



Zambia Lusaka Mission

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Dear Elders and Sisters,

Each week you take the time and effort to write a letter to me, your mission president, as part of your duty to report on your labors. I love to read your thoughts and impressions, and find it an inspiration to hear of the many inspiring stories that make up daily missionary life

When I read these letters it is quite often that I see patterns of thinking and feelings emerge across the entire mission. Most recently, I have taken note of the many references to you going to Father in Heaven or to the Savior for inspiration and for strength. Missionaries who want to know where they stand in their worthiness before the Lord and have been comforted by the peace that comes from hearing directly from the Savior. Others have fasted and prayed to know whether a particular investigator is ready or meets the standard for the sacred ordinance of baptism as outlined in Doctrine and Covenants 20:37, and has been directed by the Holy Spirit. In these cases, it is so rewarding to see that missionaries across the mission are developing a personal relationship with the Savior and learning to receive guidance and direction in the work from Him.

In the coming weeks, we will take time in our respective zone conferences to discuss this spiritual self-reliance in more detail. We will also have the opportunity to improve our abilities as disciples of this most loving and kind God.

Some of you will remember Elder Wilford Anderson's talk from General Conference. He spoke of the Native American Indian man who said "I can teach you to dance," he said, "but you have to hear the music." In this case, Elder Anderson relates this to section 8 of the Doctrine and Covenants, where the Lord taught Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery, "Yea, behold, I will tell you in your mind and in your heart, by the Holy Ghost, which shall come upon you and which shall dwell in your heart"

Elder Anderson states, "we learn the dance steps with our minds, but we hear the music with our hearts. The dance steps of the gospel are the things we do; the music of the gospel is the joyful spiritual feeling that comes from the Holy Ghost. It brings a change of heart and is the source of all righteous desires."

My prayer is that we can more fully hear the songs of redeeming love and peace as we conduct ourselves in righteousness in this most sacred work.

We will make this a matter of prayerful counsel and discuss it in more detail in our zone conferences.

President Erickson

Dear Sisters and Elders,

There's a story told about a man who had a huge boulder in his front yard. He grew weary of this big, unattractive stone in the center of his lawn, so he decided to take advantage of it and turn it into an object of art. He went to work on it with hammer and chisel, and chipped away at the huge boulder until it

became a beautiful stone elephant. When he finished, it was gorgeous, breath-taking.

A neighbor asked, "How did you ever carve such a marvelous likeness of an elephant?"

The man answered, "I just chipped away everything that didn't look like an elephant!"

The story illustrates how God creates men in His likeness. He starts with nothing much more than a boulder, but like a great artist, he sees the potential for what lies within and chips away until we are shaped in His image.

Look at how God dealt with men like Peter. Who would have looked at impetuous Peter who was always saying things he would later regret -- and seen the disciple he would become? Who would have looked at James and John -- nicknamed "Sons of Thunder" because of their temper -- and considered them to be apostles of the Lord, Jesus Christ? Our Father in Heaven has a way of looking into the hearts of men and women, seeing not only what they were, but what they have the potential to become. Then he sets about the task of "chipping away" to uncover the beauty that lay beneath the surface.

Wouldn't it be great if we could learn to look at men and women the same way -- to see not only what they are, but to see what they can become? If we would only do that, perhaps instead of dismissing people as "worthless boulders", we would set about the task of chipping away to reveal their full potential.

Like you all, I loved General Conference. It is hard to choose just one talk to mention here but I would like to call your attention to Elder Dale Renlund's talk entitled "Latter Day Saints Keep On Trying". Elder Renlund was the Area President here in South Africa for 5 years preceding Elder Carl Cook. In his talk he reminds us not to judge, to be patient with others and ourselves. He repeats what President Monson said "One of God's greatest gifts to us is the joy of trying again, for no failure ever need be final."

