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Summer Preaching Series

by Sister Melissa Clark

The Northwest region was blessed beyond measure with the company of Brother Brian Mundy for the Summer Preaching Series which took place June 14th-16th. It seemed as though from the start that Brother Mundy folded into our group with an ample amount of ease. While spending time with Brother Mundy at Silver Creek Falls, I noticed that he was quick in two specific areas; wit and sharing wonderful testimonies of ways God has worked within his life. It was such a blessing to hear about all of Brother Mundy's travels and the experiences he has had doing the work of our Father. Brother Mundy preached with such clarity about rendering our veil of disbelief, putting aside temptations, and sharing the hope of Jesus Christ that has been placed within us. He reminded us of the power of God and how we need not fear because God is in control and He is faithful. I felt very blessed by this message as it was a message I was in need of hearing. As I observed Brother Mundy, I very much appreciated how he strove to connect with each saint in attendance individually. He has truly been blessed with a missionary heart and our region was able to witness that first hand. I am thankful that Brother Mundy took time to visit the saints in the northwest and I look forward with anticipation for when we will all be united once again.



Some of the Saints at Sunday Service: Willamette Mission Park



Brothers B. Mundy
and K. Herren

Summer Preaching Series

by Brother Adam Brendel

The Summer Preaching series this year was brought by Elder Brian Mundy from Independence MO. It was Friday June 14th – Sunday June 16th. The Lord worked everything out with the schedule in paving the way for Brian Mundy to be able to come to the Northwest. When Brian Mundy was asked to come out, he said he only had one weekend available for many months in advance. The weekend was June 14-16th. So he was able and willing to come.

Friday at the Vancouver branch the message was about casting aside unbelief and having greater faith in Christ. Saturday night also at the Vancouver branch, the message was about hope and finding hope in Christ and not the things of the world. Sunday, the service was held at Willamette Mission State Park near Salem OR. The message was about prayer and also the best is yet to come! The best times in are before us and not behind us!

I would like to touch on one thing that Brian shared during his weekend ministry. Brian used to coach basketball at CPRS. He made reference to being down at half time, the players are tired, and the coach gives a halftime talk to instruct and encourage the players. He mentioned during the game how players had different skills and talents. Some were really good at shooting, or ball handling etc. One of his players was really good at defense, but not a starter. He would bring the player in certain situations when the other team was doing well on offense to change momentum. Brian used this example to our day in the church when its half time but it seems like we are losing the game. The Lord is our coach, in control, and instructs us. We all have different gifts, talents, and all are needed to make up the body of Christ. Some are getting older and are maybe tired, having played the game their entire life. New players are always joining the team and subs are coming in the game to relieve those who are tired. The Lords team. We must press forward collectively as a team for Christ, to bring forth the Kingdom. To get in the game and to serve the Lord with increased vigor. The 2nd half is beginning and the game is not over. The best is yet to come!

It was a great weekend of worship and fellowship with the saints. After the service Friday night we had snacks, then a meal Saturday before the service for a birthday celebration, and then snacks after. Sunday we had a potluck/picnic at Willamette Mission State Park after the service. We had both spiritual and physical food all weekend and were blessed tremendously.

Women's Retreat

by Sister Monica Moreland

In April, the ladies of the region came together again for a delightful women's retreat at Anderson Lodge. It is always a lively time of sharing and catching up. We were blessed to have Sister Pat Chadwick come with her daughter Susan Freeze from Missouri. As usual, the classes that they brought were spirit-filled and encouraging.

Sisters Pat and Susan had not discussed ahead of time what topics they would cover, and the Lord blended their topics nicely. Susan encouraged us to look into a couple books by Priscilla Shirer, who is the main actress from the movie "War Room". One book is what the ladies of Vancouver are studying right now, "Armor of God", and the one she took most of her material from for her class is called, "Fervent Prayer". Both ladies focused on the importance of meaningful prayer and drawing close to God.

We also had a great time with crafts led by Maddy Clark and creating a prayer journal. God's spirit was in abundance during our closing service on Sunday. It was great to have that time with the ladies in fellowship.



