

**–Section 4–  
Council, Missionary & Program Reports**

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## Coordinating Council

By Richard Neill, Chair

Currently the Chairman of the Conference is Vim Horn. The Coordinating Council members are Richard Neill (Chairman), Steve Kropp (Vice-Chairman), Jack Hagensen, Eric Odida, Jun Pamongcales Jr., Tom Mitchell, Larry Cottrill, Sean Telljohann, and Jay Havener. Although Vim does not vote on Council matters, he has a standing invitation, and he attends all of the meetings, with voice on all matters.

The Council had a nice balance this past year. Three of the men live in Independence - Richard, Jack, and Tom. Larry (Virginia), Sean (Ohio), and Jay (Michigan) live in the Domestic (USA) field, and two reside in the international field – Eric (Kenya), and Jun (the Philippines).

Last year, the Conference voted to add two international men onto the Council. With Zoom, and Livestreaming, we have the ability to have input from all over the world. Just three years ago we first attempted to connect online in a very crude way. Since that time, we have seen tremendous progress in our technology capability. We now have the ability to connect in visual and audible ways. We are now, once again, becoming a 'World Church' in very real ways.

The Conference, of 2021, passed legislation to separate the Evangelism Council into two distinct bodies. One would be called the Domestic Missionary and Outreach Council, and the other to be called the International Missionary Council.

The elected Coordinating Council has the responsibility to call Council meetings, soon after the Conference is over, to help each Council organize itself and select officers for the Council. This was done and both Missionary Councils were organized.

The Domestic Missionary and Outreach Council was set to assist the domestic field of the Center Place, the USA, and Canada bring ministry of outreach. This they have done very well.

The International Missionary Council allows this Council to focus their ministries on the fields outside of the domestic field. This would be done by working with the Missionary Groups of ARM, GEM, LAMB, and SEAAM. These missionary groups would place two of their Board members on this Council. By doing this there is a strong connection with the Conference. Working with Seventy Richard Neill this Council was organized, and has had discussions on what they could do to assist the Missionary Groups fulfill the mission of going into all of the world.

There are a number of items that could be mentioned in relationship to the Coordinating Council working with the Women's Council, the Youth Council, the Domestic Missionary and International Missionary Councils, the Education Council, the Stewardship Council, the Publications Council, and the Aaronic Priesthood Council. That information will be shared with you by the *respective* Councils. Each Council has an assigned member from the Coordinating Council, named a liaison. The liaison will discuss with each Council the Conference agenda, and at the same time apprise the Coordinating Council of the plans, and issues the Councils are working on during the year.

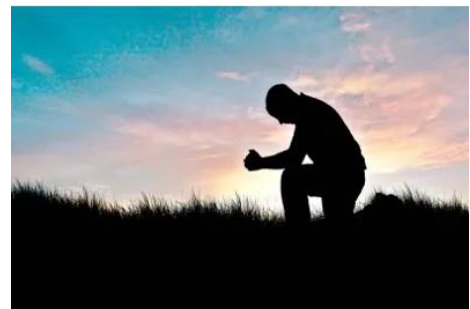
The Council sponsors events throughout the year to gather people together for learning and spiritual growth purposes. I will summarize those gatherings that have taken place this past year. If you want like to experience the presentations for yourself, you can do so by going to [eldersconference.com](http://eldersconference.com). We invite you to do this to listen to very excellent presentations.

Following the June Conference, the first event was the Fall Gathering held on September 24-25, 2021 at Waldo. The theme was *We Shall Come Rejoicing Bringing in the Sheaves – It is Yet Day When All Can Work*. The classes were *Desire to Reap* (D&C 6:2a-c, 4a-b), *Thrust in Your Sickle – Fill the Spiritual Storehouse*, and *Gather the Sheaves into the Garners* (Alma 14:84-88). The Saturday evening service was centered on this message – *Rejoice in the Gathering – A Call to Bring in the Sheaves*. The leaders in worship included – Dayn Cederstrom, Eric Odida, Vim Horn, Tom Mitchell, Steve Henson, Lucas Boyce, Brian Mundy, Howard Parker, Steve Bohall, Paul Gage, and Cloyce Coffman.



In January 21-22, 2022 a Priesthood and Men's Retreat was held at the Oak Grove RB, in conjunction with the CMRB and the POZ. The theme was – *Perfect and Upright Men of God*. The class on Friday evening was *Perfected by the Holy Spirit*. The classes on Saturday were *No Perfection by the Law*, *Perfected, as the Master*, and *Perfect Love: Casting Out Fear*. The leaders in worship were Aaron Rhoads, Chuck Miller, Steve Bohall, and Shaun Turner.

The Spring Gathering was held on April 8&9, 2022 at Waldo. The theme was *Take Upon You the Name of Christ; and Worship God in Spirit and Truth*. The classes were *How has God Been Worshipped through the Ages*, *What Does It Mean to worship Him in Spirit*, and *What Does It Mean to Worship Him in Truth?* The leaders in worship included – Steve Kropp, Paul Gage, Vim Horn, Marlin Guin, Andrew King, BJ Schultz. The focus of this gathering was on worship, which is central to the gospel. We looked at how we worship in 'Spirit and Truth', and what is essential to worshipping the Father and the Son.



We then focused on our fourth major gathering of the entire body which is the Reunion/Conference to be held from June 19-24. As I write this is yet to begin. The theme for the week is, *Take Upon You the Name of Christ and Run the Race*. The Scripture themes are found in Mosiah 3:11, and Hebrews 12:1-2.



***The Lord invites us to run the race with Him.***

## **Education Council**

By Tom Mitchell, Liaison

Unfortunately, the Education Council had a stagnant year without a functioning leader or much participation. Last year most of the members resigned over various issues after long tenures and consistent work especially on printing educational materials. Although some books were printed as planned little else was accomplished. Several meetings were held early in the calendar year to attempt forming a new council but a shortage of interested parties and a lack of a willing leader circumvented forming an active council.

