

O DESAFIO

Da Missão Brasil Norte

Junho 1973



Presidente Oakes

ar Missionaries:

igion is a way of life to those who know our Heavenly Father and his son, Jesus Christ. In the Book of Mormon, the prophet Alma, asks some very important questions pertaining to the quality of such a religious life.

"And now behold, I ask of you, my brethren of the church, have ye spiritually been born of God? Have ye received his image in your countenances? Have ye experienced this mighty change in your hearts?" (Alma 5:14)

tward ordinances, obedience, and appearance are important, however, an inward change must also accompany our religion. If not, we are drawing near God with our lips alone, while our hearts are far from him. We are as tinkling cymbals and sounding brass, practicing only a form of religion without substance. Christ called these types hypocrites. I suggest we analyze well our lives, using the questions in Alma, chapter 5, as a guide line for introspection and repentance, where indicated. One day, we will stand before God and our works, attitudes, feelings, expressions and sentiments will be made manifest. What will the books show?

"I say unto you, can you imagine to yourselves that ye hear the voice of the Lord, saying unto you, in that day: Come unto me ye are blessed for behold your works have been the works of righteousness upon the face of the earth?" (Alma 5:16)

view of the mighty works performed by our forefathers, back to Adam we have a great responsibility. We have been given tremendous light and knowledge in this the dispensation of fulness of time. We have their examples, experience and mistakes to learn from. Where much is given, much is required.

"It is vain for persons to fancy to themselves, that they are heirs with those, or can be heirs with them, who have offered their all in sacrifice and by this means obtain faith in God, and favor with him, so as to obtain eternal life unless they in a like manner offer unto him the same sacrifice and through that offering, obtain the knowledge that they are accepted of him. (Joseph Smith, jr.)

ayer meditation faith and works are all instruments which lead us to the correct answers to Alma's questions and will obtain for us the knowledge referred to by Joseph Smith. We cannot vainly suppose we can

1. the Lord. He sees our works and the depths of our hearts. We will be judged on what we have done with what we have been given. We will be compared with our forefathers. Much is expected of us. Read

Book of Mormon and gain greater insight into our rights, privileges, responsibilities, and obligations then live up to our callings.

cerely,


George A. Oakes





23. Pergue, em primeiro lugar, êle vos criou e vos concedeu a vida, pelo que lhe sois devedores.

24. Em segundo lugar, êle requer que façais o que ordenou e, se o fizerdes, sereis imediatamente abençoados; portanto, vos terá pago. E vós, ainda assim, lhe sereis devedores, o sois e o sereis para sempre; portanto, de que vos vantardis?

Missionárias de Saúde

Queridos Missionários,

Os profetas no livro de Mormon eram alguns dos maiores homens que já viveram no mundo. Moroni sofreu muitas coisas durante os últimos anos da sua vida. Em Moroni 1:3 lemos "E eu, Moroni, jamais negarei a Cristo; portanto, ando errante por onde posso, a fim de salvar minha vida." Alma o jovem era um dos maiores missionários no mundo, ele sofreu muito por causa de seu testemunho. No capítulo 14 de Alma, versículos 21 a 22 diz assim: "E disseram-lhe muitas coisas semelhantes, rangendo os dentes, cuspinho em cima deles..... e assim zombaram deles durante muitos dias. E não lhes deram alimento para que padecessem fome, nem água para que ficassem sedentos." Também podemos ler sobre Nefi (I Nefi 7: 16-17) quando os irmãos de Nefi ataram-lhe com cordas porque as palavras dele foram ofensivo aos seus irmãos. Depois dos irmãos ataram-lhe; Nefi retirou o Senhor em oração, com muito fé e as cordas soltaram-se.

Todos aqueles castigos eram feitos para prejudicar o corpo físico, porque eles não negaram a Cristo. Estes homens eram fortes tanto espiritualmente como fisicamente. Eles já conseguiram a controlar o corpo físico. "Porque o homem natural é inimigo de Deus, tem-no sido desde a queda de Adão e se-lo-á para sempre, a não ser que ceda ao influxo do Espírito Santo." (Mosiah 3:19) Todos destas ocasiões Deus ajudou os homens a vencer sobre seus inimigos, nos últimos dias os homens no mundo vão perseguir os santos de novo.

Os santos têm que aprender como a controlar o corpo físico como os profetas antigos, para que os possam endurar os castigos como aqueles profetas, e para que os possam receber a ajuda de Deus.

A controlé nosso corpo temos que controlar como fazemos todas as coisas em nossa vida; sono, estuda alimenta, pensa, faz ginástica, faz prozelitos etc. ... Se conseguimos a controlar nosso corpo como os profetas antigos vamos receber as mesmas bênçoes que eles receberam.

