

# Zion's Advocate

*"And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day,  
for they shall have the gift and the power of the Holy Ghost...."*  
1 Nephi 3:187

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## Be Strong in the Lord

**T**here it was, in a shop, and being offered at a discount—a huge jade plant, quite the largest I had ever seen. But why was it just a wreck of a plant? Its broken branches were tied in an ungainly fashion in an attempt to support them. No jade plant of previous acquaintance had this tender, fragile look. True, the oval leaves are succulent and crisp, but as they grow older they are somewhat tough and woody by nature in their branches. I felt strangely grieved at the plight of this giant, broken plant. The jade must reach “ripe, old age” before it blooms. Would this one ever gain that achievement?

Months later I read concerning the jade that it should never be fed during the winter months. Immediately that huge, broken plant in its tender vulnerability came to mind. —So that was it! Even members of the plant world are weakened by overindulgence!

Did you “come up the hard way?” Go to the “school of hard knocks?” Suffer persecution? Have a tough time? ... “Blessed are ye!” Be grateful! Thank God for the strong fiber of your being. ...And may your blooming time be wondrously fragrant and a delight to the beholder.

—Irene Y. Maley

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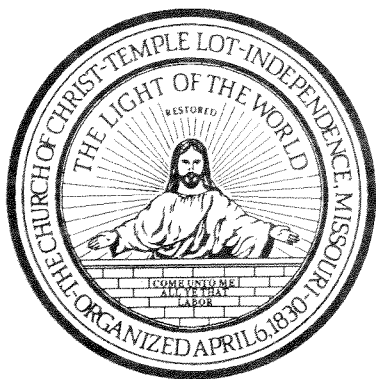
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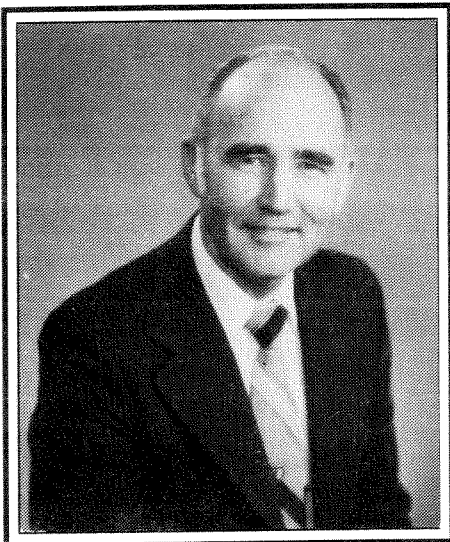
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# A Book of Mormon CRITIQUE



By Apostle Don McIndoo

Venerable book, blessed and full  
Of profound and inspired  
philosophy;

Thou hast come to unite in joy  
The houses of Joseph and Judah.

—Renan Chuc

“TO UNITE IN JOY THE  
HOUSES OF JOSEPH AND  
JUDAH.” From the time of  
the death of King Solomon  
there would be neither peace  
nor cooperation between the

## Part 3

house of Judah and the house  
of Joseph. Judah lived to the  
south and her capital was Je-  
rusalem. Joseph, in large  
part, lived to the north and  
her capital was Samaria. Be-  
tween the two nations there  
existed a strong enmity. But  
the Holy Bible predicts this  
enmity shall be abolished at a  
future time. *“The envy also  
of Ephraim shall depart,  
and the adversaries of  
Judah shall be cut off:  
Ephraim shall not envy*

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11:13)

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as a type of that great future reconciliation to come, as prophesied by Isaiah. After the captivity of Jerusalem, a remnant of Judah under the leadership of Mulek, a surviving son of King Zedekiah, was guided to these American shores. Arriving with no written history or scripture both their language and religion became corrupted. How joyful they were when into their midst came King Mosiah and his followers, descendants of Joseph. They were to be one unified people from that time forward. What a wonderful thing for Israel to anticipate.

