

" C H A L L E N G E "

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"CHALLENGE"-Messages of importance concerning the work to which we have been called. It is meant to remind us of the "Challenge" we have accepted to serve in the France-Toulouse Mission and labor with our heart, mind, might, and strength, (D&C 4) "to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man."

Some messages will be temporal relating to physical problems of missionary work, i.e. maintenance of apartments and payment of dues. Others will be of a more spiritual nature. Keep each issue for future reference.

PERSONAL GOALS

Each of us must establish goals that will take us to our ultimate goal of eternal life. Some goals are personal, others involve our companions, family and friends back home.

The white "Missionary Handbook" (pp.24-27) has a brief but excellent discussion on goals. Note especially "Write your goals-a goal not written is only a wish. With the necessity of writing our goals in mind please follow these instructions:

On your weekly report in the blank space after the paragraph on "convertis," note personal goals in three different areas: spiritual, mental, and physical. Indicate the specific goals (i.e. learning so many lines of a particular discussion, reading so many pages in the Book of Mormon, exercise program followed every day, etc.) in each of the three areas. Note also your degree of accomplishment for that particular goal. This is easiest done if it is indicated as a percentage; 80% of your goal, 100% of your goal, 95% of your goal, etc.

In setting goals, keep them reasonable but still tough. Remember President Kimball's counsel to "lengthen our stride and heighten our reach."

BAPTISM
GOAL

The average number of baptisms in preceeding years in this area has been .85 to .90 baptisms per missionary per year. Based on this figure the France-Toulouse Mission should baptize about 30 persons during the first 6 months of its existence. There have been 28 to date. Things are moving faster than before.

A minimal goal for the 6 months (July to December) should be 42 which represents an increase of 40%.

At Zone Conference we'll discuss 1976 goals in the light of special instructions from the General Authorities.

FASTING

Missionaries sometimes resort to excessive fasting in behalf of their investigators, and on occasion they jeopardize their health. Fasts should not be prolonged, nor be too frequent. Missionaries need strength for their important work, and any special fast should not last for more than one day. Generally speaking, fasting once a month should be sufficient for their needs, however, when there are special matters for which fasts are warranted, these fasts should not extend beyond one day, and of course should be accompanied by humble prayer to accomplish the purpose of the fast.

Some missionaries have also written to their friends and relatives as well as to members of their home wards requesting them to hold special fasts for their investigators. Missionaries are asked to refrain from making such requests.

ZONE
CONFERENCE

With the upcoming Zone Conferences be prepared to take notes. It will help you to keep in mind the material presented.

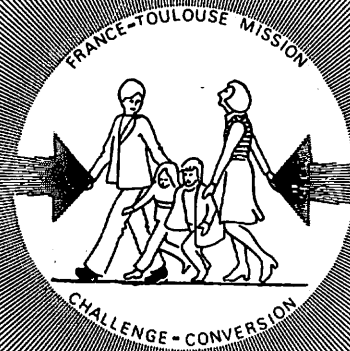
GROWTH

Narbonne opened to missionary work...Toulouse Zone divided...Bordeaux Branch divided... Four Missionaries to Tarbes.

SPECIAL
FAST

Elder Oliver (Bordeaux Zone) has returned home with serious illness. Please join us in special fast for his recovery noon Saturday to noon Sunday (Fasting dinner and breakfast).

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NEW MISSIONARIES

There are 90 missionaries in the France-Toulouse Mission. December 30, 13 more arrive: Elders Bruce Beamer, Paul Burningham, Robert Checketts, Ralph Cook, Daniel Hexem, Charles Kettenring, Allen Meyer, Douglas Robison, Charles Shepherd, Wallace Taylor, Kip Thompson and Sisters Rosanne Dewitt and Connie Fryer.

DISCUSSIONS

We sometimes feel obligated to begin our teaching with a C discussion. We should be susceptible to the whisperings of the Spirit, beginning with that discussion which will touch the hearts of our investigators. The Christmas season is an excellent occasion to begin with I. A newly married couple might be touched by D. A family with young children by B. Prepare all of the discussions and be flexible permitting the Spirit to work with you and through you. When beginning with other discussions you should still use the Joseph Smith story as an introduction.

GROWTH

December 6th saw the baptism of three souls in Toulouse which brings the total to 35 baptisms since July 1st. There are many baptisms set for the mission baptism date of December 20th. The Lord will bless us with the accomplishment of our goal as we continue in faith and prayer to do his will.

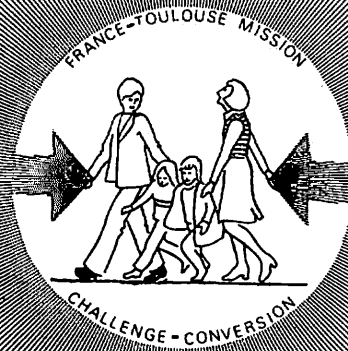
TARBES

"For example, M. LaMarque...we have learned that last summer a man named LaMarque wrote to President Mailhos asking him to send missionaries as he had an old brochure that interested him greatly, and closed the letter by saying he might one day be a member. President Mailhos responded with the sad news that there were no missionaries in Tarbes. It turns out, as we learned this week that this was the first man we taught the very day we got here last month. Then there's Mlle. Escartin...she just got back from a vacation in America, where the many active protestant sects prompted her to think seriously about truth and God and religion. Last night she prayed for the first time since her childhood for God to help her, and this morning she was the first (and only) door we knocked on. We taught her C and D in 2½ hours, and she apologized for keeping us so long."

THE MIDDLE
OF NOWHERE

1966. The horizon wasn't even softened yet by the coming dawn when a train stopped at a siding in southern Mexico to take on water. There was no town in sight, nothing but the dim outlines of mountains and jungle. Before the train could chug out its first puff of steam to get underway again, a Mexican youth in a suit and tie suddenly dug an elbow into his gringo companion as they sat on a bench in the passenger section. "Grab your bag," he said. "We're getting off." Overriding his sleepy friend's inarticulate protests, he soon had them both standing by the tracks in the 4:00 A.M. chill as the train snorted, huffed, gathered speed, and pulled away. Finally awake, the companion said in disbelief, "But it's the middle of the night, and we're in the middle of nowhere, and there won't be another train until tomorrow morning!" "I know," the young Mexican replied, "but the Spirit told me to get off; so we got off." His companion shrugged. No arguing with that sort of thing. Elder Parra, district president of the Puebla District of the mission was no fool, and everybody knew he lived close to the Lord. "So what next?" Elder Parra pointed into the darkness. "We start walking," he said. So they walked, stumbling up one side of a mountain and down the other. Dawn showed them another mountain beyond that, and another mountain beyond that, and they climbed them. At last, about 17 miles later, they came to a village of very small, poor houses. They climbed a little hill nearby, took out their hymnbooks, and sang a hymn. When they had finished that hymn, they sang another, and then another, until all the people from the village came out of their houses and climbed the hill to see what was going on. When everyone had gathered around the two missionaries, they started to preach. They preached for half a day, and when they had finished preaching, they dammed up a small stream nearby and baptized every person there who was eight years of age or older. They then ordained an elder to be president of the new little branch and hiked back to catch the next day's train. Today Elder Parra is back in southern Mexico, this time as president of the Mexico Vera Cruz Mission. The mission leads the Church in baptisms, has a high rate of member activity, and boasts a strong youth missionary program. The little village in the mountains is a thriving branch of some 200 members. They have a full-time missionary in the field and hope to build a chapel. To them it makes a lot of difference that one Mormon elder had enough faith to suddenly get off a train at 4:00 A.M. in the middle of nowhere.

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January 28, 1976

FAST SUNDAY

Please remember our special fast this next Sunday. We need the blessings of the Lord to help us with the necessary force and strength to accomplish our goals.

The following principles may be of some help:

- 1) Fasting is total abstinence from food and drink for 24 hours.
- 2) Fasting should always be accompanied by prayer.
- 3) It is helpful to fast with a definite purpose in mind (health of the missionaries).
- 4) We should not proclaim to all around us what a sacrifice we are making but should fast with quiet dignity.
- 5) A fast offering should be paid to the branch where you are laboring.

These scriptures might be studied (amongst others) during your personal and companion study: D&C 59: 13-14, Alma 45:1, 4 Nephi 12, Mosiah 27:22-23, Helaman 3:35.

Accompanying our fast we must commit ourselves to rules of good health such as:

- 1) Adequate rest
- 2) Dress warmly
- 3) Exercise
- 4) Variety in our diet
- 5) Cleanliness of eating utensils and cooking equipment. Be sure to wash with soap and then rinse.
- 6) Cleanliness of body
- 7) Cleanliness of toilet facilities

PARIS AREA GENERAL CONFERENCE

By now you have all heard of the Paris Area General Conference July 31 and August 1. We are all very excited about this and the blessings that it will bring to our local saints. Please encourage them to attend.

We are sorry to say that instructions we have received to date do not permit missionaries to attend unless they are laboring within a 50 mile radius of Paris. Unfortunately none of us are that close.

EXCERPTS OF
LETTER TO ALL
MISSION
PRESIDENTS FROM
FIRST
PRESIDENCY

"Because of the special role we play as members of the Lord's Church, it is our responsibility to take the Gospel to all living persons and to try to bring them to a knowledge of the truth and to introduce them to the blessings of the Church through baptism and confirmation.

...we now call upon all of you, and those laboring under your direction, to become more determined to teach the Gospel...and to be certain that those who join the Church are properly grounded in the principles of the Gospel."

MOVIES

Due to the increasing difficulty of finding movies which permit us to remain in tune with the Spirit (even the previews of coming attractions are a risk) we are asking you to remove movies from your list of acceptable Preparation Day activities.

FIRST NAMES

You should not use first names in your work with the possible exception of children under the age of 12 years. The tu form of verbs should also be avoided except with children where it is allowed, but not encouraged.

We should address each other as Elder, Sister, President or Brother but never just by our last names (even in our apartment).

GOALS

Following are some goals we feel are a minimum to help us attain the success which the Lord expects.

- 1) Know the discussions word perfect.
- 2) Ask the Golden Questions 5 times per day per missionary.
- 3) Give 6 good discussions each week.

IDEA

"Elder, we're not going to come in for lunch until we've taught a discussion."

NEW ARRIVALS

Baby Broschinsky about June 1.

MISSIONARIES
SENT FROM
FRANCE
TOULOUSE
MISSION

Elder Pierre Bize from Montauban is in the France Paris Mission. Elder Charles Defranchi from Bordeaux is in the France Paris Mission. Elder José Ortega from Limoges is in the Italy Milan Mission. Elder François Duriot from Bordeaux is in the Tahiti Papeete Mission. Sister Annie Farel from Saint-Herblain is in the Switzerland Geneva Mission. Sister Beatrice Macé from Bordeaux is in the Belgium Bruxelles Mission. Sister Mireille Martin from Limoges is in the Belgium Brussels Mission. Sister Marie-France Demolombe from Soyaux (Angoulême Branch) is in the Belgium Brussels Mission. The latest calls are for Elders Eric Rived from Pau and Hervé Marand from Toulouse to serve in the France Paris Mission.

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DISCUSSIONS

One of our district leaders recently made the observation on his report that he often felt the missionaries were placing such emphasis on learning the discussions word for word and line for line that they were not doing much more than reciting them back and forth even in a teaching situation. It is easy to understand how that might happen. It is important nevertheless that we overcome that tendency. Persons who are performing on the stage or screen or on television have memorized lines word for word and yet never do they come across in quite that way because as an actor they have learned to put feeling into their words that their words might become believable. How much more important is it that we who are carrying the message of truth to the French people should be able to put feeling into our words in such a manner that the persons to whom we are speaking understand the importance of the message. It should be understood, however, that such feeling can only come after total mastery of the discussions themselves. It should be our constant effort and endeavor to be able to teach with that feeling which the discussions deserve.

FIRST NAMES & TU TOI

As missionaries we have a very special calling and in an effort to maintain the proper and most effective working relationship with those around us we remind you of the following policy: We are not to call any members or non-members by their first names, except for small primary aged children. This policy is true in the other sense as well. Others should not refer to us by our first names either. In addressing one another we should call each other Elder and Sister or Frère and Soeur, never by our last name only. We should never use first names in addressing each other.

The tu toi verb conjugation should not be used except in talking to small children and animals. These guidelines are also to be followed with our fellow missionaries.

NEW ARRIVALS

We welcome the February arrivals to the mission and want them to know how happy we are to have them here working along side us in this important work.

Wednesday March 3 will bring the arrival of Elders Howard, Bates, Allen, Call, Clark, Jacobson, McCarty, Watkins, Weber, and Weggeland who are presently preparing themselves in the LTM.

JUST
A
THOUGHT

Bill Brown made a million, Bill Brown, think of that!
A boy you remember as poor as a rat.
He hoed for the neighbors, did jobs by the day
But Bill made a million or near it they say.

You can't understand it, well neither could I
And then I remembered and now I know why,
The bell might be ringing, the dinner horn blow
But Bill always hoed to the end of the row.

Bill worked for my father you might recall
He wasn't a wonder, not that, not at all.
He couldn't out hoe me or cover more ground
Or hoe any cleaner or beat me around.

In fact I was better in one way I know
One toot from the kitchen and home I would go
But Bill always hoed to the end of the row.

We used to get hungry out there in the corn
When you talk about music, what equals a horn,
A horn yellin dinner and gravy and beans
Tomatoes and pork, potatoes and greens.

I ain't blamin no one for quittin on time
To stop with the whistle, that ain't no crime.
But as for the million well this much I know
That Bill always hoed to the end of the row.

...

There are at least 150 families in our mission who
are prepared to be taught and accept the gospel. We
know that this is true. We pray that all of us might
partake of the joy these families will have with those
who share the gospel with them. It is often said that
80% of the work is done by 20% of the missionaries.
Our hope is that we all might accomplish all of the
work.

...

" I, the Lord, am bound when ye do what I say; but
when ye do not what I say, ye have no promise. "
Doctrine and Covenants 82:10

FROM THE
FIELD

" I didn't realize what I was missing when I wasn't
practicing dual study like I was supposed to. I think
it's great. "

" We are just waiting for something to break open
here with some baptisms. But we are not going to
wait, we are going to make it happen. "

" In the France Toulouse Mission 600 is the Spirit
of 76. " signed, The PHANTOM

GROWTH

17 new missionaries arrive ... Sisters assigned to
Pau ... 6 missionaries in Bayonne ... 7 baptisms in
January ... 8 missionaries in Limoges ... Member
work program bearing fruits ... Baptisms coming ...

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March 2, 1976

XACH IS IMPORTANT

Who makxs a church program?

Xvxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works quitx wxll xxcpt for onx of thx kxys. I havx wishxd many timxs that it workxd pxxfxtly. It is trux that thxrx arx forty-six kxys that function wxll xnough, but just onx kxy not working makxs thx diffxrxncx. Somxtimxs it sxxms to mx that our church program is somxwhat likx my typxwritxr-- not all thx kxy pxoplx arx working propxrlly.