Sister Lamborn
Sister Nay

Missionárias de Saúde

Sister Oakes

Dear Missionaries,

The Prophet Joseph Smith recorded in Documentary Church History, November 28, 1841, the following:

"I spent the day in the council with the Twelve Apostles at the house of President Young, conversing with them upon a variety of subjects. Brother Joseph Fielding was present, having been absent four years on a mission to England. I told the brethren that the Book of Mormon was the most correct of any book on earth, and the keystone of our religion, and a man would get nearer to God by abiding by its precepts, than by any other book." (Joseph Smith, Jr.)

Our purpose as missionaries is to teach the truth to the world so that we all may draw nearer to God by living by the true principles of the gospel. It is true that the greatest number of converts come through references. We want to convert family groups. Have you seen to it that your recently converted families are assisting in the conversion of their relatives and friends? Encourage them to place a Book of Mormon in the homes of all these potential members.

All member families are to be reminded of their missionary obligation. Suggest to them the possibility of placing a Book of Mormon with their doctor, dentist, meat man, door man, cleaners, flower shop, "feira" vendors, local gas station, homes of neighbors, friends and relatives. Many great members of our church have been converted by the Book of Mormon alone.

Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, was probably right when he made a statement widely quoted in Mormon circles and published in the New York Times of November 5, 1937, to the effect that of all the American religious books of the nineteenth century the Book of Mormon was probably the most powerful in its effect. "It reached," so he said, "perhaps only one percent of the people of the United States, but it affected this one percent so powerfully and lastingly that all the people of the United States have been affected, especially by its contribution to opening up one of our great frontiers"



Yes, only one percent of the people were affected... and what an effect it has been! It is up to us to STRESS placement of the Book of Mormon more than we have in the past. How many books have you placed this week? What is your goal for next week?

