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Brother's Keeper:

The Comings and Goings of the Pacific Northwest

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2014 Pacific Northwest Reunion

By Brother Brian Herren

"For we are laborers together with God..." - I Corinthians 3:9

The Lord has richly blessed the Saints of the Northwest and we look forward to His continued provision as we plan for reunion, August 11-17, 2014. Let us continue to uphold the work and ministry in prayer, giving our every effort, attendance, and support for the fellowship and union which will find God glorified and men humble. This year, Regional resources will be used to bring Patriarch Vernon Darling to the Northwest as guest ministry. His service will include the offering of patriarchal blessings (see the January, 2014 issue of *Brother's Keeper* for more information about patriarchal blessings). High Priest Paul Gage and Elder Doug Smith have also been invited to give missionary presentations and updates from around the world each afternoon. Elder Doug and Sister Judi Smith, High Priest Paul Gage, Priest Stuart and Sister Milee Gage, Elder Tom Mitchell and his family, and Jazmyn and Gable Galusha plan to join us from the Center Place. With the exception of Brother Darling, those Saints from other parts of the country are attending at their own expense. It is an honor and privilege to receive our brothers and sisters in fellowship, and a witness of the growing unity within Christ's fold that they have a desire to travel such lengths to be here. Those joining us from more distant places are being provided tents, motor homes, etc. so that they can stay on the reunion grounds full time. In the hope of informing every interested party, the reunion schedule is provided here. It is also available online, along with all regional registration forms and event schedules, at restoredchurchofchrist.com. Every effort was made in the Spirit, when scheduling, to honor the ministry called and authorized of God within the local branches. The services were organized to provide for those elements fundamental to our collective worship, as identified in the scriptures: preaching, teaching, prayer, fasting, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Opinions are sure to be several, some suggesting the length of one item to be too long, while others suggest the length of the same item to be too short. As much as it lay within us, let us put on the bonds of charity, permitting the surrender of self will for the acceptance of God's grace, trusting our days to the Lord and redeeming each hour with care. Let us unite as one body and forsake that which divides. The Saints are encouraged, as much as it is possible, to stay on the reunion grounds and minimize transit between reunion and those worldly influences unavoidable upon departure. We might also consider other ways to minimize the intrusion of worldly influences, such as refraining from the use of cell phones, televisions, and unedifying music, etc. Those given more wholly to communion in the Holy Spirit will find the opportunity one of rich promise and reward. A few suggestions that have been made by priesthood members may also help organize our thoughts and prepare our hearts to worship in simplicity, giving way to the Spirit, and bringing forth sacrifices acceptable to the Lord. Not discounting the promptings of the Holy Spirit or suggesting any action aversive to His guidance, the following might prove beneficial:

- ◆ During prayer services, we might be considerate of others, not making our prayers unnecessarily long or repetitious. To be free of offense, wisdom will direct our course, leaving behind the portions which weary the Lord and offend our brother.
- ◆ When sharing testimonies, we might take care to avoid self-promotion, preaching, teaching, or story-telling. Our testimonies are most fruitful when they bring honor and glory to God in the highest. They needn't be complicated or eloquent, but the whole flock is blessed when God is magnified. There will be time set apart for teaching and preaching, which time is delivered to those commended of the Spirit to the same.
- ◆ Let us do our very best to attend each service, standing promptly, giving our all, extending every effort in hospitality, and humbling ourselves in spirit. May the Lord be pleased in our most earnest efforts. I can hardly wait to see each of you there!

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2014 Pacific Northwest Reunion

August 11-17, 2014, Vancouver, WA

Regional Theme:

“For We Are Laborers Together With God...”
– I Corinthians 3:9

Monday, August 11

7:00 Preaching Service
Afterward Refreshments and Fellowship, campfire, bed time bible stories for the younger youth (in the sanctuary)

Tuesday - Saturday, August 12 - August 16

7:30 - 8:00 Priesthood Meeting
8:00 - 8:45 Breakfast
8:45 - 8:50 BREAK
8:50 - 9:20 Morning Worship and Song Service: under the leadership of the Aaronic Priesthood: Priest Ed Mason taking oversight and care
9:20 - 10:20 Prayer and Testimony Service
10:20 - 10:30 BREAK
10:30 Class
12:00 Lunch
1:00 - 3:00 Recreation / Rest / Preparation / Patriarchal Blessings
3:15 - 5:15 Missionary Presentations from Australia, the Philippines, Africa, Nepal, and India - High Priest Paul Gage, Elder Doug Smith, Elder Brian Herren, (except on Saturday: Gifts and Talents to Honor the Lord)
5:30 - 6:30 Dinner
6:45 Music
7:00 Preaching Service
Afterward Campfire (bed time bible stories will be available for the younger youth in the sanctuary at this time)

Sunday, August 17

8:00 - 8:50	Breakfast	9:15 - 10:45	Prayer and Communion Service
9:00 - 9:15	Song Service	11:00	Preaching Service

Prayer and Testimony Services

	<i>In Charge</i>	<i>Assisting</i>
Tuesday	Elder G. Livingston	Priest J. Rew
Wednesday	Patriarch V. Darling	Priest E. Mason
Thursday	Elder M. Arndt	Priest D. Ethridge
Friday	Patriarch V. Darling	Deacon D. Mason
Saturday	Elder G. Vaughn	Elder G. Buckbee
Sunday	High Priest B. Curtis	Elder W. Moreland

