder Wiggins and I have been dividing up with two Irmãos of the branch. The 2nd counselor and his wife went through a huge apartment building doing pesquisas, and now we are going back on them. They were accepted into almost every home, for you can imagine how much easier it would for a young couple to enter into a home than two American dudes with pastas. Anyway, if the lineage checks out alright on one family, we will have our first member found "I CARE" family baptism, because one family is sharp! The whole branch is getting in on it with Family Home Evenings with investigators, tracting, and visiting investigators.

I'm really happy Pres. As Elder Olsen said in one of the last district meetings, "I've never been more tired, never worked harder, and never been happier in my whole life." It's the same with me. I just pray that the Lord will lead us to the prepared clean people, so we can reach our baptismal goals. Pres. Oakes, we've hit the power stage on hours and the righteousness stage on first lessons and teaching hours, but now we're just working hard waiting for the baptisms to come around. And they will! The District is going great. Three fine elders I have to work with.

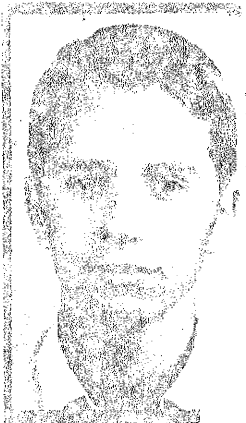
Love,

Elder Hammond

Elder Hammond



POWER*



Ronald H. Axtell



Robert Baird



Rawlie L. Barber



Michael J. Bertasso

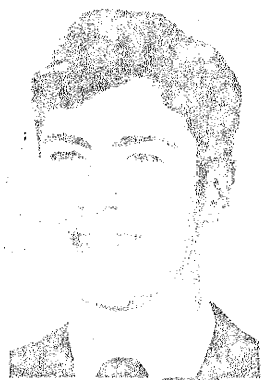


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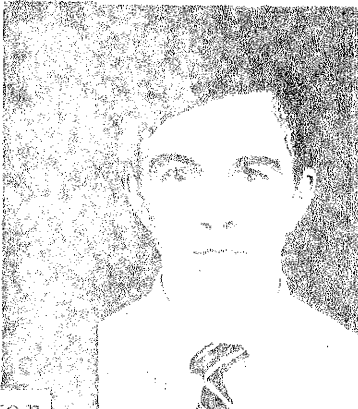


Stephen H. Brady

WINGS AWARD



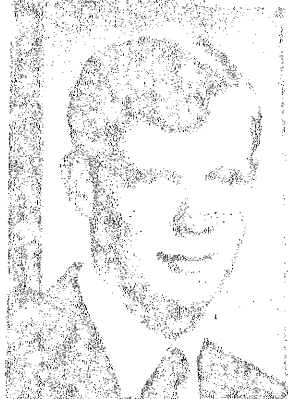
Briant A. Buckwalter



John Christensen



Rodney J. Davies



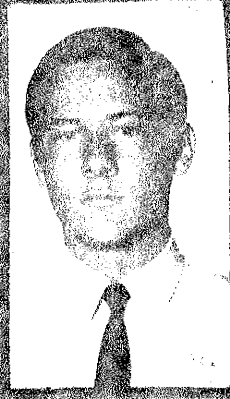
Thomas L. Hathaway



Douglas M. Jenkins



Lynn M. Jensen



Scott H. Knecht



Gregory G. Lecheminant



Gregory M. Larsen



Val D. Meyer



James E. Norman

AND MORE WINGS!