Again, the history and traditions of the ancient Maya lend credence to this story found in the Book of Mormon. In the colonial chronicles of the Maya from the mountainous areas of Guatemala (our theoretical Nephite people of the house of Joseph) the people to the north of them (the followers of Mulek) were *"foreigners who speak our tongue brokenly."*<sup>1</sup> Other studies show that the converse of this is equally true. *"...Kaufman describes a linguistic influence in the eastern Central Depression of Chiapas which he believes came in about 300 B.C. He describes the influence as*

*coming from 'refugees from Kaminaljuyu (thought by many to be the City of Nephi—dem).'"*<sup>2</sup>

**The book of Judah is the Holy Bible and the Book of Joseph is the Book of Mormon. The two books shall be one in the hand of God to complete His work of the latter day.**

Both the geographical setting and the time coincide with the beautiful story one reads in the Book of Mormon.

Critics of the Book of Mormon object to this story on the grounds that the Bible states that all the sons of King Zedekiah were slain by the Babylonian army. However, a closer examination of this event as recorded in 2 Kings 25:1-7 reveals that those sons of the king who were captured and executed before his eyes belonged to *"the men of war"* (verse 4) who fled Jerusalem in the night. The custom of these

people was that the children remained with the women of the family until they reached the age of five years when they *"began to learn the arts and duties of life under the care of their fathers...."*<sup>3</sup> Jeremiah relates that the women of Zedekiah were escaped to Mizpah. (Jeremiah 41:10)

There is another prophecy in the Bible that speaks of these two nations. In this prophecy, the prophet Ezekiel refers to a "stick." We know that in Ezekiel's day the Hebrews wrote on scrolls of paper or leather. This material was then fastened at each end to a stick in order to roll and unroll it. So we believe that Ezekiel was prophesying about two books, one for the house of Joseph and the other for the house of Judah.

*"The word of the Lord came again unto me, saying, Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim and for all the house of Israel his*

*companions: And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand. And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not shew us what thou meanest by these? Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand. And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes. And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and*

*they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all.” (Ezekiel*

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37:15-22)

In this beautiful prophecy there are three aspects of the future of Israel that are very important. In verses 20 through 22 the prophet speaks of the restoration of all Israel in the latter days. The lost sheep of Israel shall be gathered together once again by the power of God. Verses 15 through 19 tell us that the two major divisions of Israel, Judah and Joseph, shall each have a book in their hands. The book of Judah is the Holy Bible and the Book of Joseph is the

Book of Mormon. The two books shall be one in the hand of God to complete His work of the latter day. The third part of this important prophecy speaks of a king over the house of Israel. This king shall be our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to our Lord, we have in the Book of Mormon another witness of Jesus Christ which tells of His resurrection, His appearance to His people here in America and that He lives today and is at the right hand of the Father. This book of Joseph teaches us that Jesus is the Messiah, the Only Begotten Son of God and that He promised to return to earth and receive His bride, the church. This faithful witness of Jesus Christ teaches us that the words of the apostles written in the Holy Bible are true.

***“And it came to pass that I beheld the remnant of the seed of my brethren, and also the book of the Lamb of God, which had proceeded forth from the mouth of the Jew, that it came forth from the Gentiles, unto the remnant of the seed of my brethren; And after it had come forth unto them, I beheld other***



*books which came forth by the power of the Lamb, from the Gentiles unto them, unto the convincing of the Gentiles, and the remnant of the seed of my brethren, and also the Jews, who were scattered upon all the face of the earth, that the records of the prophets and of the twelve apostles of the Lamb are true. And the words of the Lamb shall be made known in the records of thy seed, as well as in the records of the twelve apostles of the Lamb....” (1 Nephi 3:190-191, 195)*

How valuable is this added witness to the understanding of the divinity of the Holy Bible? To the ordinary believer it should become increasingly of greater worth as liberal Protestant and Catholic clergy adhere to “...*the prevailing judgment of biblical scholars and mainstream theological schools that the gospels of the New Testament, like the rest of the Holy Scriptures, are a mixture of historical fact and mythological truths....”*<sup>4</sup>

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*“And there shall raise up one mighty among them, who shall do much good, both in word and in deed, being an instrument in the hands of God, with exceeding faith. To work mighty wonders, and do that thing which is great in*

