

LE MOISSONNEUR

de la mission suisse de genève

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Dear Elders and Sisters,

During the series of Conferences of June 1976 our attention was brought to the divine nature of our callings to raise the warning voice. To aid us in the fulfillment of the task, we were given many very important directives. One of these concerns the areas of our cities for which we are responsible. Each District Leader has received the council to divide the city into sections, giving each team one section. In other words, if there are two teams in a particular city, the city will be divided in half, and if there are three it will be divided into thirds. We are now responsible for finding the sincere people in our section of the city. The chapel or salle could serve as the central point and divide from there. This may not be feasible in all of our cities but should be in most.

Before the division of the city, the member's homes should be located. Each team should have members in their section and make their acquaintance at Church. Short visits to members should be planned while working. Help them to better understand their callings by asking them such questions as, "Avec qui avez-vous pensé partager ce message?" Start the members in the actual missionary effort if they are not yet engaged.

Review with them the thirteen points to a successful member-missionary effort:

1. Pray and select a family.
2. Pray and get acquainted.
3. Pray and invite the family to your home.
4. Pray and go out together.
5. Pray and tell them you are a Mormon.
6. Pray and give them something to read.
7. Pray and invite them to a Family Home Evening.
8. Pray and take them to Primary or Relief Society.
9. Pray and take them to a Branch Party.
10. Pray and take them to a Church meeting.
11. Pray and bear testimony.
12. Pray and ask the "Golden Questions."
13. Pray and have them taught by missionaries, if possible in the member's home.

These are the points that the members have received to help them with their important work. We as missionaries should prepare ourselves to teach their friends and give them our full support in their callings. If they can't think of anyone with whom they might share the gospel, we may help by asking them to work with us a little in their own neighborhood. Let's help awaken that "sleeping giant."

AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS

We now have at our disposition cassette recorders and projectors to aid us in our missionary work. These are two very important tools and we invite every missionary to obtain them for their proselyting work. They can be purchased together for the price of 300FS (580FF). The cassette recorder can be purchased for 180FS (350FF) and the projector for 120FS (230FF). If the missionaries desire a cheaper recorder, it should be purchased locally! In ordering the recorders and projectors, please send the necessary amount of money to the Mission Accountant with the bank slip and an explanation of what the money is going towards. These items will be then brought to you as soon as possible. Filmstrips and cassettes can easily be obtained by ordering them personally from Frankfurt.

PARIS CONFERENCE

We have received a notice from the General Authorities stating that no missionaries outside Paris, serving full time, will be allowed to attend the Area Conference in Paris. This Conference is for the members and we should encourage them as well as our investigators to attend.

SUMMER VACATION

We are all aware that this is the season where our investigator families have the tendency to leave us for a few weeks. Here are a few suggestions for the work during this vacation time:

1. Keep in touch with your investigators who leave on vacation by sending them a letter every few days.
2. Write a few letters in advance with your testimony and/or reading assignments inside and have them open the envelopes on predetermined dates.
3. Invite them to attend Church meetings nearest to their resort area.
4. Have the missionaries in the area pay them a visit.
5. People staying at home during the summer are usually those with a business. Business Contacting is an excellent tool during these summer months.
6. Contacting villas is excellent for this time of year.
7. Look for Lighted Apartments.
8. Only 40% of the population is on vacation at a single time. Don't find excuses for not working.
9. Street Contact in market places. (Avoid tourist areas, beaches, boardwalks, etc.)
10. Send in all referrals to the Mission Home immediately.
11. Work with Street Boards, Drawing Boards, Projection Boxes, etc.
12. Work with members to teach their non-member friends.

Remember that the sole purpose of this missionary work is RESULTS and not simply "activities." Use your faith and your works to make things happen. Get the Message to Garcia.

"A Most Important Work"

Dearest Elders and Sisters,

At this special time of our missions our hearts are filled with sentiments of gratitude and appreciation for the Lord's choicest blessings. As is always the case, when much is asked, much is given. We sincerely feel we have received much more than we have been asked to give.

The Lord has told us that missionary work is the most important work we can be engaged in. The work has been called, "A marvelous work and a wonder," "the Lord's work," "a divine calling," etc. These words hardly describe the deep significance of this work. The comprehension of this experience can only be gained by those who are engaged in it. We are certain that you can understand our sentiments at this time.

We could speak of gratitude.

We could speak of the Lord's blessings.

We could speak of the love we feel for the Savior.

We could speak of our love for each of you.

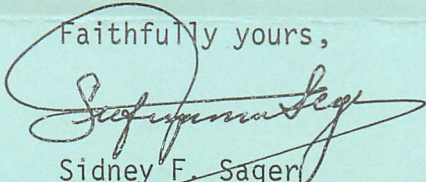
We could speak of our love for our French and Swiss brothers and sisters.

Yes, we could speak of all of these, but words would be unable to express the depth of our feelings. All we can do is assure you of these things and so live our lives as to let our lives reflect always our blessings in order that others might share with us all we have.

"Si vous rencontrez quelqu'un sans sourire, donnez-lui le vôtre."

We love you all and the Lord who has called you and us here.

Faithfully yours,



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