Men's Retreat

by Brother Ron Herren

On the weekend of May 17 through the 19, men from Washington and Oregon and one from Illinois gathered at the Lewis River Campground for the Annual Men's Retreat, with the Theme "A City of a Hill".

After arriving on Friday evening, we met for dinner and began our worship with a song service lead by Brother Brian Herren, followed by an inspirational sermon by Brother Mike Terry.

On Saturday we enjoyed breakfast together, then participated in two morning classes prepared by Brothers Ray Moreland and Gary Livingston. It was enjoyable to have someone wake up as early as I do, Brother Duane, from Illinois, and I shared our quiet time talks before everyone else awoke and joined us. In the afternoon, the weather cooperated which allowed us to move Brother Ed Mason's class outside, which was truly motivating. We had some free time after class where we stayed together as a group and enjoyed great fellowship.

That evening we were part of a very touching prayer and testimony service lead by Brother Jeff Rew. The spirit was present in abundance and everyone felt it.

On Sunday morning, as our time together started to come to a close we shared a poignant song service lead by Brother Jim Clark, followed by the partaking of the sacraments officiated by Brother Gary Jones.

An inspiring "Parting Charge" was delivered by Brother Kevin Herren who reminded us to "be a light" and to personify what being that "City on a Hill" meant.

Reunion

by Brother Ed Mason

From the moment on Monday that Brother Mike Terry stepped behind the pulpit, to the group photo the following Sunday, we were continually blessed by the Holy Spirit in abundance on the grounds! There was a harmony among the Saints gathered to feed, and be fed by the Word. For one brief week Zion conditions did abound! We were truly blessed to experience being that "City on a Hill!"

Talk about hit the ground running... Brother Mike delivered a "Powerful" sermon thru the Holy Spirit that touched on our desires to serve God and just how important it is to our souls! We have much more work to do and we must take this Gospel of Jesus Christ seriously! And how we are living in a world of darkness, but not to be overcome by this darkness, but be the light of this world!

Tuesday evening, Brother Flip Freeze, led by the Holy Spirit, spoke about the "Treasure" that the Lord has for us! How we can get this anytime we choose! We don't have the "City on the Hill" yet, because we are not doing the right things! We need to, and we can change! We need to keep moving forward and upward! We tend to put "God in a box" at times and try to get by on our own. We need to get God out of the box and "Take Him for a spin!" We limit Him when we put Him in a box!

The Holy Spirit continued with all of us Wednesday evening as our Brother Gary Jones spoke about all of us being a servant in our lives. How we are nothing without God in our lives! How Satan leads us to "Willful rebellion!" How we are sometimes "On fire for the Lord," then, "Rejection," as our fire fades-and how important it is to constantly feed our fire! Don't forget the analogy he used of the horse in a round pen!

Thursday evening our Brother Gary Livingston spoke thru the Power of how we are living in a "Complicated" world! How we are "Spinning our wheels!" How, (being the excellent teacher he is) if we can understand just two basic principles of math—it's not too hard to understand math as a whole. So, if we can understand two basic spiritual principles, and we live by them, our lives can and will be so much more blessed! The 1st principle is our "Agency". Our freedom to choose...

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...to choose God and love one another. And the 2nd principle, hearken only to the "Voice of God!" Those who won't hearken to His voice, will be led away captive by the adversary. If we will apply these two principles—we will then discover why the world is dark—then how to get completely in the Light!

Led by the Spirit of God, our Brother Brian Herren shared a few words with us Friday evening. We are called to be a "Peculiar" people! We should feel like we do not fit in! We are to be the "Called Out Ones", the "ecclesia," meaning "Called Out From". We've been called out of darkness. We are a chosen people. A chosen generation. God has called us out of darkness into His marvelous Light! If we hearken to His Word, we will be called out! Do we step out in faith in the Name of the Lord? God's people are called out to stand apart and they will be delivered! We should think differently, talk differently, and reason differently. We must needs to "Scuttle our ships!" and sever ourselves from the world in which we live!

