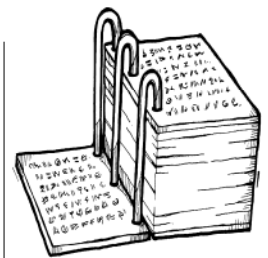


The Branch Newsletter

The Church of Jesus Christ
Zion's Outpost Branch



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Missions Night

On the weekend of May 20 and 21, 2006, Zion's Outpost was pleased to enjoy the ministry of several guests. The weekend featured a Saturday evening meeting and Sunday services. The theme of this weekend was on Missionary work.



Missions Night was held at 6:30pm on Saturday. Testimonies were given by two groups of persons. The first was from the Cornerstone Fellowship which meets in north Wichita. Three members of that team shared their testimonies with us. The men were James Richards, Michael Finley and David Schoenhals. The second group was Elder Charles Sperry and his family who live in Honduras.

Earlier this year a group of men from the Cornerstone Fellowship church traveled to Haiti to support a family who were providing ministry to the native Haitians. The Schoenhals family was living in a compound where they were reaching out with the gospel and providing meals daily. Eight men from Cornerstone traveled to Haiti where they met with 2 couples from North Carolina and the Schoenhals.

The Haiti team spent several days at their planned tasks. Near the end of their stay, a group of armed men stormed the compound and threatened the occupants with their guns. James Richards was the first assaulted by the bandits. Miraculously,

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Graduation News

Garrick Burford and his family celebrated his graduation from high school on Saturday, May 13. The ceremony began at 11:00 am and was held at Zion's Outpost.

Shayla Dove graduated from high school this May. Her commencement exercise was held at Century II at 7:00 pm on Monday, May 22. She is part of the Rose Hill High School senior class.

Molly Smith has graduated from

Hutchinson Community College with a degree in Fire Science. She hopes to be involved with wild land and forest firefighting. She will seek a position with the Sedgwick County or Wichita Fire Departments.

We wish the best to these young people as they enter a new stage of their lives. May they remember the Lord in all their ways so that God may bless their steps.

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Members Health Update

Marylyn Smith continues to have problems with her health which is keeping her away from home and under medical care. She is in the Medicalodge in Goddard. She is going to be there for additional therapy for another 1-2 weeks.

Mary Robinson has been having problems with her left eye. She appreciates your prayers for her.

Virginia Hurst had cataract surgery on Wednesday, May 10. She is able to see a little better after

the procedure.

Numerous members have had minor illness and appreciate your prayers.

Missionary Barrels for Liberia

Garrick, Brent, and Ian Burford are working on the religious emblem award for Boy Scouts. One of the requirement for this award is 8 hours of service in missionary work. To fulfill this requirement they are helping with the Liberian Missionary Barrel program. The program is an outreach of African Restoration Ministries (ARM). ARM is trying to help the many children in Liberia who have lost their parents due to civil war and disease. The Buchanan Restoration Branch (see map) in Liberia is sponsoring an elementary school and an orphanage and is in need of funds and supplies. Joy Muir, of Independence, MO, Provided information on the African Restoration Ministries program.

Those who wish to make a donation, can give cash or checks made out to ARM. The donations will be sent to African Restoration Ministries when the items for the missionary barrels are transported to Independence. Sister Joy Muir has given us a list of items that are needed for the work in Liberia. These include:

- Bibles (any version)
- Used eyeglasses
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Ointments and bandages
- Canned tuna and chicken (protein source)
- Children's underwear that is new and packaged
- Flip-flops
- Lined school paper
- Summer weight clothes for children ages 5-16 (new or like-new)

Joy told us that the collected items are placed in a missionary barrel for shipment. Shipping costs \$200 for each barrel.

We would like to collect supplies and any donations that you would like to give through June and July. The next missionary barrels will be sent in August.

We have prepared a box to collect
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Liberia, which means "Land of the Free", was founded by freed slaves from the United States under the supervision of the American Colonization Society in 1820.

—Wikipedia, Online Encyclopedia



A map of Liberia. Buchanan is marked by red arrow

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James was preserved despite two point blank pistol shots which caused no injury. James told us that it appeared that “God reached down and snatched the bullets away.” He was pistol whipped but no serious injury resulted.

Fortunately, Mike Finley was not seriously threatened during the melee. His contribution was very important. At our meeting he told us his perspective of the event and introduced us to the compound and the state of affairs in the compound at the time of the attack.

David Schoenhals and the church pastor, engaged the armed men by faith. It was very evident that the Lord strengthened them and gave them insight into the spiritual nature of the battle in which they were engaged. He said that he confronted the men in the name of Jesus Christ and commanded them to leave the area. Three shots were fired at him and he was hit three times. None of the wounds caused mortal damage thanks to divine intervention. David told us that he was bleeding profusely from his right arm wound but after the

group prayed for him, the bleeding stopped without the application of first aid. He was again blessed when he became was suffering from shock.

No one was killed or kidnapped because of the attack. The attackers fled in fear. The wounded men had their wounds dressed and the group returned to the United States.

We were immensely blessed by the testimonies of these men. There is no doubt that the Lord protected and blessed the group. The Holy Spirit bore witness of the blessing they received. The Lord heard their prayers and kept them.

