

Missionary Reports to the High Council

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Honduras, Tegucigalpa Mission

6th Ward

The people are very faithful. They don't have much, but they value what they do have, especially the gospel. They are very willing to receive the gospel. They are direct descendants of the Lamanites and find great interest when they really understand what the Book of Mormon is and how it relates to them. Somehow, it is hard to live in Honduras, but I never met someone who didn't have hope that the future would be better. They are very loving. I have never seen so many people who love just as much as Christ did. I got to see so many miracles physical, mental, and spiritual. I loved to see how God was and is directly in every detail even to the health of the missionaries. As a nurse I saw one aside of God's love and mercy.

We were teaching the law of chastity to Marlen. She was pregnant at the time and was still trying to understand the need to get married. Her boyfriend was a recently returned home missionary and teaching them this lesson together was very special for me and my companion. They appeared to have so much guilt at first, but as we explained commandments, but most importantly repentance, forgiveness, the atonement and eternal families, their whole countenance changed. They found hope and joy renewed in the gospel. They got married and she was baptized one month later. It was the strongest I ever felt the spirit guiding my words.

I know the Book of Mormon is true. I learned that from study and prayer. Because the Book of Mormon is true Joseph Smith was divinely inspired and chosen prophet of God in the latter days. President Russell M. Nelson also is a divinely inspired prophet who leads the church today. The Priesthood has been restored. God lives and loves us! Christ lived on this earth, died for us, but most importantly lived again that we may conquer sin and return to our Father in Heaven as eternal families. We are never alone. We are children of God. There is a perfect plan for us. This is the true church and Christ has shown us the way personally. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Elder Nathaniel Anderson

Arizona Gilbert Mission

7th Ward

Greatest mission in the world! The people there are really kind and warm-hearted. Being our mission was small, the elders and sister missionaries got to see one another often. There were eighty companionships in the mission. The northern half of the mission was very business oriented. The south was easy going. You had to work a little different in each area.

We had appointments with a couple. As we taught the gospel the husband asked us why we do what we do. We said we believe in the existence of God the Father and his son Jesus Christ and that there is a plan of salvation for all of us on earth and the hereafter. That this is the gospel of Jesus Christ we believe to be true and are here to share it with all who would embrace it and come unto Christ. Then he told us of his story why he believed in God. We felt to further his understanding of the gospel we should teach the Restoration which we did. The spirit was strong, and he wept. He said I know you are servants of the Lord and will behave as best you ask. With continued teaching the couple was baptized.

I know Christ lives and is the son of God. I know this is the work of salvation and that there is no greater work. I have come to know him more in my life and that means more to me than anything. I know the difference between joy and happiness. I love him and know to follow him is the greatest decision we can make. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

Elder Jacob Nobis
Peru Lima North Mission
6th Ward

My mission showed a prepared land full of people ready to accept the gospel. It is a small mission geographically and is not very pretty, nor is there much greenery, which makes you appreciate the people even more.

You must always listen to the spirit and follow exactly what it tells you to do. One time as I was teaching a hairdresser, and by chance her cousin was present, I had the unmistakable feeling to invite the cousin to be baptized. The kid barely knew who Joseph Smith was, but he said yes and is now headed off on a mission.

I know that God has a plan for each of us though it doesn't always fit our expectations. But there will always be people experiences that change us and build us to become more like Christ. I know this is the work of the Lord, and I bare witness of Jesus Christ, amen.



Taylor Kristofer Owens
New Jersey, Morristown Mission
4th Ward

New Jersey is the most densely populated state in the United States. The whole state is run by immigrants ranging from every country around the world. During my time I served mostly with people from Latin America and even met at least one person from every country. The culture of all these different countries was incredible. I enjoyed serving among all these different people and loved learning about their culture. New Jersey really has two different parts: “the wood”, or being surrounded by millions of trees, and “the hood” where there were thousands of people in often-times rough or desperate living conditions.

One very special moment we experienced was finding a couple that would be baptized. It was a late night in the middle of winter and an appointment had just fallen through. We had walked back to the car to make some calls. However, we felt strongly to get out and knock on doors in this area. A man opened his door and we shared a brief gospel video with him and his wife. We set a return appointment and over the course of the next fifteen weeks, we taught them gospel lessons and they were baptized. The thing that I enjoyed was seeing the change made within them. They started having more love for each other and gave up a number of things and their spiritual progression after baptism blew me away.

I have a personal witness that God is our father and Jesus is the Christ. I know that the gospel of Jesus Christ will bring us peace and joy as we make an effort to live it and will lead us back to our Father in Heaven. I know that Joseph Smith was a prophet of God and Jesus Christ continues guiding his church through his prophet Russell M. Nelson. I have a witness that the Book of Mormon contains the fullness of Jesus Christ’s gospel. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.