Classes

Tuesday	Elder B. Herren
Wednesday	Elder G. Livingston
Thursday	Elder M. Esquivel
Friday	Elder M. Arndt
Saturday	Elder B. Moreland

Preaching Services

	<i>Preaching</i>	<i>In Charge</i>	<i>Assisting</i>
Monday	Elder W. Moreland	Elder B. Herren	Deacon D. Mason
Tuesday	Elder M. Terry	Elder M. Arndt	Priest J. Rew
Wednesday	Elder G. Livingston	Elder G. Vaughn	Elder G. Buckbee
Thursday	High Priest B. Curtis	Elder M. Terry	Teacher K. Herren
Friday	Elder G. Jones	Elder B. Moreland	Priest Derek Ethridge
Saturday	Elder B. Herren	Elder W. Moreland	Priest J. Clark
Sunday	Patriarch V. Darling	Elder B. Herren	High Priest B. Curtis, Elder G. Vaughn and Elder J. Jones

Welcome Brothers

Biographical sketches of several planning to attend the 2014 Pacific Northwest Reunion from afar



Sister Margie and Brother Vernon Darling

Patriarch Vernon Darling

I was born in North Dakota, in 1934. Until I was 8 years old my family lived on my grandfather's homestead. We moved to Independence, Missouri in 1942. I don't remember going to church in North Dakota, but my grandmother taught me about Zion and I knew that Independence was where Zion was going to be. I graduated from high school in Independence and then went to Graceland college for two years (It was a two year school then). I was married the summer of 1954 and joined the army a few months after that. During my time in the military, my first two boys were born in France. I worked in construction for two years, then I went to work at Armco Steel and served a five year apprenticeship in electronic repair. I worked for Armco until I retired in 1991. Since my retirement, I have

continued to work in construction projects as project manager for two churches and two houses. I have also built cabinets and other wood working projects. I have stopped doing these things because of my age. My first wife and I were married for forty years and she passed away in March of 1995. We had four children together. While they were growing up we used to sing together as a family in the various churches where I was asked to provide ministry. This way we brought ministry as a family wherever we went. After my wife passed away I found I was terribly lonely. I asked the Lord if I could meet someone to be my wife because I found I needed a helpmate. He brought Margie into my life and she has been there for me and with me for the past eighteen years. This time in my life has gone so quickly. I am completely amazed. Together we have six children, sixteen grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren. My spiritual life really began with my grandmothers teaching me from the children's magazine, *Zion's Hope* and her reading bible stories to me. I was a boy scout, (Eagle) and in the 4-H as a youth. I was ordained a deacon when I was 17. While my family and I were in France we had the communion only once. I found out just how much I missed my church family and corporate worship during that time. When we came home, I threw myself into my duties as a deacon and I discovered just how rewarding that can be. I was ordained a priest in 1960, which was an office I cherished. I was ordained an elder in 1968, and a high priest 1980. During those years I was engaged in administrative duties as pastor or counselor. I was called to be a Patriarch-Evangelist in 1987. This is a totally different kind of ministry and I feel as if I am still learning. In many ways it has been most rewarding and fulfilling. I have traveled from Maine to Vancouver, Texas to Florida and many other states. It has been my privilege to go to Israel, Honduras, and three times to Australia, where I provided ministry.

High Priest Paul Gage

Paul Gage was born December 27, 1940 in Porum, Oklahoma. He spent most of his life in and around the area of Tulsa, Oklahoma. He graduated from Graceland College in 1965 and later received his Master's degree in Educational Administration from Northeastern State University in Talequah, Oklahoma. He was married for over 40 years to his wife Sharon. Never was there a better example of a loving husband which was made even more evident during the last 6 months of Sharon's life when in September of 2010, she lost her 6 month battle with cancer. He was with her from the moment she got sick until she drew her last breath. He was also father to 2 sons, Ronald and Stuart who both serve in the office of priest, in the Restoration.

Paul served as an elementary teacher and principal for 28 years before retiring and gathering to the "Centerplace" in 1993. He then served as an administrator at Center Place Restoration School for nearly 9 years. He was first ordained to the office of deacon in 1959 and has also served as a priest, elder and currently as a high priest. He has been a pastor, youth leader, camp and reunion director and has held various different roles in the Conference of Restoration Elders. He spent a month with Sharon, bringing ministry to the saints of Australia in 2007 and has stayed very busy working with the Coordinating Council of Elders and the Publication Committee.



Brother Paul Gage

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Since Sharon passed, he has brought ministry to many restoration branches throughout the country as well as many different reunions. He has also taken ministry to saints in Canada, the Phillipines and a 2nd trip to Australia with Patriarch Vernon Darling. He has devoted his life to serving his family and most importantly his Lord and Savior and will continue to do so until Zion is redeemed or the Lord calls him home.