You may say to yoursxlf, " Wxll I am only onx pxrson. I won't makx a diffxrxncx bxcausx a church program, to bx xffxctivx, nxxds thx activx participation of xvxy mxmbxr." So thx nxxt timx you think you arx only onx pxrson and that your xfforts arx not nxxdxd, rxmmbxr my typxwritxr and say to yoursxlf, " I am a kxy pxrson in our church program and I am nxxdxd vxry much!"

BICYCLE THEFTS

Recently some missionary bicycles have been stolen. We must do everything we can to eliminate this so as to save money, time and a lot of worry. Please pay very close attention to the following instructions so as to be on the safe side when leaving your bike parked. Be sure and lock your bike to an immovable object such as a fence or telephone pole. If neither is available, at least lock your bike to your companion's bike. Be sure to lock the wheel as well as the frame to the immovable object. We also recommend buying a chain and s sturdy pad lock. This might seem a little expensive, but it will pay for itself if it deters someone from stealing your " wheels". Exactly 50% of the bike thefts in the mission would have been avoided if the above steps would have been followed.

BANKS

As most of you are aware, there are still some problems with cashing foreign checks at your B.N.P. due to many diverse reasons. We are notifying you that steps are being taken to clear up these problems so as to facilitate the procedure.

We have been informed that all B.N.P.s that are used by the missionaries in our mission will be receiving a letter from their superiors in Paris as to your activities. The mission office will give you confirmation of this as soon as we hear for sure that this information has been sent. We certainly hope that this will be a step in the right direction in helping us to solve our money problems. We ask again for your patience in this matter, with both the mission and the banks.

FROM:
BEFORE
PRAYING

By
Arthur
Bassett

January
Ensign

" Most of us, I suspect, go to our prayers with the intent of talking rather than with the intent of listening. We go to tell the Lord of our needs rather than to ask him of our needs. For most of us talking comes easily; listening is more difficult. Few of us seem willing to ask honestly how we should alter the course of our life, especially when we are comfortable in our present situation."

" Are we, through our shortsightedness, trying to solicit from the Lord answers to meaningless questions? Are we trying to persuade him to deal with the issues that are not in our best interest in an eternal sense? Is this the reason why the Lord seemingly has so little to say to us? Is this why we often find such little satisfaction from our prayers?"

" We need to go to prayer with a more open attitude... with a more sincere desire to be taught. Perhaps our sole petition initially should be that He will teach us what we ought to pray for."

" Vital prayer is never a three minute pause on the way to a good night's sleep. Rather, we need to invite the Lord into our thoughts and, in the light of his guidance, subject our life-style to our most penetrating scrutiny."

ENGLISH
CLUB

The France Toulouse Mission will not publish an english course. After careful examination of materials we have come to the decision that more professional material may be bought in a bookstore than what we could produce. We suggest " Anglais en 90 leçons et 90 jours ". We do want you to follow the following guidelines in your english club efforts however:

1. Do them in pre-determined periods with a fixed beginning and ending date; ten weeks is a good length.
2. Do your english classes in the goal of contacting people and baptizing them.
3. There are several possibilities for locations. Your salle is the most available but the Maison de Jeunesse in your city is a good place as well. One of its big advantages is that it will often do the publicity for you.
4. It is usually good to have three courses: beginning, intermediate and advanced.
5. One or one and a half hours a week is often enough for this contacting activity.
6. Posters are available through the Mission Office if you want to do your own publicity. The price is 1.50FF for 25.

NEW ARRIVALS

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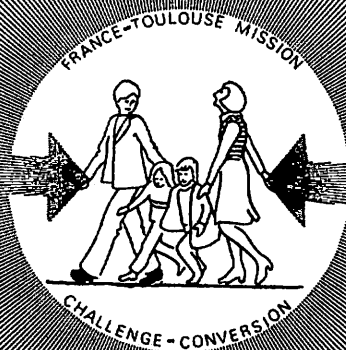
GROWTH

Sister missionaries assigned to Angouleme.... Baptisms in Bayonne and Perigueux.... 4 Elders in Carcassonne.... 8 Missionaries in Montpellier.... Several March baptismal Dates....

A THOUGHT

If you have truth on your side, you can pass through the dark valley of slander, misrepresentation and abuse, undaunted as though you wore a magic suit of mail that no bullet could enter, no arrow could pierce. You can hold your head high, toss it fearlessly and defiantly, look every man calmly and unflinchingly in the eye, as though you rode, a victorious king, returning at the head of your legions with banners waving and lances glistening, and bugles filling the air with music. William George Jordon

CHALLENGE



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May 14, 1976

UN DEFI

Baptisms are coming and we congratulate you on your efforts. Study hours are increasing throughout the mission and this is good to see. Proselyting hours fluctuate from week to week and need to increase and will increase as we become more diligent. However as Elder Didier stated our job is to preach the message of the restored gospel. People cannot be baptized if they are not taught. With this in mind we now challenge each team in the France Toulouse Mission, for the week of May ~~21-24~~/76 to raise it's weekly teaching total 3 hours above that of the preceding week. Please note that we will inform you of the results. Write this goal down!

LISTENING

Dr. S. I.
Hayekawa

...Listening does not mean simply maintaining a polite silence while you are rehearsing in your mind the speech you are going to make the next time you can grab a conversational opening.

Nor does listening mean waiting alertly for the flaws in the other fellow's arguments so that later you can mow him down. Listening means seeing the problem the way the speaker sees it--which means not sympathy, which is feeling for him but empathy, which is experiencing with him. Listening requires entering actively and imaginatively into the other fellow's situation and trying to understand a frame of reference different from your own.

But a good listener does not merely remain silent. He asks questions. However, these questions must avoid all implications(whether in tone of voice or wording) of scepticism, challenge or hostility.

MOTHER'S AND FATHER'S DAY

There's still time for you to write a special Mother's Day Letter home because Mother's Day in France is on May 30. Father's Day here comes on June 20(it's June 15 back home). Send a special letter home to these special people so that they arrive on time.

FILMS

The Mission now has 3 films available for use: Les Trois Témoins, La Voix de l'Amerique Ancienne, and l'Homme à la Recherche du Bonheur. To reserve, please order these films at least a month in advance.

BICYCLES

Many bikes in the mission are in poor condition. We advise you to be a defensive driver, obey traffic rules, watch on your right, and keep your bike in good repair. Take the time on Preparation Day to replace worn brakes, lights, cables, etc. so as to insure your health and safety.

FINANCIAL AID

Please don't tell investigators that the Church will help them with financial difficulties. We are in no position to lend or give money to non-members of the Church.

PROPER
LANGUAGE

As missionaries it is important that we use proper language. We should avoid using slang or argot expressions when referring to missionaries or other people. (ie: guys, mecs, dudes, flippers, turkeys, etc.) Terms such as these are inappropriate. We should also avoid terms like T.J.s which may hurt feelings. Substitute words such as flip, hang it, pit, etc. should be avoided.

In speaking of sacred ordinances such as baptism we need to speak carefully. Using phrases such as "dunk 'em", get them in the water, take a dive, go swimming, etc. is really inappropriate. Let's be more spiritual in word and deed and the Lord will bless us accordingly.

QUESTION ???

Who made a deposit about March 19 of 323.20ff? What for?

REPORTS

In order to effectively help people progress we need to be aware of their progress and we also need to set goals with and for them as a companionship. We encourage you to take care in writing the names of your families on the back of reports. List them in order of priority, those closest to baptism first, etc. Record the baptismal dates set and put in parentheses those goal dates you as a team have set. Also record the G discussion in the "discussion données" box if it has been given. Let's keep challenging!!

GROWTH

9 baptisms since last CHALLENGE....at least 22 baptisms in April (we need the completed TCR's)....3 branches now in Bordeaux: Talence, Cauderan, and Lormont....7 new Elders arrive on May 26/76....more baptisms coming soon!

REFERRAL
CARDS

We appreciate the contacting cards coming into the office and we ask that each contacting card be accompanied by a completed Standardized Referral Card, in english.

QUOTES FROM
THE FIELD

"I come to a greater realization each day of my dependence on the Spirit of the Lord to guide me, give me the french words I need and to testify of the principles that we teach. My own testimony grows each time that I testify."

"We are all excited here about the baptism which will take place here tomorrow. This surely will see the real opening up of this city and the baptisms will come as we put into practice the principles taught by our leaders."

"This is really a great city and full of people who need the gospel. We are determined to find them. We have been able to work with members and this really helps. Members bring a special spirit with them. My testimony grows daily."

A THOUGHT

The largest locomotive in the New York Central System while standing still can be prevented from movement by placing a single one inch block of wood in front of each of the drive wheels.

The same locomotive moving at 100 miles per hour can crash through a wall of steel reinforced concrete 5 feet thick.

And so it is with the person in action. Once he's got up a "head of steam" he can crash through any obstacles including those created by circumstances, created by himself and created by his own attitude.

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C. S. LEWIS

"Imagine yourself as a living house. God comes in to rebuild that house. At first, perhaps, you can understand what He is doing. He is getting the drains right and stopping the leaks in the roof and so on: you know that those jobs needed doing and so you are not surprised. But presently He starts knocking the house about in a way that hurts abominably and does not seem to make sense. What on earth is He up to? The explanation is that He is building quite a different house from the one you thought of - throwing out a new wing here, putting on an extra floor there, running up towers, making courtyards. You thought you were going to be made into a decent little cottage, but He is building a palace. . .

CONFERENCE
THEME

The theme for the upcoming round of Zone Conferences will be Ether 12:12-16. We encourage you to read and ponder it, as well as the stories alluded to and the rest of Ether 12, in preparation for the conference.

"For if there be no faith among the children of men God can do no miracle among them; wherefore, he showed not himself until after their faith.

"Behold, it was the faith of Alma and Amulek that caused the prison to tumble to the earth.

"Behold, it was the faith of Nephi and Lehi that wrought the change upon the Lamanites, that they were baptized with fire and with the Holy Ghost.

"Behold, it was the faith of Ammon and his brethren which wrought so great a miracle among the Lamanites.

"Yea, and even all they who wrought miracles wrought them by faith, even those who were before Christ and also those who were after."

COMMISSARIAN

A reminder that the monthly brochure counts must be sent in to the Mission Offices with the reports for the first week of every month. This being done, the commissarian can keep the entire mission well supplied, avoiding the many problems arising from depleted stocks.

ALSO...

With the increasing number of missionary Open Houses around the mission, we ask you to please wait for confirmation from the mission offices when requesting films. There are often conflicts. Keep your plans flexible until you hear a definite "yes". Request early - first come, first served.

FROM THE FIELD

"I have really been blessed to have had two companions who know why they are here, have the desire to serve the Lord, love their work, and work as hard as they can."

"I was excited yesterday, too. I came away from the meeting just as the Lord wanted me to come out of it; with a desire to repent and progress and change. I believe that the Lord is pleased with what we are doing now but His call is for us to change and to go forward and that is what I must do."

SPECIAL
TEACHING
HELPS...

This is the first of a series of special teaching helps to be printed in this and subsequent issues of Challenge, dealing with concepts and questions common to Jehovah's Witnesses, Evangelists, etc. This is not done to increase our "bashing" ability, but rather to help us understand the beliefs of other groups in relation to the truths of the restored gospel. In teaching situations where the spirit can be present, they will be of help in answering the questions of members of these groups. Remember the counsel of D+C 43:15, and D+C 42:14 (if ye receive not the spirit, ye shall not teach.").

The claim is often made that the Bible is infallible, or that it is complete, and there can be no other scripture. There is biblical mention of many other valid scriptural books that are not themselves included in our Bible; such as:

The book of Covenants	Exodus 24:7
The book of the Wars of the Lord	Numbers 21:14
The book of Jasher	Joshua 10:13, 2 Sam 1:18
The book of Statutes	1 Samuel 10:25
The book of the Acts of Solomon	1 Kings 11:41
The books of three missing prophets	1 Chronicles 29:29
Also, 2 Chronicles: 9:29, 12:15, 13:22, 20:34, 26:22, 33:19 contain the names of mission scriptural books.	
Missing Epistle to Corinthians	1 Corinthians 5:9
Missing Epistle to Ephesians	Ephesians 3:3
Epistle of Paul from Laodicea	Colossians 4:16
Earlier Epistle of Jude	Jude 1:3
The Book of Enoch	Jude 1:14

In Matthew 2:23, we learn that Jesus went to live in Nazareth, "that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene". There is no Old Testament prophecy to this effect, therefore, this is also true scripture not included in the Bible.

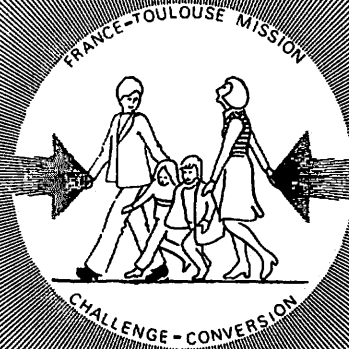
In John 21:25, the physical impossibility of all truth being in the Bible is clearly shown. ...more next time...

THINK ABOUT IT!

Two frogs fell in a deep bowl;
One was an optimistic soul,
But the other took the gloomy view:
We shall drown, he cried without more adieu,
So with a last despairing cry
He flung up his legs and said goodbye.
Said the other frog with a merry grin,
"I can't get out, but I won't give in."

"I'll just swim around 'til my strength is spent,
Then will I die, the more content."
Bravely he swam, 'til it would seem
His struggles began to turn the cream;
On top of the butter at last he stopped,
And out of the bowl he gaily hopped.
What of the moral, 'tis easily found:
If you can't hop out, keep swimming around.

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OUR MESSAGE

Following is an excerpt from President Spencer W. Kimball's closing conference address on Tuesday, April 6, 1976:

"When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

"And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

"He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?" And Simon Peter was the spokesman. He answered and said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Matt. 16:13-16)

There are a half a hundred special witnesses in this room today. There are tens of thousands of men under the sound of my voice, all of whom would, in one great chorus, answer that question—"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." And then the Lord could say to every one of the thousands of us, "Blessed art thou, my son. For flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven hath revealed it unto thee...."

My testimony is that whatsoever can be bound on earth can be bound in heaven by the authority and the power that has been given to the servants of the Lord.... The keys of the kingdom are upon the earth. We know that the Lord wishes us to use them to open the doors to move forward and carry forward the work of our Savior as we make our special efforts.

SCRIPTURE CORRECTIONS

Please note that some discussions and brochures have references that are incorrect; King James and Louis Segond references sometimes differ and some scriptural typographical errors exist.

PAGE--ERROR--CORRECTION

Disc C, p29--"à la page 476"--"aux pages 475 et 476"

Disc H, ps31,33--Ex.20:3-10--Ex.20:3-11
--Ex.20:11-17--Ex.20:12-17

Disc D, p2--Heb.12:19--Heb.12:9

Disc D, p2 and --Eccl.12:7--Eccl.12:9 (Louis Segond)

Plan de Salut, p2 --Eccl.12:7--Eccl.12:7 (King James)

Plan de Salut, pl1--Actes 1:45--Actes 1:4,5

Plan de Salut, p8--Matt.9:22 "t'a sauvé"--"t'a guérie"
 Conception Mormone --Esaie 9:6,7--Esaie 9:5,6 (Louis Seg)
 du Christ, p15 --Esaie 9:6,7--Esaie 9:6,7 (King Jam)
 Triptique DA 50:9
 (new edition) --"garde de faire"--"garde de ne pas
 faire"

Please send us any others you find!