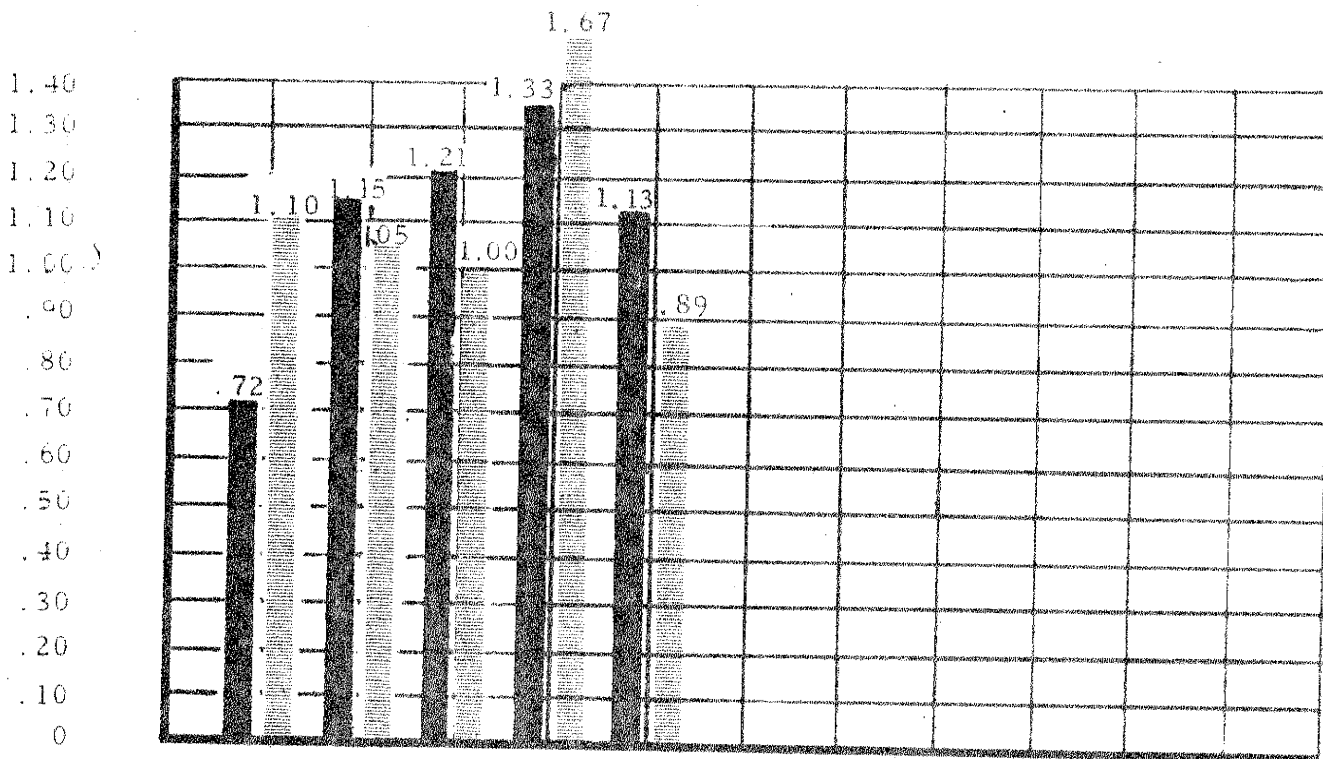
Love,

Jeannette N. Oakes

Jeannette Oakes

Batismais

Casa da Missão	5	Vitória	0
JARDIM BOTÂNICO	5	Vila Velha	0
		CAPIXABA	0
Fortaleza	5		
CEARÁ	5	QUANDO BATIZADO	
Galeão	1	Primeira Semana	13
Ramos	4	Segunda Semana	20
ILHA DO GOVERNADOR	5	Terceira Semana	44
		Quarta Semana	44
Boa Viagem	0		
Madalena	1	COMO ENCONTRADO	
Olinda	4	Referência membro	78
PERNAMBUCO	5	Porta a Porta	20
Saens Peña	3	Contato na Rua	1
Santa Teresa	0	Missionária da Estaca	5
TIJUCA	3	Referência invest.	3
		Não Relatado	11
Grajaú	0		
Vila Isabel	1	FICHAS NÃO RECEBIDO	2
Not Reported	1		
ANDARAÍ	2		



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Estadísticas Batismais

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E. Booth 63



E. Deuel 59



E. Carey 55



E. Petterson 57

HORAS MELHORES



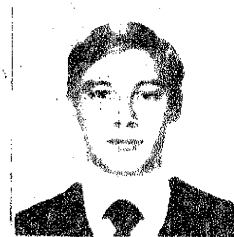
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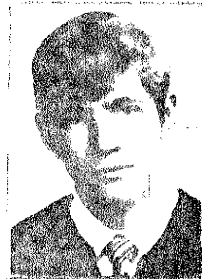
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E. Metcalf 320



E. Packard 322



E. Sargent 320

Most Reading of Jesus the Christ and Study of language done during May:

- E. Potter
- E. Taggart
- E. Underwood
- E. Wright
- E. Kreitlein



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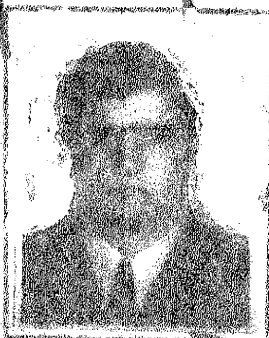
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Mulheres mais de 20	18
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Moços 12 a 20	17
Moças 12 a 20	18
<u>Total 12 a 20</u>	<u>35</u>
Meninos 8 a 12	10
Meninas 8 a 12	11
<u>Total 8 a 12</u>	<u>21</u>

FAMILIAS

Familias Completas	6
<u>No. Nas Familias Completas</u>	<u>21</u>
Familias Completadas	13
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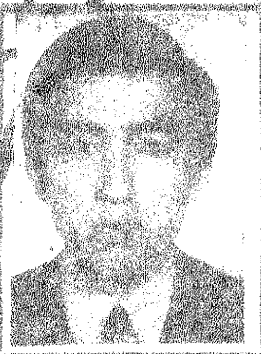
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May 20, 1973



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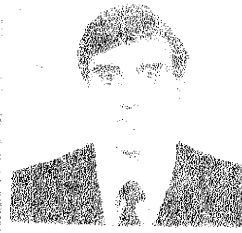


