

WARD MISSION MESSAGE #11

I assume most of you are not able to read the weekly messages from our full time missionaries. So with the family's permission, I would like to re-post excerpts from one of them. The part at the end is one of the most unique missionary ideas I have ever from one of the general authorities:

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...A little over a week ago a General Authority came to tour our mission. He spoke to all of us missionaries about finding people and being bold and not afraid. It was amazing!

Then that night my Mission President called and asked to speak to me alone. He asked me to come to the Temple early the next morning so that I could have a private interview with the general authority! I have no idea as to why I was selected for this honor but I am very thankful. It was a great experience! The general authority and I talked for a while. He asked me all about how my missionary service was going and then he asked, "If you could ask a General Authority any question, what would it be?" My head instantly flooded with questions about Kolob and deep doctrine but instead I asked, "What is it like to be friends with the Prophet?"

A huge smile broke out across his face and he spent the rest of our time together telling me several stories about how fun it is to spend time with the Prophet! He also told me that the Prophet loves me and that he would tell me so if he were here! He loves all of us!

The next morning at Stake Conference, the general authority got up and spoke about Missionary work and then asked me to come up to the podium with my Companion! I had no idea what was going on! He surprised us by asking my companion to bare a testimony about Joseph Smith and then for me to bare my testimony about The Book of Mormon! I poured my heart out about the importance of that sacred book! I explained what it is and why we need it to grow closer to Jesus Christ! While I was talking, I felt inspired to share a quote from General Conference about missionary work and the Atonement of Our Savior, so I did!

After I finished speaking, he stepped up to the microphone and asked me and my companion to remain standing next to him. He then asked the entire Stake, "Who do you wish was sitting next to you right now that isn't here today? I want you to text the name and number of that person to these missionaries." He had me state my phone number..... We received 334 referrals! That is a lot of friends and loved ones!!! I have never been busier in my LIFE!!! Whew! We have been working so hard, my brain hurts, but we won't stop!

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