*the sight of God, unto the bringing to pass much restoration unto the house of Israel, and unto the seed of thy brethren.” (2 Nephi 2:46-47)*

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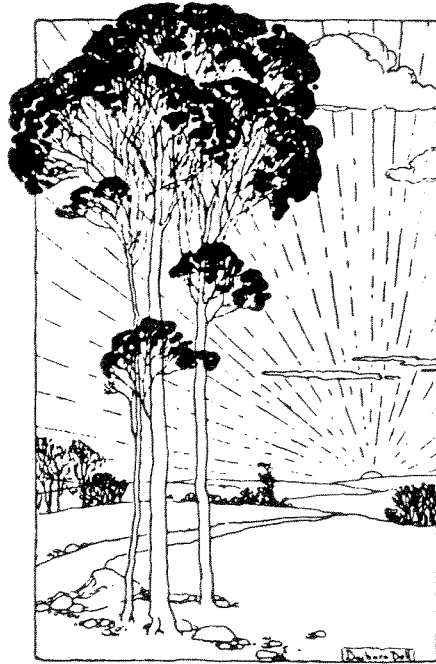
# Walking Across Honduras

On the seventh of July, I left Merida, Yucatan and flew to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, arriving there at 6:00 P.M. in a heavy rain storm. Deplaning took quite a while, since we waited on the plane as five or six people walked to the terminal using umbrellas. The umbrellas were then returned to the plane and the next group left the plane.

The next day I met Elder Ken Oar flying in from Phoenix. We rented a little Toyota and left for Danli, and then went on to Zamorano. Late in the afternoon we joined Brother John Gill as he conducted a study class with three young people. John had to leave to pick up people for church, so we finished the class. That evening we enjoyed a nice prayer and testimony meeting with a goodly number of people.

Sunday morning saw a good congregation of members and nonmembers gathered at John and Nana's home. There were 21 adults and 45 children and young people present. After a half hour of spirited singing, a preaching service is held. This is followed by Sunday School classes.

After lunch (the chief chef is



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Tommy Gill, who whips out dishes new to the palate and tasty) we left with a car and a truck, driven by Ronnie Gill, full of young people. Each Sunday Ronnie holds a Study Class in Danli. There were at least 16 people present.

Monday afternoon we walked with Ronnie, Tommy and Mike Holmes to Rosario's home where a regular study is conducted at 3 P.M. After this we walked on up the road a half mile or so to hold another study in the home of an

elderly couple of nonmembers. This time Ronnie asked the old gentleman, Francisco, if he had any questions about the Scripture. He took out his copy of the Book of Mormon and read and explained to us his good feelings about several Book of Mormon scriptures. I was quite impressed with his appreciation and understanding of the Book of Mormon.

On Tuesday several of us drove into the huge city of Tegucigalpa to find a sister who is working in a home there. With the help of a taxi driver, we finally found the home, but our sister was not there at the time. The lady of the house was very friendly and provided me paper to write a note to Ramona. She was quite impressed that Ramona's ministers would go to all that trouble to come and visit her. We got back to Zamorano just in time to load up and go to the town of Chirinas where John holds a preaching service each Tuesday evening.

On Wednesday afternoon Ronnie, Ken and I walked several kilometers to the town of Artenejas, where he holds another regular study. Another enjoyable visit except for the log bridge I had to

use to cross over the little river. Ronnie was nice enough to carry my books so they wouldn't get wet. With the aid of a long pole, I finally made it across without mishap. That evening we enjoyed the regular Wednesday evening Book of Mormon class.

On Thursday we were invited to give a study at the afternoon Women's Meeting. I don't know if they enjoyed it, but it was an interesting experience for us. This was followed by a pleasant evening with Ronnie, Joanie, Tommy and Santos. The good home-cooked meal Joanie prepared added to the pleasure.

Friday was a busy day. Ronnie accompanied Ken and I on

visits to the members' homes in the community. Ronnie's presence was really appreciated as I have a difficult time deciphering the Honduran dialect.

He was a big help. We visited the men working on the new church building. The walls are up and they were putting a sidewalk around the outside of the building. The roof is not on yet but the trusses are built and ready. The windows and doors have all been purchased and their installation has been paid for. That evening we attended another of Ronnie's regular studies on the front porch of the little grocery store. It was well attended.

