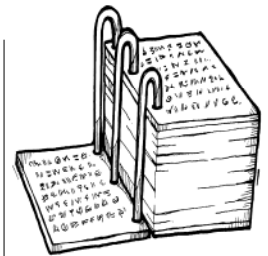


# The Branch Newsletter

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## Geno Family Visit



The Geno family, consisting of Rita, Kendal and Caleb visited Zion's Outpost on Sunday, August 13, 2006. They were returning from Oaxaca, Mexico where they had spent a few weeks with Frank and Patti Frye.

Kendal Geno is a Teacher, an office of the Aaronic priesthood. He brought the preaching ministry to us on Sunday morning. Rita, his mother, provided musical ministry during the preaching service.

The Geno's had been in Mexico to assist Seventy Frank Frye in his ministry there. Kendal, in

particular, assisted Brother Frye with the production of some missionary DVD's. Brother Frye is working on about 4 video projects to assist the saints in teaching others about the Book of Mormon.

In his sermon, Brother Geno shared testimonies from his trips to Mexico. He also shared some insights into the scripture from Luke 12:57. From his time in Mexico, Kendal has seen how much more comfortable life in the United States is compared to life in Second (or Third) world

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## JCRB Holding Men's Retreat



The Joint Activities Committee of the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches (JCRB) is planning a retreat for men of all ages (officially the age range is 18-118). On Saturday, September 23, the Colbern Road Restoration branch will host the retreat. This branch is located in Lee's Summit Missouri.

Activities begin at 10 am and

close at 5 pm on Saturday.

The theme of the retreat is "Teach Us, Oh Lord, True Brotherhood." Through learning, worship and fellowship this retreat will help attendees come together with a sense of brotherhood that will increase unity among the men of Christ's church. Through

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## Quetzalcoatl: Evidence of Jesus Christ

Frank Frye, Seventy in the Restoration has completed the first of four planned DVD's designed to help the saints teach others about the Book of Mormon.

The first DVD, *Quetzalcoatl Evidence that Jesus Christ Ministered in America*, was given to the branch by Brother Frye. It discusses the legends of a bearded white god "who descended from the heav-

ens to teach the inhabitants of the New World and elsewhere about 2,000 years ago. His attributes are so close to those of Jesus Christ that one recent magazine article in Mexico calls Quetzalcoatl, 'The Christ that Arrived in Mexico.' The legends state that he was creator of all things, born of a virgin, a new star appeared his birth, and he gave his life for his people. He came from

across the ocean to the east and promised to return. See the evidences that Jesus came to minister to the Native Americans after his ministry in Jerusalem." — from the back jacket of the DVD.

Other DVDs planned by brother Frye include *Eight Pillars of Evidence* and *The Geography of the Book of Mormon*, a three-part series.



Seventy Frank Frye  
Oaxaca, Mexico

## Two Months Until Operation Christmas Child

"Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift filled shoeboxes and the good news of God's love. This program of Samaritan's Purse provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple, hands-on missions project while focusing on the true meaning Jesus Christ." (Taken from the Samaritan's Purse website at

[www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org).)

In 2005 Operation Christmas Child collected and distributed more than 7.6 million shoeboxes in almost 90 countries around the world. Since 1993, over 44 million shoeboxes have been distributed worldwide.

Zion's Outpost has participated in the shoebox project almost since its incep-

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## Sperry Family Update

Please keep the Sperry family in your prayers as they leave at the end of this week to travel back to Honduras. Regina will be flying back sometime in the middle of September. Keep her in your prayers as well, that she will have fully recovered by the time she leaves.

Chuck and the children will be in Wichita during the weekend of September 10. Elder Sperry will bring preaching ministry to us on Sunday morning.

## Kendal Geno Sermon

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countries.

