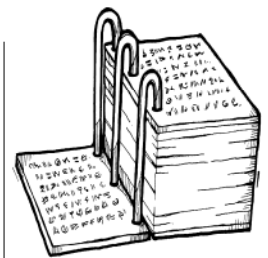


# The Branch Newsletter

The Church of Jesus Christ  
Zion's Outpost Branch



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Ye Have Made  
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## Workday Improvements Made

Several members of the church met at the church on Saturday, April 22 for a workday. A variety of chores were tackled by the group.

The first of the window well covers for the basement window were installed on the west side of the building. Eventually, all of the basement windows will have covers installed.

Several people worked to thoroughly clean the church, upstairs and down.

The water closet in the men's bathroom downstairs required significant work. The drain was repaired and patching was per-

formed on the floor. The old toilet was also replaced.

Some work was done on the northwest end of the building to improve water drainage. This was part of a larger plan to help the new gutter system to carry water away from the church. In the past we have suffered water leakage into the church, especially in corner rooms.

Future workdays will continue the work of repair and maintenance required for our church building. Everyone's help is appreciated in this ongoing work of stewardship over what God has given us.

## David Newman to Honduras

David Newman left for Honduras to help build three church buildings there. He left this report:

Two of the three towns where we will be working in Honduras are near the large lake on the West side and just a few miles on either side of La Buena Fe. The third is 4 hours by four wheel vehicle up in the mountains SW of the Lake. This is the place

where Chuck (Sperry), Socorro (Vasquez) and I visited last year. A number of Socorro's family live there. No electricity, very rural. Crops growing on very steep hillsides. Houses with dirt floors, see through walls and tin roofs. People and animals go in and out of the house at will. I don't remember seeing any doors. And yes

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## From Garrick Burford

Garrick Burford submitted this testimony for the edification of the body and the glory of God.

Thank you all for your prayers regarding my band tour with the Wichita Wind Ensemble. We went to Chicago, Illinois, where we competed in the Festivals of Music competition alongside twenty-four other performing

groups. We took first place in the AAA division (AAA bands are the largest category) and the percussion competitions, and we were named best band overall. It was a great final performance for me, and we all had a great time doing it. The Lord definitely heard your prayers.

I'd also like to confess the Lord's hand in another part of

my life. I've been asking Him to help me write a good research paper for my English class at Friends University and to help me honor Him with my writing. I wrote on the preservation of warbird wrecks. On April 25, at the university's annual awards ceremony, I placed first in the university-wide competition for the Freshman Writing II Award.

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## Hospital Notices

Julie DuRocher's father, Jim Harris was hospitalized for about a month with a serious illness. He is now out of the hospital and recovering. The family continues to appreciate your prayers and concerns.

Marylyn Smith was hospitalized on April 9 after becoming ill at home. She was taken to Via Christi St. Francis hospital where she received care for several days. She remained weak and

was transferred to the Goddard Medical Lodge for further rehabilitation.

On Wednesday, April 26 the family notified us that Marylyn had suffered a setback in her recovery. It was reported to us that she had "another" stroke. The exact details of this event are not know. Please remember Marylyn, her husband Frank and her mother Mary Robinson in your prayers.

## Burford Scouts Awarded Honors

A court of honor was held at Zion's Outpost on the evening of April 16. The Boy Scouts of the Burford family received awards for their achievements in Cub and Boy Scouts.

Brent Burford was awarded the rank of Life Scout as well as several merit badges and other award patches. Garrick and Ian Burford, Eagle Scouts received Palm awards for merit badges earned. Jacob Burford was recognized for his achievements in Cub Scouts.

Pam and Dwight Burford, Lone Scout leaders were recognized for training awards and activity participation.



## May theme: Call on the Name of the Lord Daily

The theme for April called us to humble ourselves in the depths of humility. This month's theme is another necessary part of the behavior and mindset of those who are seeking to please God within the realm of the covenant which God offers to women and men.

The theme for May calls us to declare our dependency on God. Prayer is just such a confession of dependency. One reason for prayer is to put our petition before the Lord and to keep the commandment to ask God when we lack wisdom (James 1:5).

*And humble yourselves even in the depths of humility, calling on the name of the Lord daily, and standing steadfastly in the faith of that which is to come, which was spoken by the mouth of the angel; (Mosiah 2:21)*

Seeing prayer as one element of walking in the covenant of God helps us to understand the entire discipline of walking with God. Moving ahead

in King Benjamin's discourse helps us to see that the covenant behaviors carry tremendous promise to the believer. These promises are the gifts of God to each disciple.

In verse 22 and beyond, we see the promises of God to us. These are the benefits of the covenant, or, the reason why we come to Jesus and enter into the covenant of God. These benefits, as Benjamin lists them are:

1. Always rejoice
2. Be filled with the love of God
3. Always retain a remission of your sins
4. Grow in the knowledge of the glory of your creator (in the knowledge of what is just and true
5. Not have a mind to injure one another but to live peaceably
6. Raise your children in righteousness
7. Care for the poor

Knowing what the Lord wants us to gain from

the covenant enables us to have hope and aim specifically for these targets. Therefore, when we call on the name of the Lord daily, we should do so with these goals of God in mind. Ask the Lord for the joy of salvation, for the love of God to indwell us (see Moroni 7:53), for the remission of our sins and the ability to remain pure and holy before God. Ask for God to make Himself know to us so that we can see what is just and true. Seek to know how to live peaceably with others.

Calling on the name of the Lord daily is a commandment with practical implications and with great promises from God to those who believe in Jesus Christ.

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Of course, all thanks goes to God for giving me the ability to write a good paper. I felt led to write on this subject, and I believe he gave me some of the inspiration I had while writing the paper.