MEMBER/ MISSIONARY PROGRAM

In District Conferences, Zone Conferences, and Regional meetings there will be presentation of a member-missionary program to be put into effect immediately, A general outline of the program follows:

- A. Branch Mission Leader (DMB) instructs Home Teachers (IF).
- B. DMB and IF team select one member family (MF) from those visited by IF team to participate.
- C. DMB, IF, and Proselyting Missionaries (PM) visit the MF and instruct in program.
- D. Together they select non-member families (NMF) which are friendly to the MF.
- E. MF makes contact with NMF and establishes friendly relationship.
- F. MF invites NMF plus PM to Family Home Evening (not Monday night).
- G. Program oriented, for example, around children with PM showing filmstrip.
- H. PM maintain contact with NMF.

This program is not particularly different from other programs. If it is to work, it is vital that the crucial element left out of earlier programs be included, "Follow-up...at all levels." More at conference.

WELCOME

June 23 - 6 new missionaries arrive in Toulouse, Sisters Aulis, Hofer, and Lucas; Elders Donat, Elkington, and Poole. June 25 missionary total: 124.

GROWTH

May 1976: 3,610,842 members worldwide,....23,500 missionaries,....145 missions,....12 baptisms in May,more expected,....more needed.

ETOILES BROCHURES

Remember: placing of brochures and Etoiles in waiting rooms, hospitals, etc., is an effective way of informing people about the gospel. Obtain permission first and stamp address on all publications

QUOTE FROM THE FIELD

Maybe we just aren't putting that little extra touch that it requires to get people interested. I'm certainly going to change and try to use that little extra that will get people interested in the message that we have. That little extra of showing the people that I care for them and am here to help them and teach them the most wonderful message on the face of the earth. That's my goal; to teach people the gospel and to take to them the happiness that knowing God lives and cares about us gives me. I love the families that the Lord has given us the charge of teaching. There are really some beautiful people here. It's great to be on a mission.

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PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Elder
Joseph
Anderson

"Our missionaries as they go into the world with the message of the restoration bear testimony to the truth of this latter-day work. These testimonies must be more than mere words: they must be true convictions. And when they come from the heart and soul as they should do, they have an impact on the thinking of their listeners that cannot easily be cast aside, because those testimonies come with the accompaniment of the Holy Spirit...

One of the former Presidents of the Church, President David O. McKay, has said in regard to this subject, "A testimony of the gospel of Jesus Christ is the most sacred, the most precious gift in our lives...

That is my testimony to you. Sometimes there are obstacles; there is persecution; there is self denial... there will seem to be sacrifice, but it is only temporary. The Lord never forsakes those who seek him. It may not come just the way you think, but it will come. The Lord will certainly fulfill his promise to you.

I testify that if we can bring our eternal spirits into attune with the promptings of God's Holy Spirit, the hand of God may be made visible; and the listening ear so attuned may be responsive to the celestial whisperings of the voice of God..."

QUOTES FROM THE FIELD

This has been a happy week for me. Prayers have been answered. Several times this week we've been guided by the Spirit. It is such a good feeling to know that the Lord cares and that he does reveal the answers to questions if we listen closely enough.

Testifying strengthens my testimony... My testimony grows daily... Yesterday my testimony jumped 10 spiritumeters.

GROWTH

A recent addition to the France Toulouse Mission; Mark Stuart Broschinsky, born June 14/76, 17h45, weighed 4.550 kilograms (10.1 lbs.)... new Toulouse IV District... baptism in Pau, one in Toulouse... 52 baptisms for 1976 thusfar... more coming and many more needed.

MISSION MANUAL

We are in the process of passing out the completed Mission Manual. Please familiarize yourselves with the content and review it often.

ADOPTIONS

We have been asked by the Missionary Executive Committee to communicate the following instructions. In certain cases Mission Presidents and missionaries have been involved in arranging adoptions; either by transporting children from the mission to the U.S. or Canada for families there; or vice-versa, or arranging for adoptions within the mission fields.

The policy of the Church is such that we should not in any way become involved in such arrangements. Should someone request your assistance in this area, please contact the Mission President.

EMMIGRATION

The Church instructs that missionaries should neither aid nor encourage members to emigrate to the United States or Canada. Church policy is that members should remain in their own country thus strengthening the branches and districts.

VOICE OF WARNING

In the first section of the Doctrine and Covenants the following declaration is made:

"And the voice of warning shall be unto all people, by the mouths of my disciples, whom I have chosen in these last days. And they shall go forth and none shall stay them, for I the Lord have commanded them."

Doctrine and Covenants 1: 4,5

The responsibility to lift a warning voice is further noted in the following references:

- ① Those who desire to warn sinners should be ordained to this power... D&C 63: 57
- ② A day of warning and not a day of many words. D&C 63: 58
- ③ To testify and to warn. He who has been warned should warn his neighbor- now left without excuse. D&C 88: 81-82, see also Ezekiel 33: 1-6

What is a warning voice? What do we warn for? A study of the scriptures clearly shows that we are warning of the Second Coming - that people may repent, place their lives in order, join the Church and be prepared when the Savior comes again.

This message underlies the entire mission discussion plan. Here however, we want to emphasize the responsibility of warning during the initial contact whether it be on the street, at the door, in the park or wherever. In our original contact message there are three vital elements of which we should bear testimony.

- ① The mission and divinity of Jesus Christ.
- ② The calling of the prophet Joseph Smith.
- ③ The restoration of the true Church of Jesus Christ.

When we bear witness of these three truths, expanding the ideas according to the spirit, we will have warned people of the divinity of the Savior and told them how they may place their lives in order (by repenting and joining the Church) and be prepared for the Second Coming.

✱ This message may be adapted to almost any approach; ie. Family Home Evening, Book of Mormon, etc.

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LOURDES

In a small grotto in Lourdes France, between February 11 and July 15 of 1858, Bernadette Soubirou claims to have received 18 apparitions of the Virgin Mary.

She claims that the personage wore a white dress, blue sash, yellow roses on her feet and carried a yellow rosary (chapelet or string of beads).

The apparition revealed to Bernadette "three great secrets" which were not to be revealed (unknown to the world at present) and also directed her to tell the local Catholic priests to have a Catholic church built on the holy spot.

During the visions the personage made gestures very Catholic in nature such as; the act of genuflection (bending the knee), sign of the cross, rosary act with beads, rosary prayers, etc.

Probably the most important factor in the apparitions is the reported statement of the personage, "I am the Immaculate Conception".

What should we think and how should we deal with the reported happenings at Lourdes? Let's consider the following:

-The rosary, non-existent in Christ's Church, came into use in the Catholic church in the 9th century. It is a string of beads used when repeating fixed prayers of devotion to the Virgin Mary.

-The acts of genuflection and the sign of the cross are also very Catholic in origin and have no part in the true gospel of Jesus Christ.

-Remember that a true messenger of the Lord would not do things not in accordance with principles of the gospel.

-The Lord always works through proper lines of authority. If the Catholic church were Christ's Church then it logically follows that the Pope should have received the "three great secrets". The local clergy should have received instructions to erect a church and not a young girl. A messenger of the Lord would not tell a young girl to build an apostate church and the prophet of God would have received the "three great secrets" if in fact they really existed.

FALSE DOCTRINE

The "Immaculate Conception" doctrine refers to the birth of Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ, and is a false doctrine. There are also many false beliefs related to this doctrine. Mary, the Virgin, according to Catholic theology was free from the stain of "original sin" which is also a false doctrine. In fact no one ever born has had the stain of original sin because we will not be punished for Adam's transgression. (see 2nd Article of Faith)

Part of the "Conception" doctrine is the belief that Mary was never subject to the influence or dominion of Satan; thus free from sin. We know that all people are subject to the temptations of the devil and also that none are free from sin, except Jesus Christ himself.

Another related false belief is that Mary never bore any children other than Jesus, but we know that Mary, as Joseph's wife, bore and raised other children.

MIRACLES

In considering the reported miracles at Lourdes keep in mind that:

- Satan has the power to work miracles. His evil spirits can also appear as angels of light and work miracles.
- The mind and autosuggestive psychological powers are great.
- Sincere faith and belief in Jesus Christ, whatever your Christian denomination, can and do work miracles in the lives of people.

INVESTIGATORS

When working with investigators we need to be careful about what we say and the way that we say it. We know that if someone really did appear to Bernadette that it wasn't a duly appointed messenger of the Lord. However we must show respect for the beliefs and feelings of others. (see white handbook, page 13) The following points may help you when conversing with contacts:

- Don't state that Bernadette did or did not have manifestations. We do not know for sure.
- Don't deny the possibility of healings at Lourdes.
- Our message is that of the Gospel of Jesus Christ restored by Joseph Smith. Our purpose in being here is to teach that message and to help others gain a testimony of its truthfulness.
- If the Joseph Smith story is false then the story of Lourdes may or may not be true. If however, the Joseph Smith story is true then we may draw certain conclusions about the source of Bernadette's visions.
- A possible question: Have the happenings at Lourdes helped people to find, accept and live the true Gospel of Jesus Christ?

SCRIPTURES

The following scriptures may help you:

Amos 3:7-secrets and revelation
Matt.5:7, John 14:13,14, John 15:16-prayer
Exodus 7:10-12, Matt.7:22,23-miracles and evil
Mark 9:23, Matt.17:20, 21:22-miracles and faith
Matt.1:25, 13:55,56, Mark 6:3, Gal.1:19-Mary's children

SOURCES

Lourdes, a Catholic publication; Missionary Pal, Marston;
Webster's Collegiate Dictionary; Larousse"Lexis"Dictionary;
Mormon Doctrine, McConkie.

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POLICIES

Mission Organization

The mission is quickly arriving at its authorized strength and an increased number of experienced missionaries is quickly bringing leadership potential to where it should be. Therefore in the last transfer two missionaries have been called to work as Zone Leaders in each zone. They equally share zone leader responsibilities and authority although one is the senior companion while the other is junior (as in the Assistants' team). This will considerably increase the strength of leadership in each zone. The Zone Leaders also serve as District Leaders in their district. They together share district leader responsibilities. In other districts in the zone one missionary is called as a District Leader as it is currently the case.

Training Visits

Assistants are to train Zone Leaders, Zone Leaders are to train District Leaders, District Leaders are to train senior companions, and senior companions are to train junior companions. This training will be made during visits as well as normal working relationships. As a general rule the Assistants will visit one zone per week. The Zone Leaders are to visit each district at least once between conference. The District Leaders should visit each team once a month. Other visits can be made as special needs arise. During all such visits objectives and goals should be established on all levels.

Teams will divide in an orderly fashion to make the visits. For example, one Assistant would go with one Zone Leader to visit a chosen district, while the other Assistant and Zone Leader would remain in the original area. The visiting team will train and teach the district, the Zone Leader working with the District Leader and the Assistant with the District Leader's companion. The District Leader may feel the need to visit with a particular team in his district. In that case the District Leader will usually work with the senior companion while the Zone Leader will work with the junior companion. The same order is true for Zone Leader visit's to districts (without the Assistants) or the District Leader visit's (without the Zone Leaders).

After the visit a critique is held at each level to determine whether or not the objectives were met and to set new goals for the team, district, or zone involved. These visits provide an efficient chain of communication for training and information between all missionary teams and the Mission President.

DEFI

Each missionary is entitled to success. If you don't have the success you wish maybe you will find the reason why in the following questions:

- 1) Do you get up on time every morning?
- 2) Do you have your study classes every morning? (1 hour of personal study and 1 hour of dual study)
- 3) Are you on schedule in learning your discussion? If you've been here more than 4 months are they all passed off?
- 4) Do you ask the "Golden Question" 5 times everyday per missionary?
- 5) Do you have 55 to 60 hours of proselyting every week?
- 6) Do you teach 7 discussions (minimum) per week, of which 4 are upper level discussions?
- 7) Do you teach with the members at least once every week?
- 8) Do you hold a companion inventory session every week?
- 9) Do you have 3 goals on report forms every week with a percentage of accomplishments?
- 10) Do you currently have 50 to 75 investigators in your investigator pool?

We have all challenged ourselves to be 100% missionaries for 4 months, that is until the 31st of December 1976. We've also set realistic team goals for baptisms that when added together, total out as a great boost for the Lord's Kingdom here in France. We've given ourselves a challenge and we've written the blessings that await us if we meet it. Let's join together TODAY and make it happen.

NEW MISSIONARIES

We are happy to welcome to the Mission all the missionaries that arrived during the months of July and August. July 21st brought arrival of Elders Brown, Crawford, Gardner, Landis, Neeley, and Smith as well as Sisters Dawson, Kohler, Mecham, and Robison. August 17 Elders Devine, Fairbanks, and Madsen arrived from the United States and also Elder Wanner from Denmark and Elder Richards from England. On the 25th Elder Layton arrived followed two days later by Elder Coallier.

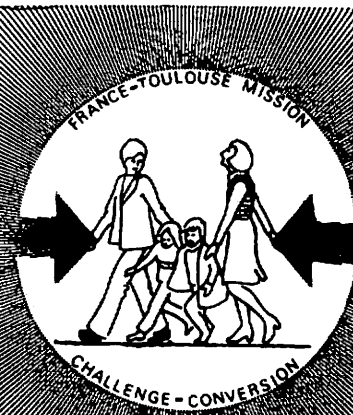
GROWTH

10 Baptisms in July, 6 in August...more coming.....! Next arrival September 6, 1976, 1 Elder from Strasbourg...September 15, 1976, 3 Elders and 3 Sisters from the L.T.M. Mission total then to be 138.

REMINDER

September and October are the months for the "rentrée scolaire" in France both in high schools and universities. This is the time to plan, organize, and advertise your English club programs as well as Lycée presentations. Keep in mind that an 8 to 10 week program has been proven to be the most effective. We suggest that you use for your classes the book "L'Anglais en 90 Jours, en 90 Leçons". Ed. Livre de Poche. English club posters are available at the mission office at the price of 1F50 for 25 posters.

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DISCUSSIONS RE-DEFINED

In each of the last Zone Conferences the new definition of "a discussion" was confirmed. When half of the ideas in a discussion are presented it is to be counted as "one discussion given". When the other half is given a few days later it counts as a second discussion. One family may, therefore, receive two "C" discussions. In some cases a logical break in the ideas does not fall at the halfway mark exactly. In the "C" for example, the first three ideas go well together and the last five go well together. Should the entire discussion be given in one sitting it counts as one discussion.

CHALLENGE- 7 DISCUSSIONS

In some of the last Zone Conferences the challenge was issued to teach at least one discussion per day and at least seven discussions per week. Ultimately this should be broken into 3 initial discussions (first meetings) and 4 upper level discussions. If you make a maximum effort to teach one initial discussion everyday this next week some of these will result in return appointments for later that week or the next week. Then every day and especially days when you don't have the return appointments scheduled you try again very hard to teach at least one initial discussion.

