

Missionary Reports to the High Council
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Sister Desi Miller
Santiago, Chile
3rd Ward

Chile is an amazing country. It's a long piece of land with many cities and beaches. I served in Santiago in the middle of this long piece of land. Most of the people live hand to mouth. My mom, my sister and I were all born in Chile. My parents taught us about Jesus Christ when I was growing up but I really didn't know him. Sometimes we put the gospel aside. Then later we wonder why we didn't come to enjoy it earlier. Now I know that we can enjoy it every day. We can take into our lives everything that Christ did for us.

"Lord I Will Follow Thee." I first learned how to do this on my mission. Javier was my first convert. He was a 26- year-old man with a sickness. His girl-friend was a member. He was really interested in the temple. He felt something the first time he saw a picture of it. He caught the vision of being able to be with people he loved forever.

Sometimes we were in situations we found difficult. Everyone thought Antonio was very wild. He had a drinking problem and often walked around on the streets drunk. I started talking to him. "God is the reason why I am here in the streets" he told me. But he wanted to change his life. We brought hope and were able to help him. We make a commitment at baptism but sometimes hard times continue to happen. People in Chile

work hard but often have a difficult existence. A poem entitled “After all we can do” describes how the gospel brings change. When we apply the Atonement in our own life, then help others to climb a ladder out of their sins, we are all blessed. A mission gives us purpose. We are not perfect but we can love and serve one another as we move toward perfection.

Returning Elders from left to right include **Connor Scott, Trevor Allan, Jacob Benson** and **Jairus Wouden**.



Trevor Allan

Brazil, Belo Horizonte

Ward

My mission was incredible. The people of Brazil are very loving and fun. I absolutely loved helping them learn about the gospel and enter into sacred covenants. We fasted once for a miracle. That Sunday an old investigator of ours showed up. He told us he wanted to be baptized the following week. I know with a great certainty that God lives

and he truly loves and cares for us. I know the book of Mormon is true along with the church. The Atonement of Christ is real and that this gospel is completely true.

Conner Michael Scott

SJCM

7th Ward

My mission is the greatest in the church; there is no doubt in my mind. There is no place, language, or group of missionaries I would prefer serving with than those on my mission. My mission gave me the opportunity to know a truly kind and welcoming people, a group who works hard to overcome adversity for their children. Their culture is one in which God is important and kindness is freely given. I learned a great deal from my mission experience.

How do I choose a sacred moment from my mission experience? I think the greatest example is Raul. In the six months I was in that area Raul experienced a profound change of heart. I worked harder than I have with any other person. I saw him become converted, receive a testimony and overcome trials and fears. This is a man I truly grew to love and respect.

I am not a perfect man. I do not like the person I was, but I love the man the Lord is helping me to become. It was hard, it was long, painful in ways I have never before experienced, but I have felt the refiner's fire and I am better for it. I know this gospel is true. First, because I have received a personal witness of these things; second, and more important, I have applied it in my life and have experienced change that I would never have achieved without the Lord's help. I testify of those things in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Britton Hogan

Texas Sam Antonio Mission

4th Ward

Texas is great. Pretty much a country in itself. The people are so kind. We had 150 missionaries in our mission which is small compared to the geographical size that includes S.A. Austin and the border. I had five areas including Round Rock, Bastrop, San Antonio, Llano and New Braunfels.

On my mission I was known as the doctor missionary. I was able to help some of my comps out with their struggles. I love it. I know the Atonement is real. Christ lives and he knows us. I have a loving Heavenly father who lives and has a body. The Book of Mormon Brings peace. A prophet does lead this church. Families are eternal.



Britton's Sacrament talk - Willow Creek 3rd Ward on March 17, 2019. "Choosing Christ by accessing the atonement through prayer." Miracles happen when you pray. Here are three examples from scripture: Enos prayed all day and night and was told "you sins are forgiven." The Brother of Jared was shown the importance of prayer when the Lord stood before him in a cloud and chastised him for not prayers. Christ prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. Continue to pray. You are His's child. He loves you. Prayer will bring miracles into your life.