Discussions during the meetings held early in the year were toward shifting the focus of the education council with some possible recommendations:

1. Moving responsibility for any printing of materials to the publication committee as feasible.
2. The possibility that the education council be a subset or tied directly to the publication council.
3. Redirecting the education council to actual education activities instead of preparing or reprinting educational material-for example early youth and child education.
4. The possibility that priesthood training materials be part of this restructuring, especially for ministerial license accreditation needed in foreign fields like Rwanda.

## **Domestic Missionary and Outreach Council**

by Jeff Rew, Secretary

“At the 2021 Elders Conference, the Domestic Outreach Council was formed to assist branches and scattered Saints domestically. We desire to serve through witnessing weekends, preaching, evangelism outreach, youth ministry, or any other way to assist branches or individuals to grow the church.

“Nine regions have been formed geographically based upon membership. A coordinator was selected by the council for each region, with Seventy Frank Dippel being selected as the chairman of the Council. The coordinator can be contacted to schedule ministry as needed. The coordinator will also be responsible for providing information to be placed into a database of those who are willing to provide ministry, area of ministry, area of travel, and length of time. For those who are willing to provide ministry, please contact Frank Dippel or the coordinator of the region(s) that you have availability to minister in.

“We have received many testimonies from the scattered Saints in various regions who have felt isolated and alone with no Church support available. The outreach made has brought hope to these scattered Saints and ministry has been scheduled for those who requested it. D&C Section 4: 1b-c: “Therefore, O ye that embark in the service of God, see that ye serve him with all your heart, might, mind, and strength... therefore, if ye have desires to serve God, ye are called to the work, for, behold, the field is white already to harvest.” (*Excerpt from TOZ #137*)

“The regions and their respective coordinators are as follows:

Region 1 – Northwest (Inc. Alaska)	Brian Herren
Region 2 – Southwest (Inc. Hawaii)	John L. Mundy
Region 3 – North Central (Inc. Canada)	Brian Mundy
Region 4 – Midwest (Exc. Center Place)	Bob Immer
Region 5 – Center Place	Eric Odida
Region 6 – South Central	Bob Dickson
Region 7 – Mideast	Frank Dippel
Region 8 – Southeast	John Eichorn
Region 9 – Northeast	Gary Wilson



The following reflects some of the activities this year in a number of the Regions:

#### Northwest Region Activities – Brian Herren

- Regional theme: Bearing Fruit
- Youth retreat each quarter (3) with summer youth camp in July

#### Southwest Region – John Mundy

- Visited Albuquerque, NM – Chico, CA – and Arizona
  - Preached and visited homes in each of these areas
- Two mailings of 164 letters each have been sent out with 10 good responses. We were able to locate groups meeting in: Albuquerque, phoenix, & Los Angeles that we were not aware of.

#### Midwest Region Activities – Bob Immer

- We are providing ministry to the NE Des Moines branch on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month.
  - April, May, and June have been booked.
- Bob is also following up with the Saints in Nebraska, Missouri, and Illinois

#### South Central Region Activities – Bob Dickson

While a great deal of activity has not yet taken place, I am in the process of making contacts in Texas and Oklahoma in preparation for visits this summer. I have already visited and brought ministry to the Saints in Miami, Oklahoma and have reached out to a church family that resides in Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

I have recently had conversation with a sister in Marlin, Texas. The sister is the wife of the now-deceased Pastor of that once very active Branch. I am advised that the church no longer meets in their church building and that most of the Saints have either left the area or become inactive in the Restoration. She would welcome a visit to Marlin. I have also provided the sister with the Living Hope website address and encouraged her to join our services via livestream.

I also had a visit with a sister who resides in Hearne, Texas. Again, I am told that the group there is small but would relish a visit from traveling priesthood.

I have been able to put together a team of priesthood from Living Hope that is committed to making a trip to Texas this summer. Our plan would be to visit the two branches in DFW and to then travel to central Texas to visit Saints in Austin, Marlin and Hearne. The hope would be to encourage the remaining membership in those areas in the work of the Lord and to provide ministry for a longer period of time if the need and desire arises.

#### **Mideast Region Activities - Frank Dippel**

This region's outreach activities began in August 2021 after receiving names of possible scattered saints from the Tidings, Restoration Voice, and Restoration Book Store. We found immediately many of the names were from many years ago, but we sent letters to all the names listed.

There were no organized branches or groups in most of the states, so letters were mailed to all the individuals on the list in those states immediately. These letters were to introduce the Conference of Restoration Branches, the All Saints Worship Group and Elder Larry Cottrill it's Pastor. The letters also introduced the Tidings and made the offer to visit on several occasions. They also included phone numbers and email addresses for Larry Cottrill, the CRE and us. West Virginia, Ohio and Virginia where there are existing branches, the information and names were sent to the Pastors. After responses from most of the Pastors were received, and they illuminated active saints and saints that had moved or passed on, letters were mailed the remaining saints in those Pastors' areas.

After a couple months we sent another round of letters to the saints we had received no information on or responses from. The total number of letters mailed were 382.

Our hopes were that the Pastors would contact the individuals in their area, and we could help them find brothers to make visits if they needed assistances. We have had 5 requests for visits or assistance in visits from the letters. Two requests Mickey and I traveled to the Philadelphia area and met with Debbie Mason and her niece Cheryl Craine. We traveled also to the Bloomsburg, Pa area and visited with Beth Dippel. I served communion at both locations and the Lord administered to one saint. One request has not been completed yet and the other 2 were from Elder John Ecihorn for assistance in the Southeast region but no one was available.