On Saturday evening with the Holy Spirit still in great abundance, and leading our Brother Tom Mitchell, we heard that we must needs have charity in our hearts! That pure love that our Father in Heaven has for us! He referred to the "Prodigal Son" and how the son knew to go home to his father. How we should leave it all behind us, scuttle our ships with fire, and do not return to the former things that bring us into bondage! He stated that God does not love like we love. Our love is, "Feel love to get love." A kind of equal with you love. We are made pure and holy because of God's love for us! Nothing can change His love for us! He sees our potential. Love is the only quality that intrinsically binds us with Jesus! The ONLY quality!

On Sunday morning we finished off the glorious week through our Brother Val Brotherton through the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit. Val spoke about our service to the Lord! When we are in the service of our fellow beings, we are only in the service of our God! He shared some concepts on how we can improve our serve. He used the game of Ping-pong as an analogy to explain. The person serving the ball in ping-pong has the advantage. Just as when we are serving each other, we are at the advantage! That advantage is when the Holy Spirit is working in us to put others first! In order to improve our serve, we must practice! The Lord tells us to practice virtue and holiness before Him.—(Continually!) Val wore Brother Stu's suit jacket and glasses---because Stu is cool! Val wanted to be like Stu! So Val asked us, "Who am I?" Someone said, "Val." But Val was trying to be like Stu! Val stated that he could never be like Stu! He was making the point that nobody can be you, but you. We can never be someone else! Of all the Mansions that are awaiting us, there is a seat at the Table of the Lord for you. And no one can fill that seat but you! We cannot wear someone else's coat. We must be ourselves! You are you alone! We must ask ourselves, "Who am I?" In our service to others, who are we? So, how do we find out who we are? By improving our serve! Prepare to a position for a transition! Sounds like life! Today, we are preparing ourselves for a transition to go back into the world. Lord, prepare us to a position to transition into a better, more effective expression of Your Love!

Our morning worships presented by the women of our different branches warmly welcomed the Holy Spirit as they shared the theme of the day in their unique way as led by the Holy Spirit! **...continued on page 5**



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The songs of praise brought forth through our Sister Cessaries every morning increased the presence of the Holy Spirit with the joy of singing praise to Our Heavenly Father! Hearing the origins of each song added a certain tenderness to the songs!

The Prayer and Testimony services led by the Holy Spirit were filled with love and kindness with thoughts and prayers an our personal experiences with Our Lord and Savior! Praise the Lord!!!

Our afternoon daily classes brought through our Brother Val, gave much enlightenment to our hearts on how to discern the Holy Spirit revealing Himself to us! How to recognize His Voice! How to be His sheep so we can and will know His Voice!

Evening Campfire Ministry and Prayers was essential for us to give thanks and praise and worship Our Lord and Savior and then return to our bunks with a warm, glowing, and kindling feeling in our hearts to rest our physical bodies for another blessed and glorious day!

We also must take a moment of thankfulness to our Sister Suzy Herren and all of the Saints that stepped up to be in the service of our brethren the entire week in the kitchen! Our physical strength was never to diminish from all of the delicious meals and snacks that were available continuously through their love for us!

With the entire week being a quick glimpse of what is possible through His love for us, (How a peculiar people can live together in complete love and harmony) how can we not strive to look forward and upward never loosening our grip on the Rod of Iron, and yearning for our lives to be this enduring and wonderful? To be blessed above all our comprehension!!!



Reunion

by Val Brotherton

My wife, Anita and I attended the Pacific Northwest reunion on July 29 – Aug 5th 2019. Their theme was “City on a Hill”. It was our first time to worship with the saints in that area, but we never felt like the “new kids”. From the moment we saw brother Brian and brother Brady at the airport, we felt at home. After brother Tom Mitchell joined us at the airport, we shared in a circle prayer right there at the baggage claim area. We then shared in a wonderful meal and fellowship. By the time we got to the Vancouver Branch, where the reunion was being held, we were already abundantly blessed with the Holy Spirit.

Brother Brian had made arrangements for us to stay in an RV with air conditioning, because of breathing issues that Anita has developed. Our accommodations were amazing, and everyone was so helpful, asking if we needed anything. A blanket was mentioned, and within minutes, a blanket was provided. Anita forgot her toothbrush and one was purchased for her. Even her supply of M&M's was replenished. Brother Ron was diligent in helping us get the RV set up. All our physical needs were so thoughtfully prepared and met. What a beautiful manifestation of God's love.

