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**\*He Is Savior, Acts 4:12**

## **H.I.S. Ministries August Newsletter, covering July 2013**

Greetings from beautiful **Whitefish, Montana**, and from the entire Hale-family there. As you might recall from our last newsletter, we had planned to go there in July, for Eric Hale had asked Dennis to come and baptize him **into Christ Jesus of the Bible** and spend a few days with his wife **Nicole** and their two cute little sons, **Sean** (4), and **Jack** (3), and Eric's mother, **Mickey!** [As I am writing this, **we just got a message that their third son, Luke Prescott Hale, 8.4 lb. 19 inches, was born at 11:41 AM today, 7/30/13. He arrived about a week early! We thank the Lord for this new son they will raise to love and serve Jesus.**]

On 7/15 we all, **Eric, Nicole, Mickey, Sean, Jack and Dennis and I**, drove to **Glacier National Park** that is not far from Whitefish. What a beautiful and majestic display of God's creation it is! After going all the way up to Logan Pass, having the boys play in the snow, seeing mountain goats and other wildlife up there, we drove back down to **McDonald Lake**, still inside Glacier National Park, where **Dennis baptized Eric into Jesus Christ of the Bible** (Romans 6:3-4). **We all gave God the glory and thanked Him for His gift of salvation that Eric, as we all, have received. After Eric's baptism, we had communion together. There are no words to express the beauty of this occasion and the Spirit that filled our hearts with thankfulness that the Lord has brought us to Him from false beliefs that each of us once held. The Lord has made all things new, He has forgiven our past, all of our sins, and He is helping us walk in the newness of life, for He alone is the Way, the Truth and the Life.** (John 14:6.) - **Our 5 days with Eric, Nicole, Mickey and the boys was precious beyond words. We thank them for their hospitality and love they expressed to us.**

Our plan was to go camping in an Idaho Wilderness area for a few days after leaving Whitefish, but we had to cut our vacation short. The morning we left Eric and Nicole, we noticed red bumps on Dennis back that we thought were insect bites, and we treated them with "*After-Bite*". We first drove to Salmon, Idaho, and spent a night there in a campground, and then left early in the morning to drive abt. 200 more miles to Big Lost River in Idaho. We found a great and peaceful camping place – no other people for miles – and set up our camp there... Dennis' "red bumps" on his back we starting to get bigger, wider and very painful. We realized that they were not insect bites after all, but **shingles. Shingles** is a very painful illness **you do not want to get!** **All of us "older people" are subject to shingles if we have had chicken box as children**, which Dennis remembers having. His doctor had suggested some time ago that he'd get a vaccine to prevent them, but he did not think that he needed it... ☹ We had no choice but to go home. Driving a truck and pulling a trailer behind is not

what I am capable of doing, so Dennis had to drive even while his was pain getting worse and worse. It was an all-day drive. As we got closer to home, we called our doctor to ask her to see him ASAP, which was the next morning. He got 3 different medications to ease his pain and to heal these blisters that were huge by that time. The doctor said that it will take at least two weeks before they start going away and suggested that I'd get a vaccinated – which I did! These are the trials that life brings, but we are thankful that we made it home without accidents and that our time with our friends in Montana was so blessed.

Just before we left on our trip to Montana, we had informed several of persons we are working with that we will be out of touch for about two weeks. Eddy in WA (see p. 6 in our July Newsletter) knew that we were leaving, and he called the day before we left to let us know that **his LDS girlfriend he has shared the true gospel with has now accepted the Lord, and that she is leaving the LDS Church!** What a praise! The Lord has indeed blessed Eddy's decision not to join the Mormon Church (which he was going to do abt. 3 months ago) and his coming back to the Lord Jesus of the Bible. Since that time, he has put all his efforts into studying to get educated in what Mormonism really is. (His mother had printed all our pertinent papers from our website for him to study, [www.hismin.com/content/mormonism-what-you-really-need-know.](http://www.hismin.com/content/mormonism-what-you-really-need-know.)) In addition to studying them, he has called numerous times to ask questions on how to counter Mormon-arguments with the Bible. As Eddy studied intently, he also shared what he was learning with his girlfriend, Jackie, a life-long LDS who had not known the truth about the religion she has been part of all her life. **God is so good – He hears, He answers prayers for souls,** and we have been so blessed to pray for them and be part of this “*rescue operation*” we call **HIS Ministry**, for **He indeed is the Savior who cares.**(Acts 4:12.)