He compared this to the rich abundance given to the Restoration saints in the gospel. We know more and have access to more understanding, plainness and fullness of the gospel of Jesus Christ than our Christian friends have. We have a tremendous re-

sponsibility to serve the Christian and non-Christian world by sharing our abundance. How much greater our accountability. Through a series of illustrations, Brother Geno demonstrated that the predominant majority of the world sits in the darkness of ignorance and tradition. There is a great need for the light

of the Restored Gospel and the scriptures we have been given to be taken in power to the world. We live in the days before the return of Jesus Christ for the last time. His Kingdom is soon to be established in the world. We were encouraged and exhorted to actively give according to that which we have received.

Kendal has been accepted in to the Bryant Scholar's program. This means that he will have a place held for him in the Medical School class of 2009 reserved for him at Columbia , University of Missouri. He will not have to take the entrance exams (MCAT) or qualify in any other way for Med school. We are praising God for his goodness to us. Kendal is so happy. This is the beginning of the realization of his dream that he has had since he was 3 yrs old. Thank you for your prayers. -Rita Geno,

## Member Health Update

Mary Robinson has been able to return home. She is very appreciative of your prayers and support.

Berkley Conn has been diagnosed with cancer of the lung. We understand that he plans to go M.D. Anderson hospital in Houston for treatment. Please remember

Berkley and Nancy (and their family) in your prayers during this time. Sister Gene Sweem re-entered the hospital about 2 weeks ago. She was quite sick for several days. Fortunately, she has improved enough to leave Via Christi St. Francis. She was transferred to the Sandpiper

Bay Nursing facility on Wednesday, August 30. It is unknown how long she will be there. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

Consider attending Prayer Service on Wednesday to pray for the sick with the body of the church.

## Shoebboxes

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tion. We are rapidly approaching a time for shoeboxes to be collected again. This year the national collection week is November 13-20. This means that Sunday, November 12

will be our target date for receiving shoeboxes at church.

A change in the shoebox program this year is that they are now asking for a seven dollar donation per shoebox, if possible, to help defray the costs

of shipping and distributing the boxes. Let's plan on having a very successful shoebox collection again this year.



## Sunday School Promotion

Christian Education Director, Dwight Burford, presided over the Sunday School Promotion service at 9:30 am on August 27, 2006. The new Sunday School year will see a few changes in the Sunday School Program.

Clayton Capps and Brent Burford have completed the Junior class curricu-

lum and have graduated into the Junior High/Senior High class. They will join Ian Burford in that class. Gary Whiting teaches that class.

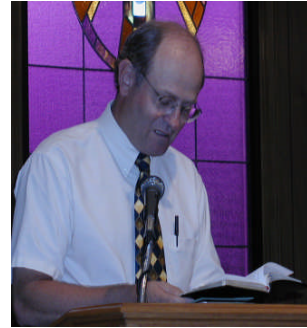
A new class, taught by Dwight Burford and Claire Burford is being formed for the Young Adults.

Garrick Burford and Shayla Dove graduated

from the Junior High/Senior High class this year.

Martha Van Nordstrand will team teach the Nursery / Pre-Kindergarten class with Debby Smith.

Pam Burford will continue as teacher for the Primary/Pre-Baptismal class.



Dwight Burford

Christian Education  
Director

## Ye Should Impart of Your Substance

King Benjamin set the example for his people through the way that he conducted himself as their king. Thus, when he exhorted his people to give what they had on behalf of others, his words had credibility because of the king's integrity.

During King Benjamin's a tenure as King, he had many opportunities to demonstrate his faithfulness and adherence to the principles that he encouraged people to adopt. Early in his reign as king, he faced conflicts with people of his own land as well as an invasion from the Lamanites. He engaged the enemy's by fighting with his own sword in defense of his country.

He demonstrated his faithfulness to the principles of righteousness by laboring along side the holy prophets and the ministers to put down false prophets and false teachers, who had been seeking to deceive the people. King Benjamin saw to it that these individuals were punished for their crimes. Mormon summarized the King's character as king with these words: "For behold, King Benjamin was a holy man and he did reign over

his people in righteousness" (WoM 1:5). As a result of all of his labors peace was once more, established in his land.