Sister Cessaries Galusha was in charge of the music. Her gift of music was so much enjoyed by all of us. I still find myself singing songs that were shared in the “songs of praise” at 9:15 each day.

I found the daily schedule different and refreshing. We started with the priesthood meeting as the brothers shared in prayer and brother Brian shared theme thoughts for the day. The women from the different areas then presented the morning worship. It was so enjoyable and touching. The morning message was brought by the Aaronic priesthood. It was insightful and helped to set the tone for the whole day. They spent much time in preparation and their efforts were truly blest by the Lord. I so looked forward to their sharing each morning. The prayer services were so uplifting and spirit filled. I would have loved for them to have been longer, so that more people would have had opportunity to share.

One testimony I would like to share, is about brother Ed Mason. He had been administered to one morning, and was counseled to consider confessing his faults, as he had been struggling to overcome them. He took the opportunity that day at prayer service to follow the scriptural admonition to “confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another that ye may be healed” James 5:16. His testimony was that when he confessed his faults, that there was such a weight lifted from him. He rejoiced in his new found joy and freedom. The Lord is faithful and just to forgive our sins, when we are willing to let the light of Christ shine on them and not keep them in darkness any longer. The preaching services each evening were also high points for me. Our cups overflowed as the Elders magnified their calling of preaching.

The cooks did a fabulous job in the kitchen. The food was so good and plentiful! They even had snacks each evening for those who needed just a little something extra.

We had been told by many who had been to the reunion before, that “we would love it” and that the “people are so loving”. We absolutely found that to be true, and were richly blessed by the willingness of the saints to share of themselves and their resources so freely with us. We are richer for the investment you have made in our lives. We truly found the “City on a Hill” in Vancouver, WA that week.



Light a House Project

by Brother Brian Herren

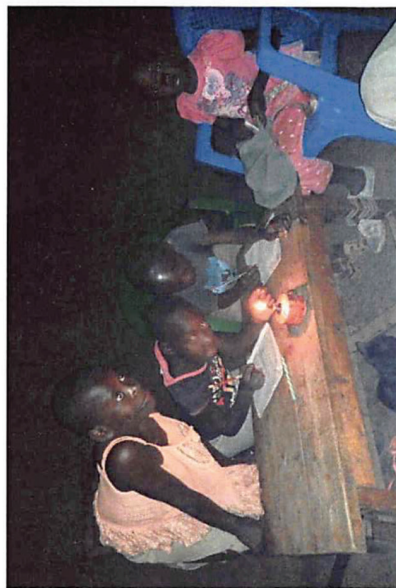
Elder Val Brotherton presented a project at reunion that is being undertaken by the African Restoration Ministries Board within the Conference of Restoration Elders. The goal of the project is to provide safe light in the homes of the Saints in Kenya. After returning home, the Lord placed the project upon my father's heart, and that of Sister Dorothy. They started collecting pop cans and water bottles to return for a deposit as a way of raising funds to contribute to the Light a House Project. At this point, they hope to collect enough pop cans and water bottles, along with direct financial donations from the Saints, to supply 10-20 lights to Kenyan homes each month. Each light cost \$12.50. If you are interested in contributing to the cause, Ron and Dorothy Herren are happy to pick up your empty pop cans and water bottles, or collect cash or check donations. Checks should be made out to African Restoration Ministries or ARM, with “Light a House” in the memo line. Those living in Vancouver who wish to contribute to the cause can plan to bring their empty pop cans and water bottles to Fall Conference. In an effort to supply more information about the project, the Africa Restoration Ministry Board has created a brochure. That brochure is reproduced on the following pages for your review. If you have any questions, please call Brother Ron Herren at 503-930-1163, or Sister Dorothy at 503-399-7771.

See pages 9 and 10 for more information. The information is scanned directly from a brochure provided by ARM.