Let's look at some hypothetical results. Week 1, teach seven initial discussions with three giving return appointments. Week 2, there are three return appointments or advanced discussions as well as four more initial discussions. Perhaps of the three return appointments there are two still willing to see you, of the four initial discussions of the second week there are two more giving return appointments and you now are teaching four upper discussions and three initial discussions per week.

A real effort in this area will significantly increase our results. But could they be increased more? The answer is an emphatic YES! The simple expedient of consciously working towards appointments more frequently than once a week, every 2 or 3 days, significantly increases the possibility of bringing our contacts to baptism.

Now can anything else be done? Once again the answer is an emphatic YES! By being alert to our investigators interest in our message we can challenge them to baptism when they reach the apex of interest, when it is at its peak, when the Spirit has touched their heart and told them that the message is true. By watching for this apex of interest, challenging, and following through we will again increase the fruits of our labors.

FAMILY HOME
EVENING

The Church considers the Family Home Evening to be one of the best missionary tools we have. We need to use it more, but of course we first need to know how. We invite all who have used and had success with the FHE to send in to the Assistants a description of their personal methods of setting up and holding them. All of us could profit from ideas for games, activities, songs, lessons, etc, for families of all kinds. They'll be used in a future FHE handout or Zone Conference presentation. Thanks.

UNAUTHORIZED
SWITCHING

Missionaries are to be with and work with their own companions at all times except during regular switch-days initiated by Zone or District Leaders. Elders and sisters should not take it upon themselves to work or otherwise be with missionaries other than their companion without DL permission. Switching with members of others districts is not to be done.

REPORTS

Reports are to be a comprehensive and accurate accounting of your stewardship as a missionary each week. They help mission leaders at all levels to accomplish their responsibilities. On conference weeks, please write more than simply "I'll see you at conference". Report expenditures as accurately as possible. These figures are used for several purposes that are very important. Keep close track of what you spend in a notebook or simple running totals of money coming in and the amount in your pocket.

ORDERING BOOKS
OF MORMON

Under the current system of Book of Mormon ordering, it may often happen that books coming to Elder X arrive well after Elder X has been transferred to another city. Normally, in this case, the elders in the apartment will buy the books and use them themselves. This way Book of Mormon stocks will not move around the mission as rapidly as some missionaries, and orders corresponding to needs in particular apartments will still meet those needs in case of transfer. Please bear this in mind when ordering.

QUOTES FROM THE
FIELD

"S'il y a deux missionnaires archi-benis sur cette terre, c'est ... et moi! Dès que nous mettons le nez dehors, les portes s'ouvrent et nous enseignons presque chaque fois. Le plus extraordinaire c'est cette famille que nous avons trouvée la semaine dernière et qui en une semaine a reçu 2 discussions et a accepté le baptême. A chaque fois je manque de tomber de ma chaise d'étonnement!"

"I hope I will be able to say every week as I make out this report that I have seen progression, both in ourselves and in our investigators and that each week I love and give just a little more than the weeks precedent."

"Just one more discussion to go and I'm a free man!"

A THOUGHT

"What kind of a mission would my mission be,
If everyone in it were just like me?"

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September 18, 1976

COMPARATIVE REPORTS

Beginning with the month of August, we will issue "Mission Zone Comparative Reports". In these reports we will compare zones in the following categories: 1) Average hours spent in gospel study, 2) Average hours teaching investigators the standard discussions, 3) Average hours proselyting, 4) Number of referrals received from members, 5) Number of referrals received from other sources, 6) Number of referrals checked, 7) Number of baptismal challenges given (includes also those given as part of a discussion), 8) Number of 1st and 2nd discussions taught, 8a) Number of other discussions taught, 9) Baptismal commitments and dates, 10) Converts baptized, 11) Families baptized, and 12) Families baptized through joint effort.

These reports will be distributed to Elder Didier as well as to all missionaries in the mission. It is felt that this will help all of us in our efforts to evaluate our progress. All missionaries are asked to begin marking items 4, 5, 6, and 7 on their weekly reports beginning with the week of Sept 24-30. This can be done on the back above "Convertis baptisés cette semaine".

We will also be issuing a more limited comparaison between Elders and Sisters, featuring items 1,2,3,9,10, and 11 from the above list. A quick look at the last two weeks shows:
Proselyting hours: Elders - 53.4 Ave. Sisters - 49.7 Ave.
Teaching hours: Elders - 6.0 Ave. Sisters - 7.5 Ave.

"EMISSION"

A fifteen-minute television show about the Church has been done under the direction of the Paris Stake. Watch it with your best investigator family. It will be aired Friday, Oct. 8, at 7:40 P.M. on FR3 during the show "Tribune Libre".

SEEDING LETTER

With this Challenge, you'll find 1 copy of the seeding letter used by the mission. They are available from the mission at the rate of 4 ff per hundred. To order, write to the printer/commissarian. They are very effective in bringing greater success in tracting.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

France Toulouse Mission policy now dictates that District Meetings are to be held during the morning hours on the day following Preparation day. This will alleviate the loss of prime proselyting time on Sunday and other days, and will allow for the setting of better district goals. Individual reports can be handed in at this time, and district goals can be set and evaluated on a regular weekly basis, and entered on the District Leader's report.

COATS BACK

Suitcoats should now be worn by all elders while working.

---BY
SISTER
LAMOREAUX

WALLS

It's easily said, but is it easily done?
I'm asking myself, "Would you be the one
To stand at the wall and die for the truth
Or give up your freedom while yet but a youth?"

"Would you be willing to lay down your all
And give up your life to answer the call?"
"Yes!!" you cry proudly, "I'd gladly!" you shout!
"I'd die without fear, without question or doubt!"

And that answer, I realize, is probably true.
The Lord knows you'd do it, but Satan does, too.
Satan knows, you see, how high of a wall
He'd have to build to see each of us fall.

A wall that is hard, wide, and tall as a tree
Would serve just to make us go straight to our knees
To pray to that Father who is up above
To pour down upon us His strength and His love.

And as we would kneel there, humbled and scared,
Our hearts would be opened, our souls would be bared.
Then, assuredly, the strength we so needed would come
To give us the courage to face that last drum.

The battle would be won; there'd be no more fight.
The gate would be open; the path would be bright.
And that's why, you see, he doesn't build that high wall.
He knows that's not how he can make us all fall.

So he builds a small wall, so tiny and humble
That we can't even see it until we all stumble.
Then we curse and we moan and we wonder what happened.
"What made us fall?" we cry, sorry and saddened.

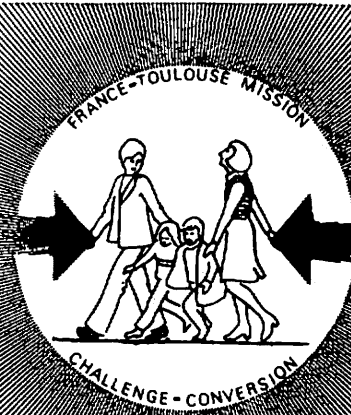
And the answer is there, so simple and clear.
We had only to open our ears and we'd hear.
We just saw no need to ask every day
To help us step over the walls in our way.

The gaze was too high, the chin set too proud.
We had to look forward; we couldn't look down.
Then, that wall right in front of us, so cleverly done
Gave Satan the victory; his battle was won.

It'll never be easy, this fight day to day.
There are too many walls that hide right in the way.
I can look up ahead for the wall, just in case,
But for now, it's the ones close to home I must face.

Then, when I look the Lord straight in the eye,
And say, "Lord, thou knowest I was willing to die,"
I hope I can say, too, that I watched all around,
"I not only looked forward, Lord, I also looked down."

CHALLENGE



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September 30, 1976

SUCCESS IN BRIVE

Brive la Gaillarde was already an important city in 200 B.C, and though many of its inhabitants were Christ's contemporaries, and though many thousands have since lived as christians, the fullness of the Gospel was never preached in Brive until July 23, 1976. Elders Walker, Brown, Kettenring, and Crawford brought their faith and testimonies into the city and have seen great success as a result.

After a week and a half of getting settled, their hours have never dipped below 60, and teaching, discussions, and study have been far above the Mission averages. Excuse the quoting of statistics, but they lead up to what's important in the story. The Antunes family was found during the first full week's work by tracting in a quartier chosen through prayer. When the assistants arrived just a few days later, they had been taught a second time and had accepted baptism for Sept. 4. The teaching was completed, testimonies were received, and on that day a 3-member family came into the Church. It had not yet been a month since the first knock on their door.

Meanwhile, across town, the stage was being set for another miracle. A normal family was normally taught and suggested (as some normally do) that the elders should return in "6 months or so". The answer was a bit less normal; "If you wait 6 months, you'll lose interest, and you'll bypass the truth of our message". The elders bore testimony and left. A week and a half later a young lady came to the elders apartment, "troubled" by what had been said, and wanting to be taught again. She couldn't sleep after that next rendez-vous, and praying 3 or 4 times during the night, she awoke with a strong testimony. She was taught what she needed to know to be baptised and joined the Church Sept. 18 - in all 4 weeks after the first contact.

There are many other stories of faith and spirit coming out of the Corrèze. If you get the chance, ask the Brive elders about Mr. Sicre, or Sr. Peauger's friends, or the families being taught with (and for the most part by) the Antunes family. This isn't the end of the story, but more just a summary of the 1st chapter. The future is bright.

For the Brive elders, success and meeting goals is a very realistic thing. If we could all work with their faith, desire, and diligence, we'd baptise 600 a year and hundreds more. (try making the calculations yourself). This same kind of success has recently come as well to Agen, Pau, Carcassonne, and other cities. We're gaining momentum.

Constant recommitment to the basics of faith, desire, and hard work is what we need to keep it moving and accelerating.

PRETRISE

"Je me rends compte que le mal abonde dans le monde actuel. Satan est en liberté, et il nous arrive à être grandement tentés, par lui et ses cohortes, de faire des choses dont nous devrions nous abstenir. Nous succombons bien souvent parce que nous voulons être populaires parmi nos camarades. Cependant, le fait de détenir la prêtrise nous rend différents, et nous devons nous préparer à être différents et à être mis à part, et être prêts et disposés à accomplir l'oeuvre à laquelle le Seigneur nous a appelés."

- N. Eldon Tanner; Etoile, août 1976, pg. 63.

FROM THE
PRESIDENT

We have been called by a prophet of God for these 18 or 24 months to teach the "Message of the Restoration" to the ~~people living in the south-west of France. We are not~~ here for the praise of men nor for self-improvement. This is a by-product of faithful service. We are not here primarily to make friends only but to deliberately seek for and find converts to the Church. Therefore, it is necessary that we prepare ourselves properly by studying the right things. You can spend much time attaining knowledge, but if this knowledge cannot be used in teaching the basic tenets of our faith by bringing about a conviction in the hearts of others, it is of very limited value to us here in the mission field. We should not be enticed into studying the more profound truths of the Gospel at this point in our progression, but rather the simple straight-forward concepts which lead to faith, repentance, baptism, and the Gift of the Holy Ghost.

CONVICTION/
INDOCTRINATION

These two concepts could well be kept in mind as we go about our work. Very often we try to indoctrinate our contacts - to load them with weighty doctrinal arguments in order to bring about conversion. Indoctrination does not bring members into the Church. Conviction does, and conviction comes when after hearing the simple truths of the Gospel a heart is touched, a spirit communicates, a person knows. Let's avoid "indoctrination"; let's work towards "conviction".

SPECIAL
NOTICE

We have learned that the father of Elder Charles Bates is seriously ill, and we would appreciate your awareness of this in your faith and prayers, especially with Fast Sunday coming up on the 3rd of October.

SURVEYS

A couple of comments on surveys: 1) They are a tool to lead us into a discussion. 2) Record the answers - they may be revealing. 3) Be honest. Those being interviewed should know right away that you are missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and that ultimately you would be pleased to be able to visit them.

QUESTIONS/
ANSWERS

45 minutes of the next Zone Conference will be allotted for "Questions and Answers" by President Broschinsky. Please have your doctrinal, work-related, or other questions prepared and thought-out beforehand.

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PREPARATION DAY CHANGE

Due to a change in the arrival day of new missionaries, the habitual day for transfers and Preparation Day in the mission will be changed to Thursday. This will take effect next week, the first Thursday Preparation Day being on November 4th. The reporting week will shift also and will be counted from Thursday morning to Wednesday night. The recommended time for holding District Meetings remains the morning after Preparation Day, and will therefore move to Friday morning.

CLEANLINESS

We often use the phrase "Cleanliness is next to Godliness". The Doctrine and Covenants exhorts us to cease being unclean and to organize ourselves. Consider the following two excerpts:

"We are now moved in after a long clean-up process and several repairs. This apartment was a pit (oops - bite my tongue but it was) when we moved in."

"I am not going to be too positive on this report and I am sorry about it but I have to say something about the transfer of ---- and ----. We found the apartment really dirty and in poor shape; one of the biggest messes I have ever seen! When I leave a city I always leave my old apartment clean for the new elders, so I think I should have the right to expect the same thing when I arrive in a new branch. I was really upset about it; we had to clean everything on Friday and there is still a lot more to do. In my opinion, when an elder is leaving, he should clean the apartment and not leave anything at all behind. He could give his things to his companion, give clothes to the Relief Society, or throw his junk away. We had to do all this for them, and I don't think it's fair. I wish a way could be found to resolve this problem throughout the mission."

COMMISSARIAN

There is no longer a credit system in the commissarian's office. Payment of supplies should be made at the time of ordering through the mission bank account at the BNP. Be sure to mark on the back of the receipt what the payment is for and how much is included. If you need a price on an item, write to the commissarian. Posters are 1.50 per 25, and the conversion formula for German Marks is 1 Mark = 1.80 ff.

PEP KITS ARE COMING!

PEP KITS ARE COMING!...PEP KITS ARE COMING!...
PEP KITS ARE COMING!...PEP KITS ARE COMING!...

REMINDER

Good relations with the members begins with appropriate conduct during church meetings. We need to suppress the temptation to read or do other things while we're at meetings of the branch. The members notice and are disappointed when missionaries show such a lack of interest.

SALESMEN?

In a talk by Elder Ezra Taft Benson, President of the Quorum of the Twelve, we read the following:

"It is my feeling that effective sales techniques in missionary work, under the inspiration of the Spirit, are not incompatible with effective teaching methods. Both are essential to a sound proselyting program. There should not be an anti-sales feeling in our approach to missionary work. We should teach our missionaries every sound teaching principle and every honorable sales technique to move the work forward."

With this in mind, a recent contribution from Elder Every becomes very pertinent:

"How to be a Real Salesman...(How to be a real missionary)

- 1) Find a need and fill it. It's pretty hard to sell something no one else needs. Believe that you have something that people really need.
- 2) Since you must sell yourself even before selling your goods, it's important to sell yourself on yourself. So believe in yourself.
- 3) Want to sell. Get the thrill of selling desirable goods or services.
- 4) Get full of enthusiasm ; the kind that keeps you excited about your job and about people.
- 5) Don't ride enthusiasm so hard that you become offensively high-pressure. All that will get you is resistance and no sale.
- 6) Develop the powerful motivation that comes from deep inner enthusiasm that never runs down.
- 7) Don't be a half-a-minder. Be an all-out, not a half-out. Give your whole mind, your whole self. That will provide the impact that will achieve results...real results.
- 8) ~~Concentrate--think--concentrate--think.~~ Keep your mind working and keep your mind on your selling. Thinking produces ideas and ideas sell.
- 9) Learn to communicate. Develop rapport with people. Know people and like them. They will like you and buy what you have to sell.
- 10) Ask God to guide you in your planning. Then plan your work and work your plan.
- 11) Believe that being a salesman is the greatest, most important job in the world. Be proud you are a salesman.