This is some additional information we also received from the letter campaign. We received a letter from one brother, Walter Jacobs, stating how proud he was that we were making this effort. We tried to call several times but finally responded to him by letter. There was a lady in Kentucky, Barbara Solomon, who had recently lost her husband. She was extremely distraught, and we offered to visit several times, but she refused. We called and emailed her many times and reach her a few times. We were made aware to a new group that had started in the Center Place for brothers and sisters who had lost their companions. We contacted them and High Priest Paul Gage emailed Barbara and they communicated. The couple ladies from the group attempted the contact her with no success.

Here is some additional information from the letter campaign. 41 saints had passed away and 12 returned the letters. 2 called and asked not to be bother again.

**Southeastern Region Activities** –John Eichorn (*Abbreviated excerpt from TOZ #138*)A letter was written and sent to 150 Saints in the southeast region. The letter was well-received, and many of the Saints wrote or called back, inviting myself and a team member to visit. After much prayer and preparation, Eric Woolery and I began our trip to Alabama on January 13th, to return January 27th. Words are inadequate to describe the blessings God had in store for us.

We started with several names of families in Mobile, Alabama, who invited us to stay in their homes. Our first three days were spent in the home of George and Camille Givens. The entire weekend was sharing faith-built testimonies, the prophetic insights and warnings given by the Lord to our Patriarch Mike Ballantyne, and the promise of the Millennial Reign. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed Sunday morning and two received administration of healings. Tears and hugs expressed our love for these beautiful Saints.

Our next visit was just as blessed as the one we left. Our Brother George (Sunny) Goff and his wife, Jean, greeted us. Their bond in Christ's love was just as genuine as it was in the first home we visited. Sunny, Eric, and I made many home visits during the days and evenings we were in their home.

Eric and I then drove to Pensacola, Florida. We made a phone call to Darrell and Donna Kelly. They invited us to stay in their home. Again, the Spirit of Christ went before us. In four days, we visited in many homes from three to four hours per visit, sharing the love of Jesus. The Kelly's, Eric, and I spent hours with these brothers and sisters, searching the Scriptures, sharing, and listening to the testimonies of deeply concerned Saints.

On the last Sunday of our visit to Florida, I was the guest speaker for the Pensacola Restoration Branch located in Pace, Florida. There, my brothers and sisters and I met in the home of Carmen Trampler. Approximately fifteen Saints were in attendance. Several families were out with COVID. After a lovely meal, we shared testimonies and the Lord's concerns and warnings for His people to be prepared for the hard times ahead of us.

Leaving Florida, we traveled back to Alabama, making visits in Troy, Montgomery, Birmingham, Huntington, and Hartselle, Alabama. Our last stop was in Nashville, Tennessee. The Saints were awesome to provide meals and an overnight sleeping quarters.

**Northeast Region – Gary Wilson**

- Visited two branches providing ministry through preaching as well as home ministry in the month of May.
- Gary will be in Maine for the reunion, teaching the adult class and preaching, in the month of July.

#### **North Central Region – Brian Mundy**

- Brian will be attending the Michigan reunion in July for preaching as well as teaching the older youth class. He will also be visiting with Saints in the area.
- A Wisconsin trip is also being planned in the Fall.

#### **All Saints Group Update** by Larry Cottrill

[The **All Saints Group** that worships together regularly using Zoom, established several years ago under the leadership of Elder Larry Cottrill, is also under the auspices of the Domestic Missionary and Outreach Council.]

It is a joy to report that the *All Saints Group* continues its regular weekly Sunday and Wednesday worship times via Zoom. Born out of necessity during a pandemic and now continuing as a true outcrop of God's redeeming love and desire for us to be in worship as believers no matter our physical location in the world.

We are thankful for the sacrifice of those Priesthood members from other branches who have brought ministry through the spoken word and classes. We are blessed by the many scattered Saints who are regular attenders and participate in the various aspects of worship services, often giving their time and talents to our shared experience.

From time to time, we have the great pleasure of Saints attending that have membership at their organized local branch. Sometimes it is their second service, like those from Africa or Europe, sometimes it's because of weather issues or just not feeling so well. Whatever the reason, this has always been additive to our worship and has extended our reach of the Gospel message.

Mission and outreach continue to inspire our Christian faith community to share God's grace with each other and the world where we live. We seek from our worship as do you, a deeper relationship with our Heavenly Father that leads to the living out of our faith daily in word and deed.

To that end, great thanks is due to the CRE for their support and encouragement. And as always, we would welcome your time in support of our efforts through the spoken word or for classes.



## **International Missionary Council**

By Dayn Cedestrom, Chair

At the 2021 Conference of Restoration Elders (CRE), a resolution was passed that renamed the Evangelism and Outreach Council and divided it into two separate councils. One council to focus on domestic missionary and outreach efforts, the other, now named the *International Missionary Council*, to focus on all missionary activities outside of the US and Canada.

The 2021 Conference directed that the membership makeup and perpetuation of the Council would be determined at an organizing meeting comprised of a representative from each of the Missionary Boards associated with the CRE, chaired by the Coordinating Council liaison (Seventy Richard Neill). The Council had its first meeting Tuesday, April 19. At that meeting, it was determined that the council would be comprised of 2 members from each of the 4 missionary boards. The members identified are: Chris Caps and Eric Woolery from ARM (Eric Woolery has since resigned from ARM), John Mundy and Steven Henson from GEM, Manual Castello and Mark Farnham from LAMB, and Kevin Humphrey and Dayn Cederstrom from SEAAM. Dayn Cederstrom was elected Chairman.

The council sets as its goals to coordinate the evangelistic mission of the church among the missionary groups of the CRE, to develop curriculum for the training of priesthood and missionary tracts, and to raise awareness of all Saints of the needs of international evangelism.