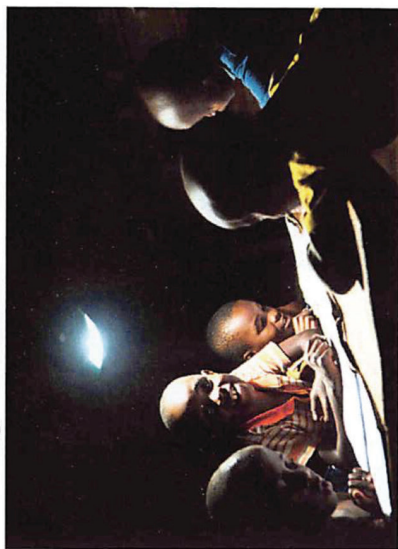
Verily, verily, I say unto you, I give unto you to be the light of the world; a city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Behold, do men light a candle and put it under a bushel? Nay, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light to all that are in the house. Therefore, let your light so shine before this world, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:16-18

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Additional information from Eric Odida:

The family will use the saved kerosene dollars for other needs.

We can target 1,000 families with the solar lanterns.

The solar lanterns will also be useful during the church retreats and conferences. We could start with 30 lamps for these functions.

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) 60% of Kenya is not served by the electricity grid. Mostly in the rural areas.
- 2) Even in electrified areas, 50-80% of households have no access to this electricity due to the associated costs.
- 3) Consistent use of kerosene lamps causes health problems like lower respiratory tract illnesses.
- 4) There is a 24% average mortality rate (studies of hospital admissions attributed to kerosene explosions).

IMPORTANCE OF SOLAR LANTERNS

Eric Odida Testimony

As I shared with you when I visited the US last summer, one evening I visited a village where the government had installed a flood light in an open market place. The lights were on. The school kids were seated around doing their homework under the lights. The women safely sold vegetables, fruits and fish way past the time they used to stay in the market.

The idea of kids leaving home to go to homework in the market because of the lights made me realize just how much they need lighting at home. Kerosene lamps they use produce unhealthy fumes/smoke that affect their eyes and also smells very bad. The kerosene light is not even bright enough, further affecting the kids eyes in the long run. Kerosene is expensive costing \$1.12 per liter (\$4.24 per gallon) at the current rate and price. This is expensive for the many poor families. This has both social and economic impact on poor families.

Solar lanterns will bring in another advantage of cleanliness, brightness, renewal without additional cost. Also, many poor families live in slums and other congested areas. Some buildings are made of cartons, plastics, tins, leaves and grass. Many times fire outbreaks in one home results in losses of lives and property affecting many families. Solar lanterns have an additional benefit of safety from fire outbreaks.

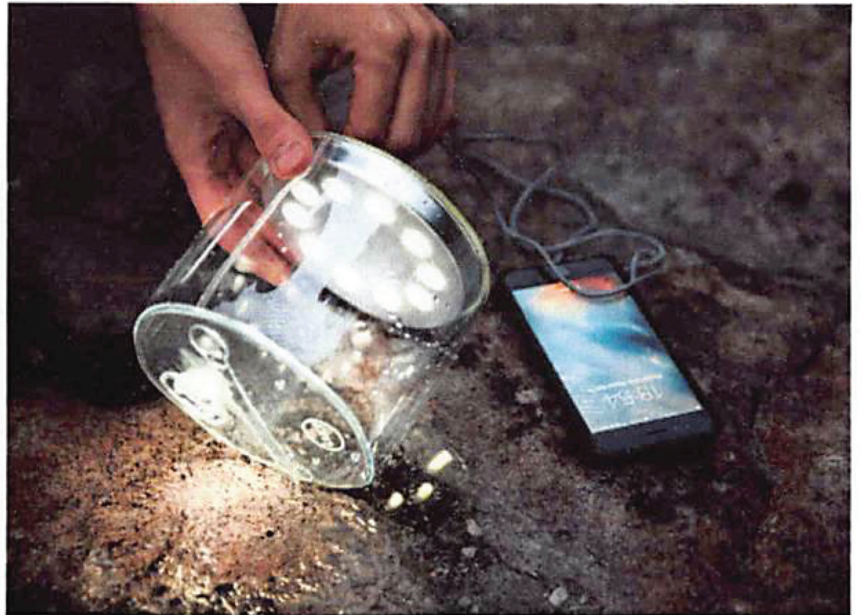
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Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