Elder Doug Smith



**Brother Doug
Smith**

Doug Smith was born in Hilo Hawaii, where his parents, Seventy Delbert and Mildred Smith, were assigned at the time. As the son of a missionary, he had many homes, including Lamoni, Iowa, West-laco, Texas, Independence, Missouri, and Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. While in Canada, he became incapacitated with rheumatoid arthritis, but experienced a remarkable healing. He attended Graceland College (now University) in Lamoni, Iowa for his undergraduate degree. For two summers, he traveled with a singing group, the Graceland Ramblers. He also spent one semester at Tel Aviv University in Israel. He earned a Master Degree in Nutrition from the University of Missouri at Columbia, and was accepted to medical school at Washington University in St. Louis where he obtained his MD. He joined the navy to help pay for his medical school, and served as a Navy Doctor in Adak, Alaska, and Barstow, California. He married Judi Gaucher, of Maysville, Missouri. They have four children, Brett, Lauren, Natalie, and Brian, and one granddaughter, Sydney. Doug and Judi and their family have participated in many missionary endeavors across the globe.

They lived in Australia for a year and a half, and in Nairobi, Kenya for nine months. In addition, Doug and various members of his family have been on missionary trips to Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, DRC (Congo), and the Phillipines.



Sister Judi Smith

Reunion Classes

2014 Pacific Northwest Regional Reunion

“For we are laborers together with God...”
- I Corinthians 3:9

...with eyes single to His glory
(Tuesday: Elder Brian Herren)

...stripped of our pride
(Wednesday: Elder Gary Livingston)

...with a perfect brightness of hope
(Thursday: Elder Mike Esquivel)

...committed to His cause
(Friday: Elder Mitch Arndt)

...grounded and settled in the faith
(Saturday: Elder Brian Moreland)

2014 Regional Women's Retreat

By Sister Shari Mason

The lodge at Menuca, located in Corbet, OR overlooking the Columbia river was filled with sisterly love and a readiness to serve as we gathered together on Friday evening. The Holy Spirit was in abundance for those who took part in this a memorable weekend of worship, devotion, study, sharing, healing and love. Among us were over 30 women, a few teens, two little sweet babes and two priesthood members.

After a wonderful dinner, we played a mixer that was prepared by Sister Suzy Herren and Elder Brian Herren. Sister Suzy had sent out a request before the retreat for the ladies to write what the new year's theme, taken from **I Corinthians 3:9, “For we are laborers together with God....”** meant to them. She asked us to send it to her along with a current picture for use during the retreat. Brother Brian put our thoughts in a power point game of “Guess who wrote this thought?”. After a few guesses, or the correct guess, he added a picture of the person. It was a fun way to have a deeper understanding of



Sister Shari Mason

what we all feel laboring together with God means to us. Sister Korin Mason stated “I enjoyed this mixer because since we already know each other pretty good, it helped us understand each other more deeply. It started our weekend off right, a great way to have the Spirit there with us from the beginning”. The mixer was follow by a short break, then a special prayer service.

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2014 Regional Women's Retreat

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Sister Cessaries led us in Song each morning before breakfast. It is such a lovely experience to hear the ladies singing their praises to God in beautiful harmony.

After a big breakfast, the Puyallup ladies shared the worship they prepared, which set the Spirit high for our first session. Sister Suzy led us in a class she titled "Seven ways we might become better laborers with God by the year's end." She had asked a few women to talk about this from a certain perspective, such as a teen, marriage, laboring as a family, after the children are grown, We were to offer suggestions and ask for discussion on it. We all came home with many ideas of how we can individually, as a family, as a church member and as a citizen, labor together with God. Sister Judy McMillan asked for me to be sure and include the idea of coming together weekly as a family (even when the children are grown and you have grandkids) to share a meal, visit and have bible study. This could be any study that would bond the family closer in God's truths and love.

Elder Brian gave an excellent power point class using the theme. I asked Sister Chris Ornelia (my sister) to share something that was very meaningful to her during the retreat. She shared how much she loved the many good scripture references so that she could look back on them and that she took note on some good "food for thought". Examples: "God is not our equal, He is OUR EXAMPLE!". Romans 12 1-5 and Ephesians 4 2:23-28. "If God is a God of works that never end, and men are created in His image, then men will find fulfillment in righteous work." "Men must exercise their own faculties, anxiously engaging themselves in the work if they are to be wise servants. D/C 58 6c-d Remember if we labor for good, we will never labor alone. We labor alongside each other, the Lord, the Angels..... Rev. 19:10 I am thy fellow servant and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus.

Another good thought Brian shared was that many of us think "I would work with God gladly if He would only tell me exactly what it is that I must do". Perhaps He may have already told us! Like when a parent asks their child to clean their room. They go to clean it, but see a toy they haven't played with for a while and start playing. After a while they forgot why they were sent to their room. Or when a child asks the parent if they can go outside and play. The parent may answer yes, but after you get yourself ready. The child leaves, then runs back and asks what they need to do, "get dressed, brush your teeth, put your shoes on....." After each step they run back and ask "can I go outside now"? Many times children need one step at a time or they forget what they were asked to do. Are we no different with our Heavenly Father?

We ask for a specific need and we don't see it answered how we expect. He is answering our request, but he might be saying "First you must do step one (go through this trial), then step two (grow in faith) and as part of the answer. We must remember that His way is always best.