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June 19, 1973



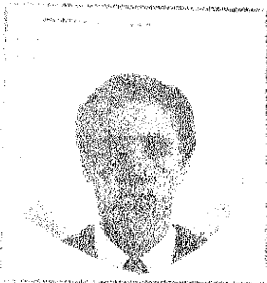
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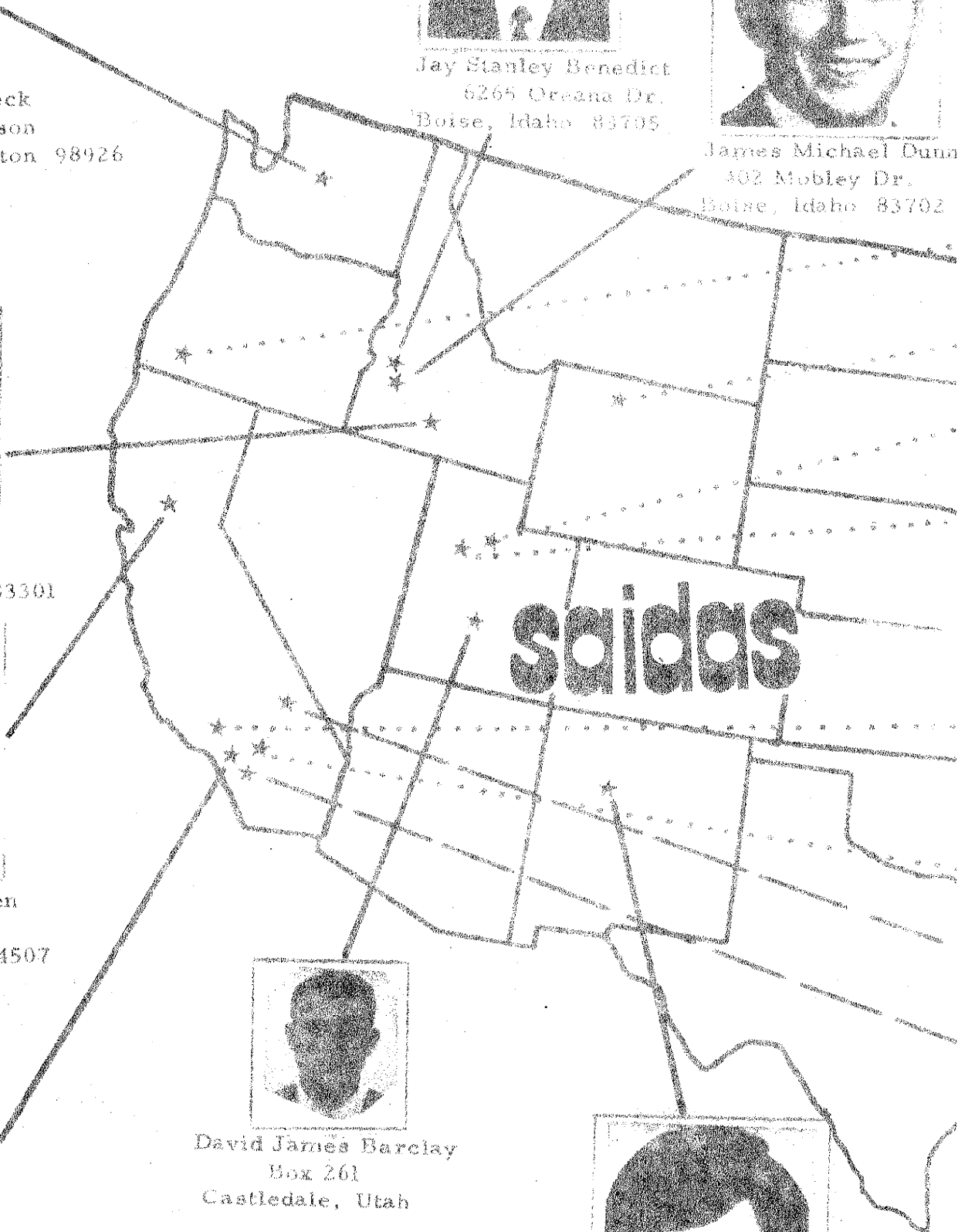
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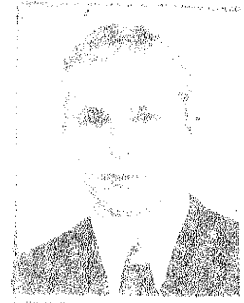


