

Dear Family:

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March has been an interesting month for me. I was released as Young Men's president and put in as Elder's quorum president. This is the second time I have been called as elder's quorum president. When I was called in for an interview with a member of the stake presidency, I was very surprised because we are looking for a new house. When they learned of our plans they held off for a week to discuss it with our bishop. The bishop said to call me anyway even if it would be for only a short time. I had only been president one week when Hannah in her testimony said, "... and I hope that we can find a new house to live in." I had lots of ward members come up to me after the meeting asking questions. My goals are to get the home teaching in gear, reporting back on track and prepare a new president before we leave. The elder's quorum has had some special needs for quite a while. I expect to have the basic organization and staffing setup before the end of this month. I am asking those who accept a calling to make a commitment to their stewardships. The Lord is looking for more than lip service. The brethren need to act in accordance with the dignity their callings require.

I went in to the ear special specialist on Monday of last week. He recommended surgery and I concurred. He wants to do a couple of more tests to eliminate some other ear problem possibilities before I fall under the knife. Access to the inner ear is obtained by cutting through the skull just behind the ear. I asked him how frequently he does this procedure. He stated that he performs the general procedure required to gain access into the inner ear approximately 200 times a year. He performs the particular operation I will have only about 10 times a year. On Wednesday I had a CT Scan (cat scan). On Wednesday of this week I will have an ear nerve test and further consultation. I will also get the results of the CT scan. Following these tests we will set a date with the knife. There is a 98% success rate of correcting Meniere's disease following the operation. My hearing might actually improve. At least my hearing would not digress any further and the slight dizziness I have been experiencing should go away. It is expected that I would never have another violent vertigo attack. I will be out of work from one to two weeks depending upon my rate of recovery.

The church is making some substantial investments in television media presentations in the Seattle area. The direct media approach called "Our Heavenly Father's Plan" was directly responsible for netting an estimated 3,000 baptisms in the Seattle basin.

On April 16th the church is going to have a new media presentation called "Together Forever". It will be on television, but this time it will be especially effective for members who actively participate. The primary object of this new approach is to have the members invite their neighbors into their home and watch the program with them. We were told that the