John 8:12

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2019 Pacific Northwest Priesthood Retreat

September 20-22, 2019, Lewis River Campground

Regional Theme:

"A City On a Hill"

Friday, September 20

6:30 **Dinner**
7:30 **Song Service - Priest Jim Clark**
8:00 **Evening sermon - Elder Wray Moreland**

Saturday, September 21

8:00 **Breakfast**
9:00 - 9:20 **Morning Worship: Teacher K. Herren and Priest Derek Ethridge**
9:30 **Class: Elder J. Rew**
 Class: Elder B. Herren
Afterward **Lunch**
1:30 **Class: Elder G. Jones**
Afterward **Free time**
5:00 **Dinner**
6:00 **Evening Chats: Elder G. Livingston**
Afterward **Prayer Service: prayers for the brethren, our branches,**
 and the Lord's work in the coming year - Elders Mitch Arndt and Gary Jones

Sunday, September 22

8:00 **Breakfast**
9:00 - 9:30 **Song Service - Priest Jim Clark**
9:30 - 10:00 **Communion Service - Elder Jeff Rew and Elder Mike Terry**
Break
10:15 **Parting Words - Elder Mike Terry**

Registration Information

Please send \$85 to: Jim Clark

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2019 Pacific Northwest Fall Conference

October 4-6, 2019, Vancouver

Regional Theme:

"A City On a Hill"

Friday, October 4

6:30 Song Service: Sister Melissa Herren (piano: Sister Cessaries)

7:00 *Preaching Service*

Presiding - Elder Brian Herren

Preaching - Elder Mitch Arndt

Assisting - Elder George Buckbee

Saturday, October 6

9:30 *Song Service:* Sister Cessaries Galusha (no piano)

10:00 *Prayer and Testimony Service*

Presiding - Elder Wray Moreland

Assisting - Priest Leonce Larouche

11:00 *Communion Service*

Presiding - Elder Mike Terry

Assisting - Per Elder Mike Terry

12:00 Lunch

1:15 *Regional Business Meeting*

Presiding - Elder Brian Herren

Assisting - Elders Gary Jones and Mike Terry

Afterward Free time (Youth plan worship service)

5:00 Dinner

6:30 *Song Service:* Brother Kevin Herren (piano: Sister Kaitlin)

7:00 *Preaching Service*

Presiding - Elder Jeff Rew

Preaching - Priest Jim Clark

Assisting - Priest Derek Ethridge

Sunday, October 7

9:45 *Morning Worship* - Regional Youth

10:00 *Sunday Morning Class* - Elder Gary Livingston

11:00 *Preaching Service*

Presiding - Elder Gary Jones

Preaching - Elder Jeff Rew

Assisting - Teacher Kevin Herren

Piano - Sister Kay Campbell

Afterward Lunch

Youth Camp

by Sister Machaela Kurowski



Sister Machaela

This year's youth camp theme, and the regional theme, was "A City on a Hill" (Matthew 5:16). Throughout the week, we all learned what the meaning behind the scripture was. As usual, we were blessed with many wonderful classes and teachings. A lot of them taught about the unity between us as campers and as members of the church. Becoming one with each other and giving up our worldly wants and desires is a challenge for us all. But by the end of camp, we had all grown closer and stopped focusing on trivial disagreements, bonding through our love instead.

The week was filled with fun activities that brought us closer to each other and the Lord. We enjoyed ourselves through volleyball matches and games of kick the can. Sister Dawn also helped up with clever crafts that we designed all together. We also had the opportunity to partake in evenings with the pastor; which was led by Brother Gary. Each evening was special and unique with the different teachings he brought forth to us. Of course, with any youth camp we ended our nights with songs of praise around the campfire and devotions in our bunks.

I will always cherish the time I get to spend with my church family and the lessons I learn. The memories and teachings from camp will stick with all of us for years to come and I'm so blessed to be able to spend my years here. I, along with many others, are very excited to see each other at future retreats and next year's camp.