Lunch was served before we knew it! Once filled with good food again, we gathered to be filled with worship by singing our praises to God. Following our singing was our next class, taught by Elder Mike Terry. Sister Kay Campbell shared some of the scriptures that were meaningful to her: D&C 128: 8 b-c, 1 Cor 3:9, Dut. 6:5 Thou shall love the Lord... John 15 11-17 love one another. Matt 5:16-18 don't hide your light.... Matt 7 25-33 Ye shall know them by their fruits..... D&C 94:2 e-g ...much precious fruit. Mosiah 1 48-49 learn wisdom, when you're in the service of your fellow being, you are in the service of your God. She also enjoyed hearing the many attributes we need to serve the Lord, such as: discipline, faith, loving, compassionate, submissive, that we are to do all things with love. We can show love by sending Birthday cards and get well cards. Another thought Mike presented was this question: How can we Spring Clean our lives?

Sisters Dianna Clark and Sharon Trammell taught us a new craft. We were able to choose from many glass items to "etch" using decals of different kinds to decorate the glass object. Sister Chris etched a nice casserole dish to take to potlucks both at her work and at church. Sisters Rachel and Shari Mason each etched a beautiful flower vase that they filled with yellow flowers when they got to their homes.

The sisters from Vancouver shared their worship after dinner including song, testimony, poems, prayer and thoughts. Sister Chris read a couple songs, one of which is a favorite by Brandon Heath "Give me your eyes". I love this song because it

reveals an open heart, ready to see the world how God sees it. A person who desires to love others as God loves, not only in word and prayer, but in action, led by the Holy Spirit.



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Saturday evening we shared our gifts and talents with each other, giving God the Glory and Praise for blessing us with these gifts of talent to use for His purpose. We were blessed with lovely songs, beautiful music, spirit filled poems, and saw wonderful crafts of stitch work, needle work, and a scrapbook.

Sleep came easier Saturday night for we were all exhausted by the events of the day and the late hour many of us kept while visiting with each other.

The Salem ladies shared the worship they prepared after our early morning song service and breakfast Sunday morning. This was followed by our last service. While sitting in a very large circle, we listened to Elder Mike Terry share some words our Good Lord led him to share. We sang our praises, prayed and testified as the Spirit directed. We also partook of communion together. Sister Tanna Click shared something important to her: "During our last service Elder Brian stated that if you ask, He will send you! I was struck by that and am now always sure to take a moment to ask that I will be led to the work that is at hand for the day. I am aware of our regular work of setting an example and bearing witness, however I don't want to miss any task He has for me!"

Sister Jan Esquivel shared with me how she noticed the women growing closer to each other and many of the women have been working hard to make their homes Zion.

Sister Susan Ames also commented on how close our women have become since she first started coming. She also stated she wasn't feeling well before the retreat, but after seeing the women when she first arrived all of her sickness left. She felt love and excitement to be there. "I love leaving the world behind and just take in all the experiences, love and good feelings with everyone. Sunday's circle was the best for me because I was so touched by the beauty of how caring and loving the women are for each other. Having the teens there brought me great joy, for they are the future of the church."

Yes, our youth are the future and having them partake in the women's and men's retreats not only bless them, but by sharing in fellowship like this, we keeping the unity and growth of the Church.

The setting was beautiful, once again. Many of us took quick opportunities for short walks, which made special times for visiting with each other one on one, or in small groups. I'm so thankful for these opportunities to gather as handmaidens of the Lord.



A Beloved Brother Passes to His Reward

Information supplied by Sister Jan Esquivel

Arnold Rhoads, a faithful servant of the Lord, passed to His reward on January 20, 2014. He was blessed to have celebrated his 100th birthday with family and friends on December 7, 2013. Brother Rhoads was a father, grandfather, World war II Captain in the European theater, carpenter, and guiding light for all who knew him. He was protected by God during World war II, as reflected in the following testimonies: At the start of World War II, Arnold was told by his pastor, "You will be away from the Church for awhile, but you will return". He had a deep sense of peace. One of several incidents where the hand of God protected Arnold occurred during his initial physical. In line, going from station to station, he saw trouble ahead: "color-blind vision assessment". He knew color blind soldiers were never made officers. Just as it was his turn for the assessment, one of the medical staff started playing a practical joke on his assistant, and after the laughter, Arnold, heart racing, was waved right on through. He was protected yet again as the US forces prepared for D-Day. He was transferred into a different battalion who were to operate artillery. A particular part for the guns was on back order, so his training and deployment were delayed. D-Day began without him. Of his original company who stormed the beaches in France, there were no survivors. Time and again, God's hand rested over him and spared him. Ultimately, Brother Arnold returned to the US safely, where he served many years as the presiding elder near Yakima, Washington. The reasons why Arnold was spared became obvious in the fruit of his labor, until such a time as God permitted his return home this year. He will not be forgotten.

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A Beloved Brother Passes to His Reward

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Arnold Ervin Rhoads "graduated" to be with his Lord on January 20, 2014 in the quiet peace of his home at the Ponderosa. He was born in Seattle one hundred years ago on December 5, 1913 to Ellen and Josiah Rhoads. After graduating from Lincoln High in 1931 he began to work delivering ice to help his mother support the family during the Great Depression. In 1941 Arnold was drafted, but allowed two months before enlistment to finish his first home and marry the love of his life, Earlita Emslie. During the war he was a supply officer, a captain, providing supplies during the Normandy invasion and on into Germany. After the war Arnold and Earlita raised their children, two daughters and two sons. He often told people "they never had an argument." They moved from Seattle to Moses Lake in 1954 and he worked as a carpenter building homes, offices, hospitals, dams, bridges, and missile silos during the Cold War. As they neared retirement, they began to build a rental business which he maintained until 2008 when he left Moses Lake to live closer to family in Yakima. They were featured in the Moses Lake Herald as "the Rhoads of Love."