There is a magic formula for success. No enterprise can succeed without it; any enterprise can succeed with it. Indeed, it can lead to success in life itself. The formula is stated in six powerful words - short words, only three of them contain as many as four letters. They are these - and mark them well:

"FIND A NEED AND FILL IT"

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FROM PRESIDENT
DIDIER

BICYCLES - Missionaries should be reminded to follow strictly the laws and traffic regulations and drive their bicycles in order to prevent accidents. Insist on security. If necessary, invite a police officer to lecture for an hour during a zone conference!

ASPHYXIA - Autumn starts and many missionaries may have appartments heated by gas heaters, coal, or other systems. Please remind the missionaries to take all necessary security steps to prevent asphyxia during the night and even during the day. Alert them to the danger of using electric heaters in bath-rooms and showers.

CULTURE - Many of our countries have strong cultural traditions, religious and others. Missionaries should be reminded to respect the property of local people. Two recent incidents involving missionaries caused serious prejudices to the Church and to the missionaries.

FROM THE
MISSIONARY
EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE

It is essential for missionaries to understand that proper conduct opens doors for teaching the gospel and improper conduct closes doors and impairs the image of the Church.

Missionaries go out to present the message of the restoration and must not become involved in political, commercial, or professional enterprises. They should do nothing that detracts from their proselyting privileges. This means that missionaries must obey all rules, adhere strictly to civil regulations, and live in harmony with laws of the land. It is particularly important that border regulations be observed, that visa requirements be met, that passport privileges be respected, and that customs laws be honestly and strictly obeyed.

When missionaries are called to serve outside their native lands, they live as guests in host countries. As guests it is important that they respect the customs, traditions, and property of other people. Missionaries should be discreet in what they write in letters and say publicly and privately concerning local peoples, institutions, and conditions.

NEW SCRIPTURES

We have just received 40 P.of G.P. inserts of the new scriptures added at the April '76 General Conference. They fit standard format scriptures (english) and are available from the commissarian's office for 1,00ff. First come first served basis.

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MONTH OF OCTOBER 1976

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2) Average Teaching Hours	9.1	7.1	5.6	PRP 5.6	BDX 5.5	TLN/PAU 5.0		ANG 4.9	TLN 4.4
3) Average Proselyting Hours	60.3	55.4	51.3	PAU 51.3	TLN/BDX 48.0		ANG 46.3	TLN 45.7	PRP 44.7
4) Member Referrals Received	20	-	20	BDX 20	TLN 19	PRP 5	ANG/PAU 2		TLN not reported
5) Other Referrals Received	60	-	60	BDX 60	PRP 36	PAU 20	TLN 12	ANG 4	TLN not reported
6) Referrals Checked	65	-	65	BDX 65	PAU/PRP 40		TLN 30	ANG 4	TLN not reported
7) Baptismal Challenges Given	9	-	9	BDX 9	ANG 6	TLN 5	PRP 4	PAU 0	TLN not reported
a) 1 st and 2 nd Disc. Taught	12.5	12.5	9.4	PRP 9.4	TLN 9.1	BDX 8.4	TLN 8.3	ANG 6.63	PAU 6.62
b) Subsequent Disc. Taught	3.6	3.6	2.1	ANG 2.1	PRP 2.0	PAU 1.7	BDX 1.5	TLN .9	TLN .5
9) Baptismal Dates Set	8	-	8	ANG/BDX 8		PRP 7	PAU 4	TLN 3	TLN 1
10) Converts Baptised	7	4	5	ANG/PRP 5		BDX 2	PAU/TLN 1		TLN 0
11) Families Baptised	2	1	2	ANG 2	BDX/PRP/PAU 1			TLN/TLN 0	
12) Families Baptised Through Joint Effort	2	1	2	ANG 2	PAU/BDX 1		PRP/TLN/TLN 0		
Overall Standing				<div> <div>Bordeaux</div> <div> <div>PRP</div> <div>ANG</div> <div>PAU</div> <div>TLN</div> <div>TLN</div> </div> </div>					

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HOME TEACHING/ VISITING TEACHING

District Presidents have been advised that in every branch in the mission under specified conditions Elders and Sisters may be used for Home Teaching and Visiting teaching. The following conditions should be met.

1. Missionaries should never make visits without members thus insuring member responsibility and integration for those who may have been inactive or who are newly baptised.
2. Ordinarily one missionary team will divide with a member team making two teams of one member and one missionary each. Exceptionally there may be a team of two missionaries and one member.
3. When working as two member/missionary teams, as will usually be the case, care should be taken to avoid one of the missionaries being left alone because his/her member companion had to leave before their twin team has returned from their visits.
4. The Missionary/Member team should have regularly assigned families that they visit. In each branch the situation should be reviewed in approximately 6 months to determine if the missionaries' assistance is still required.
5. The assistance of the missionaries as Home Teachers should be correlated between the District Leader, The Branch Mission Leader, The Elders Quorum President, and the Branch President.
6. Missionaries who serve in this capacity should count their time as proselyting and should see that on a monthly basis the average weekly time spent in this capacity does not exceed the suggested 5 hours per week.

ZONE CONFERENCES

The following dates have been set for the December Zone Conferences.

Monday Dec. 20 - Bordeaux
Tuesday Dec. 21- Pau
Thursday Dec. 23- Toulouse South
Monday Dec. 27- Toulouse North
Tuesday Dec. 28- Perpignan
Thursday Dec. 30- Angoulême

ZONE LEADERS SEMINAR

There will be a Zone Leaders Seminar in Toulouse for all Zone Leader Teams on Friday the 3rd of December. The seminar will start at 9h30. Come representing the ideas of your missionaries.

ZONE
COMPARATIVES
TO DATE

As of the second week of November we have the following statistics for the Monthly Zone Comparative.

	STUDY	TEACHING	PROSELYTING
ZONE 1	TLS 16.15	BDX 6.6	ANG 48.62
ZONE 2	TLN 14.95	ANG 6	BDX 45.85
ZONE 3	PAU 14.55	TLS 5	PAU 44.85
ZONE 4	PER 14	PAU 4.15	TLN 42.5
ZONE 5	BDX 13.6	TLN 3.95	TLS 41.8
ZONE 6	ANG 13.5	PER 3.87	PER 35

ELDERS/
SISTERS

	ELDERS	SISTERS
STUDY	13.60	17.63
TEACHING	4.83	6.03
PROSELYTING	42.99	41.30

	TLS	-	PAU	TLN	PER
BORDEAUX	ANG				

BASICS

LET'S GET BACK TO BASICS

Has your shower lost its zest
Has your night lost its rest
Are your discussions hidden in a chest
If so... LET'S GET BACK TO BASICS!

Has your alarm lost its six o'clock ring
Has your smile lost its sheen
Are you still eating or getting too lean
If so... LET'S GET BACK TO BASICS!

Are your shirts wrinkled and ties not on straight
Has your walk lost that missionary spring and gait
Are you teaching all alone or with your mate
If so... LET'S GET BACK TO BASICS!

Have you forgotten to bear testimony
Have you forgotten to laugh and be funny
Are your expenses getting thick as honey
If so... LET'S GET BACK TO BASICS!

Has your attitude lost its zeal
Have your discussions lost their appeal
Is the roadside catching your breakfast meal
If so... LET'S GET BACK TO BASICS!

Are you looking forward to getting home
Has your mind started to roam
Have those rendezvous become unknown
If so... LET'S GET BACK TO THE BASICS!

Have you forgotten why you're out here
Have your goals become unclear
Have you forgotten to spread good cheer
If so... LET'S GET BACK TO THE BASICS!

Let's continue this job right in stride
Now is the time for you to decide
For you know, it's more than a matter of pride
So come on "guys"... LET'S GET BACK TO THE BASICS!

- adapted by Elder Every from a southwestern company progress report.

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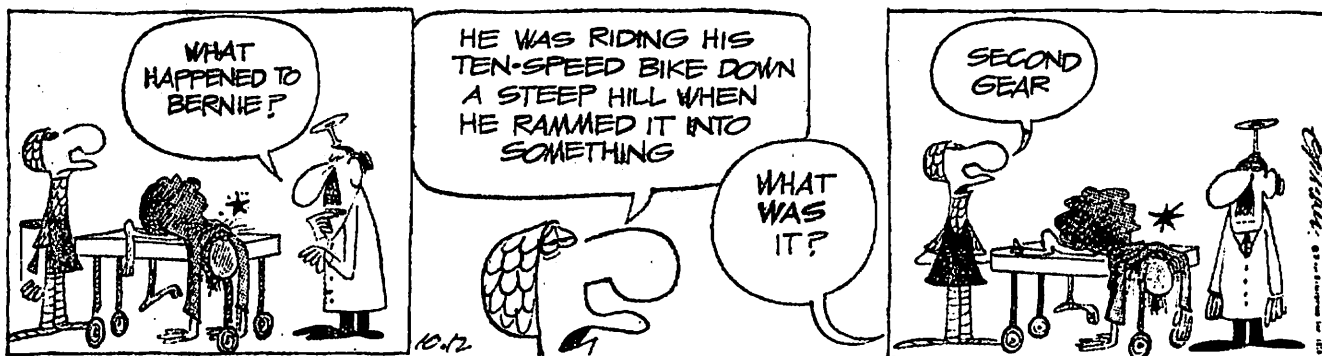
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CONFERENCE PROSELYTING TIME

In a recent interview with President Didier we were informed that the missions under his direction are counting the time spent at Zone Conference as proselyting time. Missionaries should realize that Conference in essence is not a proselyting effort, but because our mission is being compared on a monthly basis with these others, we will include in our proselyting hours the time spent in Zone Conference up to ten hours per conference. District Meeting time is not counted in this category.

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PORTUGUESE

An order of Portuguese Bibles, D&C/PofGP, and Family Home Evening manuals will be arriving. Those missionaries needing these Portuguese materials can order them by letter to the Printer/Commissarian.

Visits with Missionaries

Long experience has shown that it is not wise for missionaries to telephone home or to talk by telephone to friends. It is even more distracting for the missionary effort to have parents and relatives visit a missionary in the field. Such visits or telephone calls are discouraged. The mission president should be consulted for permission before calls or visits are made.

Missionary Executive Committee

COOKBOOK ERRATUM

The following changes MUST be made in the mission cookbook. Page 15 for the Breakfast Cake; add 1 Cup of milk. Page 69 for the Crazy Cake; add 2 Tsp of Bicarbonate de Soude (baking SODA) to dry ingredients. Baking soda comes by the box from the pharmacy.

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MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1976

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2) Average Teaching Hours	9.1	5.6	5.7	ANG 5.7	BDX 5.6	TLS 5.0	TLN 4.9	PAU 4.8	PER 4.2
3) Average Proselyting Hours	60.3	51.3	49.5	ANG 49.5	PAU 47.0	TLN 44.2	BDX 43.8	TLS 42.2	PER 37.2
4) Member Referrals Received	20	20	16	BDX 16	PAU 6	TLS 5	TLN 5	PER 4	ANG 2
5) Other Referrals Received	60	60	44	BDX 44	TLN 40	PER 27	PAU 20	TLS 19	ANG 6
6) Referrals Checked	65	65	63	BDX 63	TLS 42	PER 26	PAU 21	TLN 25	ANG 9
7) Baptismal Challenges Given	15	9	15	BDX 15	PAU 6	TLS 6	TLN 4	PER 4	ANG 2
8a) 1 st and 2 nd Disc. Taught	12.5	9.4	9.4	TLS 9.4	ANG 9.0	TLN 8.7	PAU 8.3	BDX 8.2	PER 4.4
8b) Subsequent Disc. Taught	3.6	2.1	2.9	BDX 2.9	PAU 2.6	TLN 1.3	ANG 1.2	TLS 1.1	PER 1.0
9) Baptismal Dates Set	8	8	5	TLS 5	PAC 4	ANG 4	BDX 4	PER 2	TLN 2
10) Converts Baptised	7	5	1	ANG/BDX 1	0	0	0	0	0
11) Families Baptised	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12) Families Baptised Through Joint Effort	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Overall Standing				Bordeaux					
				ANG	TLS	PAU	TLN	PER	

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QUOTES FROM THE FIELD

"I have enjoyed starting the 8 week program, though it is a real challenge for me. I am looking forward to the next 7 weeks."

"I really feel good about the new program we are adopting in the mission. I feel that I am better, having had this Charity week. I can also see improvement in those people I am associated with."

"My old comp. is gone; transfer was a hassel. I had to get up this morning at 5.30 and had to carry my companion's big, heavy bag down to the gare. I sure hope, my next comp's transfer doesn't fall into the week of charity, that's too rough!!!...(just kidding...)." "My charity goal concerned mainly my companion and I have reached it. We are getting close and I find that I love her a lot and am able to put up with a lot of little things."

"As for charity, I have learned quite a bit this past week. It seems impossible to have charity because you almost have to be perfect, but on closer examination and meditation and study, I have found that charity is kind of a gift from God. Moroni says we should pray for it. We have to have faith and hope first, then charity, the pure love of Christ, which never faileth and endureth forever, will follow. That is quite a challenge, but it must be done. So help me do it. I took each "characteristic" of charity mentioned in first Corinthians 13 and Moroni 7 and worked on a specific one each day. I didn't get them all, but it's a start."

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"To give life a meaning one must have a purpose higher than one's self."

"Life is a grindstone, whether it polishes us up or wears us down depends on what we are made of."

REPORTS

Congratulations to those who are already passing off the discussion scriptures that they have memorized. For your reports, will all missionaries, please, slash the letter of the discussion (/) passed off, and mark an "S" next to it if the corresponding scriptures have been learned and presented.

NEW TRIPLE COMBINATIONS

There will be a reprinting of the French edition of the Doctrine and Covenants and Pearl of Great Price. The old stock is depleted therefore. Until such time as this new edition is available, orders for these publications cannot be filled. The new edition should be available around May 1977.

P.S.: "Une oeuvre merveilleuse et un prodige" depleted until 1978.

