

and to make useful servants of them in his Kingdom. Remember, if YOU don't know what you are doing, you still know more about how to do it than most of the members in the Branch. Use this opportunity to train someone to do the job after you leave. Latinos are supposed to be fun loving people and very warm and loving. (Do I dare tell him to "loosen up?")

Both Daniel and Tracy are learning that most of the world lives in circumstances much, much more humble than the ones they grew up in. Poverty. Illiteracy. Disease. How does one overcome such disadvantage? The gospel helps. I don't know anyone who wasn't better off for joining the Church. (But that's not a good reason to join the church) Probably because the church helps them know that they are children of a loving Heavenly Father, and that they have Godly potential no matter what their present circumstances. I understand that there is 80% illiteracy in Haiti. That's unbelievable.

In Zimbabwe the government started a program that not too many years ago was used in Utah. Anyone who could get through High School was sent to about 6 months of training as a teacher and then sent out to teach others. No, they weren't qualified teachers, per Se., but this way they got MORE people who could teach others, and raised the educational level of the whole population. The whites complained that these teachers were not "qualified", but they were there in the class room and giving a lot of black children who might not otherwise have had the chance to learn the fundamentals of literacy. Later these teachers will go back to school, hopefully, and finish their college and become "certified". And I'm not so sure these uncertified teachers do not do just as good a job and sometimes a better one than those who were, so called, "certified". Experience is a good teacher. Your Grandfather had teachers in his growing up years who just barely kept ahead of the class in math. Sometimes they would ask Tracy to help them teach concepts to the class. If Tracy had not had a college education, wouldn't he have been able to teach if necessary and no one else was available? I know both of you feel the people you work with need so much--but you can't give them everything they need. But what you are there to give them is the most valuable thing in the whole world--The Gospel of Jesus Christ in it's true and restored form.

Sorry I got carried away. Know ,Tracy and Daniel, that many family prayers go with you each day, and Prayer is a powerful weapon. Tracy, before things got straightened out somewhat in Haiti (thank goodness), your Mother had asked us to join our prayers with hers, and if it hadn't been that the military overthrew the coup as it did, we would have alerted the whole family. As it was many called when they heard of the problems, to ask how you were and what was going on. One thing, I know--the Lord is very mindful of his missionaries--remember he sees even the sparrows that fall. Tracy, did you meet Carolyn Maughn? We knew the family in Schenectady. She just returned from a mission in Haiti.

At this time there are so many prayers that are asking for the Lord's help in helping our political leaders to keep PEACE.May our fervent prayers be answered.

We love all of you,

Grandmother (and Mother) Hall

6pm: Virginia just called. She asked if I was listening to the news. She said: It's started. Well,, so much for peace, all we can hope for now is that the war is over fast and as few lives as possible are lost. I had just finished printing the Hallmanack. I'll have to reprint the last page. Dad said he had been listening from the beginning down at the Shed.