Thus we got home almost a week earlier than we had intended to, and **we now see that there was a reason for that.** There was another young man who had written to us, asking questions about LDS teachings. I had answered several of his emails before. When we got home, there was an email from him saying that he was about to be baptized into LDS Church, but that he had a few more questions for me.

**Excerpts from his last couple of letters (after we got home) might be of interest to you. He wrote:** *“I have a few more questions for you and I hope you can help me... Thank you for the help so far. Here they are: Missionaries have told that the angel Moroni took the golden plates away. **1.** What in your research did you find out about the angel Moroni taking away the golden plates? I have come to believe that the golden plates do or did exist but I doubt that an angel took them away. **2.** So who could have the golden plates now? **3.** I do know that an angel did not take away the Book of Abraham [papyri], so why the golden plates? **4.** When did you resign from the Mormon Church? **5.** Is it true that there are over 100 000 resignations from the LDS Church per year? **6.** Have all of the prophets of the last 100 years known about the deception (?) and what should be said to the missionaries [if it is not true]?...Thank you for your help and thank you for letting me write to you so many and so long emails I have sent in the past. D.”*

**My answer:** **1. Comprehensive History of the Church** (vol. 1, pp. 96, 111, 124) reports that Joseph Smith had said that he “**delivered them** [the plates] **up to him** [angel Moroni]”. Some time later when Joseph needed to “*show the plates*” (as he had promised) to *the eight witnesses*, **History of the Church**

reports that one of the *“ancient Nephites”* brought them back, and after Joseph had *shown the plates* to eight witnesses, *“the angel again made his appearance to Joseph, at which time Joseph delivered up the plates into the angel’s hands.”* (Ibid, p. 147.) That is what is reported in official LDS Church’s History... **2.** As to who has the plates now, I will quote what Brigham Young, in *Journal of Discourses* (vol. 19, p.38), says. *“Oliver Cowdery went with the Prophet Joseph [to Hill Cumorah] when he deposited these plates...When Joseph got the plates, the angel instructed him to carry them back to the hill Cumorah, which he did...when Joseph and Oliver went there, the hill opened, and they walked into a cave, in which there was a large and spacious room...They laid the plates on a table...Under this table there was a pile of plates as much as two feet high, and there were altogether in this room more plates than probably many wagon loads; they were piled up in the corners and along the walls. The first time they went there the sword of Laban hung upon the wall; but when they went again it had been taken down and laid upon the table across the gold plates...”* I.e. Brigham is saying that they are inside the cave of this hill... [My comment: If you believe all these Mormon stories, I have a golden bridge to sell you... 😊 I am sorry if you believe they exist, or existed. I don’t. We need to think and reason: There is no evidence anywhere that the people the Book of Mormon talks about (Nephites and Lamanites) even existed. The book is fiction and so are the stories about “opening caves, angels, Nephites and the gold(en) plates”. **3. The Book of Abraham** is another hoax of Joseph Smith, **proven to be fraud from existing papyri, found in Metropolitan Museum** (in 1967) with Joseph Smith’s writings on it. It is not a translation, but the invention of Joseph Smith, who was pretending to translate Egyptian funerary document that has nothing about Abraham on it, or anything at all about what Joseph’s fraudulent BoA book says. It was just a pagan burial record. **4.** We resigned from the Mormon Church in 1983. **5.** As one of the LDS General Authorities (Marlin K. Jensen) said about a year ago ...*“they are leaving in droves.”* **6.** I cannot even imagine that the leaders of this organization would not know that the entire LDS Church is fraudulent. However it is a money making corporation, worth billions. The leaders are well paid, and that may be their reason for staying ...? Where else could they receive that kind of adoration, have power over millions of people and a great income too... ? (For more information, go to **Grant Palmer-interviews** of some LDS leaders. They are on the Internet.) I would suggest that you’d tell missionaries to do research into the History of this organization and come to Jesus Christ of the Bible, who is God with us. (Matt. 1:23; John 1:1, 14; Rom. 10:9-10.) Jesus is not **Lucifer’s brother as they have been taught.** The LDS Church will not tell them the truth, they have to seek it out for themselves. As Apostle Boyd K. Packer had told to D. Michael Quinn when Quinn was a history professor in BYU, *“I have a hard time with historians because they idolize the truth. The truth is not uplifting, it destroys.”*