Reed Snarr



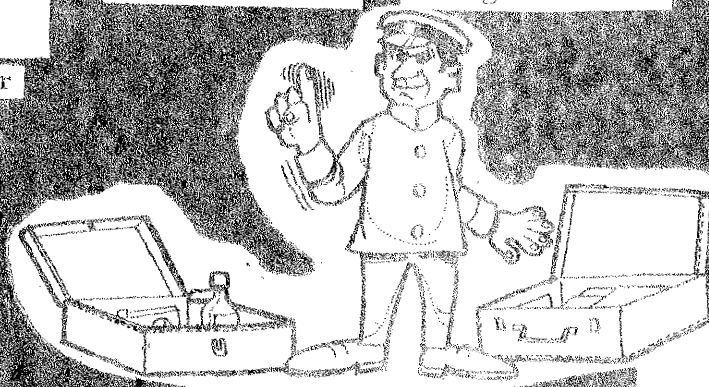
Reid W. Olsen



Craig G. Selden



Thomas W. Smith



Wesley Zmolek



Mark J. Sponberg



David Nadeau



Gregory Snyder

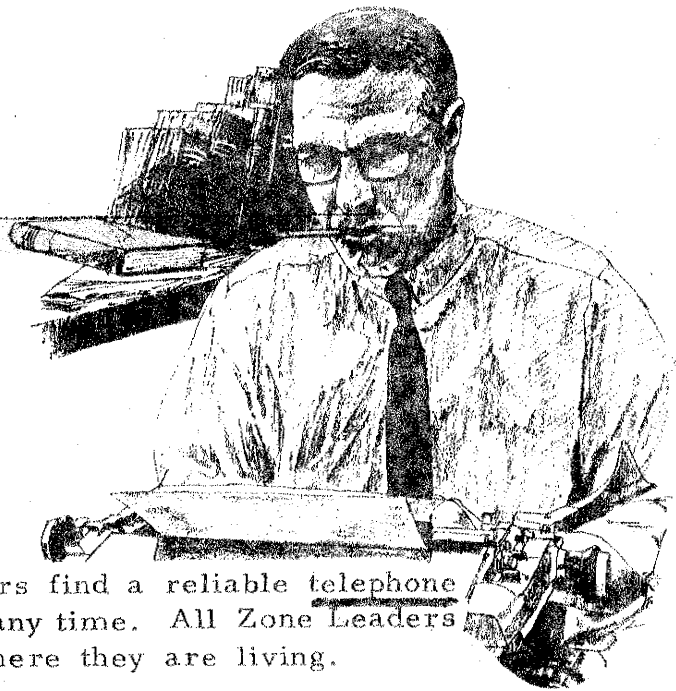


Bryon P. Wyatt



Arlen D. Woffinden

MISSION MEMOS



The president requests that all elders find a reliable telephone source where they can be reached at any time. All Zone Leaders should have a phone in the house where they are living.

The President is requesting that all Zone Leaders send in any movie films that you might have in your Zones. This will enable us to repair all films and organize a better distribution of them.

Sister Oakes is still concerned about clothing left in the guest room. Any clothing belonging to any of you should be claimed as soon as possible. The clothing left will be given to needful elders and the Rio District Welfare Project.

A reminder to all elders outside of the Rio area. . . . The MO does not supply Book of Mormons or pamphlets to elders working outside of the Rio area. You must order from CEB. Please keep a well supplied stock of materials. Allow two to three weeks for your delivery from CEB.

Many elders are still not sending in their emergency report forms. May I remind you that these forms should be sent in at the end of each month and after each move.

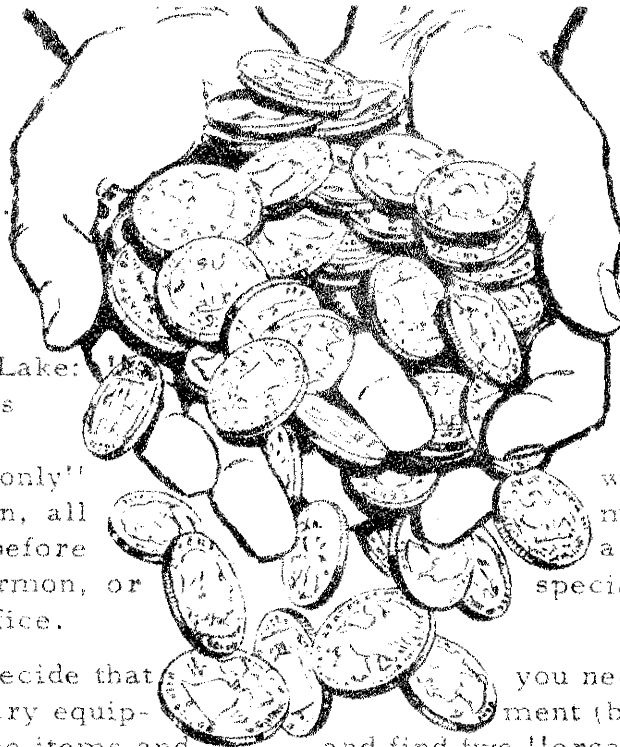
Elder Tyler would once again like to bring to your attention that the correct way to fill out 110-FP cards is listed in the handbook. Please check and see if you are doing it correctly, since many are coming in filled out incorrectly. These should also be sent in immediately.