On Saturday we continued

to visit with members in their homes. That evening we enjoyed another Prayer and Testimony meeting. Sunday morning was our final visit during this trip. At the conclusion of the preaching service, Ken and I had the privilege to bless two little boys, Omni and Reimond. Omni is the son of our Brother Leonel who is known by many of us here in the States. We will be looking forward to our next trip to Zamorano and our church family there.

*Apostle Donald E. McIndoo*

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

**D**ear Brothers and Sisters: You may not know me. I have been a member of the Restoration (Church of Christ, Temple Lot), for 90 years. My parents and grandparents were members of the first RLDS church in St. Joseph, Missouri. I had often wondered where the North Country, from which the tribes of Israel would come, could be. Isaiah 43:5-7 says, "I will bring thy seed from the East, and gather them from the West, I will say to the north, Give up." Jeremiah 31:8-10 says, "Of the remnant of Israel, Behold I will bring them from the North country."

Some time ago I heard a woman on the television, a Holocaust survivor, tell of her experience during the Holocaust. The soldiers came and first took all of the men and boys. Then they came and took

all the women and children. If anyone was away from home they dare not return, for any reason, for they would be captured. That struck a familiar chord in my mind. I got out my bible and turned to Matthew 24 and there it was! He had prophesied to Israel what was going to happen to them! This happened over 50 years ago and I was asleep. Were you?

When the Jews were driven out of Jerusalem, they went north. When that woman, Israel, fled into the wilderness, she scattered her people and hid them amongst the nations to the north. Russia, Germany, Poland, etc. Some years ago I read a book, Exodus, by Leon Uris. He told of shiploads of Jews being brought to Israel. When I realized Matthew 24 was describing the Holocaust, I saw that these old

prophets were addressing their words, not to the world at large, but to the Hebrews. The Bible is essentially a record, a history of the Hebrews, just as the Nephite Record is a record of God's people here on this continent.

*Mary L. Oldham*

*Although the scriptures quoted may best support other interpretations, the Holocaust does evoke emotions and thoughts that should never be forgotten.*

—Editor

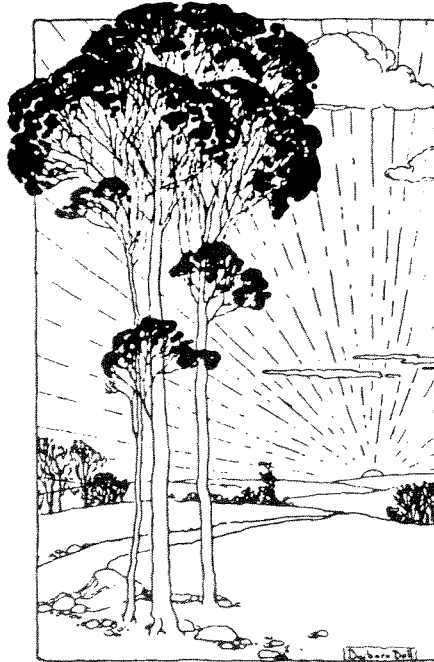


# The Rest of the Testimony

In Pathlights, November 1999, we carried an article about a robbery in Cancun, Mexico. Don McIndoo and Frank Fann lost everything they had taken with them on a missionary trip. According to Don they lost, "All the things that an American tourist in a foreign country has with them—passports, airplane tickets, money, cameras, clocks, flashlights, medications, etc."

After this, Don continued his assignment and preached a sermon in Cancun. They then filed a report with the police, and drove to Yobain where another sermon was delivered. At the end of the service the local ministry made an announcement of what had happened and took up a collection of \$123.00. Don said it was "a staggering amount of money for these poor people to raise." And "the love and concern of our brethren will always be indelibly printed in our memories."

The next day Frank Fann broke his glasses, and since his spare pair had been stolen in the robbery he had to have them repaired. Because of the type of glasses he wears it wasn't easy to find someone to repair them, but the Lord was on the job and when it was done it just cost them \$3.00.