Two days after I had answered him, I received his reply : “Rauni, I threw out all of my Mormon material and I met with the missionaries after I read your email yesterday and I said I was not going to join the LDS church. You are right about the golden-plates issue. There is too much evidence against the golden plates, etc... I agree with you 100% about the Mormon Church... I am going to look online for a church that is Bible believing and Bible preaching and I plan to attend that as soon as I can and to get

myself right with the real God and not believe in the fraudulent god of the Mormon Church... Thanks for all your help. D"

**I responded:** Thank you. We praise God that your eyes were opened to truth, and that you escaped from Mormonism. It is good to hear that you also understand that truth is in **God's Word, the Bible**, and that **Jesus Christ of the Bible alone is the Way, the Truth and the Life**, just as John 14:6 says. There are many good Bible-teaching churches around. Attending a good biblical church is a best way to begin your walk with the Lord. You may check if in your area there is Calvary Chapel or a good Baptist church (SBC) where you could start learning more about God who loves you and wants to bring you home to Him. We attend Calvary Chapel of Salt Lake City, which is a non-denominational Bible teaching church. Calvary Chapels teach strictly from the Bible, book-by-book, verse-by-verse. It is hard to have a bad theology if you study every word of God (Deut. 8:3; Matt. 4:4; Acts 20:27), not skipping any of them and reading them all in context! We will be praying for you. God bless, Rauni

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**An upset Mormon man wrote :** *"RE: Your website presentations of **supposedly false prophecies** of the prophet Joseph Smith, Jr."* (His statements in italics, my replies in regular text below his.)

*"Even the Savior said a prophet is not received in his own country. I want you to know the Savior NEVER endorsed persecution, like you are engaged in."*

**My answer:** Persecution? We have never engaged in "persecution". You need to be careful before making false accusations. It is against the 10 commandments (Ex.20:16) as you should know! ☺ The LDS Church has thousands of pages of their propaganda on *LDS.org* and other Mormon websites! Would you say that these websites are *persecuting non-Mormons*? We have a small website that simply gives information about what we have discovered during our decades of study of Mormonism. We are only comparing what Mormonism teaches and what the Bible has to say about the same issues. We have found that all Mormon doctrine is against the Word of God, the Bible. As an example **god of Mormonism (or gods) is not God of the Bible**, but a former mortal man, married and a polygamist. You do not find that in the Bible. Mormonism also teaches "*another Jesus*", "*another gospel*" and has "*another spirit*", all these having different definitions than the Bible gives. (See 2 Cor. 11:4.) Paul continues and explains (in 2 Cor. 11:13-15) where these different doctrines came from – from "false apostles" who are teaching what Satan taught them (as an **angel of light**). Paul likewise warns that "*another gospel*", as "gospel of laws and ordinances", LDS 3<sup>rd</sup> Article of Faith, will bring God's curse to all who accept it and/or preach it. (Gal. 1:8-9.) The *Gospel of God* has no laws and ordinances in it – it is a message, the good news(1 Cor. 15:1-4) **that Jesus came, died, was buried and resurrected for all who come to Him alone by faith**. (Eph. 2:8-9; Rom. 10:9-10) Law cannot save anyone! (See Gal. 2:16-21; 3:10-13.) Jesus warned about false prophets, and false Christs. (Matt. 7:15 – Matt. 24:24.) How do we know a false prophet from a true one? Deut. 18:20-22 says that if a man claims to be a prophet, but if even one prophesy he gives does not come through, **then that prophet is a false prophet! God's prophet is correct 100% of the time. No mistakes allowed!** We have on our website **53 of Joseph**