### ***Missionary Board Reports***

#### **African Restoration Ministries (ARM)**

By Bill Barrett, Secretary

We bring you greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ whom we serve. African Restoration Ministries (ARM) is functioning strong as we bring you greetings from the saints in East and West Africa. East Africa is comprised of The Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania, and Kenya. While West Africa at this point consists of Nigeria.

Through Covid-19 restrictions and kidnapping incidents it is not safe to enter some countries at this time. However local priesthood have been working diligently to carry on the work. There have been many members baptized and Priesthood ordained. A summery of the number of branches, members, and Priesthood is included in this booklet as the "Snapshot of Africa 2022".

Trips have been made to Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, and Uganda. Brother Dayo from Lagos traveled to Kenya for 2 weeks of ministry. The Kenyarwanda version of the Book of Mormon is now available from Amazon.

Brother Shaun Turner has joined the board as John Eichhorn and Eric Woolery have resigned to do domestic ministry. We want to express our gratitude to them for their long years of service. More trips are planned this year as conditions allow. The Saints have been very generous to support the work.

# 2022 SNAPSHOT OF AFRICA

	KENYA		NIGERIA		TANZANIA		UGANDA		RWANDA		Totals
Elders		18		16		2		3		5	39
Priests		16		13		3		2		4	34
Teachers		17		2		2		1		1	22
Deacons		14		6				1		2	21
Total Priesthood		65		37		7		7		12	116
Members (estimated)	Members	5000	Members	506	Members	38	Members	82	Members	22	5648
Branches		26		13	Priesthood	1		1		7	Priesthood 48
		Nairobi		Umuahia	4E,1P,1D	63	Mwanza town	1E,1T	Bumagenny	82	Rwanmagana/ 25 2E,1D
		Obuora		Umuopara	1		Utegi	1E			Kayonza
		Nakuru		Kuje (Abuja)	1E,1P,1T,1D	76	Sudi	1P			Gaseke 22 1P
		Kehancha					Bunda	1P			Zoko 14 1P,1D
		Oyugis		Alagbado 1 (Lagos)	4E,3P,1D	140	Museum	1P			Kigali 8 2E,1T
		Seme					Nyamasieki	1T			Butare 11 1P
		Sori-bay									Nyarugumba 22 1E
		Ringa		Ayetoro (Ogun)	1E	3					Nyamata 14 1P
		Ahero		Umukoro (Abia)	2E	26					
		Bonde		Godfry/Mike (Abia)	1E,1P						
		Lisana		Rafph village	1P						
		Attenzion		Giri (Abuja)	1E,2P,1D	30					
		Awasi Mjini		Uban	2	25					
		Kisumu		Port Harcourt	2E,1P,1T,2D	65					
		Rakwaro		Mbaise (Imo)	1E,2P	30					
		Siany		Shaga (Lagos East)	1P	10					
		Nivasha									
		Nyatike									
		Kandaria									
		Chemelil									
		Ogilo									
		Nyabigege									
		Katolo									
		Sulwe									
		Nyamware									
		Thur-Dibuoro									
Missions		31		3							34
		Duka-Kawaindi		Ajaokuta	still hopefull	6					
		Nyanchekei		Umuda	Hopeful	13					
		Gem		Kuje (Abuja)	?	19					
		Migori									
		Ugenya									
		Mombasa									
		Watamu									
		Nyabondo									
		Pap-Onditi									
		Eldoret									
		Rangwe									
		Kambi-Moi									
		Seme - Kadero									
		Rongo									
		Muhuru-Bay									
		Kilgoris									
		Kayole									
		Dandora									
		Kapuojna									
		Kabarak									
		Suna									
		Migori									
		Kaler									
		Kabete									
		Awendo									
		Ngong									
		Awasi-Mjini									
		Rapogi									
		Dirubi									
		Kadel									
		Asembo									
Potential Areas		18		8							26
		Kitale		Ikorodu	Interested						
		Wangapala		Anambra	interested						
		Kabonyo		Gbagbalada (Abuja)	Hopeful						
		Narok		Suleja (Kogi)	still hopefull						
		Ongo-Ogosa		Surulere (Lagos)	Interested						
		Ndhiwa		Gbuarri	Hopeful						
		Kendu-Bay		Chukuku (Kuje)	Hopeful						
		Asunbi		Ebonyi North	Hopeful						
		Kochia		Enugu							
		Omoche		Benin City							
		Sotik		Aba							
		Kolweny		Gope (Abuja)							
		Kakelo - Bongu			Totals	506			82	116	
		Kapuonja									
		Nyahera									
		Kitui									
		Thika									
		Kericho									
		Osiri									

## Following are updates pertaining to the work in various areas in Africa:

### **Kenya Update** by Brian Mundy

The Gospel is exploding as never before in Kenya. We currently have over 5,000 active members in Kenya. At least 12 new groups have started this last fiscal year. Kenya was blessed with several trips from Missionaries from the United States, and we even recently were blessed to have the National Presiding Elder from Nigeria to come and spend 2 weeks ministering to the Saints in Kenya.

One of the most exciting things to see is how God is raising up his young warriors in Kenya. Many youth that are college age are really responding which is so encouraging. God is certainly doing a great work!

Elder Eric Odida and his wife, Pamela, are here for conference and will personally share more exciting details of the growth of the church in Kenya not only numerically but especially spiritually.

