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## Blessing in "the Land of Eternal Spring" Guatemala

by Brother Brandon Dulisse

"And after this manner he did baptize every one that went forth to the place of Mormon; and they were in number about two hundred and four souls; yea, and they were baptized in the waters of Mormon, and were filled with the grace of God." (Mosiah 18:16)

The choice land of Guatemala rests just southeast of Mexico, hosting shorelines on the world's two largest oceans, home to sprawling mountain ranges, vibrant green valleys, and three active volcanoes. Appropriately nicknamed "the land of eternal spring," Guatemala is home to year-round temperate climates enjoyed by a large indigenous population, many of whom reside in the isolated foothills and mountains northwest of the capital, Guatemala City.

On July 20, 2017, Brothers Jim Draskovich, Kevin Murphy, and Brandon Dulisse and Sisters Judy Salerno and Mary Ann Heaps flew to Guatemala



Baptizing in Guatemala, Central America

City to meet Brother Francisco and Sisters Alicia and Brenda Dominguez. Our initial objectives were to visit and uplift the saints of Guatemala City, journey to the mountainous village of San Mateo, and find a baptismal site for future conversions. While there are many in Guatemala who have shown interest in the Church, there are currently only two meeting places for The Church of Jesus Christ: Guatemala City, and San Mateo, nearly 4 hours northwest of the capital.

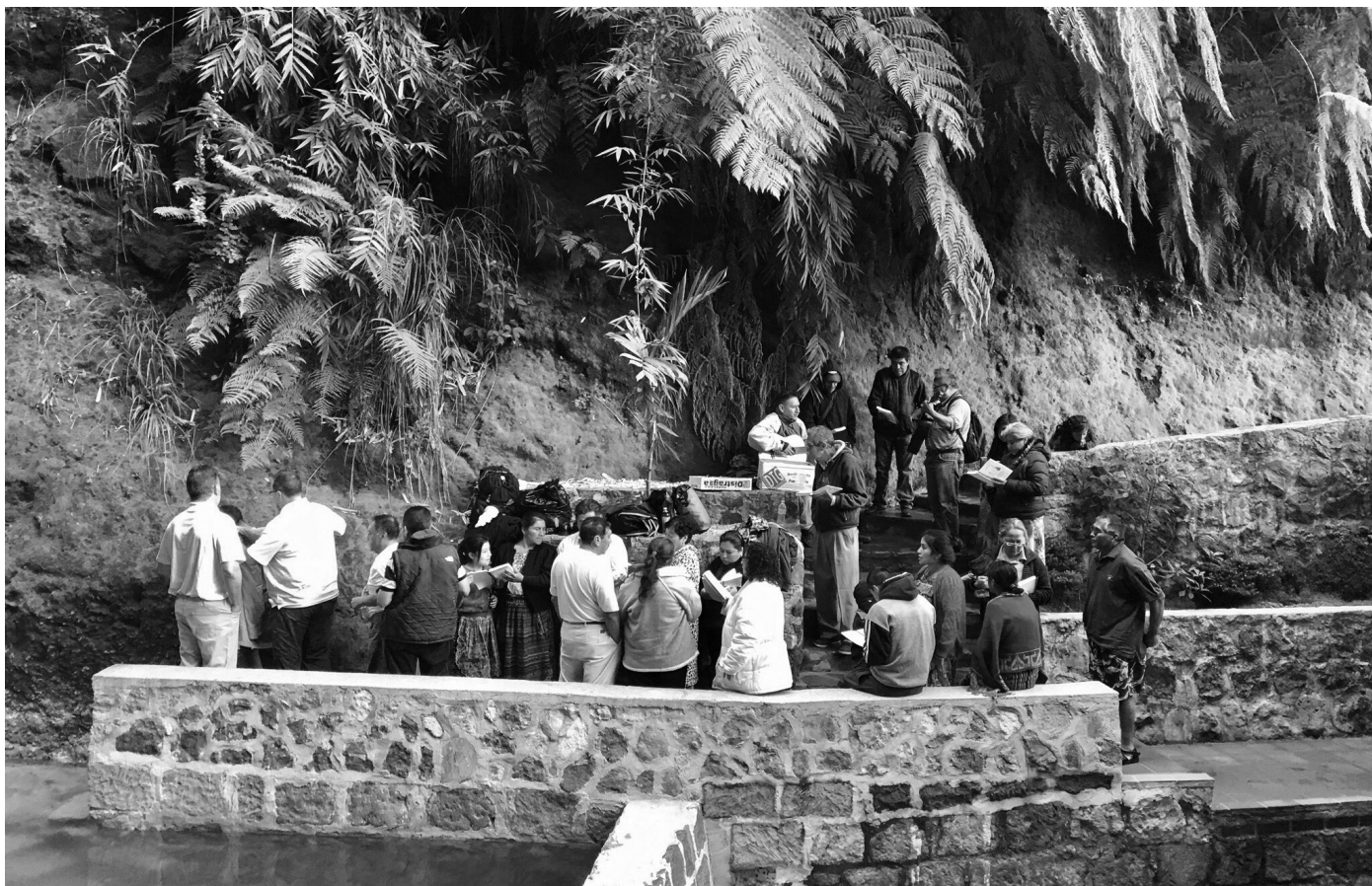
Our first night in the country was spent fellowshipping

with 14 brothers, sisters, and friends in the home of our Brother Sergio and Sister Guillermina. The group of saints and friends spent the evening singing hymns, sharing testimonies, and spending a season in prayer and anointing, in which many beautiful visions were had. During one anointing, above the head of the person being anointed, a white flower was seen opening up during the prayer.