**Smith's false prophecies, when just one would have been enough!** Joseph Smith is just one of the many false prophets that have come around trying to claim that they speak for God. **They lie.** The New Testament teaches that there are no more prophets as there were in the Old Testament. *Role of a prophet* ended after Christ Jesus came. (See Matt. 11:13; Luke 16:16; Hebr. 1:1-2.)

**He continued:** *"I also know, through the power of the Holy Ghost, that Joseph Smith was indeed a true prophet, and that The Book of Mormon is true, AND that The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the Lord's true Church, with Jesus Christ, Himself, as it's Head."*

**My reply: I know through the power of the true Holy Spirit of God that Joseph Smith was a false prophet,** as are all 15 who, after him, have been claiming to be prophets, thus consequently the church that Smith started is likewise false. The *"head of the LDS Church"* is **not the biblical Jesus who is God Almighty** (Rev. 1:8) but *"another Jesus"*, whom they teach is a created being and **a brother of Lucifer, all angels and mankind.** Jesus of the **Bible is God, creator of all things (John 1:1-3; Col. 1:16) who became a man – He is not a man who became a god, as LDS Church teaches, but God Almighty,** from *"everlasting to everlasting"*. (Ps. 90:2; Isa. 43:10; 44:6, 8.) **He has always been God.** (See: Matt. 1:23; John 1:1, 14; 8:24, 58; Rev. 1:8.) **Jesus alone came from heaven, mankind did not!** (See John 3:13, 31; 8:23-24.) He became a man for us, to die in our place. (John 1:14; 3:16.) **God is Spirit** (John 4:24) and **Spirit does not have flesh and bones.** (Luke 24:39.) I was a Mormon and I too had a *"testimony"* by a spirit, and thus I then erroneously believed that Mormonism was true. **I know now the difference between the Holy Spirit of God and a spirit that kept me bound to Mormonism for 20 years!** Studying the Bible revealed to me that I had been deceived by demonic spirits that are able to give *"good feelings"* that deceived me, but when I tested them by the Bible, they proved to be false. **We must test all things by the Bible** (1 Thess. 5:21), **we must test spirits that give good feelings about falsehoods.** (John 4:1; 1 Tim. 4:1.) It was the devil who kept me blinded and bound to Mormonism for all those years. (2 Cor. 4:3-4.) **Now I am free and born again by the Spirit of God.** Jesus said that **we must be born again.** (John 3:3, 7.) **When we receive Jesus, we become children of God,** as John 1:12-13 promises. All persons from all religions who have not received the true Jesus, are **children of the flesh, and "they are not children of God"**. (Rom. 9:8.)

**He continued:** *"If you SINCERELY read The Book of Mormon, ponder its message, and reflect upon God's many tender mercies unto His children, and then ASK, with REAL intent, not with the "answer" already in your heart and mind, you, too, will come to know these truths of which I declare unto you. You can do this in the privacy of your own home, without your religious cohorts knowing you're seeking the truth...and finding it."*

**I replied:** I have (sincerely) read the Book of Mormon many times – and **I can bear you my testimony that it is not true.** It is not what it claims to be – it is simply a plagiarized book. Story line found in it is obviously "borrowed" from several then existing writings and novels, and to give it a *"scriptural flavor"* Joseph Smith copied into it large portions from the KJV Bible. I would recommend that you'd get a