Arnold was a spiritual man. He served as a priest and an elder in the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Seattle and served as pastor and pillar of the congregation in Moses Lake for many years. He was dedicated to the Lord and served Him, keeping his covenant all his days. He had many spiritual experiences; his most recent assured him the Lord had prepared a special place for him in His Eternal Rest.

Arnold enjoyed his garden and often was found tinkering in his garage trying to fix anything that had a useful purpose. He also played the accordion in his youth, and later entertained family on the piano and organ playing "old time favorites" and hymns.

Arnold was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Earlita Emslie Rhoads, and his parents, two sisters, Nettie Olds, and Viola Weeks, one brother, Russel Rhoads; and one grandson, Jose Mateo Esquivel. Surviving and left to honor him are two daughters, Janet Esquivel (Zillah, WA) and Marilee McCrath (Kansas City, MO), and two sons, Bill Rhoads (Sibley, MO) and David Rhoads (Chinook, WA); ten grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren. Now he has been greeted by the loving arms of his wife and mother, and is at rest in the glory of the Lord. He will be missed.

Regional Missionary Fund

A Valuable Work in the World

At the 2013 Fall Conference, a motion was passed to create a Northwest Regional Missionary Fund to assist in spreading the Gospel and promoting God's work beyond the Pacific Northwest. The fund is kept separate from the regional general fund, and is only supplied by those offerings specifically marked for this particular end. A missionary board comprised of one representative from each organized branch serves to oversee the distributions. Any person can write to the board and request funding for any particular missionary effort, but only those efforts receiving a 2/3 affirmative vote from the board will be financed. Those serving on the missionary board at present are Elder Wray Moreland of Vancouver, Elder Gary Jones of Puyallup, and Priest Jim Clark of Salem.



Recently, the board reviewed and approved two petitions for missionary funding. The petitions were as follows:

- 1) Copies of the Compendium of the Scriptures to be sent with the next available missionaries to East Africa, not to exceed \$250 in purchase or 90 pounds in shipping weight. To be distributed to the native priesthood.
- 2) \$200 to be dedicated to assist in the second printing of the Book of Mormon in Nepalese.

The regional missionary fund provides an opportunity for the Saints of the Northwest to pool their financial resources and assist the work of the Lord around the world. There may be some who would like to help in Africa, Nepal, the Philippines, Honduras, Australia, etc. but do not have the ability to travel or the specific contacts necessary to ensure that their contribution is used in an effective, productive way. This new fund provides an instrument to ensure that our collective efforts are used wisely, in the right place, and through the most advantageous means. There is proper oversight, with each branch participating, and it gives us one more way to unite our works as a people preparing to be one in Zion. It is important to respect individual branch sovereignty, but we are also blessed as we do more things together, as one body, of one heart, and one mind.

If you would like to contribute to the regional missionary fund, please be sure that the memo line of your check clearly indicates your intent, and send your check to Brother Jim Clark, Regional Treasurer at 4577 Sunflower Way NE, Salem, OR, 97305.

Note: The aforementioned expenditures are the only use of the regional missionary fund to date.

Youth Camp 2014 Information

For we are laborers together with God... 1 Corinthians 3:9

When: June 28 - July 3, 2014

Location: Lewis River Campground

Cost: \$175 (Please make checks out to the Northwest Region of Restoration Congregations or simply NWRRC.) If you need assistance with this fee, please see your local youth leader or pastor.

Registration Deadline: June 10, 2014

In order for the proper preparations to be made, please do the following:

- 1) Notify Brother Kevin Herren of your intent to attend the camp as soon as possible. Also, please verify your age, the grade in school you will enter next year, and your T-shirt size. Kevin Herren: pxkevinherren@gmail.com or (503) 562-9384.
- 2) Make sure your registration form is completed including emergency contact, insurance information, medications, etc. Bring it, and the \$175 fee, with you to camp (or mail it in advance to Jim Clark: 4577 Sunflower Way NE, Salem, OR 97305).

Emergency Cell Phone Numbers: Brother Kevin Herren's cell: (503) 562-9384
Brother Brian Herren's cell : (503) 949-2484

We would ask that all attending this camp would come prepared to draw apart from the world and to seek to draw closer to the Lord with a desire to receive and honor His Spirit.