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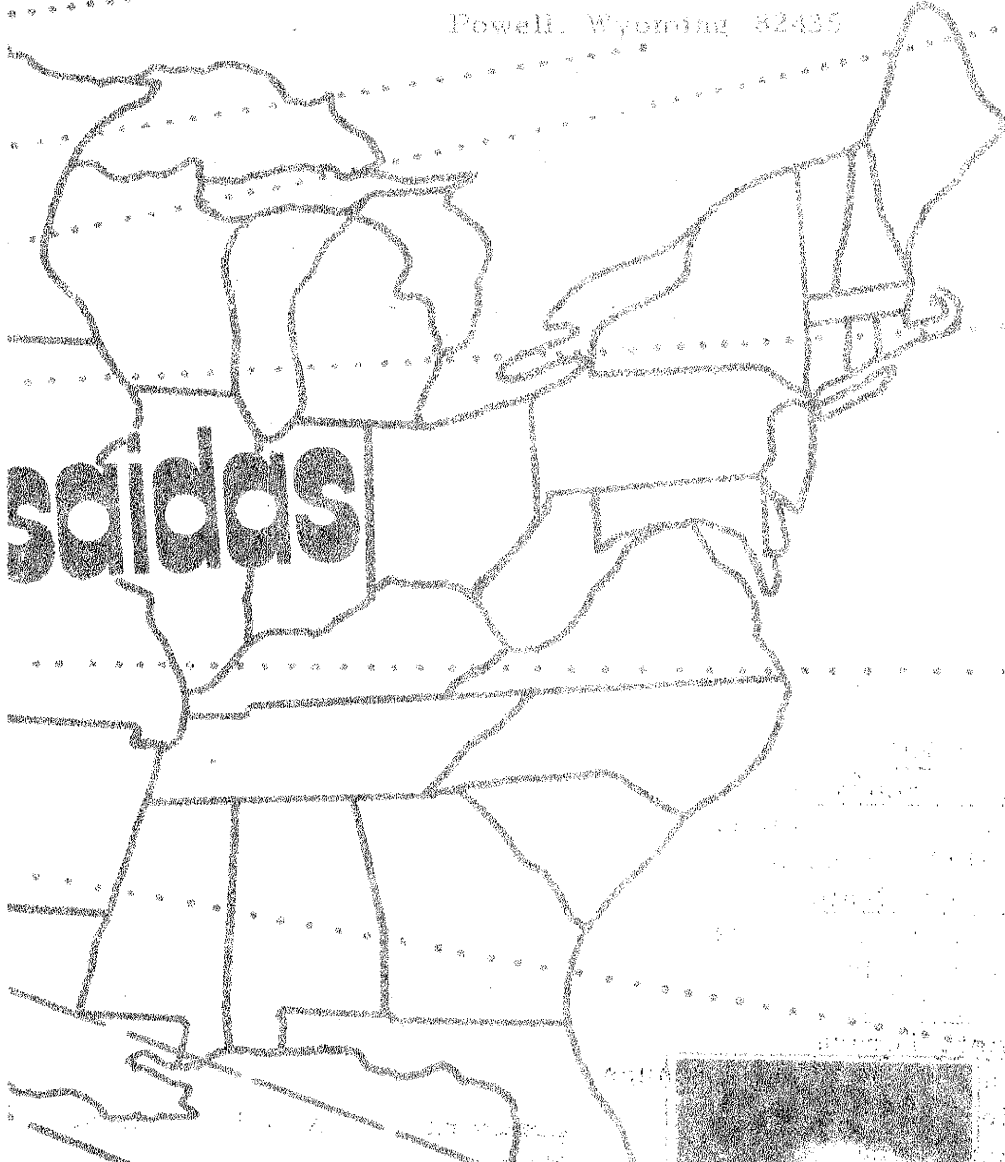


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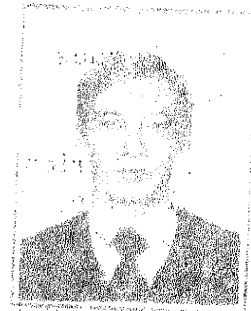
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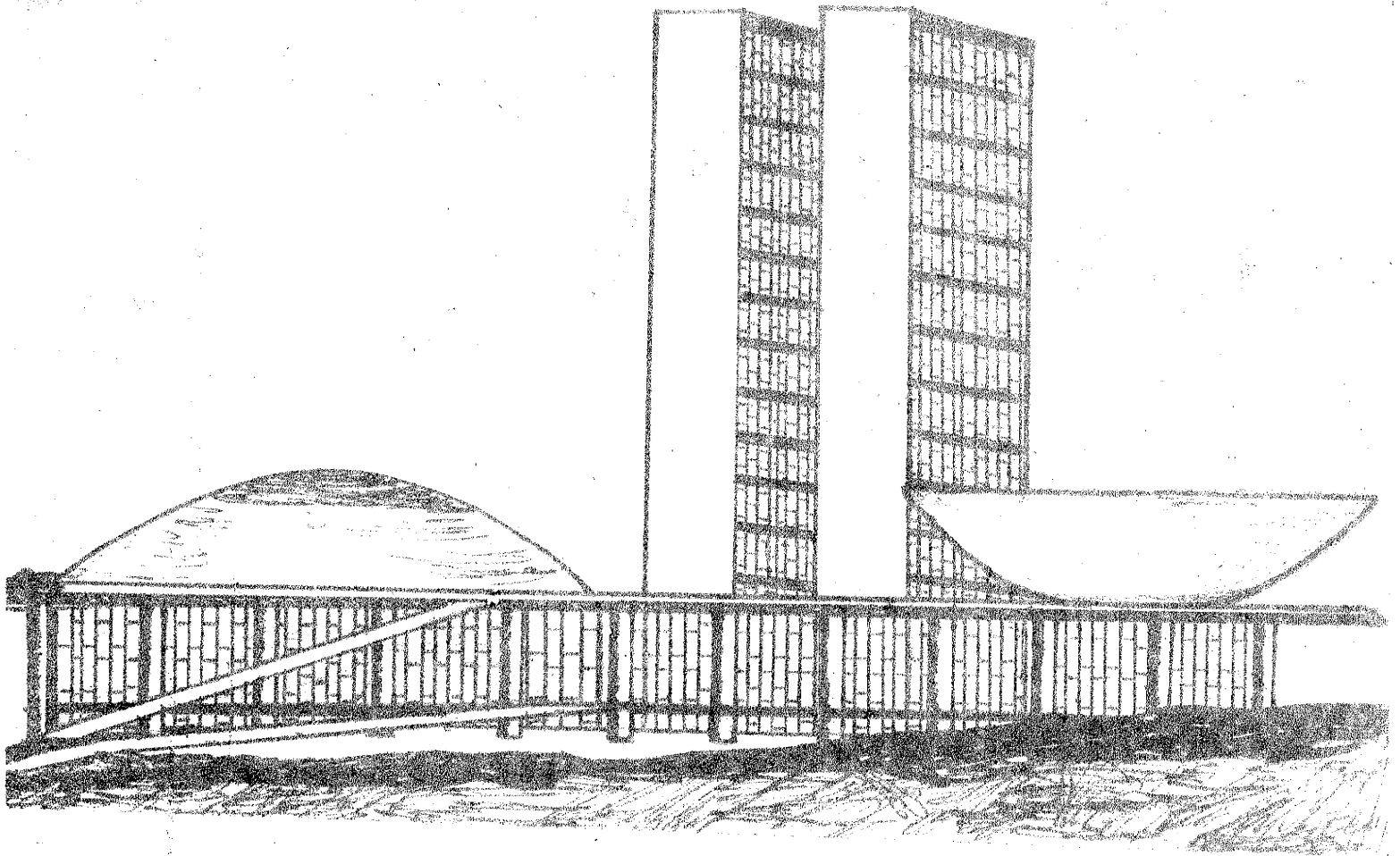


