

Draper Temple Workers – Letter from President and Sister Hansen



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Like you, we continue to bask in the spirit and revelatory messages of General Conference. Between sessions of conference, Sister Hansen and I drove to the Draper Temple, parked in front and enjoyed our lunch. To our delight, car after car pulled up with others also wanting to experience a closeness to the temple. Soon after our arrival a family with young children crossed the parking lot and walked the grounds, then we noticed a mother with her baby daughter blowing bubbles near the front gate. We were particularly struck by a young man who sat alone facing the temple, his gaze was focused and fixed, there was a brightness about him. Curious, we finally approached him to learn more about him, his name is Mattias Osthed. Perhaps some of you know him. He served 7 ½ months as a full-time missionary in Indonesia, when he was called home along with thousands of other missionaries over health concerns relating to CORVID-19. Elder Osthed wanted to be close to heaven and visited temple grounds to ponder his missionary service. He yearns for the opportunity to return to Indonesia and anxiously awaits the time when he can continue his missionary service. We were uplifted and inspired by his

love for Heavenly Father and His children. Attached is a picture of Mattias in front of the Draper Temple.

In a similar manner, like Elder Osthed, we too yearn for the opportunity to return to the service of the Lord in the Draper Temple. The gathering of Israel is the most important work on the face of the earth, yet a recent communication from the Temple Department confirmed that all temples will remain closed through the **end of May**, at which time the health and safety of patrons and workers will be reevaluated.

In the meantime, we take comfort and hope in the prophetic words of Elder David A. Bednar, *“The fundamental obligations that rest upon us as members of the Lord’s restored Church are (1) to “Hear Him!” and have our own hearts changed through covenants and ordinances and (2) to fulfill joyfully the divinely appointed responsibility to offer temple blessings to the entire human family on both sides of the veil. **With the Lord’s direction and help, indeed we will fulfill these sacred duties.**”* (emphasis added).

Along with the Olsen’s and Jorgenson’s we express our love and ongoing prayer in behalf of you and your families.

With love, The Hansen’s