There are a great number of District Histories that are coming in late or not at all. Will you District Leaders please check to see that they are being done.

The MO Staff is here to serve you, and in order to do so effectively, the president requests that you please call before coming to the MO. Let us know the nature of your business so all can be prepared beforehand. Thank You.

Mission Secretary

In recent
been an
concerning
department.
clarify
policies
office.



times there has
awful lot of confusion
the mission financial
I would like to
some of the
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From Salt Lake:
and supplies
commisary
cash basis only"
from now on, all
our hands before
book of mormon, or
Mission Office.

"Sales of literature
from the mission
should be on a
which means that
money due will be in
any piece of literature,
special book leaves the

When you decide that you need to make a purchase
of missionary equip- ment (blankets, bedding,
etc.) list the items and and find two "orçamentos" on each
item. Send this information to the mission accountant who will re-
view it. If it meets the necessary approval he will send this same
information back to you and give authorization for the purchase.
After the purchases are made list the purchase price and send the
reciepts back to the mission accountant. We will then send you a
money order for the purchase price. (Note: through this process
and only this process will we be able to issue funds to purchase
mission equipment!)

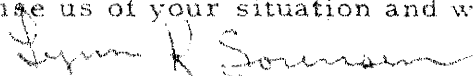
When you are transferred to the North, the mission pays for half of your
fare. To recieve this money present me with your ticket or send it to me
in the mail. I will in return give you the cash directly, or send you a
money order.

The mission office will not cash travelers checks or personal checks of
any Elder or Sister. (However, amounts owed to the mission may be
paid in either type of currency.)

Before cashing any large check make sure that you have sufficient funds
in your account to prevent your check from bouncing.

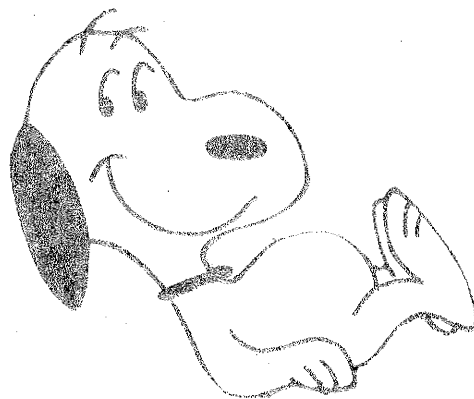
Whenever you send a money order to the mission office make it payable
to George A. Oakes. NEVER, NEVER, NEVER, send a money order to
the Brasil North Mission, the processes involved waste very valuable
time.

If at any time there arises a difficult financial situation, please advise
us here at the mission office. One of the purposes of this office is to
help you to have the most productive and enjoyable mission possible.
When you have a difficulty please advise us of your situation and we
will try our hardest to help you.


Elder Lynn K. Sorensen
Mission Accountant MBN

JULY

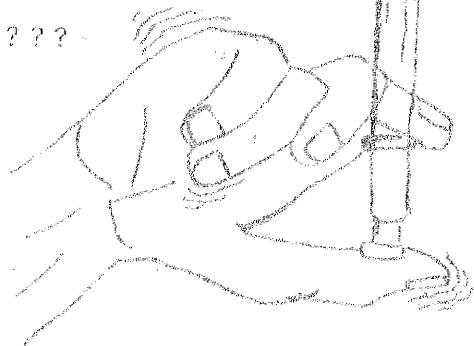
Francisca Rosales
Nathan Broadbent
Ronald Heaston
Parker Robinson
James Toone
Brent McMillian
Joseph Harman



THE BIG "G"

(gamma globulin shot)

HAVE YOU HAD YOUR'S???



