

New presidents called to lead missionary training centers

New presidents for missionary training centers in South America, Japan and Samoa have been called by the First Presidency.

Called are Vernon A. Bingham, succeeding Rex N. Terry in Buenos Aires, Argentina; Elmo Turner, succeeding Melvin H. Morris in Sao Paulo, Brazil; Wendell Hall, succeeding John A. Davis in Santiago, Chile; Bruce Gibson, succeeding Leon R. Walker in Lima, Peru; N. Ralph Shino, succeeding Roy I. Tsuya in Tokyo, Japan; and Eldon Puckett, succeeding Ralph L. Sharp in Apia, Samoa.

Pres. Bingham, 63, of Liberty, Idaho, a retired high school teacher, was president of the Honduras Tegucigalpa Mission from 1982-85. He and his wife, Mary Bernice Powell Bingham, have five children.

Pres. Turner, 64, of South Jordan, Utah, is a regional representative and former stake president, and was president of the Brazilian South Mission

from 1964-67. The retired educator and his wife, M. Lois Evans Turner, have five children.

Pres. Hall, 64⁵, of Orem, Utah, a retired BYU Spanish professor, presided over the Argentina Buenos Aires North Mission from 1981-84. He and his wife, Merrill Evelyn Watkins, have six children.

Pres. Gibson, 67, of St. David, Ariz., is a retired school superintendent and former stake president. He was president of the Chile Santiago South Mission from 1977-80. He and his wife, Rowene Robinson Gibson, have seven children.

Pres. Shino, 63, a retired Salt Lake City, Utah, banker, is a former regional representative and president of the Japan Tokyo Mission from 1974-77. He and his wife, Lily Yasuda Shino, have four children.

Pres. Puckett, 62, of Laie, Hawaii, is a former bishop and high councilor. He is a professor at BYU-Hawaii. He and his wife, Pat, have seven children.

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