Thursday

May 4, 2006

**In memory  
of our God,  
our religion,  
and  
freedom,  
and our  
peace, our  
wives, and  
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children . . .**

**(Alma 21:41)**

## Conference Week Report

The Joint Conference of Restoration Branches met in Independence, MO from April 6-9, 2006. The week was shared with the Conference of Restoration Elders which met from April 2-5.

The Conference of Restoration Elders (CRE) voted to work more closely with the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches (JCRB). The majority of the discussion in the CRE concerned the JCRB and how to understand the relationship of the two bodies. This relationship is ongoing. A resolution to merge the two bodies was passed and then modified to include study relating a merger and closer cooperation of ministry tasks.

The JCRB opened on Wednesday April 6. Flags from the various nations represented in the Conference were carried into the conference chamber and displayed behind the rostrum while the JCRB was in session. Flags from 39 nations of the world

were on display. This number included 3 Native American nations and 35 countries outside of the United States. It was a moving, powerful demonstration of the

A number of resolutions were considered in the Conference. Among the more significant items addressed was a resolution calling on the JCRB to sustain and set apart elders to be traveling elders for the church. They will be chosen by the Seventy in consultation with the Restoration Branch Presidents. Men selected will be presented to a Conference of the JCRB and assigned areas of responsibility for ministry. Fifteen regions of ministry were established.

The Conference also received a request by some ministry from the Seventy, a Bishop, a High Priest and a Patriarch-Evangelist. These were sustained.

A longstanding missionary group asked to come under the oversight of the JCRB. The Greater European Ministries was



accepted as a sub-committee of the Evangelism Committee of the JCRB.

Resolutions on tithing and support for missionary families were referred for further study. Other resolutions that dealt with prophetic succession were referred for consideration by the body of the eldership as called together by the President of the JCRB.

Many more resolutions were submitted, than could be dealt with this year. Neither of the Zion's Outpost resolution made it to the floor.

Sunday services on April 9 were held at William Chrisman High School. High Priest Marlin Guin brought an inspired message and a challenging sermon. It was an edifying time of worship.

**JCRB will next meet in conference in April 2007. The dates are not known yet.**

## Support Given to Missions

At a special branch business meeting on April 23, Zion’s Outpost members voted to give gifts in support of the work in Central America.

A gift of \$500 was approved to support the building project in Honduras. David Newman (see related article on page 1) is going to Honduras to help with that project.

A second gift was approved to support the family of Arturo Gomez. Brother Gomez is the presiding elder in Belize. He is regularly employed as

a taxi driver. However, he is now in the United States for a few weeks. He remained here after the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches in April so he could attend his son’s high school graduation. While he is here, he has no income to support his family in Belize. He still has expenses in his absence.

The branch approved a gift of \$800 dollars that was send to the JCRB to provide for Elder Gomez and his family. This gift was kindly received by those who made the request.

## Notice of Future Events

Several guest speakers and special ministry events are scheduled over the next few months. Please reserve these dates and plan to attend:

May 20 Missions Night

May 21 Elder Chuck Speery preaching.

June 24 Elder Randy Vick presentation on the church in Liberia

June 25 Elder Randy Vick preaching

July 10-14 VeeBS in the evenings

Sept 17 Seventy Richard Neil preaching.

We are working with the Book of Mormon Foundation to schedule a Book of Mormon Day on a Saturday in October or November.

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outhouses. I am to be at one of the villages near the lake.

I leave Tuesday (April 25) for Independence, MO. My plane departs 6:30 AM at KCI on April 26,

David returns to Wichita on May 18.

## Bob Bunch Notice

For many years, Elder Bob Bunch has operated the HELP and HOPE funds to support a school and other projects in Honduras. This effort has been done under the corporate umbrella of Zion’s Outpost Inc. In his January-March letter to supporters, Elder Bunch made some remarks that were untrue regarding the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches. He suggested that donations should be sent to Elder Arthur Hawley, the source of some of the misinformation repeated by Elder Bunch. These statements do not reflect the opinion of Zion’s Outpost. Bro. Bunch has been asked to refrain from such comments in official letters. GRW



Honduras



Belize

**Important dates to remember for special events and guest speakers at Zion’s Outpost**

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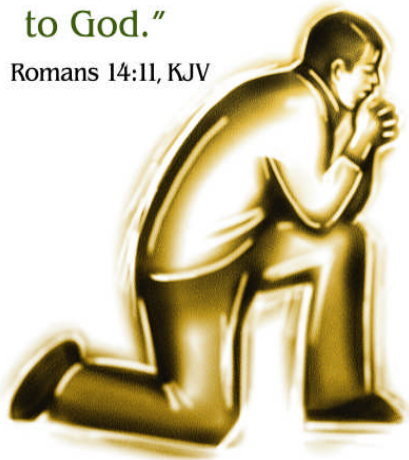
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**"As I live,  
saith the Lord,  
every knee shall bow  
to me, and every  
tongue shall confess  
to God."**

Romans 14:11, KJV



## Oh, By the Way . . .

Gary Whiting appeared on a local television show to speak out about the dangers of gambling expansion in Kansas. The Sirana Show is a production of the non-cable channel 49, KTQW. The show aired on Thursday, April 20 at 8:00pm. It was rebroadcast on April 25 at 11:30 am.

Gary was representing [Voices of the Heartland](#), a group

formed to help stop the expansion of gambling in Kansas. Brother Whiting serves at the Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of this group.

Brother Whiting also had an article published in the spring 2006 edition of *The Witness*, the official publication of the Book of Mormon Foundation. The article dealt with the Liahona

or compass given to Lehi for the journey to the promised land.

Elder Dwight Burford operates a website on which he posts articles that he has written. The website is called His Workmanship. The articles are of great interest to church members and others. Please visit and see for yourself.

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