



# Zambia Lusaka Mission

## NEWS

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Dear Elders and Sisters,

When I was called and served in the Sydney Australia Mission as a young man of 19, I discovered my love for one of the early latter-day apostles, Parley P. Pratt. I read the autobiography of Parley P. Pratt a few times while I served in Australia and he quickly became a larger than life figure who inspired much faith; a faith I called “act as if faith”. This type of faith had you “act as if” you would receive the blessing needed at that time. For example, Parley would enter a new town to preach and before he preached his first sermon he would take the time to construct a baptismal font, “acting as if” he would need it once he had testified of the restored gospel.

There are many fantastic stories of Parley and his legendary faith.

I would like to relate to you one such story; that of his being first introduced to the Book of Mormon:

“It was early in the morning, just at the dawn of day, I walked ten miles into the country and stopped to breakfast with a Mr. Wells.

We visited an old Baptist deacon by the name of Hamlin. After hearing of our appointment for the evening, he began to tell of a book, a STRANGE BOOK, a VERY STRANGE BOOK! In his possession, which had been published. This book, he said, purported to have been originally written on plates of either gold or brass by a branch of the tribes of Israel: and to have been discovered and translated by a young man near Palmyra, in the state of New York, by the aid of visions, or the ministry of angels.”

As a minister himself, he preached that evening to a small audience and the next morning called to the house of Mr. Hamlin.

“For the first time, my eyes beheld the “BOOK OF MORMON”-that book of books...

“I opened it with eagerness, and read its title page. I then read the testimony of several witnesses in relations to the manner of its being found and translated. After this I commenced its contents by course. I read all day; eating was a burden, I had no desire for food; sleep was a burden when the night came, for I preferred reading to sleep.

As I read, the spirit of the Lord was upon me. And I knew and comprehended that the book was true, as plainly and manifestly as a man comprehends and knows that he exists”.

This story inspires in me a sense of honor and pride that we are following in the footsteps of mighty men of faith. I feel I must honor their lives, and that of our Savior, with the best we can offer to Him.

May we each be inspired to this noble call and be uplifted in our sacred works is my prayer and blessing to you.

President Erickson

Happy June Sisters and Elders!

June was always an eagerly anticipated month growing up because it meant school was out for summer vacation! When I was a little girl the summer months of June, July and August seemed to last forever!! Now, and especially in the mission, the months fly by and we can hardly believe this month for us marks 2 years at the helm of The Great ZLM!

I never could have anticipated how wonderful this mission experience would be for me personally and for us as a married couple and eternal companionship. We truly love serving with all of you and appreciate your goodness and hard work and consecration to the Lord's work.

In our recent MLC and Zone Conferences President Erickson has been talking about hearing “the music” of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I love this reminder! Jesus Christ says in John 10:10 “I am come that they might have life, and that they might have [it] more abundantly.” President Monson reminds us to enjoy the journey! I love the Primary song “Whenever I hear the song of a bird, or look at the blue blue sky, whenever I feel the rain on my face or the wind as it rushes by, whenever I touch a velvet rose or walk by a lilac tree...I'm glad that I live in this beautiful world Heavenly Father created for me.....He gave me my life, my mind, my heart. I thank him reverently for all the creations of which I'm a part. Yes! I know Heavenly Father loves ME!”

I know He loves you too! Let's BE the Great Zambia Lusaka Mission and hear the sweet music of our great God all together!

Love,  
Sister Erickson

# Happy Birthday

- 1 Elder Draycott
- 4 Elder Rugumayo
- Sister Mbele
- 5 Elder Kibirango
- 8 Elder Ketchum
- 21 Sister Hirwa
- 22 Sister Natsala
- 24 Sister Aidoo
- 29 Sister Beal



"God cares a lot more about who we are, and who we are becoming, than about who we once were."

Dale G. Renlund

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Continue to move forward Elders and Sisters, there will never be another time like this in all of our lives. Let us make the most of our time and service to the Lord. And don't forget to smile along the way. We are all being shaped into who he knows that we can become with his help. In your prayers it is our hope that you remember the enabling power of the Atonement, which changes us one day at a time, and allow that change to happen.

## ZLM MISSION NEWS



Mission Leadership Council was a great success. We are blessed to have these leaders throughout the mission, a spirit of unity and energy radiates from these missionaries who have been chosen by the Lord to help His work move forward. We are grateful to them and all they do for us.

## The Medical Corner



Dear Elders and Sisters:

1,000,000 to 3,000,000 people die each year from Malaria. We had five cases among our Missionaries during the month of May. This is five too many. Remember when the children of Israel were being bitten by the fiery serpents, and Moses placed one on a staff and raised it, and to be healed all they had to do was look, but because of the "easiness of the way, many would not look and perished". To prevent Malaria, you have been given a little capsule called Doxycycline. Tiny, easy to swallow, and if you can't swallow a pill because of a hyperactive gag reflex, you can open it and sprinkle it on your food. Just don't take it at bedtime, and take it with a meal. Easy right? Just like looking at the raised staff. Is it 100% fool proof, NO, it's medicine, not magic, but if you don't take it or the other preventive medicine that you may have been given instead, you not only have no assurance of protection, but you are also disobeying Mission rules. Part of being an effective missionary, is remaining strong and healthy, and taking care of ourselves physically, as well as spiritually, and being obedient. In future, for those who are not daily protecting themselves, let us, as the scriptures say, be "more wise."

- Elder Birrell MMA

## A Note from the Office

"The funds you receive from the mission are sacred. They represent the sacrifices by you, your family, And others..." White handbook page 43

It is important for us to remember and review what our Missionary Support Funds are used for. These funds truly are sacred and should be used with wisdom. "Talk with your mission president if you have questions about what expenses are appropriate." (WHB 44)

Effective July, airtime will be replenished monthly. So keep in mind while you budget appropriately your MSF you should budget airtime as well.

# So Long, Farewell



Our Couples are leaving left and right. Goodness! Where has the time gone? We bid these wonderful senior couples a safe journey back home and a heartfelt thank you for all that they have done to build the kingdom of God and help the rest of us. Elder and



Sister Bingham (top left), Elder and Sister Humpherys (top right), Elder and Sister Orien then Elder and Sister Skidmore (bottom from left to right). We will miss them dearly. We also include the efforts of Sister Lowe and Sister Query, the church and mission are grateful for their contributions and positive attitude and proactive service which they have given



Sister Makunye, Sister Mntungwa, and Sister Griffus. We will miss these sisters and are grateful, as is the Lord, for fulfilling their calls to serve and now will go and return and serve in other capacities to build the Lords kingdom, this sacred work never ceases even for these sisters and we wish them a warm welcome home.

# Fresh Faces



Warm ZLM welcome to Elder Madilu (DRC Congo) & Sister Ratema (South Africa)! You will love it here we are excited to work together in so great a cause.

# Baptisms



Want to see yourself in the baptisms section of the monthly newsletter? Email us your pictures at the office at [1461788@ldschurch.org](mailto:1461788@ldschurch.org)