The next day, our excited group consisting of the missionaries along with members and friends from

Guatemala City made the trek to San Mateo, which took us up into the more rural mountains, with beautiful horizons of rolling hills and the ever-present volcanoes in the background. In an effort to find a baptismal site, the group decided to elect a "search party" to locate an open body of water, as the ocean could only be reached after a long and difficult trip. Our entire group got together in a circle at the hotel, and prayed for the Lord to go and prepare a way for His people to fulfill the ordinances of the

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Baptism site in Guatemala, Central America

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Church in this land. As we prayed, Brother Kevin Murphy had a vision of a personage standing in the middle of our circle with a staff in his hands.

The search party consisting of Brothers Kevin, Francisco, and Lorenzo left to locate the baptismal site. At one point in their travels, they felt inspired to pull over at a rest stop, where they began to converse with the cashier. Brother Francisco asked the man if he

knew of any open bodies of water in the area. The man directed the brothers to "Fuentes Georginas," a natural hot spring heated by the Volcano Zunil, which dominates the landscape of San Mateo and surrounding towns. Here they found the perfect site.

On Sunday, our group of 33 people departed into the mountains and gathered at these waters to witness our two new brothers, Santos Dominguez and Manuel Martinez, enter into their covenant. Many experiences were shared at the water, including that of seeing a personage of light


appear with both of our new brothers along with ministers Jim Draskovich and Kevin Murphy during the baptisms. As Brother Brandon Dulisse spoke to the group about the waters of Mormon and the charge that Alma gave to the congregation, a vision was shared of a personage full of light, thought to be one of the three Nephites, next to the waters.

Our five-day trip was filled with many more blessings from God as well as a spirit of optimism and excitement for what the future holds for the people of Guatemala.

Transportation to the two

current mission works and the beautiful baptismal site is crucial for the growth of the Church in Guatemala. In order to purchase a reliable 15-passenger van, \$10,000 is needed. If you feel inspired to donate to this end, please send checks earmarked "Guatemala Van" payable to:

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*The committee thanks you in advance and looks forward to sharing many blessings in the future from "the Land of Eternal Spring."* 



Congregation in Chingola, Zambia, Africa

## News from Zambia, Africa

by Brother Joe Perri

The Branch of Chingola is the oldest branch in the mission field of Zambia, being established in 2006.

### A TESTIMONY FROM CHINGOLA

One of the sisters of the Church in Chingola was left with six children by a husband who went out and married three other women. The sister related her problem to the Church, and after hearing her story, Brother Gilbert (one of the leaders) and the Church began praying for this sister's situation.

One day, when she was in her room pondering and wondering, a bad spirit came into her mind with thoughts of suicide. She found herself seriously weighing two options, to die

or to live! All of a sudden, as she was looking toward the wall, some typed letters appeared spelling out "THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST." She said that the letters shone like silver, and over the middle of these letters she saw her husband, smiling and waving a hand as if to signal, 'stop and wait.' The vision broke the evil thoughts she was having about suicide.

Two days later, the husband returned home and asked his wife to forgive him.

He vowed to leave the three women he had married. The sister and her husband are now staying together very happily, and not only that, but the husband has also started to attend our Church.

### NEED FOR ASSISTANCE IN CHINGOLA

The Chingola Branch has been renting schoolrooms to hold Sunday services in for a number of years. This branch is growing; visitors attend every worship service, and this branch has

recently organized a choir because of their enthusiasm and excitement about The Church of Jesus Christ. Now, however, the branch has a big problem. The School Board continues raising their rent and is demanding that our Church provide funds to install gates at each classroom, to buy paint for the classrooms, and, most recently, to repair their buildings.

Our operating budget cannot provide sufficient funds

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to meet these requests. The demand by the School Board for funds has been a challenge to this branch. Now the School Board has presented the pastor and membership of the Chingola Branch with an ultimatum to either provide the funds requested, or vacate the premises and worship elsewhere. This congregation currently has no choice but to pay, because there is no other place available to hold worship services in that locale. I cannot imagine how the brothers and sisters of this branch would feel if

they were left without a place to meet and worship God if we could assist in providing a place for them. It would certainly be discouraging and hurtful to them. We cannot lose this congregation of dedicated Saints.


The brothers of the Chingola Branch have tried for a number of years without success to locate another place to rent and conduct worship services. Recently, the brothers, together with our Church President of that mission field, recently located a lot with a vacant building, owned by the local village, that could be used as a worship hall in which to conduct church services.

The brothers requested from the local municipal officers, if the Church were to purchase this land, to be given an Occupancy Permit to hold worship services there. The village provided a document to the Chingola congregation to that effect, a copy of which they have forwarded to the parent Church in the US. Purchasing this property for US \$8,000.00 would allow our brothers and sisters in Chingola to have a place to worship God in that would belong to the Church, solving their rental worries. Would you consider our appeal for a donation in any amount, so that we may buy this property for

our Brothers and Sisters of this Branch? It would be greatly appreciated by this thriving group of saints. Please help!!!

*God Bless.*

*Brother Joe Perri*

*Chairman for the  
Zambia Mission Field* 

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