David Gary Rex
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June 5, 1973



Damon B. Edwards
309 Ranger



região I

Robinson E. - Assistente

ANDARAÍ

Vila Isabel

Enger DLZL, Reber

Fuzeto Cordeiro

Grajaú

Burlingame, Barnes

CAPIXABA

Vitória

Recksiek DL, O'Brien

Larson BP Housley

CASCADURA

Madureira

Warcup DLZL Preston

Potter, Costa

Jacarépagua

Deuel DL, Dobson

Vila Valqueire

Davis, Carey

MEIR

São Cristóvão

Booth DLZL Staub

Baird Jackman

Boca do Mato

Boswell DL Lords

Lass, Quinn

TIJUCA

Santa Teresa

Stanger DL (Lea)) Brannen

Biehl, Robinson

Saens Peña

Mendenhall DLZL, Joyner

Crismon, Nagata

funcionários

Lamborn

Nay

Bradshaw

Grimm

Keller

Barzee

Dunn

Gilgen

Hardesty

Missionárias de Saúde

Contador

Secretário

Historiador

Editor/ Comm.

Programçao

In Transit

In Transit

A Missão

Brasil

Norte

região II

Benedict-Assistente

ESTADO DO RIO

Niterói

Nielson DL, Albuquerque

São Gonçalo

Rich DLZL, Marsh

Nova Friburgo

Abraham Svedin

Volta Redonda

Lewis G.M. Dyches

ILHA DO GOVERNADOR

Galeão

Roberts Carruthers

MONTANHAS

Petrópolis

Dance DLZL, Pinguelo

Hindmarsh, Richards

Juiz de Fora

Mills, Ryan

Terresópolis

Armstrong BP, Porter

TRAJÁ

Penha

Petterson DLZL Hymas

Silva, Malhorquim

Vila Kosmos

Hayes Holley

MINAS GERAIS

Floresta

Thiriot DLZL, Chatfield

Reimchussel, Wyall

Prado

Lewis GE DL, Miller

Burton, Mácia Nóce

Belo

McGee Andrade

Sete Lagoas

Nassar, Potter

região III

DISTRITO FEDERAL

Asa Sul

Packard DLZL, Grahl

Asa Norte

Tresnak, Warner

Taguatinga

Wangemann, Mecham

Maughn, Underwood

GOÍAS

Goiânia

Dixon DLZL, Christiansen

Anapolis

Phelps, Simon

PARAÍBA

João Pessoa

Taggart DLZL, Kreitlein

Sherman, Hafen

Campina Grande

Amato, Rishton

CEARÁ

Fortaleza

Metcalf, Sargent

PERNAMBUCO

Madalena

Wood DLZL, Wilson

Clarke, Moyer

Olinda

Arnold Neville

Boa Viagem

Hortin DL, Wright

(In Transit) Wager

Carta Ao Presidente

Dear President Oakes,

I think this has been the week I've been most obedient and progressed spiritually, but we just couldn't get to teaching. I've really been repenting but I don't know what to do.

Sister Burton twisted her ankle very badly wed. afternoon. She took X-rays and found nothing broken. However, the doctor told her to stay off it for 15 days. Well, you know Sister Burton. No way she'd stay down for 15 days. Thursday morning E. Chatfield and I gave her a blessing. Instead of righteousness flowing out from us, as Christ said, with Sister Burton it seemed as though the power was coming back to us. She is really something. She went out and worked that day as normal. Friday the swelling was mostly gone and last night when I saw her, her ankle was completely normal. She has much faith. And there is power in the priesthood.