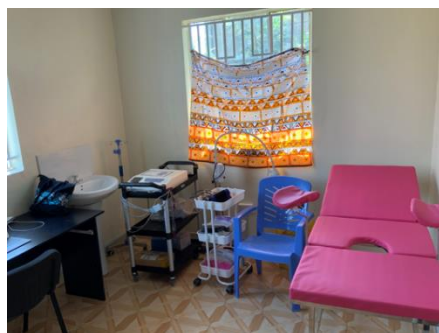


### **Mildred Smith Mission Health Center Update - Awasi, Kenya** by Doug Smith

This year has been a year of miracles, and the Lord has provided in ways we could not even imagine. We had to be absent from the clinic from August to November due to Judi needing treatment for severe injuries she had in a motor vehicle accident in Kenya. The Lord provided us with coverage when Efgo Lawis, our Medical Officer who was returning to Medical School had his start date delayed, and then in December our

staff was joined by Presler Odida, Eric Odida's son who had just finished his internship year after medical school. So despite the set backs, the clinic continued to move forward.

This year the Lord made it possible for us to obtain land with a building in the town of Awasi, right beside the Attenzion school. The building was a 2 family dwelling, and we were able to renovate the building into a beautiful and functional clinic space.



Part of that renovation was to place a "Class E" laboratory in the clinic. That is the highest rating for a lab outside of the research labs at the CDC and such places. We have a lab technician named Zablon Otipah who has made it possible for us to do most of our labs onsite, and at a much reduced cost to sending out the tests. It also has been a blessing to clinics and hospitals around us, because they have been able to get tests run on the there patients done immediately, instead of waiting up to a week for results.

Our latest edition to the lab is going to be a PCR testing machine for cervical cancer screening. Cervical cancer is the number one cause of cancer death in women in Kenya, but there is no affordable way to do adequate screening, until now. The test is still very expensive, about 7 dollars a test, so we will be depending on funds to subsidize this screening for our indigent patients, but what a blessing it will be to the community at large to have the capability to screen patients locally.



We have also been blessed with the ability to purchase a Toyota Land-cruiser for use as a clinic vehicle. It has been a true blessing in allowing us to make “house calls” to patients who were unable to travel to the clinic, as well as making it possible for us to transport patients from the clinic to a higher level of care when needed, no matter what the weather or the road conditions.

Judi and I were also blessed to be able to rent a house right across the street from the clinic, meaning we were able to move from Kisumu to Awasi, and save ourselves a 1 to 2 hour commute each day, and also save on the fuel costs of travel. It is actually a duplex, so if other volunteers come to work at the school or the clinic, we will have a place to house them.



We also have been blessed to be able to drill a well to supply the clinic with water during the dry season. We currently had two 20,000 liter tanks to collect rain water, and these did last us for almost 1 year, but as the clinic grows, we anticipate an increasing need for water, and also will be able to supply the school with water as needed. Awasi is known as a very dry place, so water is always a concern, but with the water from the well, we will be able to serve our needs and hopefully some of the needs in the community.



All of this work is only made possible by the Lord, through the generous donations of the Saints. Your unfailing support of the clinic and our mission to “visit the sick and he afflicted” and offer comfort in the name of Jesus Christ, is amazing. We are also doing extensive counselling on disease prevention, so I am able to share the principles the Lord gave us in the Word of Wisdom, which is posted on the wall in the exam room. When we are done with all we can do, we have prayers with each patient, acknowledging that God is our creator and our greatest physician. The prayer is voluntary, but I have yet to have a patient say they do not want to be prayed for, whether Christian, Muslim or Animist. May God bless you all as you seek for ways to fulfil the Great Commission, to share this gospel of the kingdom in all the world.



## ***Nigeria Update – Dayo Samuel***

Dear Brethren,

Calvary Greetings to you all, I want to thank the Lord for his Faithfulness towards his church in Nigeria and all World. I appreciated the Lord gathered us in 2021 CRE Conference for the progress of the kingdom. It is pleasure to be alive again as a servant to Nigeria Church to share with the conference Nigeria Church activities from last year from July 2021.



*Celebrating Good Friday*



*Portarcourt branch Sunday Worship Service*

We had National women and youths retreat at Ebonyi State Eastern part of Nigeria region, about 41 delegates both women and youth travelled from Lagos branch. From abia state, 2 branches from umuahia, 2 groups from umuahia. Portarcourt 15 delegates.

Mbaise Imo state 12 delegates. Abuja 1 delegate. And 3 groups from

Ebonyi state that Hosted the program. Lagos branch in September 2021 baptized 13 new members. Mbaise Imo state baptized 20 members in 2022.



*Thanksgiving Service in Lagos Branch*



ORDINATIONS - in 2021, July. 2 people were ordained to office a priest and Deacon at portarcourt. In August 2021, 3 people were ordained to office of ELDER, and 2 ordained as priests. In March 2022, A Deacon was ordained at Lagos branch.

### ***Baptisms at Mbaise branch IMO state Eastern Nigeria—20 Baptized***



***Baptism in action at Lagos branch national headquarters—17 Baptized 2021***



Missionary trip, Favour went for mission work in February at Ebonyi, portartcourt, Mbaise Imo state and Abia state. Favour went on a mission for women and youths at each branches program was organized for her to meet the women at umuahia, portarcourt and Imo state to share with women about their next retreat in 2023. My branch Lagos raised funds to support portarcourt and Imo state for a dozen of chairs each through favor to deliver to them on behalf of Lagos branch.

These are the Activities of the Nigeria Church 2021/2022.

***Brother Dayo's mission work in East Africa ( Kenya)— May 2022***



May the Lord Bless this year conference as we gather in June.  
Still remain your servant, Dayo Samuel



## ***Rwanda Update*** – Peter Cornish

The work in Rwanda has gone quite well over the past several years with minor setbacks due to travel restrictions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Since the onset of the pandemic, BJ Schultz and Peter Cornish have made two trips to Rwanda: March 2021 and February/March 2022.



In our 2021 trip, we were blessed greatly by the Lord. There were seven branches that were organized and several baptisms, confirmations, baby blessings, and ordinations taking place the latter of which resulted in an increase in priesthood from 3 to 12 in country. On our most recent trip in 2022, we were able to visit each of the seven branches and made many visits to interested individuals. Also, we held a priesthood retreat and were able to strengthen the brothers and sisters as well as provide some instruction.