**Please read the rules carefully before signing the registration form. Keep this sheet for reference as you are packing.*

- Signed registration and medical forms are required.
- Campers are expected to participate in all activities with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. They must treat others with respect, courtesy, and kindness.
- Be respectful to your counselors and be willing to pitch in and help if asked.
- Be respectful of the grounds and the property of others.
- Dress code will be enforced. Dress code is as follows: no short-shorts, no short shirts (bare midriffs), tube tops, spaghetti straps, low-cut tops or see-through tops. No inappropriate language or logos on any clothing. Please dress in a modest fashion and bring a bathing suit that is modest and has good coverage. Otherwise, you may be asked to wear shorts or a shirt over the suit for swimming. If you are not sure whether an item of clothing fits the dress-code, ask a counselor for an opinion before entering the common areas wearing it.
- No foul language, sexual contact, innuendoes or derogatory remarks are permitted.
- All participants must stay within the boundaries of the campgrounds (to be defined at orientation), through the duration of camp and must remain in areas that are supervised by camp counselors.
- No CD players, cell phones, ipods, or electronic devices are allowed in camp. If brought, they will be taken away until the end of camp. (Counselors will make their cell phones available in an emergency.)
- Possession or use of weapons, tobacco products, alcohol or illegal drugs are not permitted. If probable cause exists, Camp Director will be allowed to search a person and personal property for illegal items.
- No gum, candy, pop or other junk food is to be brought to camp. Refreshments will be provided. There is no need to bring money to the camp. All snacks will be provided.
- All rules will be interpreted at the discretion of the Camp Director and Staff.

Youth Camp 2014 REGISTRATION FORM

For we are laborers together with God... 1 Corinthians 3:9

NO CAMPER MAY ATTEND WITHOUT THIS SIGNED PERMISSION FORM ON RECORD

This form may be mailed in advance of camp, with \$175, to Brother Jim Clark: 4577 Sunflower Way NE, Salem, OR 97305.

Camper's Name _____ Birthdate _____ Age _____

Grade in 2013-2014 school year _____ Parent/Guardian Name _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Parent/Guardian Phone # _____ - _____ - _____

Email address (for the purpose of receiving information about retreats and camp in the future)

Emergency contact in case parent/guardian can not be reached

Name/Relationship _____ Phone # _____ - _____ - _____

COST OF ANY MEDICAL TREATMENT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARENT /GUARDIAN

Insurance Co. _____ Policy # _____

Allergies _____

Medications _____

Last Tetanus shot _____

Special Instructions _____

I hereby approve my child's participation at this camp and give permission to the Camp Administration to make decisions related to the physical well-being of my child. In case of an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician and /or hospital, selected by the Camp Administration, to secure proper treatment for my child, as named above, and will assume liability for any resulting expenses not covered by my insurance. The Church or staff will not be held liable for any injury.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ date _____

Camper Agreement: I have read the attached information and expectations and I will abide by and support it.

Camper's Signature _____ date _____

Please circle your T-shirt size:

Youth Large

Adult Small

Adult Medium

Adult Large

Adult XL

Adult XXL



What you should pack:

- ◆ **your scriptures**
- ◆ a jacket or sweatshirt
- ◆ clothing and shoes appropriate for a variety of activities (tennis shoes, sandal or flip flop, water shoe, etc.)
- ◆ a sleeping bag and pillow
- ◆ towels for showering and swimming
- ◆ sunscreen and personal hygiene items

Other items that are optional:

- ◆ a baseball or softball glove (mark it with your name)
- ◆ a flotation device for swimming such as a tube or air mattress
- ◆ If you play a musical instrument, please bring it and share your talent with us!
- ◆ Worship or devotional materials
- ◆ If you bring a camera, please bring the cord so we can download photos for the camp log

Book of Mormon Weekend and Trip

By Brother Gary Livingston



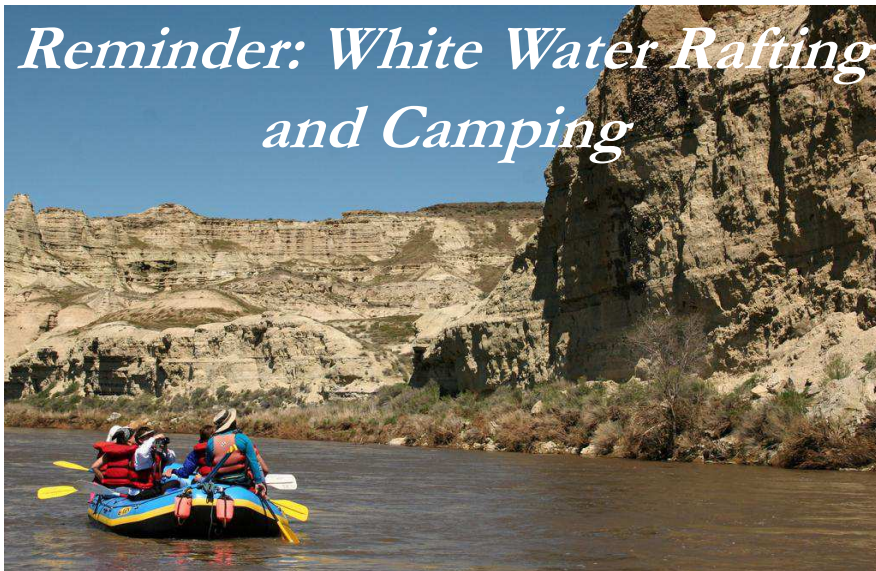
Brother Gary Livingston

Several of the saints in Salem, Oregon are planning a trip to Mesoamerica in 2015 to visit the Book of Mormon lands. There is great anticipation as we are in the process of planning and preparing for this trip. Each Sunday evening the saints gather together as we study the Book of Mormon in depth. Our study and discussions are of a spiritual nature and we feel the presence of the Holy Spirit guiding and directing us as we find ourselves growing closer to our Heavenly

