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MESSAGE FROM ITEP COORDINATORS ELDER & SISTER HENDERSON



Brethren, what a wonderful experience to share our missions with our eternal companions. I know you, like me, have married way above your station. We would not be the men we are today without our

wives. I ran across an article in Meridian Magazine by Joni Hilton entitled "The Greatest Love Story In All Scripture." It is about Adam and Eve. As you recall God said I will give unto you Adam a "help-meet" and he named her "Eve, the Mother of All Living". Note the Lord said help-meet and not help-mate. Help-meet actually means a champion, a rescuer. It comes from two Hebrew words "Ezer" (help,

rescuer, savior) and "K'enegdo" (exactly corresponding to.) The article continues, "Eve's love for Adam is astounding. As she weighs the choice offered by Satan, she knows she will have to experience sorrow, pain, and all the suffering of mortality. But Eve loves Adam enough to do it. She wisely and intelligently chooses to bring mankind to be, with Adam as her partner. She knows they have been commanded to multiply and replenish the earth, and willingly steps into the dark unknown, with the kind of absolute faith that brings light. Eve takes the lead, but clings to Adam with fierce devotion.

For those who swoon over romantic scenes, you will never find one more heart stirring than when Adam, knowing what his wife has done, chooses to eat of the fruit, and to stay with Eve. He, too, will forever be leaving the beautiful garden, the world of innocence, his own immortality. He will suffer, he will know sickness, he will experience the agony of wayward children, he will even die. But he agrees to all of it, for Eve. He looks into her eyes and sees eternity. Every woman in the world wants a man who loves her that much."

Brethren what a wonderful blessing to have a help-meet at our side that champions our righteous endeavors and rescues us from ourselves. We should all take extra care of this precious God given help-meet.

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ELDER & SISTER RADMACHER

Saying Goodbye to Friends



ITEP MISSIONARIES — TONGA ELDER & SISTER RADMACHER

Our dear friends, Elder and Sister Radmacher will complete their mission at the end of March,, 2017. They have been serving at Liahona High School and Tonga Middle Schools for the past 18 months. We will miss them.

Sister Radmacher, along with Elder and Sister Holbrook, was instrumental in the accreditation of the ITEP program by the Tongan government. This was a major undertaking and we thank Sister Radmacher for all her efforts in this endeavour. Sister Radmacher also mentored a cohort of eleven teachers through the ITEP courses during her time in Tonga. Several teachers said if it hadn't been for Sister Radmacher they would have quit the program. Elder Radmacher (affectionately know as Elder Rad,) also had an exemplary mission devoted to caring for the poor and down trodden. He improved their lives, shared his love and his testimony of the gospel through Christ-like acts of service.

We will miss them greatly and wish them well in all their future endeavours.



ITEP/TVET MSSIONARIES - SAMOA ELDER & SISTER CALLAHAN

Elder and Sister Callahan have been ITEP /TVET missionaries at Vaiola College in Samoa for the past 18 months. Elder Callahan served as a TVET missionary at Vaiola and Sister Callahan served as an ITEP missionary at Vaiola.

They have been exemplary missionaries. Their cheerful, loving personalities have endeared them to us & everyone at Vaiola.

Elder and Sister Callahan have gone above and beyond what is expected as ITEP/TVET missionaries. They have truly become part of the Vaiola school and community. Sister Callahan has taught numerous ITEP courses and has given many in-service presentations at Vaiola.

Elder Callahan has spent his time in the TVET classrooms and assisting Sister Callahan.

Elder and Sister Callahan have become very close to the girls who live in the dorms on campus.. They nurture them and give them love and attention. Elder and Sister Callahan arranged weekly study sessions with the dorm students and Friday was always movie night for the girls in the dorms. The Callahan's also travelled throughtout Savaii to assist & strengthen the missionaries.

The Callahan's have given outstanding service at Vaiola. We will miss them greatly and wish them all the best in the days ahead.

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ITEP MISSIONARIES - FIJI

Elder and Sister Greenburg

Elder and Sister Greenburg have served as ITEP missionaries in Suva, Fiji for the past 18 months. They have served diligently and have been devoted missionaries. The Greenburg's will return home, February 28, 2017. We will miss them greatly.

Elder and Sister Greenburg have nurtured and encouraged their teachers to achieve their goals. They have taught their teachers to believe in themselves and to keep going when things get tough. They find great joy in seeing their teachers' progress. Elder and Sister Greenburg are survivors. They survived Cyclone Winston, the worst cyclone to hit the Southern Hemisphere in recorded history. In the midst of the cyclone they attended the re-dedication of the Fiji Temple. They had many faith promoting experiences during this time. Elder and Sister Greenburg love the people of Fiji and especially the teachers they've worked with at the Church College. Best wishes, Elder and Sister Greenburg, as you return home. We will miss you.



TVET MISSIONARIES - TONGA

Elder and Sister Edwards

Elder and Sister Edwards have served as TVET missionaries in Vava'u, Tonga, at Saineha High School, for the past 18 months. They are faithful, dedicated missionaries and we will miss them when they return home. Elder and Sister Edwards were part of our senior missionary group at the Provo MTC. We came to know and love them there and have enjoyed our association with them in the mission field.

Elder Edwards worked in the TVET classes at Saineha and Sister Edwards worked in the home economics classes. They provided leadership, encouragement and support for the teachers they worked with.

One of the greatest joys Elder and Sister Edwards experienced at Saineha was helping students and returned missionaries complete their applications for BYU Hawaii. Sister Edwards wrote in her monthly report: "Helping students and returned missionaries with their BYU Hawaii applications is a wonderful experience for us as we become acquainted with them and their families. It is a privilege to be of service to them." Elder and Sister Edwards will travel to BYU Hawaii on their way home to meet with some of the students they've helped through the admissions process.