COMPARATIVE ZONE STUDY - FRANCE TOULOUSE MISSION
MONTH OF DECEMBER 19 76

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2) Average Teaching Hours	9.1	5.7	5.2	PRP/TLN 5.2		ANG 4.8	TLS 4.1	PAU 3.7	BDX 2.8
3) Average Proselyting Hours	60.3	49.5	49.1	ANG 49.1	PRP 45.5	TLN 45.2	PAU 41.2	TLS 41.1	BDX 36.6
4) Member Referrals Received	20	16	14	PAU 14	BDX 8	ANG 4	TLS 3	TLN 3	PRP 1
5) Other Referrals Received	60	44	44	PRP 44	TLN 17	ANG 17	PAU 14	BDX 17	TLS 7
6) Referrals Checked	65	63	32	PRP 32	TLS 28	TLN 29	BDX 29	PAU 22	ANG 9
7) Baptismal Challenges Given	20	15	20	TLS 20	ANG 17	BDX 17	TLN 14	PRP 9	PAU 5
8a) 1 st and 2 nd Disc. Taught	14.8	9.4	14.8	TLN 14.8	ANG 9.6	TLS 9.5	PRP 8.3	PAU 7.8	BDX 6.3
8b) Subsequent Disc. Taught	6	2.9	6	PAU 6	PRP 2.9	BDX 2.1	TLN 1.8	TLS/ANG 1.5	
9) Baptismal Dates Set	14	5	14	TLS 14	BDX 12	PRP 8	ANG 8	TLN 6	PAU 1
10) Converts Baptised	7	1	2	PAU/PRP 2		BDX 1			
11) Families Baptised	2	0	1	PAU/PRP 1					
12) Families Baptised Through Joint Effort	2	0	1	PAU/PRP 1					
Overall Standing				Perpignan					
				PAU	TLN	ANG	BDX	TLS	

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RULES, MULES,
& ME

I used to think rules-
Were only for mules-
Those stubborn creatures
With rebellious features-
Those people in essence,
Who never learn lessons
But have to be told
Even given a scold
To keep them in tow
Or to get them to go.
I always thought rules
Were just geared for fools
Who went their way plodding
And if not for much prodding
Would steer onto roads
Marked for "lazy-men's-loads",
Or fall down some ditch
In fine, utter pitch
There to wander in dark
Thus missing the mark.
I had mused that rules
By nature were duels
'Tween the few "free-thinkers"
And all those "no-thinkers".
Surely I had no need
For laws to impede
Or give added strife
To my progress in life.
So I deafened my ears
To all leaders' fears
And started my way toward-
I knew not, but forward.
Not long in my sojourn
I took a wrong turn.
There 'oer rocks stumbling,
Into holes tumbling
But continuing on
(My knowledge of where gone)
I remained persistant,
In fact, insistant

To look at no signs
Nor regard guidelines.
Until after wand'ring-
Not once ever pond'ring
To give serious thought
At what I took naught-
By a pond I passed
Noting the image cast
A long enough moment
To shudder a comment:
What once had been feet
Were now hoofs complete
My coat was grey fur
And what caused greater stir
As I went to exclaim
My shock at my new frame
What left my broad jaws
Was a hearty "Hee Haw!"
With the sight of the tail
I surely went pale
For I fell to the ground
Never hearing a sound
'Till the six o'clock bells.
Only then could I tell
It had all been a dream
But to me it had seemed
A myth not at all.
How grateful the call
To breakfast at seven.
Almost like heaven
To work right at nine-
In short- all laws are now mine.
No more has my mind
Found orders a bind
But blessings of love
From leaders above
Who know best what rules
Help both wisemen and fools
Who bring back to the way
E'en former mules gone astray.

-by Soeur K. Wheeler

OBEDIENCE WEEK
CHALLENGE

With your companion, sit down and review the Missionary Program as it has been outlined in the White Handbook and Mission Manual. Choose the one point of the program That you need to work on the most and commit this week to make real progress as a team towards perfection in that area.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
OFFICE OF THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84111

January 3, 1977

TO ALL MISSION PRESIDENTS

Dear Brethren:

We are pleased with the great number of stable and sound converts who are coming into the Church, and we extend our highest commendation to you, your missionaries, and all who labor with you. Your devotion, sacrifice, and achievements are deeply appreciated. We hope and pray that through your continued labors, additional worthy and honest truth seekers will receive the blessings of the gospel.

As we begin this new year of missionary efforts, we might review the revealed requirements that our Heavenly Father's children should attain to qualify for baptism:

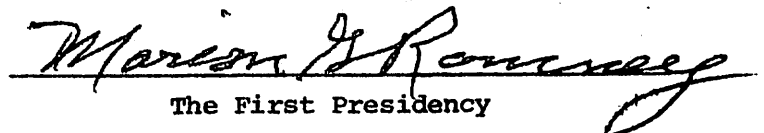
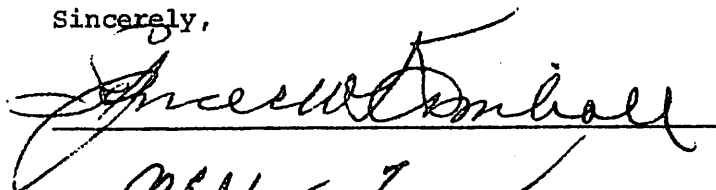
All those who humble themselves before God, and desire to be baptized, and come forth with broken hearts and contrite spirits, and witness before the Church that they have truly repented of all their sins, and are willing to take upon them the name of Jesus Christ, having a determination to serve him to the end, and truly manifest by their works that they have received of the Spirit of Christ unto the remission of their sins, shall be received by baptism into His Church. (D&C 20:37)

As part of the necessary preparation for baptism, investigators should come to a knowledge of Christ and the first principles of the gospel; they should have attended Church meetings and should feel a unity and oneness with Church members; and they should desire to love and serve God with all their hearts.

New members should be carefully fellowshipped and involved in suitable activity and service in Church programs to encourage their continued growth and understanding of the gospel.

We pray that the Lord will continue to bless and prosper you, your missionaries, and all those who labor with you, that the great harvest now underway will continue, all to the honor and glory of His name.

Sincerely,



The First Presidency

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27 January 1977

GOAL 1977

During the December series of Zone Conferences missionaries were asked to indicate their "Conversion Goals" for 1977 on an individual basis. These gave us a figure- the total of all your individual goals. We suppose that you have noted that goal, and we want you to work toward its accomplishment during the year. It is your goal.

On January 19, 1977 there was a Zone Leaders' Seminar held in Toulouse. The Zone Leaders were given the missionary figures which were collected during the Zone Conferences. They were asked to use these figures in developing a Zone Goal. This was done. Each Zone now has a Zone Goal for 1977. It is based upon the individual missionary goals and was set by each zone. We expect you to work for its accomplishment.

During the afternoon of that conference a Mission Goal was also announced. It is a reflection of the individual and zone goals. That goal is 300 baptisms for 1977 in the France Toulouse Mission.

1976 saw twice as many conversions as 1975 in this area. For 1977 we should double once again the results of 1976 and then add a few.

The Goal is broken down into a semester goal (150), a quarterly goal (75), and a monthly goal (25). We are confident that this goal can be met and ask you to dedicate yourselves to its accomplishment.

Many suggestions were given to the Zone Leaders at that meeting as to how that goal can be reached. Follow their examples; meet and surpass, if you can, their effort. Lets work together to make 1977 a banner year for the work of the Lord.

DEPENDENT SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Missionaries responsible for dependent Sunday Schools should keep minutes of the meetings held. These minutes are not, however, forwarded to Salt Lake City annually with the historical report. They are kept for reference at the local level and would usually be destroyed after two years. The organizational correlated report should be sent monthly to the parent unit. Historical events should also be noted on that report for the Branch historical record.

FIRST NAMES

Missionaries are asked to refrain from using first names amongst themselves, and with members and investigators over age 12. To preface the first name with Frère or Soeur is not sufficient.

PROJECTORS

The mission has just received five filmstrip projectors from Frankfort. They can be ordered by letter to the Printer Commissarian. The price is 281,40 ff.

ORDERING SUPPLIES

The commissarian's office is now on a similar payment system as Frankfort. This means that payment of materials received must be made within 30 days. Money should be sent to the Mission account through your B.N.P.

QUOTES

"One of the most fundamental laws of physics briefly states $W=Fd$, or in other words, work is equal to the force times distance. If either the force is zero or the distance is zero, the work is zero.

"There are many different kinds of forces I've seen here, but alot of them are not directed anywhere, ($d=0$), and thus the work produced is zero. There are also many good directions being taken, but the force is so small that the work again is equal to zero."

"Although there are numerous rules and commandments, they leave so much for the individual missionary to decide. In other situations I have had my course more definately charted out, leaving me only to chose to follow or not. Now I must chart my own progress - see and realize all that is available to me, but I must organize and thoroughly prepare myself to receive the benefits of all these challenges."

"I find my perseverance is not the greatest sometimes... And then sometimes I'm bewildered at the amount of effort required by our investigators and ourselves for resulting baptisms. There seems to be a thin line between the appearence of a great deal of effort, and, (once crossed) putting forth the extra effort and finding it not really as difficult as imagined prior to accomplishment. It's something like a race- to the winner it's always easy, but to the looser it was hard. 60 hours a week proselyting is easy to get once you've made a little effort to achieve them; but not achieved one would tend to believe 60 hours an impossible task. At least that is how I saw the 60 hour standard before able (or willing is perhaps a better word) to cross that line, for now the task has been grasped and taken several times and seems not to be a problem. But again every new week is another new challenge to stay on the side of the line where one reaches the goals set."

ZONE REALIGNMENT

After careful consideration of all the zones in the mission and a study of their size in number and area, there has taken place a realignment of the two Toulouse Zones. Toulouse North will include Toulouse II, Toulouse III, Agen, Aurillac, Cahors, and Villeneuve sur Lot. Toulouse South comprises Toulouse I, Toulouse IV, Carcassonne, Castres, Albi, Rodez, and Le Concorde.

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QUICKMERE TOULOUSE

When sending telegrams to the Mission Offices, missionaries may use the 'QUICKMERE TOULOUSE' address. These two code-words will eliminate the cost of a more lengthy address. The telegram will be hand delivered, day or night, to the Mission Offices.

FINANCIAL

Deposits have been made to the Mission's bank account for which no explanations have been sent to the mission.
Oct. 1976 534,00 ff --probably made at Toulouse
Bonnefoy or Carcassone
End of Jan. 1977 289,20 ff
Explanations for these deposits are needed as soon as possible! It is essential to the mission's accounting system that the original copy of all deposit receipts be sent immediately. A photocopy should also be kept in the district files. Please see to it also that your name and district are written on the receipt copy by the teller at the bank.

SPIRITUALITY FROM THE FIELD

"My main emphasis for spirituality week was to purify my thoughts - to get myself more spiritually minded and thus receptive to spiritual things, and to have 'virtue garnish my thoughts unceasingly.' So I put up thoughts on the wall where I would see them often, made a special emphasis on reading a little scripture every day, and tried to stifle unspiritual thoughts by repeating discussions every time I caught myself thinking of other things. It's hard because there are still some 'weeds' in the 'flower garden' upstairs and some of them are pretty well established. I have to keep planting flowers enough to eventually choke out the weeds.

"I also appreciated the material on overcoming self. It's funny how when you ask the Lord to help you overcome such-and-such a weakness, that every day some trial or obstacle appears, the overcoming of which leads to the mastery of that problem."

BAPTISMS

January baptisms in Montpellier, Périgueux, Talence, Bergerac... total - 8. February baptisms in Toulouse I, Tarbes, Cauderan, Béziers... total - 7. As of the first week of March... 7 more! Year to date - 22. Last year to date - 10. WE MUST HAVE THE T.C.R.S ON TIME!!!
Reminder telegrams are sent at the expense of the D.L.

COMPARATIVE ZONE STUDY - FRANCE TOULOUSE MISSION
MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1977

C A T E G O R Y	All-Time High	Last Month's High	This Month's High	ZONE 1	ZONE 2	ZONE 3	ZONE 4	ZONE 5	ZONE 6
1) Average Study Hours	19.9	17.7	17	TLS 17	BDX 15.8	ANG/PAU 15.4		TLN 15.1	PER 14.4
2) Average Teaching Hours	9.1	6	6.7	PRP 6.7	BDX 5.6	PAU 5.3	ANG 4.4	TLN 4.3	TLN 3.9
3) Average Proselyting Hours	60.3	49.1	52.7	BDX 52.7	PRP 52.6	PAU 52.1	TLN 47.3	TLN 47.3	ANG 43.3
4) Member Referrals Received	28	6	28	PRP 28	BDX 9	PAU 5	TLN 6	ANG 4	TLN 0
5) Other Referrals Received	60	38	27	PRP 27	BDX 19	TLN 11	PAU 7	ANG 7	TLN 5
6) Referrals Checked	65	32	31	BDX 31	PRP 22	PAU 14	ANG 17	TLN 12	TLN 8
7) Baptismal Challenges Given	22	13	22	BDX/PRP 22		PAU 11	ANG/TLN 7		TLN 4
8a) 1 st and 2 nd Disc. Taught	14.8	12.2	8.6	BDX 8.6	TLN 8.3	PAU/PRP 7.1		ANG 6.8	TLN 4.6
8b) Subsequent Disc. Taught	6	2	4	PAU 4	TLN 3.6	PRP 3.5	BDX 2.6	TLN 1.6	ANG 1.5
9) Baptismal Dates Set	25	8	25	BDX 25	PRP 13	PAU/TLN 6		ANG 3	TLN 2
10) Converts Baptised	7	6	2	PRP/TLN/ BDX 2			PAU 1		
11) Families Baptised	2	2	1	PRP/BDX 1					
12) Families Baptised Through Joint Effort	2	2	1	PRP/BDX 1					

Overall Standing Feb. 1977

Bordeaux

PRP

PAU

TLN

ANG

BDX

Overall Standing Jan. 77

Toulouse N.

PRP

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PAU

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31 March 1977

DEPARTING MISSIONARIES

Each missionary is expected to pay his own fare from his last field of labor to mission headquarters for closing interviews and other termination activities.

Missionary Executive Committee

FASTING

Please note once again these instructions received from The First Presidency.

- 1) Missionaries should not engage in excessive or lengthy fasting. Generally, once a month is sufficient for fasting. Occasionally there may be special matters for which missionaries might want to fast. If so, they may take another day during the month, but they should not extend the fast beyond one day.
- 2) Missionaries should not request friends, relatives, or members of their home wards or branches to participate with them in special fasts for investigators.
- 3) Missionaries should be encouraged to gain the full blessings of the law of the fast by paying fast offerings on Fast Sunday to the bishop or branch president in the area where they are serving.

FINANCIAL CHANGES

New mission policy is that only District Leaders are authorized to deposit money in the Mission's bank account. All payments to the mission (rotating fund, loans, dues, Frankfurt orders, etc.) should be made to the District Leader who will then make the bank deposit once a month using the new deposit forms.

FINANCIAL PROBLEMS

As of the end of March the Mission has the following deposits for which it has not yet received the original receipts from the depositing missionary:

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	
289.20	7 FEB. 1977	
1753.12	17 FEB. 1977	
150.00	24 FEB. 1977	made in Béziers
89.00	28 FEB. 1977	

Your help in clearing these up would be greatly appreciated!!!!!!

QUOTES FROM THE
FIELD

"Enthusiasm week has been a good experience. The people seem to be a mirror at the door. They reflect the personality, enthusiasm, or dullness that we put into our door approach."

"Doubts come from time to time as to whether or not certain investigators will ever pull through their doubts. Perhaps if I stopped doubting they would too."