JULY

Niel Randall
Bruce Warner
Keith Bame

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

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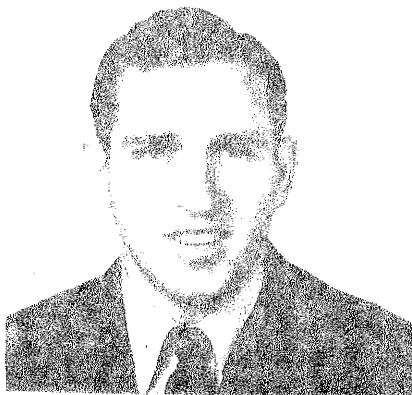
THE ASSISTANTS.

(to the President)

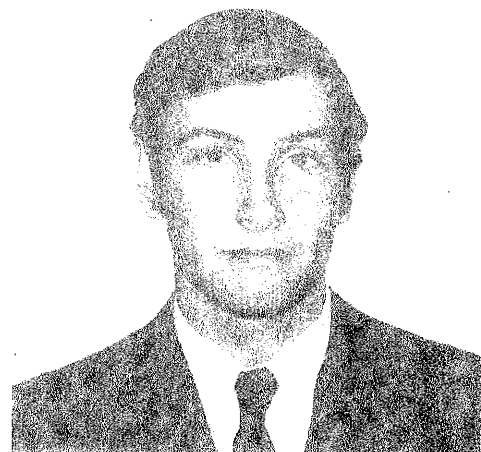
Elder Stayner+
Elder Hoit+



Elder Hendrickson



Elder Harman



Elder Randall

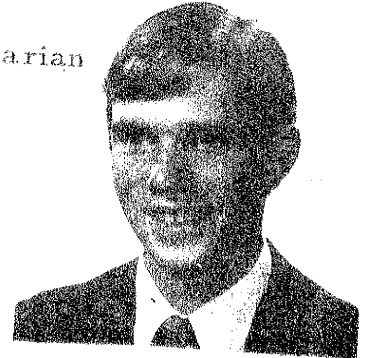
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Elder McIntire
Editor-Commisarian



Walter R. Lovell

Elder Lovell
Secretary



Elder R. Sorenson

Elder Sorenson
Accountant



AXIS



Victor S. Tyler

Elder Tyler
Historian





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Assistant's Meeting			NEW ELDERS arrive!!!!!!		
	1	2	3	4	5	6
NOVEMBER						
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Assistant's Meeting		Bruce R. McConkie arrive 4:30 pm RECIFE Member meeting 7:30 pm	Meets with missionaries & interviews 6:30-12:00 noon RELIEF SOCIETY Convention 9:00 am leaves 3:55 pm	6:30 am Interview Missionary Conf. TLJUCA region 9:00 am	6:30 am Interview Missionary Conf. JARDIM BOTANICO & VITORIA RIO DISTRICT - Leadership 3:00
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
RIO DISTRICT Conf. 10:00-12:00 pm Leave Rio 3:50 Arrive 4:50 pm BELO DISTRICT Conf. 7:30 pm	6:00 6:30 am Missionary Conf. & Interviews 9:00 am Belo still! Leaves 1:15 pm Arrives Brasilia BRASILIA DISTRICT Conf. 7:30 pm	6:30 pm Missionary Conference & Interview Brasilia still 9:00 Leaves 6:15 pm Arrives in Rio 7:45 pm	Bruce R. McConkie leaves for Argentina 8:30 am.	arrives 7:30 pm	THANKSGIVING DAY	Priesthood 7:00
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	MISSION	PRESIDENT'S CORDOBA ARGENTINA	SEMINAR			
28	29	30	1	2		





A Igreja de Jesus Cristo dos Santos dos Últimos Dias
Missão Brasil Norte

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