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Monday morning they went to Merida to replace their passports; Frank had a flight back to the United States on Wednesday. He was told that it would take two weeks and the clerk wouldn't budge on the date. They asked to see his supervisor and the department head talked to them about things that seemed insignificant, then turned to the clerk and said, "Mr. Fann's passport will be ready tomorrow at 3:30." If you have ever had any dealings with government officials you will realize what a miracle that was.

They timed their arrival for

3:30 the next day and a few blocks from the consulate a traffic policeman stopped them. Don told the officer that Frank was due at the consulate and Frank began to walk. When he got there his heart sank. He saw a line ahead of him: down the steps, down the block and around the corner. There was no way they could get in before closing time. Then a man in uniform saw him and motioned for him to come forward. When he reached the guard he was addressed as Mr. Fann and sent right in, and his passport was waiting.

Another testimony that Frank bore when he preached this as a sermon was that the money collected and given by brothers and sisters in Yobain, Yucatan, was like the children of Israel gathering manna in the wilderness. Those who gathered much had no surplus, and those who gathered little had no lack. The overall testimony that I see in this is that when the Lord sends His servants on a mission they can be hindered but not prevented when in His service.

*Jim Gordon*

# Our Moral Heritage

For more than three centuries, moral values have been the life-support system of this country. The men and women who planted their stand on these shores in the year 1607 vowed to build here a nation founded on virtue and moral integrity. And during all those years their promises and plan held true. The American people brought forth on this continent a nation dedicated to liberty and justice. The founders were committed to strong moral principles based on individual liberty and personal responsibility.

—James Kennedy

Our ancestors established their system of government on morality and religious sentiment. Moral habits, they believed, cannot safely be trusted on any other foundation than religious principle, nor any government be secure which is not supported by moral habits. Whatever makes men good Christians, makes them good citizens.

—Daniel Webster, at the bicentennial celebration of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock, December 22, 1820

## It must have been

Paul Harvey: For the life of me, I can't understand what could have gone wrong in Littleton, Colorado. If only the parents had kept their children away from the guns, we wouldn't have had such a tragedy. Yeah, it must have been the guns.

It couldn't have been because of half our children being raised in broken homes. It couldn't have been because our children get to spend an average of 30 seconds in meaningful conversation with their parents each day. After all, we give our children quality time.

It couldn't have been because we treat our children as pets and our pets as children.

It couldn't have been because we place our children in day care centers where they learn their socialization skills among their peers under the law of the jungle while employees who have no vested interest in the children look on and make sure that no blood is spilled.

It couldn't have been because we allow our children to watch, on average, seven hours of television a day filled with the glorification of sex and violence that isn't fit for adult consumption.

It couldn't have been because we allow (or even encourage) our children to enter into virtual worlds in which, to win the game, one must kill as many opponents as possible in the most sadistic way possible.

It couldn't have been because we have sterilized and contracepted our families down to sizes so small that the children we do have are so spoiled with material things that they come to equate the receiving of the material with love.

It couldn't have been because our children, who historically have been seen as a blessing from God, are now being viewed as either a mistake created when contraception fails or inconveniences that parents try to raise in

their spare time.

It couldn't have been because we give two-year prison sentences to teenagers who kill their newborns.

It couldn't have been because our school systems teach the children that they are nothing but glorified apes who have evolutionized out of some primordial soup of mud.

It couldn't have been because we teach our children that there are no laws of morality that transcend us, that everything is relative and that actions don't have consequences.

What the heck, the President gets away with it.

Nah, it must have been the guns.

—from Ian Smith's *The Individualist*,  
August 15, 2000  
Contributed by Amy Schrader

# New York Reunion Report



Here is a brief summary of our New York Reunion held at the Akwesasne Local, July 7-9, 2000.

## FRIDAY, JULY 7, 7:00 PM

The first service started with prayer and song. It was wonderful to hear so many voices. Brother Keith Hoare was the speaker for the evening. He asked some interesting, thought provoking questions: If Jesus were to knock on your door today and ask to stay a week, what would you do? Would you welcome Him in at once, or would you have to run in the house and clean it up? Would you have to change what you

normally do? Would you feel guilty about your life? Then Keith reminded us that Jesus is beside us everyday and He sees and hears everything. Keith reminded us also that God is an unchanging God; that we are to submit ourselves unto the Lord. In closing, Keith told us that we all have a job to do—to tell of the hope that we have within us.