Elder and Sister Edwards, we wish you all the best as you return home to your loved ones.

MEET ELDER AND SISTER BELSHE TVET MISSIONARIES MORONI HIGH



We want to welcome Elder and Sister Belshe to our ITEP/TVET family. The Belshe's are from Hesperus, Colorado where they owned a ranch. They are the parents of 4 children and 8 grandchildren.

Elder Belshe has a BS degree and an MS degree in Industrial Technology from Colorado State University. Elder Belshe has worked for over 25 years in the power industry, both nuclear and coal. He also has 9 years experience in project management. Elder Belshe has worked for several power plants in various capacities including: planner/scheduler for major and unplanned outages, improved efficiency of work management processes and training of journeymen apprentices. Elder Belshe enjoys doing leather work and woodwork in his spare time. He is a custom knife maker. He enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, shooting, horseback riding and other outdoor activities. Welcome Elder Belshe!

Sister Belshe is a wife, mother and grandmother. She is a great organizer. She enjoys getting things done. She's a quick learner who can multi-task. Sister Belshe has over 11 years experience with office procedures. Sister Belshe was the director of a children's performing arts company before she came on her mission. She loves theatre and what it does for kids.

Sister Belshe was an early morning seminary teacher for over eight years. Welcome Sister Belshe.





News from Elder & Sister Foley

ITEP SAMOA SAUNIATU

Elder and Sister Foley are doing great things at Sauniatu.

Sister Foley has taught EDU 212, Foundations of Education. She has also taught 2 professional development sessions: Writing Across the Curriculum and An Excellent Teacher Is Passionate About Student Learning. As part of the development training, Sister Foley arranged

fluency benchmark data into levelled reading groups to begin the new year.

In January Elder and Sister Foley visited Vaio-la College and met with Elder and Sister Callahan and toured the facilities there. They spent an enjoyable time together.

Their first course for the new year will be EDU 385, Educational Assessment.



News from Elder & Sister Starke

ITEP SAMOA PESEGA COLLEGE

Elder and Sister Starke began the new year by teaching in-service classes at Pesega Middle School and Pesega College dealing with the first days of school and the power of the scriptures in the classroom. Sister Starke will begin the

new year teaching SIOP and Classroom Management. They have a full complement of classes prepared for this year. Their goal is to have all their students receive their Teaching Certificates before they leave in January 2018.

Elder and Sister Starke are enthusiastic cheerleaders for their students.

Elder and Sister Starke have helped strengthen the faculty by participating in devotionals, attending activities, acting as judges for different events and Elder Starke even acted as Santa for the Samoan National Christmas focus.

Elder and Sister Starke have been helping the new principal at Pesega, Jack Taleni, with transitional assignments. They are a great support to faculty and students at Pesega.



Elder & Sister Lauritzen

ITEP TONGA SAINIHA HIGH

In December, Elder and Sister Lauritzen attended the Vava'u Zone Conference/ mission tour of Elder Halleck. They also attended the District Conference in Niua. During the priesthood session, Sister Lauritzen and 7 other sisters, including the mission president's wife, travelled in a small boat to the island Elder Groberg stayed on and prayed and studied the Book of Mormon early in his mission. It was quite an adventure.

In January Elder and Sister Lauritzen began two new courses: Curriculum Leadership and Computer and Technology. With the start of the new school year they have 9 teachers who need their Teaching Certificates. Elder and Sister Lauritzen are working to help them achieve this goal. They also presented in-service training on SIOP and Using Technology in the Classroom.

A teacher who attended the Classroom Management class told Elder Lauritzen that his students commented on how he was doing things differently this year. The Lauritzen's were happy he was taking things he had learned to heart.

Sister Lauritzen applied for 6 keyboards through the Harmon grant. She is teaching group piano classes after school.



Elder & Sister Busby

ITEP TONGA LIAHONA HIGH

Elder and Sister Busby arrived in Tonga in December, 2016. They hit the ground running and haven't slowed down. They've been busy with many worthwhile activities. During December Elder and Sister Busby taught a remedial reading program at Liahona Middle School and Pakilau Middle School. They were able to model good teaching

practices for the teachers and give intensive instruction to low achieving students. In January Sister Busby taught an in-service class on building reading comprehension skills for lower achieving readers. Elder and Sister Busby taught an in-service class on Effective Teaching Practices to Build Reading Skills Across the Curriculum.

Elder Busby will begin teaching SCED 430 Classroom Management in February. Sister Busby will teach SPED 300 Education of Exceptional Students in February. Elder Busby will also teach S&I 452 Introduction to School Counselling and S&I 455 Counselling Practicum over the next few months.



Elder & Sister Bearce

TVET TONGA LIAHONA HIGH

Elder and Sister Bearce have given great service as TVET missionaries at Liahona High School in Tonga. They will complete their mission in June, 2017. We are grateful for all they've done to strengthen the TVET program at Liahona and to give so freely of their talents.

At the Awards Assembly before graduation 2016, the TVET program was well represented. The following awards were given: 132 Hospitality certifications, 17 electricity level 2 certificates, 21 MOS certificates, including one student that passed all three Expert-level exams to receive a MOS Word Master-level certification, 31 IC3 student certifications and 8 IC3 teacher certifications.

In addition to this, Elder and Sister Bearce have been working on power points to share with TVET teachers at Saineha High School. Sister Bearce compiled music resources and TVET teaching aids (diagrams, videos, etc.) and sent them to Saineha to our ITEP/TVET missionaries. Elder Bearce and the TVET teachers also made TVET power points to share with missionaries and TVET teachers there.

Elder Bearce and the electrical students at Liahona High installed a solar panel for a family who had been living without electric lights. For the first time the family had a light to read by at night.