book written by LDS GA and Historian, B. H. Roberts, titled "*Studies of the Book of Mormon*". He, as a **General Authority of the LDS Church and a Historian**, explained Joseph Smith's deceptive work quite well. It can be bought from Amazon.com and/or perhaps from some local SLC bookstores as **Benchmark Books or Zion's Bookstore**. I would like to ask you a question: **Which edition of the Book of Mormon do you testify of as being true?** As you should know, there are many editions, all somewhat different from the original 1830 edition. We can find nearly 4000 changes to 1830 edition – even **serious doctrinal revisions**. You may have heard that the LDS Church announced (on 3/1/13) that **there will be more changes made to the LDS Scriptures**. **How do you justify that?** [New editions will be available in August of 2013. These changes can be found on the Internet now, but a new **Quad** will be out in August!] As to me, I have found **THE TRUTH. It is in Jesus Christ of the Bible who said that He is the Truth, personified**. (John 14:6.) **God's Word the Bible is Truth**. (John 17:17.) **One must love the Truth in order to become saved**. (2 Thess. 2:10-12.) - If you want to discuss these matters further, please feel free to write again, or go to our website and learn what the doctrines of the LDS Church are, topic by topic, compared to what the Bible teaches. Go to: [www.hismin.com](http://www.hismin.com) and then click on a tap "**Mormonism what you really need to know**". Sincerely, Rauni

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**We want to thank you, our friends and partners in our ministry**, for we know that without your prayers and assistance we absolutely would not be able to do this work that takes mentally and spiritually all we have! Your notes, your prayers and contributions give us a needed encouragement *to keep us keeping on*. We are looking for the Lord and His soon coming, but we are not thinking of quitting or even slowing down as long as we have your prayers supporting us, and your help! **We are not alone, we know that**. Every rescued soul, every new believer coming out of Mormonism lifts our spirits and gives us such a joy in the Lord. We know that there is also a celebration in heaven for everyone that comes to know Him. (Luke 15:7.) We often ask: *Is this the very last year, very last month we can do this work?* That wonder gives us more reason to work harder than ever! We love to serve our Lord Jesus – there is no greater joy than that!

We ask your prayers for many new believers (I am naming only a few of them at this time), who have, during the last 6 months, in repentance come to the true Jesus and asked Him to give them a new birth and save them. Please ask that the Lord will help Kim, Catherine, Carmen, Drew, Eddy and Jackie to grow in His Word and have courage to share His truth with others still bound in Mormonism. Pray also for Emily who is trying to reason with her Mormon boyfriend, and pray for Merridy who is witnessing to a very sad and hurting young man who has escaped from *FLDS church*, leaving everything behind.

We also ask your prayers for Dick and Patty, Max, Pat and Merridy for their health problems as well as for Dale and his wife and caretaker, Sharon. We also ask you to pray for Bruce and Heber and also for Dawni Hill that the Lord will grant each of them the *desires of their hearts*. (Ps. 37:4) Also a former LDS man has asked prayer for his daughter who is on her LDS mission, but she is having serious doubts

about Joseph Smith and truthfulness of Mormonism. We pray that she will have courage to stand up and stop promoting what she already seems to know is not true nor biblical.

Calvary Chapel has asked us to start our ***Understanding Mormonism*** class again in September. This would be our 10<sup>th</sup> year in a row, even though we have taught there in years even prior to that. We'll have to see if there is enough interest after all these years... It is always good to get more Christians to learn the facts and work in this field and share the truth with the LDS friends and neighbors. Our classes are not in any way "*anti-Mormon*", but *pro-truth* classes that show how much we all care about Mormons. We do not want any of them to face ***the Great White Throne Judgment*** (Rev. 20:11-15) and be eternally lost.

Please pray for Dennis' healing from this painful illness, and that after he gets better, he will have enough work to take us through the rest of the year and beyond.

We thank the Lord and your help in this that we have been able to give Bibles, books, DVD's and other materials to all needing them, but currently our ministry account is very low, but we trust that the Lord will supply for our needs as He has promised to do. (Phil. 4:6-7, 19.) We are in the Lord's work and He knows what is needed to accomplish all that. Your prayers will be greatly appreciated in this matter as well. **His name is to be praised above all.**

Serving Jesus with joy,

Rauni & Dennis Higley

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### **Thought for a month:**

***“Right is right, even if everyone is against it; and wrong is wrong even if everyone is for it.”*** William Penn

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