Among the scriptures that Keith shared were John 14:1-4; John 14:21; Matt. 19:17-19; 1 James 1:13-17; 1 James 4:7-8, Rom. 12:1-2; Heb. 13:5; Rev. 20:12 and Titus 2:11-13.

After the service, we enjoyed fellowship and snacks.

## SATURDAY, JULY 8, 9:00 AM

The leader of our prayer service was Brother Max Spencer. He opened the service by reminding us that we should pray always. Max reminded us that just as we correct our children one minute and love them dearly the next, so it is with our Lord. Many prayers and testimonies were offered. Again, we enjoyed the sound of many voices offering songs of praise and joy to our Lord.

Some of the scriptures that Max used were Mos. 1:119-120; 2 Nephi 14:1-12; Mos. 2:13-17 and 1 Nephi 7:33-35.

Following the prayer service, we enjoyed more fellowship during lunch at the church.

**2:00 PM:** We had a song service with many specials. It was wonderful to see so many young people offer their favorite songs and specials.

**3:00 PM:** The speaker of the hour was Evangelist Hubert Yates. Hubert advised us to be a witness unto the Lord; to apply the gospel to our lives. As we can see in the Scriptures, Jesus verified that He was serving His Father in heaven. We should strive to do the same. Hubert used a 5 foot long stick and a feather to demonstrate how the Pilgrims paid someone to keep their congregation awake during services, so they would not miss any part of the message that was delivered to them. Hubert also reminded us that we are to endure to the end; to be awake and to be prepared; to work to be alive in the gospel and bear witness of the Lord.

Among the scriptures offered during Hubert's sermon were Eph. 4:11-24;

Psalms 51:10; Rev. 3:14-20; 2 Nephi 6:41-44; Heb. 5:8-9; James 4:4-8; Mrni. 7:9.

After this service, we enjoyed fellowship and dinner. This was followed by a song service at 6:30 PM, in which more specials were offered.

**7:00 PM:** Apostle Mike McGhee was the speaker for the evening service. He recounted some highlights of the previous speakers. He reminded us that in the race of life, we have people interested in our success and our failures and that this holds true for our spiritual lives as well. We are to follow Jesus. Mike also stated that to know Christ, to love Him, is to keep His commandments. In the ebb and flow of life, the Lord corrects us. Good and bad happen in our lives, but Christ is ever present to help us through. Mike reminded us that we are to look to the instructions for life that we have been given; that

Christ will be with us each step of the way; that we are to know Jesus as a friend and claim Him every step of the way.

Among the scriptures that Mike provided us with were 1 John 2:1-5; Heb.12:1-6; Prov. 6:20; Enos 1:1-11; Alma 17:11-20; 2 Nephi 1:115-120; 2 Nephi 13:12-16; Gen. 3:16-19.

### SUNDAY, JULY 9, 9:00 AM

A sacrament service was held. This was followed by prayer and testimony. Again we heard many wonderful prayers, testimonies and songs.

This was followed by a cook-out lunch and fellowship.

Dinner and a study session were held at 6:00 Sunday evening for all those who could attend.

*Terry Waldruff*

## A POINT TO PONDER

# Food for Thought

The following is food for thought.

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep, you

are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet and spare change in a dish someplace, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If your parents are still alive and still married, you are very rare—even in the United States!

If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful, you are blessed because the majority can, but most do not.

If you own just one Bible, you are abundantly blessed. One third of all the world does not have access

to even one.

If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death, you are more blessed than three billion people in the world.

If you can read this message, you are more blessed than over 2 billion people in the world that cannot read at all.