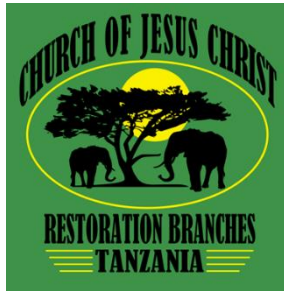
A first version of the Book of Mormon translated into Kinyarwanda was completed and 9 copies were delivered to the saints in Rwanda. Further corrections are being made and hopefully a final version will be available soon. The picture shows the printed version of the translation of the Book of Mormon, and four brothers who were instrumental in completing the translation.



The field is white in Rwanda. There are two main challenges that we face. First, we need to get the church registered with the country. For this to happen, we need to have priesthood members in Rwanda who either have a theological degree or a certificate in theology. There are other requirements, but this is the only one unmet. We have discussed solutions to this problem in the ARM board and hope to move forward to get the church registered soon.

The final challenge we face is a need for those willing to travel to Rwanda to provide ministry. An increase in sustained, effective ministry in the country will have a profound effect and we believe would see a dramatic increase in the work in Rwanda. We pray that those willing to travel or considering what they can do for the Lord would contact us and investigate the potential of going with us to Rwanda

## **Tanzania Update – Brian Herren**



Elder Brian Herren, Elder James Yogo, and Deacon Travis Clark were blessed to serve a mission in Tanzania between October 19, 2021 and November 4, 2021. We feel that it must be that every prayer was answered in full and beyond measure for the glory of God, and we hope to give an account of the miracles and testimonies elsewhere. We also recognize that this report is being made to men far superior in missionary ministry and experience than we, and whose efforts have laid the foundation for many of the fruits presently enjoyed. We humbly acknowledge our nothingness in comparison to the efforts that were made before our arrival, and our smallness in contrast to those men and women who made them.



We were led by the Holy Spirit to return to the region where we had sown seeds in 2020, to follow up on those foundational efforts and nurture the work where we might.



*“Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do.” - Acts 15:36*

Upon our arrival in Utegi, the Lord hastened His work in extraordinary ways, and made clear His will to us. We taught classes for two full days, and on the third day, baptized eight souls and confirmed nine.

Distinct baptismal services and confirmation services were held, separated by a few hours. Our design was always to encourage the local priesthood to perform the ordinances themselves, as far as they were competent and qualified by authority. However, Brother Albert Okumu shared some uncertainty, and asked for help. After digging out the shallow river bottom to create a pool adequate for proper baptisms, Albert and I entered the waters together, and I baptized the first several candidates as he closely watched. I then called upon Elder Albert to baptize the remainder of the candidates while I stayed near by in the waters to offer assistance as needed.







That same evening, a formal meeting was held to organize an official Restoration branch in Tanzania at Utegi. We offered support so that a pastor, treasurer and secretary were elected by those who had been baptized.

The next day, ground was broken for a new church building in Utegi, to be built of bricks by the hands of the local faithful. During the afternoon, following the dedication service and cornerstone ceremony, several of us went into Tirime to help the newly elected leadership officially open a bank account for

the branch with an initial deposit.

Two full evenings were spent instructing the branch officers in record keeping and branch responsibilities. Special care was given to the pastor to review the ordinances and sacraments.

On our final morning in Tanzania, we concluded with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. We were awash in the Holy Ghost as the Lord sealed His work in the remembrance of His Son, and the gift seemed especially sweet in the presence of those who were new members of the Church.



After leaving Tanzania, Brother Travis and I served in Kenya. Again, the Lord moved in His everlasting mercies and prevenient grace. In all, we felt the blanketing love of Christ as the Lord impressed upon us His desire to uphold His children with providential care, and give clear vision of His Kingdom. It was hard to leave that beautiful and rugged place after assimilating so thoroughly, and after allowing our hearts to swell for the people. Our stay was lovely in every way, and the errand filled us in spiritual ways that may be

hard to express. Our feelings were mixed and our hearts provoked as we left the wilderness of Tanzania. We continue to pray that the Kingdom flourish in Utegi, and we continue to thank the Lord for the miraculous ways and means by which we saw His hand move in these recent days.



### ***Uganda – by Brian Mundy***

It's been a difficult 9 years since we lost the National Presiding Elder over Uganda. But with perseverance and the blessing of heaven, we have overcome and the church in Uganda is moving forward. Frankly, stronger than ever before! This last year the Saints in Uganda sacrificed greatly and with the support of many Saints here in the USA, they were able to build a beautiful church building and are developing the ground around it. They have established a storehouse and many young Priesthood are on fire sharing the Gospel with others under the leadership of Simon John Maraka, National Presiding Elder. Please continue to pray for them as they reach out to grow the church in Uganda.

### **Greater European Ministry (GEM)**

By Brian Mundy, Member

This last fiscal year was very difficult on the Saints in Europe. With the pandemic, travel was restricted, and we were unable to visit any location. Frankly, we did a poor job even communicating with them. They said they felt abandoned and alone. We asked for forgiveness and committed to do better.

We sent Elder Brian Mundy and Teacher Henry Trickett to England and Germany in May 2022, spending a week in each country supporting and strengthening the Saints. On a positive note, the Saints in Germany said though they felt alone, they have never felt closer to God than they do right now.

We will be going back to Germany in September and October and then again next spring. We plan on another trip to England this fall and next spring also. Unfortunately, with what is taking place in Russia, we do not have any trips planned for this coming year.

### **South East Asia and Australia Ministries (SEAAM)**

By Richard Neill, Chair

SEAAM currently provides ministry to Southeast Asia, Australia Mission. The countries that we are primarily working with at this time include Australia, Nepal-India, and the Philippines.