A NEW CONCEPT

The Principles of Enthusiastic Persuasion

You are a missionary and have something to give, something that people really need, which when accepted will honestly fill that need. But you must be certain what you are trying to do or be is right. If it's not right, it's wrong---not half-right, not half-wrong. It is either right or wrong and nothing wrong can ever be right. Unless it is good, it is bad, and nothing that is bad can be good. So get with the right---get with the good.

When you have something you really believe in, then you can put the amazing power of conviction behind your efforts. Then it is that enthusiasm is activated, develops and starts working. And when enthusiasm---real burning enthusiasm for something gets involved, then persuasion becomes a factor. Enthusiasm that persuades is perhaps the most powerful communicator on earth when it is accompanied by the Spirit. It puts you in the position to reach people, to make them aware of their need. You then become a vital, necessary factor in their lives---and why not? You have what they need. You are essential to their happiness and welfare and they know it.

But the strange fact about human nature is that people are not always aware of their needs. So they often resist accepting that which they really need for their own best interests. This is the point at which communication and persuasion with the Spirit are so profoundly required. The art, skill, or science of communication is the process by which you persuade another person or many persons to walk the road of agreement with you. Communication and persuasion---these are two of the essential qualities that every human being must have if he desires to affect the lives of other people. Make yourself believe that you can do better than you are. If you think you can, you can. Practice the principles of enthusiastic persuasion.

1)Plan purposefully 2)Prepare prayerfully 3)Proceed positively 4)Pursue persistently

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12 May 1977

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

There have been many questions raised about District activities for Preparation Day. Please read pages 16 & 17 in the white Missionary Handbook and page B-9 in the FTM Mission Manuel. The instructions given should be followed. Please do not ask to go with members or investigators by car to visit a château or other area. Please do not go more than 25 kms. from your city. For visits you might want to consider public transportation since bicycles can be dangerous on the highway. Please participate in these activities as a team or District but not as a Zone.

RIDING IN CARS

In response to questions about riding in cars you are given the following guidelines.

- 1) Missionaries as a general rule are not to ride in member cars.
- 2) Exceptions are made in the fulfilling of Church assignments such as Home Teaching and baptismal services. In the event of such exceptions please be sure that you will be covered by insurance in case of accident.
- 3) Missionaries are not to ride in other cars except Mission vehicles.

MUSIC POLICY

The Mission Music Policy is amended as follows: Missionaries may listen to the Tabernacle Choir, classical music, music from Church productions such as Temple Pageants, music sponsored by the Church (Seminary and Institute), recordings of the Youth Symphony and Choir, and Saturday's Warrior. Please do not listen to music which does not help build the missionary spirit. Please do not listen to music at a time which will disturb your companion or other missionaries in the apartment.

APARTMENT IDENTIFICATION

Missionaries must insure that their names are clearly indicated on both their mailbox and the apartment door. Please put the name Broschinsky on both as well. The reason for this is that often telegrams are sent and unless there is clearly marked the name of the person they are not delivered. Keep the names current at all times.

BAPTISMS

There have been baptisms in Tarbes, Perpignan, Aurillac, Périgueux, Limoges, and Talence. More dates set across the Mission for May!!!

1977 (to date) 44

1976 (to date) 41

COATS

Due to excessive heat during the summer months we would like to present to you these guidelines. If the heat makes it necessary to remove suitcoats the team may do so at the discretion of the senior companion. Please do this as a team; one companion should not take off his coat if the other doesn't. Coats should be worn to fixed rendez-vous in the morning or afternoon. Coats may be removed morning or afternoon but should always be worn after dinner; in the evening hours. On cooler days during the summer months coats should be worn. Full suits must be worn to all Sunday meetings. Please use discretion in the pants that you wear. Dress pants only, no casual pants should be worn. Let's remember who we represent.

These guidelines will be effective from the 15 May until further notice.

Short sleeve shirts maybe be worn or long sleeve as desired by the missionary, but under no circumstance are missionaries to wear white shirts with the sleeves rolled up.

CLEAN UP DAY

On Wednesday, 25 May there will be a Mission wide clean up day for your apartment. This is not another Preparation day and we would like you to use all the time necessary between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM to thoroughly clean the apartment. Use the Zone Conference handout as a guide in ensuring a proper cleaning of your apartment. Of course if you finish before 5:00 PM we would expect you to continue with your proselyting efforts as normal.

FILMS AVAILABLE

There are now available from the Office three films in French-- Ancient America Speaks, The Three Witnesses, and Man's Search for Happiness.

We also have Search for Truth in English. This talks about man and his search through science, philosophy, and religion to find "Truth". This might be of interest for English Club or lycées if their level of English is equivalent to 1^{er} classe or terminale.

SOIREES

Remember that we need at least six (6) weeks notice for the reservation of the projector. Soirée packages are available so let's use them.

REVERENCE

As special representatives of the Saviour we should set an example for the members in all Church meetings and also between, before or after.

"Vous observerez mes sabbats, et vous révérez mon sanctuaire. Je suis l'Eternel."

Lévitique 19:30

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9 JUNE 1977

Apartment Caisse

Due to an increase in the number of caisse shortages throughout the mission, all apartments are asked to carefully review their Apartment Caisse Breakdown of Expenditures immediately.

For those apartments with a "chauffeau" there is to be a 200ff per year charge for cleaning & repairs to this unit, thus figure this in the caisse.

Challenge!!!!

We are challenging each team to teach and baptize one family by the end of June. As a follow up to our recent meetings here are a few reminders.

INVESTIGATOR POOL: We want 50-75 names per team in this pool. Remember these are individuals or a family of 5 would be 5 names. Use your PEP kits, get referrals from current investigators.

DISCUSSIONS: Elder Dunn says 10-15 per team per week. Our average is about 2.2. Let us work on getting it up to at least seven for now.
(see Challenge Vol. II N°15, August 30, 1976)

CAN IT BE DONE? We just challenged you to 7 discussions per week. Can it be done? That is an average of 1 per day. I've been told by some missionaries that when they make it a matter of real, earnest prayer each day, even each door they can do it.

Zone Conference

As you know for the following series of Zone Conferences Elder Charles Didier will be taking part. We would encourage you to come prepared with your scriptures and note taking material, don't forget to come spiritually prepared as these promise to be very special meetings.

Monday-July 4 12h00 - 16h00 Perpignan at Béziers
Tuesday-July 5 15h00 - 17h00 Toulouse North &
South at Toulouse
Wednesday-July 6 15h00 - 17h00 Pau at Pau
Thursday-July 7 15h00 - 17h00 Angoulême at Ang.
Friday-July 8 15h00 - 17h00 Bordeaux at Bordeaux

Thought for the day.

Success is not always measured by what a man accomplishes, but by the opposition he has encountered and true courage with which he has maintained the struggle against overwhelming odds!!

submitted by E. Hartman

From the Council
of the Twelve.

Dear President:

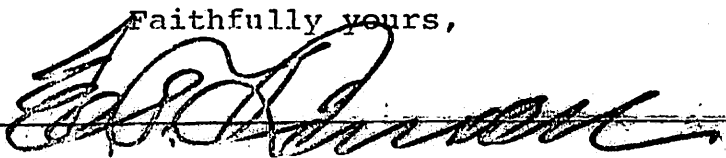
Re: Teaching Investigators who are not Fluent in
the Predominant Language of an Area or Country

Please forward the following instructions to stake and full-time proselyting missionaries and their leaders who conduct baptismal interviews.

When missionaries contact persons who are not fluent in the predominant language of an area or country, it is important to ensure that such persons fully understand the responsibilities of Church membership. Missionaries should not assume that discussions are being fully understood by persons who may not have an adequate grasp of the language. In such cases, care should be taken to obtain translation assistance.

In addition, those who are responsible for interviewing and approving such investigators for baptism should determine that the prospective members have acquired a basic understanding of the discussions and have shown a willingness to change their lives and keep the commandments.

Faithfully yours,



Ezra Taft Benson
President

What about it?

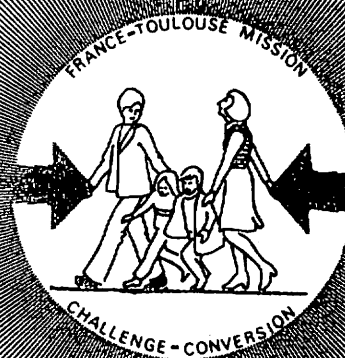
Instinctively we strive to win-
No matter what the race,
A still small voice within us says,
"Don't slacken off the pace."

Not all of us can come in first,
There must be the also-rans.
He wins a special vict'ry though,
Who does the best he can.

And when it's run, the question's posed,
Who really won the race,
He who did the best he could,
Or he who took first place?

George T. Johannesen, Sr.

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23 June 1977

DISCUSSIONS & TEACHING UP

We would like to thank you for rallying to the call and putting forth greater efforts to teach. Let us keep the momentum.

last month	2.3 discussions/team/week
8 June	3.1 discussions/team/week

DATELINE

.....Bergerac..26.8 hrs teaching last week
.....Toulouse South Zone Leaders....14 discussions
.....Béziers....family of seven ready for baptism

TAKE NOTICE

The following teams taught 6 or more discussions for the last reporting week.

!!!The whole Angoulême District 59.7 hrs. Proselyting
7.5 hrs. Teaching
Congratulations Elders Thompson, Chesley, Nielsen,
Morain and Sisters Olsen, Arnold!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Thank you Sisters Mecham, Fronk & Tilden!!!!!!
Merci Elders Bedingfield, Facer ...Girault, Johnson
...Giffin, Shunn...Taylor, Dudley...Andrus, Evans...
...Every, Weggeland...Coallier, Gardner...Ruff, Devine
...Timmins, Segrera!!!!!!!!!!!!

BAPTISMS FOR CONFERENCE

At one time we asked the missionaries to have one family ready for baptism at the conclusion of our Zone Conferences. Due to the particular nature of these next conferences and our tight schedule we encourage you to baptize these families on a regular day. Let's finish off the month of June with lots of baptisms.

EMMANUEL

Matthew 1: 18-23 ".....Et on lui donnera le nom d'Emmanuel, ce qui signifie Dieu avec nous."



" Car le Seigneur, l'Eternel, ne fait rien, sans avoir révélé son secret à ses serviteurs les prophètes." Amos 3:7

" The righteous are promised that they may reach godhood eventually and the blessings appertaining thereto" Spencer W. Kimball

" I say, in the deepest humility, but also by the power and force of a burning testimony in my soul, that from the prophet of the Restoration to the prophet of our own year, the communication line is unbroken, the authority is continuous, and light, brilliant and penetrating, continues to shine." Spencer W. Kimball

" We are directed and commanded to convert the world. So much depends upon our willingness to make up our minds, collectively and individually, that present levels of performance are not acceptable, either to ourselves or to the Lord." Spencer W. Kimball

" After all that has been said, the greatest and most important duty is to preach the gospel." Joseph Smith Jr.

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1 July 1977

Dear Elders and Sisters,

Today is July 1, 1977. We are starting the third year of the mission. As a special help in starting this new year, we are excited to have Elder Charles Didier of the First Quorum of Seventy tour the mission and give us further instruction in our calling.

District Leaders and Zone Leaders have been asked to prepare a special "brief report" to help Elder Didier better understand our mission and to see our goals.

Here are some ideas on setting your teaching and conversion goals.

President Kimball suggests three basic principles which will increase the effectiveness of our goals. They are:

1. Each missionary or team should set their own goals.
2. The goals should be realistic.
3. They should be challenging.

You have been asked to set your own goals for the coming conference. Utilize this Fast Sunday to help prepare for this experience. Fasting together--praying together will help each team to better prepare their goals.

How can you make realistic goals? First, carefully assess your situation. For example, a conversion goal for the month should be set after studying such items as:

1. How many contact you have?
2. How far along each family is?
3. How many are praying, studying, attending Church?
4. How many could come into the Church this month?

Such an assessment will help you to set realistic goals.

Goals need, however, to also be challenging. Sometimes, under the guise of setting realistic goals, we settle for lower goals than we should. President Kimball has said: "Lengthen your stride and heighten your reach." He often quotes Daniel H. Burnham:

"Make no little plans.
They have no magic in them to stir men's blood,
and probably themselves will not be realized.
Make big plans!
Aim high and hope and work...."

We need to strike a balance. Goals must be realistic or we never come close and often instead become discouraged. However, we are capable of much more than we realize, if we do it the Lord's way. We must stretch, become excited, and excite others.

In order to reach higher goals, we must develop a course of action; a strategy which will permit us to accomplish our objectives. These activities are the stepping stones we must use to attain success, and as surely as following carefully placed stones, which reach just above the surface of the water, permits us to cross from one side of the stream to the other, so following carefully the steps or activities in our course of action will move us from where we are to where we want to be in accomplishing our goals. You may be asked about these steps, so please have them in mind.

After setting your goals and charting your course for their accomplishment, may we suggest three other steps.

1. Seek confirmation of this goal through careful, sincere prayer.
2. Record your goals and report them in Zone Conference.
3. Prepare a visual aid (a chart or a picture) to place in your apartment, which will help you to keep the goal in mind.

The final step of course is, having firmly fixed our objectives in mind, to work with singleness of heart and purpose towards their accomplishment.

The following quotation from Elder Thomas S. Monson is appropriate:

"Can we not appreciate that our very business in life is not to get ahead of others, but to get ahead of ourselves. To break our own records; to outstrip our yesterdays by our todays; to bear our trials more beautifully than we ever dreamed we could; to give as we've never given; to do our work with more force and a finer finish than ever. This is the true idea; to get ahead of ourselves."

"Emmanuel"--God is with us.

Love,

Myrna C. Broschinsky
Engell Broschinsky

President & Sister Broschinsky

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21 July 1977

FACTS...

QUOTES FROM ELDER DIDIER

(Bordeaux)

The whole purpose of coming today is to raise your enthusiasm to show you not only by faith but, by facts that something is happening in this area.

(Toulouse)

The Europe West area is the third area in the world of the speed of growth in number of convert baptisms with 67% more converts compared to last year. The Europe West area is our area, it's here; it's your mission.

(Pau)

There has been a sixty seven percent increase in baptisms since last year. That is a fact! It is not just a promise that we can do it but, it's a fact that we have already done it.

(Pau)

In Portugal we have 82 missionaries. They have more than 50 converts each month. If they can do it; we can too! President Kimball said, "If it is your desire; we can double, triple, even quadruple converts in this area." It is up to you to show me what kind of faith you have.

A LIVING PROPHET...

(Toulouse)

Why can we do it now? Why didn't we do it maybe six months ago or maybe even a year or two years ago? I think that there is a major answer to that. You know what that answer is? It is the coming of the Prophet of the Lord. Remember that President Kimball came here in August 1976. He had a conference with all the members in Paris. He had another in Amsterdam with the members in Holland. In both conferences he emphasized the fact that now is the time to reach all those who are ready to listen to the gospel.

(Toulouse)

He has asked us to lengthen our stride and we have! That, is why we have better results and are going to get even better results before the end of the year. It is not just because of the increase in number of missionaries that we have more converts; but, it is because each missionary is baptizing more people. That is quite important! That means that you are becoming more efficient.