Elder Scott Farnsworth

Dear President Oakes,

Just want to share with you my testimony of the power of the priesthood. Wednesday afternoon on the way to the street meeting I sprained my ankle and dislocated it. The radiologist told me I had a bone out of place slightly and should stay off of it for 2 weeks- No way was I about to stay down for two of my last four weeks- but Wednesday night it was in pretty bad shape- very swollen and painful. That night I told the Lord I wanted to do his work and that I needed the power of the Priesthood to heal and strengthen my ankle. I felt good as I prayed- and Thursday morning Elder Farnsworth blessed me with the promise that I'd be able to do the work and feel no pain. Thursday we worked 13 hours- and by Friday- I'd already gotten back into my heeled shoes with no bandage. I know God lives- and that he'll give us everything that is for our good when we ask in faith. I'm so very grateful also- that the B.N.M. Elders live in such a way that they can use that sacred power to bless our Father's children and to forward his work.

I love you President,

Sister Burton

President Oakes,

This month the Lord has really blessed Nova Friburgo. Our figures aren't very good, except for baptisms. We have a lot to do in the branch and visiting members so we don't get time to go out and tract and do stuff like that. The only lessons we teach therefore are off member references. And thus far our references have been highly efficient. We baptize nearly every reference we get. I hope it can continue that way. I feel very privileged in being here. I feel the Lord has blessed me much more than I really deserve. But I'm glad to see this ramo grow. Thanks for everything ...

Elder Svedin



Dear Pres:

Dear President Oakes,

This month has been a really special experience. Not only was this month one of the best as far as baptisms go but we have also grown in many other ways. This program of praying more really helps. Our baptisms this month were all relatives of a member that was baptized 6 years ago. When we asked her if she had any relatives that we could teach she thought they were all to tough. Anyway the Elders had already been there. We taught them anyway and received great satisfaction when we baptized them. The husband was a heavy drinker. In fact the day we went there to teach the second lesson he was so drunk we couldn't teach him. We got him to sign a paper saying he'd never drink again and it worked. He never has gone drinking since. The happiness that it has brought to his family is unmeasurable. Seeing this happiness is reward enough for anybody. Thanks for your help and guidance here in the Mission. We love you and You're always in our prayers.

Sincerely,
Elder Hortin

P.S. Many times members have references and don't know it.

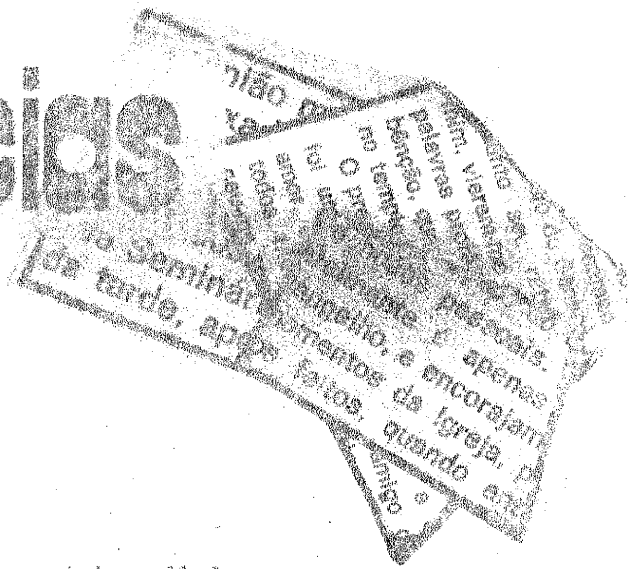
Dear President Oakes,

I was on one of the "little Nordeste buses. My 6'4" frame bent over at better than a 90° angle due to the prodigious space offered, the light was 1/2 an inch from my eye. I was quite sticky from the wonderful shower I'd so joyously just been through and the, filled to capacity bus was full of people poking and pushing, and 90% of the passengers were starring at the 6'4" bent over wet clown in the white shirt. Finding an escape from these types of wonderful situations I regressed to my mind where I asked myself a question-would I rather be here-or- in a state-side mission, stretched out in the front seat of my Plymouth Duster, cruising down the road with the tape player going with the latest Chicago hit. My new foster grant shades on, and our destination-who knows. Although some might laugh or snicker-I really strongly was grateful for that type of experience-things that you just don't get to experience in everyday life.

I love this mission. I'm thankful the Lord is patient enough to put up with me in my depressed moments. I'm flying at 30,000 feet.

feelin' great
Elder Moyer

Memos / Notícias



Dear Elders,

I would like to congratulate you and thank you for a job well done. As of June 4, there were only 3 recommends missing. I attribute this to your sincere concern that these peoples' names be recorded in the book of life. I so want to encourage you to continue sending the recommends immediately after each baptism, not waiting until the end of the month. As soon as the district histories are caught up to date, I assume that we will forever be known as the only mission which is completely up to date in all things. I encourage you to exert yourselves with respect to the district histories as you are doing with the recommends to continue a pace setting follow-through.