Contributed by Roland Sarratt  
—Posted on the CCEG

## PHOENIX, ARIZONA

**G**reetings from your brothers and sisters in Phoenix!

On April 22nd, we held a Baby Shower for Samantha Nicole, daughter of John and Debra Yates. The next day we enjoyed a beautiful Easter program. Our young People's groups met twice during the month. The Junior Young People got together for some fun in the pool and the Senior group met for a study conducted by Elder Andy Brown. That will be it for organized Young People's activities until fall. The kids are more than busy with church camps and Reunions. On April 28th, Apostle Jay Moser and Elder Andy Brown headed out for a ten day trip to Yucatan. We wrapped up the month's activities with a pig roast luau on April 29th. The pig joined us for dinner, his head that is, as the centerpiece on our Hawaiian table. After dinner we were blessed with a show put on by some Polynesian dancers from another branch of the Restoration.

On May 10th the Sisters in Service made a delicious Mexican dinner to raise money for playground equipment. The event brought in \$600. We began our Vacation Church School early this year, in the end of May. We had visitors from Northern Arizona and even Missouri.

May was a busy month for missionary activity. Apostles Jay Moser and Joel Yates made a trip to Oregon. They met with a brother from Yucatan who is living and working there. Although not members, his roommates stuck around to watch a slide show presentation. One young man who was also from Yucatan recognized his Aunt on one of the slides. Brother Moser and Brother Yates

also visited the other members in the Oregon area. May was an active month for the Northeast as well. Elders Hube and Jim Yates ministered in New York and Ontario, Ohio and Pennsylvania. Elder Ken Oar traveled to New York and Ontario shortly after their visit. From there he traveled to Michigan to help with a Regional Youth Activity. About 24 kids showed up and had a great time! Brother Oar also visited brothers and sisters in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

In the first part of June, Apostles Brian McIndoo and Smith Brickhouse returned from their trip to Kenya with joyous news. We have 26 new brothers and sisters! Brother McIndoo showed us a slide show of his trip. What a joy to hear the voices and see the faces of our new brothers and sisters! We are very grateful to be part of this great work. Later in June, Elder Ken Oar and his son Matt joined Elder Gale Brantner for ten days work in Whittier, North Carolina on the Cherokee and Catawba Indian Reservations. June is the month we honor our fathers with a special program. We shared lots of funny or touching memories about our dads. Some of the dads weren't around to hear their tributes because their work for the Lord had taken them far from home. It makes us appreciate our fathers and husbands and thankful for the time that they are here with us. After a brief stopover at home, Apostle Brian McIndoo and wife Becky headed out to visit our brothers and sisters in the Northwest. In late June, Elder Andy Brown and his family also took a trip through the Northwest to visit with church family.

In the first week of July, the McIn-

doos and Browns were joined in Alaska by Priest Duane Ely for services there. Back in Phoenix we celebrated our Nation's Independence with music and a story about God's hand in the events that established a free nation under God. Elders Hube and Jim Yates were home briefly and left for another missionary trip during July. They ministered in Hogsburg and Rome, New York as well as Pennsylvania, Ohio and Ontario. Sister Wanda Yates traveled to meet her husband Jim to attend the New York Reunion. Brian and Becky McIndoo returned to Phoenix just long enough to pack up and head for the Idaho Reunion. Around the same time Apostle Joel Yates and his family made the missionary jaunt through the Northwest, stopping in Idaho to attend the Reunion. Priest Jim Yates Jr. and family also included the Idaho Reunion as part of a missionary trip they are taking throughout the Northwest.

Priest Bill Malone and wife Karin are on an extended missionary trip throughout the country.

They attended the Idaho Reunion with some of our other Phoenix families.

Priest Jim Yates Jr, Elder Andy Brown and Apostle Jay Moser continue to hold services in Show Low and Payson, Arizona. When able, their families travel with them. Elder Ken Oar and family continue to do Sunday School lessons with the Sloan family in Mesa.

Apostle Jay Moser traveled to Mexico to labor for several weeks during July. Around the same time Apostle Don McIndoo traveled to Honduras to support the work there. He was joined by Brother Ken Oar for ten days. Brother McIndoo



continued on to Yucatan while Brother Oar returned to Phoenix. He brought back the good news that construction on a church building has begun.