Elder Renlund concludes with:

"My invitation to all of us is to evaluate our lives, repent, and keep on trying. If we don't try, we're just latter-day sinners; if we don't persevere, we're latter-day quitters; and if we don't allow others to try, we're just latter-day hypocrites. As we try, persevere, and help others to do the same, we are true Latter-day Saints. As we change, we will find that God indeed cares a lot more about who we are and about who we are becoming than about who we once were."

I love being with you all here in the Zambia Lusaka Mission! Let's be great missionaries and great latter day saints!

With love

Sister Erickson



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19TH AND 20TH OF May Mission Leadership Council



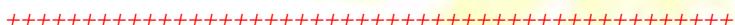
Defend your beliefs
with COURTESY and
COMPASSION, but
defend them.

JEFFREY R. HOLLAND

QUORUM OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES

April 2014 General Conference

We need to remember the power in standing for what you know to be true. We know that we have been called by a prophet of God, President Thomas S. Monson, and that this is the work that the Lord has called all of us to do. As disciples of the Savior we CANNOT be neutral; let us go forward as defenders of the faith, and of those called to lead us. Let us go forward with the love of Christ, and stand a little taller than we have ever stood before.



Flu shots anyone??

While seasonal influenza is over in the USA and Europe,



in our part of Africa, it is about to begin. It is not a serious problem like back at home, but if you get the flu, it messes up your work week.

Area Medical Advisors, "will not conduct shot clinics," but

missionaries wishing to receive an influenza vaccination, may do so at your local medical services or provider. Sadly, this also at your own expense, per Missionary Executive Council guidelines.

If you are allergic to eggs, had a previous reaction to the flu vaccine, or history of Gullian-Barre' Syndrome, or feel ill the day of the vaccination, you should NOT Get a flu shot.

REMEMBER...the flu is a virus, spread by close person to person contact. Not washing your hands. Not covering the mouth when coughing or sneezing. Be careful Out there.

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A Note from the Office

All missionaries who are expecting packages know that collecting them requires the equivalent of \$4 USD or 28 ZMW or 1700 MKW.



If you are planning on receiving any packages you will be expected to pay the amount mentioned above. If you would like to know when to expect those packages please feel free to email the tracking number to us in the office with the email at the end of the newsletter.

WHB review page 45 you should have a reserve fund that will get you quickly and safely to mission headquarters. We understand the mission headquarters translates to the Zambia Lusaka Mission Home but that is only for missionaries in the country of Zambia. For all missionaries in Malawi your mission headquarters would be to the nearest senior couple missionaries home. In case of emergency call them and coordinate with them so that they may receive you.

- The Office -



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| 4 | ELDER JENA |
| 6 | SISTER RASBAND |
| 12 | ELDER OUMA |
| 14 | ELDER MALINGA |
| 19 | ELDER STONES SR. |
| 20 | SISTER MNTUNGWA |
| 28 | ELDER SAGERS |
| 30 | ELDER NGENDABANKA |
| 31 | ELDER COLLINS, ELDER BODILY |



Welcome to the GZLM



Welcome Sister Aidoo (Ghana, Africa)!!! And its pronounced [A- do]

As Sisters in Zion



The ZLM
sisters
watching the
general
women's
broadcast of
conference ☺



Muyende Bwino



Sisters Fuamatu, Fokoto, Rakotonindriana, and Komisha have all left us and gone back home, they have served faithfully and honorably. Their spirit of fun, fight, and work will be missed. Such a positive energy in the mission field now returning back to be a positive force in their wards to continue moving this sacred work along in a different capacity. Until we meet again.

Baptisms

Please let us know in the office if on the list of baptisms you do not see someone who should be there. If it is not listed here in the newsletter we have no record of it in the office. As much as we enjoy looking at the pictures we must also hold one another accountable to keep track of these baptisms.



Want to see
yourself in the baptisms
section of the monthly newsletter? Email us
your pictures at the office at 1461788@ldschurch.org