

The Monthly
TIDINGS OF ZION
by the Publication Council of the Conference of Restoration Elders (CRE)
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Greetings to the Saints around the world,

The monthly *Tidings of Zion* is new effort by the CRE to reach out to the Saints. It does not replace the quarterly *Tidings of Zion* magazine. The monthly TOZ will only be online. Feel free to copy and distribute to anyone you know who may not have internet availability. We encourage each pastor to copy and make available to your branches and groups. Your assistance will be very much appreciated.

Saints and branch leaders may send in items for the monthly Tidings as is also done for the quarterly magazine. We would like to receive testimonies, reunion, camp, retreat experiences, branch events and activities, or articles you may want to write and so forth.

Domestic Outreach: The Domestic Outreach Program, ministry to the USA and Canada, has functioned under the CRE for many years. At the 2017 CRE, a resolution was passed with the intent to "rev up" the Domestic Outreach efforts. The USA and Canada have been divided into ten regions and two priesthood assigned to each area. The intent is to touch base with Saints, leaders, and priesthood in the ten regions. The purpose is to visit with leadership in each area for input as to how the CRE can be more helpful in fulfilling its purpose, as found on the inside front cover of each issue of *Tidings of Zion* magazine.. Leaders in each area will be contacted by those planning to visit in order to make sure all arrangements are satisfactory to all. Some teams have already been out in the field and sharing with the Saints along the way.

The CRE tries to keep the Restoration Branch Directory up to date and so would appreciate notice anytime there is a change in leadership of the branch/group. It is also very helpful to have a copy of a directory of your branch. The Saints, quite often call the CRE office requesting information to help them in their local situations. This information can be sent to: CRE PO Box 4085, Independence, MO. 64051. ATTN: Paul Gage.

Issue # 121, October/November/December, 2017, of the quarterly *Tidings of Zion* is currently at the printers. It is expected to be in the homes by mid to late November. This issue will include a number of testimonies from the CRE Priesthood Retreat in Kirtland, Ohio in September as well as other reports of events around the church and testimonies from several Saints.

The Golden Eagles of Center Place Restoration School, (CPRS) are off and flying into the new school year. They recently had a chile supper to support the school's Robotics Club. The chile was great and the robotic demonstrations were fantastic. They will also present the fall play, "Singing in the Rain," in November. Brother

Dan Schoenemann is the school administrator. Continue to uphold the school, staff faculty, and students in your daily prayers. Enrollment is around 175 so far this year.

Go Ye therefore, and teach ALL Nations! That is our commission from Jesus, in Matthew 28:19. But that only applies to going to another country. right? What about the hymn we sing, "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling?" The second verse reads, "If you cannot cross the ocean, and far mission lands explore, You can find the needy nearer; You can help them AT YOUR DOOR." The third verse states, "Let none hear YOU idly saying, "There is nothing I can do, While the souls of men are dying, and the Master calls FOR YOU."

All the Missionary groups that function under the CRE, as well as other Missionary efforts, are very actively engaged in the mission fields of the areas they sponsor. Missionaries, in the last year or so, or the year before us will have gone to Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, England, Germany, Honduras, India, Kenya and several other countries in East Africa, Mexico, Nepal, Nigeria, the Philippines/Mindanao. Palau, the Philippines/Luzon, Russia, Taiwan, Tahiti, and maybe even more.

But what about YOUR town, neighborhood, work place, school, and so forth? Go YE therefore!

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The CRE Resource Center

The CRE Office, or Resource Center has many materials available to the Saints. The following are some of the areas or topics:

Church School Quarterlies that have been reprinted and updated are in stock.

Books: Various books are available by authors such as Francis Harper, Kim Augenstein, Jean Robison, Beryl Immer, the Family Steps to Zion by Jack Hagensen and many more. There is also a Restoration Library at the Resource Center with a goodly number of books, mainly from past years. Materials in the library may be checked out.

Booklets, Papers, and Tracts: These materials include topics found in the basic Restoration Gospel. There are also back issues of *Tidings of Zion*. These are free of charge and can be used in sharing with friends, family and on mission trips.

The Resource Center is also available for meetings and classes as might be desired by the Saints. The office is generally open on Mon-Wed-Fri from 10 am to 4 pm. The office phone number as well as all contact information for the CRE is on the inside front cover of each issue of *Tidings*.

Any questions, comments, etc. regarding the Monthly Tidings of Zion, may be directed to Paul Gage by email at pauljg_64055@yahoo.com or phone at 816-833-6552.

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TO THE ONE WE SING, HOW GREAT THOU ART!"
BECAUSE HE HAS GREAT PLANS FOR MAN,
HE DIED AND LIVES! LOVE IS HIS PLAN!
THANKSGIVING YEA, AND CHRISTMAS TOO,
HE IS THE WAY, FOR ME AND YOU!
SO SERVE HIM WELL, AND THEN SOME DAY,
HE WILL HAVE THESE WORDS TO SAY,
WELL DONE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT!
ENTER THOU INTO THE JOY OF THY LORD!