The last half of the meeting was given to the Sperry family to tell their testimony of the Lord’s goodness to them. Brother Chuck shared first about the attack their family endured while driving through Guatemala two years ago. At least two vehicles attacked them as they drove their truck just outside of Guatemala City on April 14, 2004. The whole family was in the vehicle. The hijacking attempt was marked by numerous gunshots fired into the

Sperry truck while the cars raced at nearly 100 mph through the Guatemalan countryside. Although Chuck, Regina and two of their children, Charles and Timothy were shot, thankfully none suffered devastating injuries. Regina’s left elbow was shattered by a bullet and she bled quite a bit. By several acts of God’s providence the family found safety and received care for the injuries. The entire testimony was printed in the Family Outreach newsletter for June/July 2004. Copies can be found at the website <http://home.earthlink.net/~familyoutreach/news.htm>

Many elements of the testimonies from the Haiti team and the Sperry’s were remarkably similar. Both events have led to numerous opportunities for both groups to share the goodness of Jesus Christ to many people. Once again the Lord has taken things meant for harm and used them for good.

The mission theme carried forward into the Sunday services. Brother Jeff Drope followed this theme in his comments for the family worship. The Sunday

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“God snatched the bullet right out of the air.”

— James Richards, Haiti Missions Team Member.

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School hour was given to hear from Elder David Newman.

David had been in Honduras as part of a team of workers who volunteered to help build three church buildings for the use of the saints in Honduras. David shared some pictures and spoke about his time there. He answered many questions from the congregation as well. A video recording of David's talk is available for viewing. Please contact Gary Whiting for details.

At the beginning of the morning preaching service, Ian Burford, on behalf of his brothers, Garrick and Brent, gave a brief report on one effort to help the people and saints of Liberia. This war-torn country is now home to tens of thousands of orphans and

others displaced physically, financially and spiritually from their previous lives because of episodic civil war there. Using a video presentation, Ian described a program using barrels to send supplies to help the church and the people in Liberia. (See the article on Missionary Barrels that begins on page 2)

Brother Chuck preached on Sunday, May 21. He told many stories of his call to the missionary endeavor and about his labors in Honduras. The Sperry family sang for us on Saturday night and again on Sunday morning.

Space does not permit a retelling of the whole sermon or of all the testimonies given over this weekend. Audiotapes of Elder Sperry's sermon are available at the church. A video recording of the Saturday evening and Sunday



morning service is also available. See Gary Whiting for details.

It was a glorious weekend which also featured a reception on Saturday night (Thank you Sandy Whiting of the Social Department) and a potluck lunch on Sunday. We have seen again the goodness of our God, His faithfulness and power.

There are 14 branches and 5 missions in the country of Honduras. The branches average 20-40 members each. All of the branches are organized into a national church or district. This has been a great strength to the work of the gospel there.

Meet the Sperry Family

Charles (Chuck) and Regina Sperry responded to the Lord's call to live in Honduras as missionaries. They have been living there for the past 11 years. Their family consists of six children. They are:

Charles — 16 years old
Elizabeth — 15 years old
Timothy — 14 years old



Christina — 11 years old
Hannah — 10 years old
Joshua — 8 years old

They love to sing gospel songs.

The Sperry Family after the 2004 attack. Back L-R Charles III, Chuck, Regina, Elizabeth and a friend. Front L-R Timothy, Joshua, Hannah and Christina

Have a Mind to Live Peaceably

The theme for the month of June is a commandment that the people of God should live in a state of peace. This peace consists of two inter-related kinds of peace. First, is the peace that we enjoy with God because of Jesus Christ, who broke down the wall of separation between God and us and who has taken away the enmity (or state of war) between God and man. The gospel implores us to live in

this peace that induces us to love and trust God.

Secondly, this peace is to be found in our relations with others. This is especially true of the brothers and sisters in Christ. We are to seek to live that way will all persons.

Perhaps you see it now, that this commandment is another way to state the two great commandments. Do you remember?

“Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. (Matthew 22:36-38)

Let us then live peaceably, inasmuch as the opportunity is our to do so (See Romans 12:18-21). GRW



Very Exciting Bible School

Our Very Exciting Bible School will be a royal treat this summer! Everyone is invited to join us in learning how "Jesus is Our King" and how to "Live the Royal Way" by taking a closer look at some of the parables of Jesus. We will travel through the King's Palace to see His Royal Treasury, His Throne Room, and many other exciting places.

This great week of fellowship will be held at Zion's Outpost July 10-14 from 6:00 - 8:30 pm each evening. Be sure to invite your friends and sign up on the Royal Register (located in the hall). Contact Sir Dwight or Lady Pam with any questions



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these items in. If you have any questions, feel free to ask Garrick, Brent, or Ian.

Elder Randy Vick was used by the Lord to open the current work in Liberia. Brother Vick is scheduled to come to Zion's Outpost on June 24 and 25 to share with us about the Liberian Mission. He will share

his testimony and pictures on Saturday evening, the 24th at 6:30 pm. He will preach on Sunday. Recently, we have heard that Elder Vick may be able to come to share with us. He is preparing to return to Liberia. In case he is unable to meet with us, we have printed copies of his testimony. Copies are located on the back table of the sanctuary.

A horrible civil war began in Liberia on December 24, 1989. 150,000 people died. It ended in 1996. A second civil war began in 1999 and ending in 2003. Liberia now has an elected government.

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Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.
Colossians 3:12

Oh, By the Way . . .

Elder Dwight Burford has accepted an invitation to bring preaching ministry in Independence, MO on July 16, 2006. The Pastors of Zion hold a series of Sunday evening preaching services during the summer months. Brother Burford will be bringing ministry as part of this Summer Series.



"Remember, sir, that which you render unto God is deductible from that which you render unto Caesar."