Due to the Covid-19 crisis the past 2-plus years, travel in this part of the world has been restricted. We have dealt with not only the virus itself, but with quarantines. Travel to and from these nations have required the vaccination cards that show that you have taken the shots, including the Booster shot. We did not make any missionary trips this past year.

Fortunately, in today's world, ministry can continue despite these obstacles. Through Zoom, livestreaming, Facebook, and email we stay in constant contact. In 2020, many of the Saints in the Philippines participated in the Solemn Assembly. We have had Saints from Australia, and the Philippines, worship with the CRE, *All Saints Group*, that meets on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening for prayer service.

Some of us receive the *Australian Newsletter*, via email monthly. Missionaries that have been to all of these countries stay in contact with people through Facebook and other means.

### **Australia**

The Church has been present in Australia since 1873. We have Saints scattered throughout the country. Brothers, Kevin Humphry, Tom Rindels, and Mark Smith have been going there most recently. The faith of the people runs deep. Ask sister Alva about her testimony of the *Book of Mormon* and you will quickly find out what I am saying.

We now have active members in Australia who are native to the Philippines. Elder Murray Broughton, with his wife Delma continue to bring ministry to the Luzon, Manila area of the Philippines. Keria and Bethlehem are sisters and active members who were baptized in the Philippines, and for different reasons, such as education and marriage are living in Australia.

### **Nepal-India**

We continue to bring ministry to these countries, that were sustained for years by the work of High Priest Francis Harper. Brother Francis passed away in September of 2020.

Nepal has hosted retreats for priesthood, leadership, women, and youth. Our major contact person is Elder Gil Gurung. His wife Rebecca is a great support to Dil and the ministry.

We have funded scholarships to our young people, and have assisted in a number of ways, including through oblation to families in need. The people have great faith and testimony as they serve the Lord.

The Church in Nepal and India continue to realize growth through baptisms.

### **The Philippines**

At the last Elders Conference in 2021, Elder Jun Pamongcales Jr., was elected to the CRE Coordinating Council. We have been blessed with his participation and input into the Council. He has been on Zoom for the Council meetings, and his sharing of insight has been important to us all in shaping the ministry in other lands, and the Church as a whole. We hope to have Jun and Keren come visit us.

Brother Jun, and his wife Keren have been faithful stalwarts in the growth of the Church in this country. We hope to have Jun and Keren come visit with us here in the Center Place. Since 2008 there have been over 1000 baptisms.

There is a hope to get back to the Philippines very soon. Brother Jun and 30 other men of the priesthood have actively continued the work in this country. The Church has continued to grow in our absence.

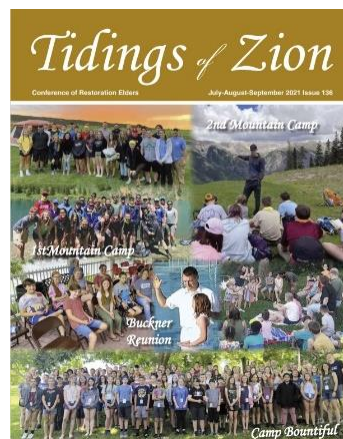
We have a very successful high school and university scholarship program that has gone on for over a decade. Several of the graduates have found valuable positions in medicine, teaching, and other professions. Some of them hold Church leadership positions.

Everywhere activity for building the kingdom of God exists. These people are kind and gracious. They are loving and accepting. It is a blessing to be able to call them brothers and sisters. And they love to sing and share testimony!

## Publication Council

By Jackie Frinthal, Member

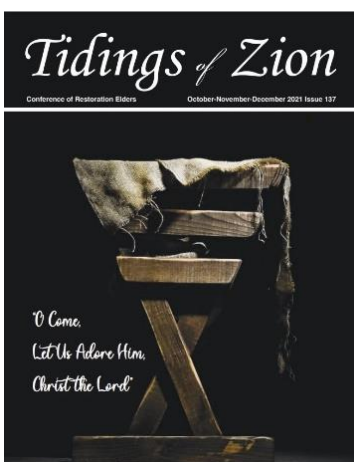
The 2021-22 Publication Council is made up of seven members, including: Christina Schrunk, chair; Rebecca Griffin, secretary; Jacob Roberts; Janet Dickson; Jason Hamilton; Jackie Frinthal; and Jack Hagensen as Coordinating Council Liaison. The council meets once a quarter to share plans and activities happening in and around the Center Place and in the Church and to discuss topics, articles, and testimonies which can be included in the *Tidings of Zion* magazine.



The members work together to obtain, compile, and edit all items submitted to the council and submit them to the Coordinating Council for review. Then these items are then formatted and sent to S & S

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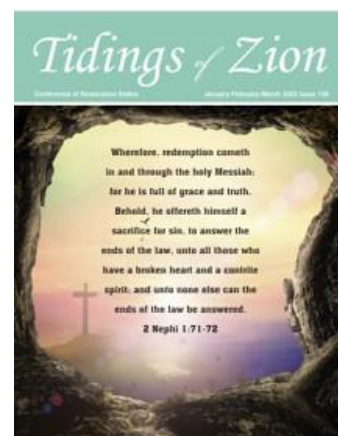


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approximately 1,000 copies of the TOZ magazine each time with a total cost of \$9,652.00 for the 2021-April 2022, with foreign postage costing year, and Domestic mailing costs around \$500.00 Many subscribers have made the decision to magazine electronically now.

The goal of the the world of the many classes, activities, camps, and reunions going on in and around the Center Place, but to also share inspiring messages, uplifting testimonies, and the important missionary work going on around the world. The magazine is sent all over the United States and to ten different countries, including: Australia, Canada, Germany, Russia, Mexico, Honduras, Nepal, Kenya, the Philippines, and the United Kingdom.