To keep track of our missionaries and pastors we have an official missionary map on the wall. Each minister has his own tiny photo magnet that moves around the map with him or shows him working in the local. We also have a small display of flags from all the countries where the Church of Christ is laboring: Canada, Mexico, Honduras and Kenya. We look forward with great anticipation to the addition of new flags.

One minister who has had to stick pretty close to home these days is Priest

Glen Orsted. On June 30th his wife Beth went into early labor with their triplets. One of the triplets, little Andrea Roberta was allowed to remain here with us for less than an hour. During times of trial, the Lord often comforts and encourages us with song. At this difficult time, we remember the words from the song that promises we will, "share our mutual woes". We also rejoice with Glen and Beth that they have a joyful reunion to look forward to. The other babies, Audra and David are doing well and improving every day. Beth and Glen have been a testimony to us and to all those they come in contact with, of the power of God's peace.

On July 19th, those who were able, joined Margaret, our sister from Kenya, in fasting and prayer for the work there.

In closing, here's a sermon quote from Brother Orsted: *Give conscious thought, am I seeing this situation through the new eyes, the eyes of Christ, or the natural eyes, the old man?*

Until next time may God bless and use you all.

Marlene Oar

## NEWS

### BRADLEY, MICHIGAN

**G**reetings from Bradley, Michigan Local.

The Lord has blessed our local in many ways these past few months. In June, we celebrated with Kallie Jones, Kevin Lee and Matthew Lee as they graduated from high school. All three plan on furthering their education this fall. Following Open Houses for each of these special graduates, we hosted the Michigan Reunion once again. We were blessed with enriching sermons, song services, a picnic at Gun Lake and warm fellowship. We truly enjoyed the slides and testimonies from Kenya, Africa, that Buzz Brickhouse shared with us.

On July 15th, Kallie Lea Jones married Stephen Lynn Maag II. Elder Aaron Heath performed the ceremony. Mary Sue Lee played the organ as Elder LaVerne Lussenden sang "Wedding Song

(There is Love)." The ceremony was beautiful with periwinkle and light blue colors. Following the ceremony, we all enjoyed a wonderful reception. Kallie and Stephen will reside in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

In August, several of our young people attended Teen Challenge Camp; Tina Lee, Jared Lee, Heidi Porter, Emily Porter, Tony Jones (CIT), Jennifer Provost from Flint, and Jenna Jones, a friend from Middleville.

Several of these teens became interested in camp following a youth retreat that was held in May near Flint.

On Monday, July 24th, David Havens passed on. He will be missed by all of us. He was such a positive and energetic young man, (age 25.) He liked helping others where he could.

On August 13th, Lana Lee Clair-

mont entered the waters of baptism. Elder Adam Porter performed the baptism and laying on of hands, assisted by Elder LaVerne Lussenden. Many were there to extend their hand of fellowship and encouragement. Brother Ron and Sister Darl Temple were up visiting relatives in the area and attended services with us. Brother Ron preached a very good sermon on latter day signs and wonders.

The 5th annual pig roast is being planned for September 23rd, in Middleville, Michigan. All are welcome!

May God Bless you all,  
Sue Porter

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PHOENIX REUNION

"O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain: O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

"He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his

bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young" Isaiah 40:9, 11.

The Phoenix Local wishes to invite all to come and join us in worshipping our Lord on Friday, November 24th through Sunday, November 26th, for our annual reunion.

Please contact the following people to help you make preparations for your visit with us:

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### YUCATAN REUNION

We invite you to our reunion to celebrate our 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Church in Mexico.

This event will be held in the city of Merida, on the 25th of February, 2001, beginning at 9:00 a.m. There will be preaching services and a special music program.

Please let us know if you are coming. For more information contact:

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We're looking forward to seeing you. Please come and worship with us on this special day.

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If you have overcome something, I know how you did it, and can teach others how you did it, you will be given time to instruct and teach. Call ahead! There will be classes on overcoming, classes on the human nature and how it works, how to use the teachings of Jesus to overcome evil thinking, how to become a servant to others, how to change your heart, and much more.

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RSVP (Let us know if you are coming.)

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Love to all,  
Don and Barbara Hitt.

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