Father. We have invited Brother Lyle and Sister Sherrie Smith of Oak Grove, Missouri to lead our travels and have truly been blessed as they have agreed to do this. During the dates of February 21-23, Brother Lyle and Sister Sherrie visited us in Salem for a Book of Mormon weekend. We had classes on Saturday in which Brother Lyle taught a class entitled "Where Do We Find Book of Mormon History" and Sister Sherrie taught a class on linguistic and archaeological evidences of the Book of Mormon. Sunday evening Brother Lyle led our Book of Mormon class in which he shared different itineraries of Mesoamerica from which we could choose from for our trip. After the presentation, and after many questions and much discussion, we voted and decided on the Yucatan itinerary. We are very excited for our upcoming trip. Many of us have never visited Mesoamerica and we ask for an interest in your prayers as we prepare to visit these great lands of the Book of Mormon.



Reminder: White Water Rafting and Camping



The Salem Restoration Branch will be combining their annual congregational camping trip with an opportunity for the Saints to enjoy white water rafting on the Deschutes River near Maupin, Oregon, July 11-13, 2014. Everyone in the region is invited. A large group camping

area has been reserved and there will be no charge for camping, and no cost to the region or branch treasury. All are invited to camp, whether they are interested in rafting or not. Come and enjoy the fellowship! Offerings will be accepted, but not petitioned, to pay for the camp site. The group area is primitive, a grassy knoll, where the Saints can circle the wagons (RV's, trailers, campers, etc.) and set up tents as they please, right on the banks of the Deschutes River. Potable water and an out-house are available. Evening song services and a Sunday morning church service will unite the Saints in worship, and we will share meals as a group. Polar bears will be led by Brother Murnieks. The group rate for rafting is \$80/person and more seats have been made available. Email Brother Brian at drbrianherren@gmail.com. Call or text him at (503) 949-2484.

2014 Regional Winter Youth Retreat

By Sister Emily Hill



Sister Emily Hill

The youth had a winter retreat on February 14-17. One of the things we learned about is why the Lord chooses to wait until all of his crop has fully grown before separating His wheat from the tares. Kevin had a class about the reason why He does this. He taught us that God loves us so much that he allows us to grow up in the world and let's us learn what it means to be in the world or of The Kingdom of God. He waits until we have grown up and learned, and that's when we are "fully grown" and his crop is ready to be harvested. If the weeds were separated before the wheat was allowed to fully grow, the wheat could be damaged. One way that Kevin explained this to us is that he had planted wheat and tares in a plastic bucket to symbolize God's crop, in other words, us. Before either of the plants were fully grown it is really hard to separate the wheat from the tares without the possibility of damaging the good wheat. This goes for us too, and God loves us so much that he waits until we have fully grown before separating those of the world and those that chose the Lord because He doesn't want to damage us. God also used parables such as the wheat and tares to help people fully understand what He is trying to say. He wanted people to read his words in a way that would be understanding to anyone and everyone. He made parables by relating them to the real world, and everyday life to help us understand and wheat farming was one of them.

Quote of the weekend:
"This is called the bible. It is the word of God. You should read it...or else"
- Brother M. Livingston

We also had evening chats with Brian about how removing our sins is better than focusing on helping others remove their sins, and how it can be a really hard task to help others in need while we are still shadowed by sin. We learned that sins can help slow us down with our overall performance of life, which can be a really hard thing to overcome. God can help, but it can also be friends, family, or even someone you just met. We did a little activity where each of us had blindfolds and ear plugs. The blindfolds and ear plugs represented our sins and how they can blind us and block our hearing of God and goodness. Each of us put on our blindfolds and one of the leaders took us to a different part of the sanctuary. We then had to put in our earplugs and walk around (slowly) until we found somebody and we removed their blindfold, and ear plugs which symbolized us helping remove their sins. This took quite a bit of time, and it also wasn't very easy to walk around blind, which is basically what happens when we don't ask forgiveness of our sins. We did this one more time, except we were told to remove our own blindfolds and ear plugs first the second time. This happened to be A LOT easier, and less time consuming, and without the sins holding us back it would be easier to help others that are still blind. Travis taught about the power of the tongue, and how it can be used to build people up, but it can also be used to tear them down. He also taught us about why we need to bridle our tongues even in the hardest of times, and also about how powerful someone's words can be. One of the points he made was about joking around with people, and how you might say something in a joking matter but it can still hurt a little inside. You don't ever want to use your tongue to tear people down. Everything you say or do should be to build the kingdom of God. During his class he even pulled a real cow tongue from a cooler to help us remember the point. After the class, Brian thought it would be fun to eat the cow tongue, so he and Kevin cooked it up and served it to us for a snack!

I learned so much during that weekend and it was great to see everyone and be surrounded by such good people!