We pray always that this publication can be a vital tool in preparing and unifying the Saints for the coming of Zion and the return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.





## Stewardship Council

By Bob Dickson, Member and FSM Executive Director

The primary activity of the Stewardship Council has been to continue to support the efforts of the Freedom Steward Ministries Program (FSM). The following is a report of the FSM's efforts this past year.

### ***Freedom Stewardship Ministries Report***

Brothers, I truly believe that FSM has had a truly blessed year. The Heavenly Father has continued to provide the ministry with faithful monthly givers as well as several one-time donors. FSM has now been able to assist 13 families in the important area of family budgeting as well as assistance in interest-free loans to extinguish their high interest debt. We enjoy the full support of nine Restoration branches, but provide counseling and lending assistance to any Restoration family whether or not they are members of a participating branch. One of our families has already retired 100% of their FSM loan, and all of the remaining 12 families are making their loan payments as agreed. Praise the Lord for his blessings to this ministry!

## Restoration Women's Council

By Barb Cappa, Chair

"My Cup Runneth Over" is the theme the Women's Council has chosen for this year, coming from Psalms 23:5. The Council sponsored several gatherings throughout the year.



Our Winter Gathering's theme in February was "My Vessel is His". Rachel Miller and Jennifer Schunk were our speakers, and we were greatly blessed through their testimonies and the scriptures and insights they shared.



Our Spring Gathering theme was "His Blessings Abound", with Linda Guin sharing many testimonies of God's blessings in her life. Each one who came also made a *Blessing Jar* to take home and record the many blessings we receive so that we can later read them and be reminded of God's great love and provision for us.



The Women's Council Fall Retreat is scheduled for September 10-11, 2022 at the Odessa Hills Campground with the theme being "I Will Help You Fill Your Cup". Amy Burk and Riane Marsh will be our speakers. This will be a wonderful opportunity to come together to study, fellowship, and worship together with our sisters in Christ.

This year's theme seemed fitting as we concluded last year's theme, "Be Still and Know that I am God." When we seek Him individually and collectively, our Heavenly Father honors our desires and blesses us abundantly. As our cups overflow, then we are able to help fill other's cups and be a blessing to them. Each day is a new opportunity to be a blessing to others!



The Restoration Women's Council's desire is to serve the women of the Restoration so that we may share together in fellowship, draw closer to each other and to our Heavenly Father, and to help build His kingdom here on earth. We hope to do this through our Gatherings and Retreats, our Newsletters, and we are willing to serve in any way we may be needed.

## **Youth Council**

By Heather Joyce, Chair

This year's youth council has come together to discuss ways to serve the youth of the church, both in providing for current members/ church goers as well as evangelizing to other youth around the world.

The council set their focus this year on serving the areas of Independence, Missouri as well as the Kirtland restoration area. This focused approach allowed the council to pinpoint direct wants and needs of a certain people to provide the greatest amount of support.

One of the greatest undertakings of the year was the creation of the Restoration Youth Council website. This is a site that is designed to connect and provide resources to all youth. Currently, the website contains a series of blog posts and testimonies that are written by council members and others that specifically discuss or are directed toward the youth of the church. While we are excited to share these already created materials with the church, we are even more excited to continually add and update the site to include even more resources for the church.

The council has also been in contact with several youth leaders in the Kirtland area to discuss potential connections and ideas to bridge the gap between the youth of the center place and the youth of outlying areas. We are hoping that in the future, we can provide ways for this to happen (penpals, retreats, caravans, etc.)

## **Aaronic Council**

By Stephen Henson, Chair

Our Heavenly Father has blessed us again this year in the Aaronic Priesthood Council. The main focus over the last several months was preparing for Aaronic priesthood retreat which took place April twenty ninth through May first at Zion's Hope Restoration Branch. We had a great weekend! The theme for the weekend retreat was "Hold Fast To Christ In These Last Days". The weekend started with a worship led by Mark McCormick on Friday evening. He expounded on the theme and it was a great way to start the

weekend. Saturday morning, we had a prayer service first thing in the morning. There's no better way to start a day than with prayer.

After breakfast we had our first class. It was taught by priest David Hacker. The class was entitled "Be ready and watching in these last days". He shared some good scriptures and thoughts on the importance of being prepared in these last days. The second class, "Will I increase faith on the Earth?" was taught by priest Phil Ocamb. He shared with us about how we can increase faith among believers in Christ as aaronic ministers. He shared from the book of Moroni about how angels are subject to Christ to minister to people. Our third class was taught by teacher Andrew Naylor. It was entitled "Pressing forward by keeping the covenants". Andrew used several scriptures from the Old Testament in his class. All three classes were very good and we are thankful to these three brothers who were willing to teach us that weekend.

Saturday evening our plan was to visit the homes of the saints! We had a song service led by priest Levi Vickery first. Then we had prayer and broke up into groups and visited the homes of the saints from Zion's Hope. It was a great evening! We got to share testimonies and get to know people better in the home setting and got to hear their testimonies. They were all welcoming to us and glad to have us in their homes. Home ministry is so important!

On Sunday morning we had a priesthood prayer service led by Gary Wilson. After that we had a congregational prayer service. Those services were a blessing with prayers from the heart and testimonies. We then had a worship service. A few of the Aaronic ministers shared testimonies. It was a blessed service to close the weekend. Preparing the meals for the weekend was led by Sherri Henson. Other members from Zion's Hope helped and all the food was very good.

One thing that we noticed that was encouraging to see is that we had more priesthood attend this retreat than the number who attended the last couple retreats. We're thankful to Aaron Pettingill, the presiding elder at Zion's Hope and the branch for letting us have our retreat there. God's work will go forth and I pray that each of us are part of that work.