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To: General Authorities; Area Authority Seventies; Stake, Temple, Mission, and District Presidents; Bishops and Branch Presidents

Dear Brethren:

Statement on Missionary Work

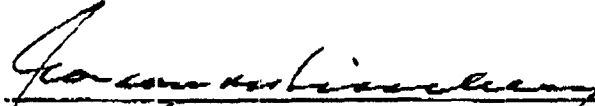
The First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles feel a need to strengthen missionary work throughout the world. Church leaders, members, and missionaries are called upon to further this important effort.

To clarify our responsibilities, included is a statement of principles on eligibility for full-time missionary service; on finding, teaching and baptizing worthy investigators; and on strengthening new and less-active members.

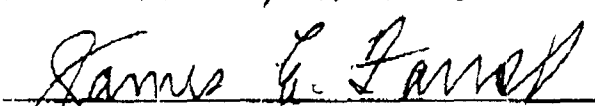
Our effectiveness in missionary work will increase as priesthood officers, auxiliary leaders, and other members understand and implement these principles.

We thank you for your generous and devoted service. The Lord will bless you as you teach the message of the Restoration to a world that desperately needs the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely your brethren,







The First Presidency