(Montpellier)

Revelation has been given; Elders and Sisters, let us do the will and the mind of the Lord by following a living prophet.

FAMILIES / FATHERS...

(Pau)

Again, there is a reason that we want to contact young fathers. It is because those young people are still ready and able to change. (I would say quite rapidly) A young father will change. He is ready to accept the restoration of the gospel.

(Bordeaux)

When an entire family is taught they are able to fellowship and strengthen each other.

(Pau)

You have a specific responsibility to seek out families.

(Montpellier)

If you want to look, you'll find them (families). There are families waiting for you.

SUCCESS...

(Angoulême)

We have no excuse not to succeed in this mission!

(Pau)

Success is a product of unremitting attention to a purpose.

(Montpellier)

What do you need in order to have more baptisms like 20, 30, or 40? I know that you are not yet used to it but; you better get used to it from now on. That's what you're going to get.

GOALS...

(Bordeaux)

The objective for our area is 500 baptisms per month. That is about five branches of 100 members. In four months that is a stake.

(Angoulême)

Every minute of your missionary life, every single second; I would say, you need to have baptism in your mind and think baptism from now on. You will see, Elders and Sisters, that the more you talk about baptism not only among yourselves but also among the people concerned the more chances you will have to baptize people.

(Angoulême)

We need to teach more! Ten discussions a week are nice but, it is not enough to baptize the number that we want. We need to teach at least 15 to 20 discussions a week.

WORK...

(Montpellier)

We are not here just for the pleasure of talking. We are here to get results as missionaries and, this is the time to do it.

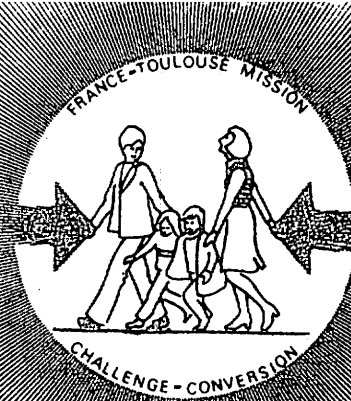
(Montpellier)

You are part of a great, great work; a marvelous work and a wonder.

(Toulouse)

These two years are two years of dedication to the Lord and that is that! If you have that in mind you will see the results in your missionary life.

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AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF PARLEY P. PRATT

At the commencement of 1830, I felt drawn out in an extraordinary manner to search the prophets, and to pray for an understanding of the same. My prayers were soon answered, even beyond my expectations; the prophecies of the holy prophets were opened to my view; I began to understand the things which were coming on the earth--the restoration of Israel, the coming of the Messiah, and the glory that should follow. I was so astonished at the darkness of myself and mankind on these subjects that I could exclaim with the prophet: surely, "darkness covers the earth, and gross darkness the people".

I was all swallowed up in these things. I felt constrained to devote my time in enlightening my fellow men on these important truths, and in warning them to prepare for the coming of the Lord.

My brother William, who journeyed to the West with me in my seventeenth year, had now been missing to the family for five years, and was supposed to be dead. About the time he disappeared and was lost sight of, he was known to leave the city of New York, where he had been employed, and to pass up the Hudson on a steamer. He was heard of no more; and, as a notice appeared in the papers of the same date that a young gentleman by the name of William Pratt was drowned in the Hudson, on his way up the river, our parents and the family had given him up as lost.

One morning, as I was absent from home on business, about two miles distant, I heard of him; and that he was then residing about ten miles from me. On hearing this I ran nearly the whole distance on foot, and in about two hours had him by the hand. He was much surprised, although he had heard of a man of my name living in the neighborhood; but could not believe it was me. We had each of us taken our chance amid the hardships and toils of a new country for years, and at last found ourselves together about six hundred miles from our starting point.

This was a joyful and unexpected meeting of two brothers. He immediately accompanied me home, and was introduced to my wife and our little farm in the wilderness, where we spent some days together. He admired my wife; but above all my farm. "Brother Parley," said he, "how have you done all this? When we were last together you had no wife, no farm, no house, no orchard, and now you are here with everything smiling around you." I replied, that hard work had accomplished it all. And, continued I, we are now about to leave this quiet home which we

have toiled so hard to make, and, perhaps, never see it again. "How so?" said he, with much surprise, and somewhat of disappointment. I then unfolded to him the gospel and prophecies as they had been opened to me, and told him that the spirit of these things had wrought so powerfully on my mind of late that I could not rest; that I could no longer be contented to dwell in quiet and retirement on my farm, while I had light to impart to mankind, of which I knew they were in a great measure ignorant. "But," said he, "If I had fifty acres of land, a comfortable house, a fine orchard, a beautiful garden, with meadow land, grain, and above all, such beautiful flowers and so valuable a house keeper as you have, and all these things the work of our own hands, I am sure I would stay and enjoy the same while I lived; and the world might go on its own jog, and its own way, for all me. Besides, how are you to get your living?" This is your all; you have toiled for years to obtain it, and why not now continue to enjoy it?" "William," said I, "I see plainly you know but little of my circumstances-- of the changes which have taken place with me since we parted five years ago, nor how vastly wealthy I have become within that time. Why sir, I have bank bills enough, on the very best institutions in the world, to sustain myself and family while we live."

"Indeed," said he, "well, I should like to see some of them; I hope they are genuine." "Certainly," I replied, "there is no doubt of that. They are true bills and founded on capital that will never fail, though heaven and earth should pass away. Of this I will convince you in a moment."

I then unlocked my treasury and drew from thence a large pocket book, full of promissory notes like the following: "Whoever shall forsake father or mother, brethren or sisters, shall receive an hundred fold in this life, and in the world to come life everlasting." "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, you shall ask what you will in my name and I will give it you." "All things are possible to him that believeth."

"Now, William," said I, "are these the words of Jesus Christ, or are they not?" "They certainly are," said he, "I always believed the New Testament."

"Then you admit they are genuine bills?"

"I do."

"Is the signer able to meet his engagements?"

"Is he willing?"

"He is."

"Well; then, I am going to fulfil the conditions to the letter on my part. I feel called upon by the Holy Ghost to forsake my house and home for the gospel's sake; and I will do it, placing both feet firm on these promises with nothing else to rely upon."

"If I sink, they are false."

"If I am sustained, they are true. I will put them to the test. Experiment shall now establish the truth of Christ's promises, or the truth of infidelity."

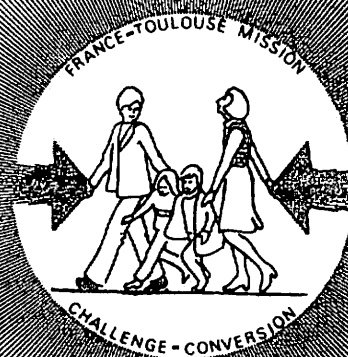
"Well," said he, "try it, if you will; but for my part, although I always believed the bible, I would not dare believe it literally, and really stand upon its promised, with no other prop."

We parted. He to his business, I to my preparations for a mission which should only end with my life.

In August, 1830, I had closed my business, completed my arrangements, and we bid adieu to our wilderness home and never saw it afterwards.

On settling up, at a great sacrifice of property, we had about ten dollars left in cash. With this small sum, we launched forth into the wide world, determining first to visit our native place, on our mission, and then such other places as I might be led to by the Holy Spirit.

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SYSTEMATIC TRACTING

It has been called to our attention and we have observed that the instructions given in the mission manual; pages E-5 to E-7 as well as in a previous Challenge concerning mission proselyting guidelines are not being followed by some of the missionaries.

Some missionaries are doing exclusively the large buildings; ignoring the individual homes, other missionaries are jumping from one street to another, other missionaries are not keeping consistent tracting records, and other missionaries, though they may keep records, take them on transfers.

Our call is to preach the Gospel unto all the world and to every person. We are anxious, therefore, that very complete records be kept of our tracting activities so that they can be successfully used in second and third tracting and so that in the advent of transfer the arriving missionaries may be able to find where the earlier missionaries have worked.

We would appreciate your reading the instructions noted earlier, (mission manual, pgs. E5-7) and following them precisely. It is the responsibility of District and Zone leaders to see that these instructions are put into practice.

In trying to help the missionaries realize how important it is to keep good, uniform, tracting records; the following are some personal thoughts pertaining to this particular type of record-keeping.

You may think this order of things to be very particular; but let me tell you that it is only to answer the will of God, by conforming to the ordinance and preparation that the Lord ordained and prepared before the foundation of the world, for the salvation of the dead who should die without a knowledge of the gospel. (D&C 128:5)

Now, replace the last two lines with "for the salvation of the living who must not die without a knowledge of the gospel." And, again in verse 7, "You will discover in this quotation that the books were opened; and another book was opened, which was the book of life; but the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books; according to their works; consequently, the books spoken of must be the books which contained the record of their works, and refer to the records which were kept on the earth.

Replace the last three lines with, "Consequently, the books spoken of must be the books which contain the record of their missionary works and refer to the records which are kept by missionaries on the earth. Think about it, and apply it yourself. (Elder Steve Clark)

DATES SET FOR OCTOBER ZONE CONFERENCES

Friday October 14, 1977 Perpignan at Béziers
Monday October 17, 1977 Toulouse North at Toulouse
Tuesday October 18, 1977 Toulouse South at Toulouse
Wednesday October 19, 1977 Angoulême at Périgueux
Thursday October 20, 1977 Bordeaux at Talence Chapel
Friday October 21, 1977 Pau at unknown at this time

DEFINITION OF A FATHER

1. A man, married, having had children.
2. A man, unmarried, having children of his own living in his home.
3. A man, married, having no children.

NOTE FROM ELDER McCARTY

Some missionaries will be receiving a personal driving record from the Church. These must be filled out with all the required information and returned to Elder McCarty at the mission office.

NOTE FROM ELDER MERO

Dear Fellow Missionaries,

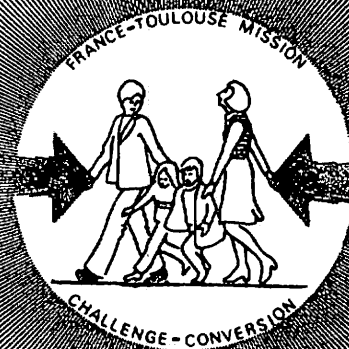
~~I have received complaints from throughout the mission concerning~~
a short supply of Books of Mormon. I am sorry that your apartments do not have an adequate supply but, the shortage is caused by the missionaries themselves. The missionaries have let the Book of Mormon stock get too small before placing their orders for more. Therefore, the missionaries run out of books before the order comes from Frankfurt. To avoid a shortage would you please order your supply a month in advance of the estimated time that you will need new books?

QUOTES:

The answer is love. By love you can get people. If you love the country and the people you can get them. If you love the language you can speak it. If you love the discussions you can learn them.
(Elder Charles Didier)

To love to preach is one thing, but to love those to whom you preach is quite another.
(Lord Acil)

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IT ALL STARTS WITH ME---

We decided to give them the message of the restoration, invite them in our home; we didn't wait for them to be installed, we attacked so to say. The first day that they arrived and invited them to our home to have lunch. They did and of course right from the first evening, they knew that we were members of the Church because, of course we didn't smoke and didn't drink and so on. So, they knew right from the beginning but, then we decided that we'll be friends with them then, we'll start to teach them and our objective was September 1. So, we became good friends and we established a good relationship. September 1, was our goal and so we said, "we have something special for you that we would like to share; why don't you come into our home? We'll have two missionaries waiting for you and we have a film; Man's Search for Happiness. Why don't we just have an evening together? Which we did! (Elder Charles Didier)

MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD---

The Lord declared, for behold this is my work and my glory to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man. This is the mission of the Lord. It is our mission. It became our mission because we are serving him and we are not serving ourselves. We are not here to add glory to ourselves; we're not here to look for a position. As I said, "We are here to add glory to our Heavenly Father. I think it is quite important that we think of that. Everything that we do in the name of Jesus Christ is to help our Father in Heaven to realize and accomplish this purpose. To bring to pass immortality and eternal life. (Elder Charles Didier)

MY RELATIONSHIP WITH LEADERS---

You build your relationship with the Lord by FOLLOWING, and being obedient servants. Then, when adversity comes; when you have that kind of strong relationship, then you are strong. You can tie yourself to ~~something~~ and hold fast to something strong. (Elder Didier)

Faith comes by hearing the word of God. Our investigators hear the word of God from whom? Through the testimony of the servants of God--that means us. That testimony is always attended by the spirit of prophecy and revelation. Now, you realize very easily that the spirit of prophecy and of revelation will not attend if our relationship with our leaders representing the Lord are not what they should be. We cannot convert, and the Holy Ghost will not attend and the spirit will not be there if we are not in the condition to receive it. This needs to be understood. It is a very simple principle. (Elder Didier)

MY RELATIONSHIP WITH MEMBERS---

The immensity of your work is almost overwhelming when you look at the population of the world. If you don't have faith; you can't catch the vision. There is nothing we can't do if we have the faith. Jesus said, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. (Mark 9;23)

Show your gratitude to the members for their faith and prayers. When they realize how grateful you are for their help; they will do more to help you. (Didier)

MY RELATIONSHIP WITH PEOPLE (our image to the world)

Now, there is this message of the restoration of the gospel that we share. You know what it is; it is to preach the divine sonship of Christ, to preach that Joseph Smith is a Prophet, and to preach that this Church is divine. So, that people can learn the truth about our Heavenly Father. The people will not accept truth, if you do not look like truth, and if you don't speak like truth. Again, how important it is that our message is represented in a correct way; so that people will accept us. Now, when I say that we preach truth; it means that we preach knowledge; and the Lord tells us in the Doctrine and Covenants section 93: Knowledge of the things as they are, and as they were, and as they are to come. (Elder Didier)

By having faith in our kinship to our great creator; we recognize by that same token our relationship to another group; our investigators. So, by strengthening this relationship with the Lord, automatically you are strengthening the others. That is why I mentioned it as the first relationship to strengthen. Now, when you have such faith; it will banish dislikes not to mention hate. By faith we will surmount obstacles and disappointments in our work and our defeats, that we thus interpret as necessary for us for our experience and development. (Elder Didier)

MY RELATIONSHIP WITH MY COMPANION---

This Church is built on sacrifice; the whole gospel of Jesus Christ is built on sacrifice. If, you want to discard sacrifice from your life; your missionary life, it simply doesn't work. We have to sacrifice certain things in order to please the Lord. (Elder Didier)

If you live above the problems; you will start to succeed. (Elder Didier)

If we are not willing to do our part, we cannot be certain that others will do theirs. (Sister Broschinsky)

"Behold I say unto you, be one, if ye are not one ye are not mine."
(Sister Broschinsky)

THIS CONFERENCE MUST BE THE DEBUT OF WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THIS MISSION.
(Elder Didier)

"ACT AS IF IMPOSSIBLE WASN'T A WORD!"
(Elder Didier)

NOTE: Due to new bookkeeping procedures initiated by Frankfurt, money will no longer be sent to missionaries by bank transfer. Postal mandates will thus be utilized, charges for the mandat being paid by this office (mission office) in the case of reimbursement for mission expenses and by the missionary in the case of a personal loan or an otherwise personal transfer.