Nepal Mission 2014

By Brother Travis Clark

As we stepped out of Tribhuvan International Airport we were instantly greeted by the Saints of Christ's Church in Kathmandu. Our necks were adorned with scarves and we were embraced with many hugs. We were taken to the home of Elder Dil Gurung and his wife Rebecca Gurung. We were very blessed in our stay in this country. Everywhere we went we were always looked after and our every need was attended to. I cannot begin to describe the kindness and love that was displayed toward us by the Saints in Nepal. We never had to worry about going without food or water, and when we were out ministering a few good sisters would grab our dirty clothes and hand wash them for us, unknown to us. We relied heavily on the Lord and He always provided for us. We were very blessed to have two men who were always looking out for us. Our brothers Francis Harper and Aciz Gurung were always there taking care of us and watching our every step. Whenever we had a question or needed to know what was going on we turned to Brother Harper. Francis Harper is a High Priest from Woodbine, IA and has been very active in the missionary efforts in Nepal. This trip was his thirteenth consecutive trip over to the country. At the age of 83 he still travels for about six weeks every year in this foreign land. Brother Harper has been very instrumental in the development of the Church in Nepal and offers a very loving ministry. He is doing a wonderful work and both my Brother Brian and I felt very blessed to serve with him. Our Brother Aciz we could always count on to be by our side. Whatever we needed, Aciz was there like our guardian angel and

made it happen. Aciz is a young Priest in the Church and has been providing an great ministry to many of the Saints as well as being a missionary to many of his friends. We were very blessed to have our two good brothers watching out for us. We had many opportunities to worship with the Saints. The joy they sing and worship with is astonishing. I still cannot find words to describe the devotion and love they have for their Heavenly Father. While we were there my Brother Brian was blessed with the opportunity to baptize twelve souls in the jungle. It is quite amazing how a people who have nothing can have so much joy and thankfulness. It shows us how, through Christ, we can have everything even if we have nothing. As we left and said our goodbyes and final prayers together, both my Brother Brian and I felt it very difficult to leave this people. We had developed a strong bond with our brothers and sisters. They had welcomed us in with open arms and cared for our every need even though we were complete strangers. We worshiped with them and prayed with them in their homes, fields and barns. I, personally, found it harder for myself to say goodbye and leave the saints in Nepal then when I had

to leave my family here in the U.S. I would like to extend a personal thank you and expression of gratefulness to all the Saints here who helped my Brother and I financially as well as for all the prayers that were offered on our behalf. We love and appreciate you very much. Whether we are black or white, tall or short, American or Nepali, we are all God's children and we are all brothers and sisters. The Saints in Nepal truly take that to heart and we are very thankful and very blessed to have served with them in our efforts to grow closer to our Heavenly Father.





Bedtime Scripture Stories

Ministry for children at the 2014 Northwest Reunion



Brother George Buckbee

During the Pacific Northwest Regional Reunion, August 11-17, special ministry will be provided for those children who may be too young to participate in the campfire worship services after the evening preaching service. Elder George Buckbee will be sharing stories from the scriptures each night for about 15-20 minutes in the sanctuary. This will allow a special ministry to the younger children who have earlier bedtimes, or who might not quite be old enough to respect and appreciate the evening campfire worship services. The regional leadership will leave the decision to each parent, with regards to the most appropriate ministry for their children. All parents and guardians are welcome to sit with their children during the bedtime story time, or leave them to the care of Brother George. Remember to bring blankets!

Let Us Be First to Serve

By Brother Brian Herren

There are opportunities to serve in the nursery at reunion during the morning prayer service and the evening preaching service, Monday through Sunday. A sign

"I tell you these things that ye may learn wisdom; that ye may learn that when ye are in the service of your fellow beings, ye are only in the service of your God." - King Benjamin

up sheet is circulating. I understand that nursery attendants have been hired in the past, allowing the Saints an opportunity to attend each service being conducted in the sanctuary. While I respect the desire to be a part of every service, an equally principled approach will find us giving of ourselves sacrificially. We might find it within us to serve one another to the degree that reveals Zion as a work in practice rather than a theory in study. My prayer is that we continue to grow, grace upon grace, into a people who lives more sacrificially. Ideally, when we assemble, we will gather together with hearts which ask, "What can I give?" rather than "What can I take?" The purest heart will find us longing to give more than we long to receive. The measure of success will not be that with which we leave, but that which we have left. As we prepare for Zion, let us prepare to care for our own, from the oldest to the youngest, that the flock might enjoy the freedom from the world that is promised to the faithful. The Saints have a long history marked by sacrificial care, tender provision, pulling together, giving that which is necessary, and building a people. The Saints of the Northwest have been likewise disposed, sharing a noble heritage and a promising future with those who have gone before us. It may be that serving in the nursery is not a service that you feel you are able to give. Nevertheless, there is a work for every man in folding the flock, blessing the Saints, and keeping our brothers and sisters. Let us each look to that which we are able to contribute as we gather. Some will set up tents, play the piano, do dishes, clean showers, teach, sweep, sing, preach, cook, fix that which is broken or lift that which is low. Please volunteer early and often to help in the kitchen. Our gathering is truly an opportunity to practice the principles that stir us as we read from 1 Corinthians 3:9: "For we are laborers together with God..." Whatever we might do, let us do it with full purpose of heart in the genuine service of the Most High. May He be glorified and honored forever and ever.



Regional Dates:

- Men's retreat: May 16-18
- Youth Camp: June 28-July 3
- Reunion: August 11-17
- Priesthood Retreat: September 19-21
- Fall Conference: October 3-5