At the end of King Benjamin's reign. He asked his people to come and hear his final words. He'd been given a message from the Angel of God to give to his people. He began his message, by reminding them of his integrity as king.

He had not sought after gold or silver or riches. He had not sought to make them slaves, nor had he instructed them to perform any wickedness, rather he had taught them they should keep the commandments of the Lord at all times. Instead of depending upon taxes from his people he worked with his own hands to serve them and to provide for his own household. And why did he do this?

He did it because he was in the service of God, and he instructed his people that they should learn wisdom to know the following "that you may learn that when you are in the service of your fellow beings. You are only in

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## Men's Retreat

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this kind of activity we can all learn to depend on one another and labor together for the work of the Father through Jesus Christ.

A registration form is below.

### Men's Retreat Registration

September 23, 2006

Colbern Road Restoration Branch  
9525 Main Entrance Dr, Lee's Summit, MO  
**(Please send in by 9/11/06)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

#### Check Category that best describes you:

Single \_\_\_\_\_

Newlywed/Children under 10 \_\_\_\_\_

Have Teens/Children are leaving \_\_\_\_\_

Retired \_\_\_\_\_

#### Send Registration to:

**Restoration Men's Retreat**

**2410 S. Mecklin School Road**

**Oak Grove, MO 64075 or**

**joined\_n\_Christ@yahoo.com**

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the service of your God.”


After King Benjamin beautifully described the Angel Message and introduced his people to Jesus Christ, he quickly began to teach them how to live obediently in the gospel. For the King, caring for your neighbor and the person in need was a priority. He believed that if you have been filled with the love of God and washed from all your sins, you will take care of others in love.

Thus, the King said, “You will succor those who stand in need of your succor” (Mosiah 2:28). We are all beggars and dependent upon the grace of God for all things.

For King Benjamin, if one had truly been saved unto a new life in Christ, care of others was a natural duty that should be gladly accepted and cheerfully performed.

I would that you should impart of your substance to the poor, Every man according to that which he hath, such as — feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and administering to their relief. . (Mosiah 2:43)

Give for the  
Sake of Others



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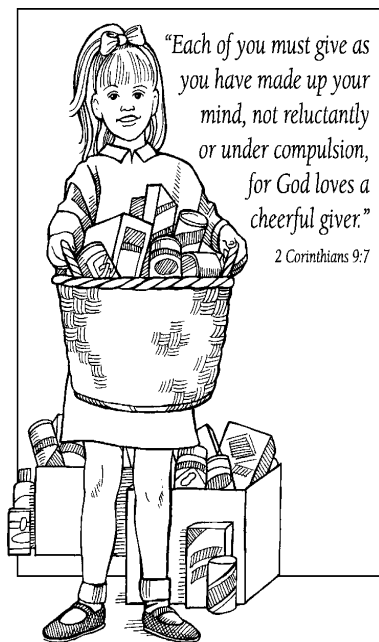
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## Oh, By the Way . . .

The Book of Mormon Day scheduled for October 28, 29 is postponed. The date is in conflict with a Fall Gathering in Independence, MO sponsored by the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches and the Conference of Restoration Elders. The meeting in Independence will prevent some persons from the Book of Mormon Foundation from attending our meeting. A new date has not yet been selected.

We are anticipating the ministry of Seventy Richard Neill on September 17, 2006. It has been two years since Brother Neill has visited the branch. Please pray for his visit.

Elder Chuck Sperry and his children will be visiting the branch on the weekend of September 10.

Shayla Dove has begun her college studies at the Pratt Community College. Her parents ask that you keep

her in your prayers.

Elder Gary Whiting will be giving two presentations at the Oak Grove Restoration branch on October 22, 2006. He will be speaking on *The Doctrine of Christ According to the Book of Mormon*. His presentations will be video recorded and included as part of a DVD project on the teachings of the Book of Mormon.