Elder Merle Keller

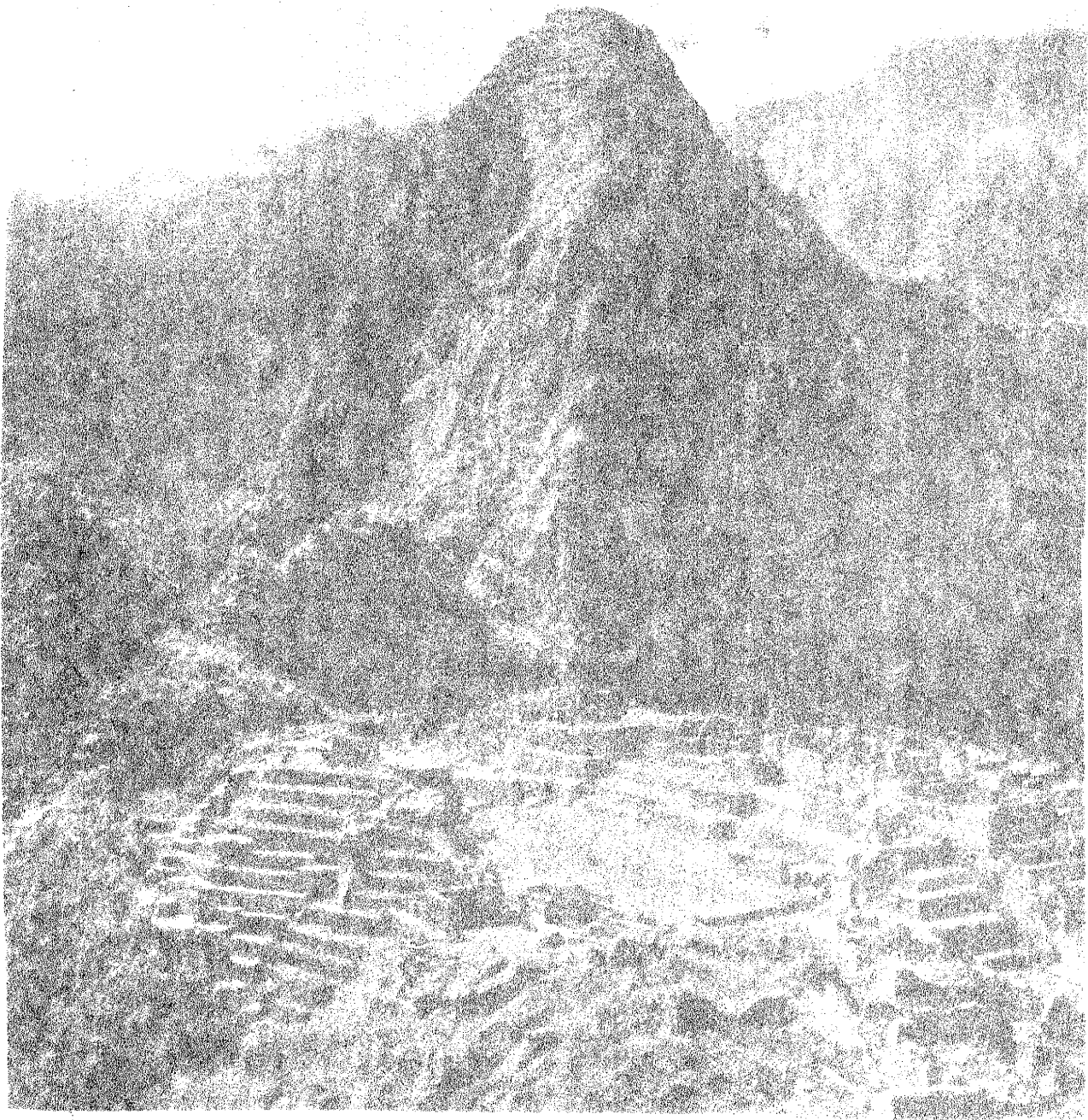
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Dear Elders and Sisters,

I would just like to remind those of you who have debts to the mission to make sure these debts are paid as quickly as possible. An individual "aviso de débito" will be sent periodically to those who owe and if you are in question as to whether you owe the mission please let me know by mail. Also, please make sure that all checks you write are good checks. Make sure that your home town banks recognize your signature. Have your parents or your bank send you each month a copy of your bank statement so you will always know how much you have deposited in your account. Brethren, it is important that we stop bouncing checks. In this way we may evade having to pay a cashing charge at the bank.

Sincerely,

Elder Bradshaw





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