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But I will remember **My Covenant** unto  
you, O house of Israel, and ye shall  
come unto the knowledge of the  
fullness of **My Gospel**.

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The overall theme for our Internship this year was, “Are You Witnessing for Him?” The in-country Internship years focus more on witnessing, because a part of the trip involves speaking to protesters at the Book of Mormon Pageant. This year, our plans changed, and our trip was set for the Cahokia Mounds, Ark Encounter, Creation Museum and the Serpentine Mound. A few days into our trip, we were a little discouraged by the lack of witnessing opportunities we had found. In a way, I thought the Lord would tell me directly if I should share with people or not. He did not. On the third day, I began to search more diligently for opportunities to speak to people around me. I talked to God more frequently throughout the day and, at the end of the afternoon, I was blessed to be able to share the gospel with a man we met outside of an ice cream shop. It was a wonderful experience, but I still felt like there was something more we should be receiving as a group.

It was nearly the end of our traveling experience when I finally asked the Lord why we were supposed to take this trip. I asked Him what its purpose was. At that moment, He made things clear to me. Our trip highlighted the magnificent and marvelous works of the Most High God. Our mound experiences showed us that the Lord has been working with people in ways that we cannot even comprehend. So much has happened in the history of this land, and mankind does not really understand it. The Creation Museum illustrated the tremendous power of God and how He has been working since the very beginning. The Ark helped to solidify the story of Noah and illustrate the incredible plan of God. When looking toward our future, it is imperative for us to remember these marvelous works. We only have a very limited understanding of our God and, even then, we can see He is absolutely magnificent. He allowed us to go on this trip so we could be refreshed and reminded of how powerful He truly is.

I have been so incredibly blessed to be on staff this year. The Lord knew I needed to be a part of the Internship, and I’m so thankful for all of the experiences, testimonies and blessings we were given. Our Internship was such a fun and unique group of people. It was very enjoyable to get to know them over our six weeks. I pray we will continue to look for His work every day, and we will seek to show His marvelous love to those around us. We serve such a wonderful God!



*Intern  
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Scrapbook*



**2020**

# Week One

The 2020 interns began their experience by working through ice breakers and teamwork exercises at Colbern Road Restoration Branch.

## Orientation

From day one, this group of interns formed a cheerful harmony with each other. Though some personalities were more reserved than others, it was apparent at orientation that we were going to have a cohesive and amicable group this year. The first week focused on team building and getting to know one another. There were frequent gatherings at the Baumgart home in the evenings, which included a grill out and a campfire. During our first day at the Internship, each of the interns found their nameplate in the main room of the Foundation. Taylor Morrison, staff leader, had made wood-burned nameplates for each intern. Late that day, we each took self-analysis tests to determine our potential strengths and weaknesses. The results from the tests helped the group reflect on their own tendencies

and allowed them to better appreciate the unique characteristics of each individual. The personality types were divided into four groups, each represented by a specific animal. Our group was primarily Golden Retrievers. We also had a few Otters and



Foxes, and only one Lion. Another aspect of our group dynamic that we discovered early in the experience were musical tendencies. Several interns this year are passionate about music and used their gifts both for the program and for sharing with one another.

On Thursday, Rebecca Cornish provided us with our Tucker Institute experience at Colbern Road

## Team Building

Restoration Branch. The purpose of the Tucker activities is to provide a more hands-on and physically involved approach to mixing and working together. Though we were not able to go to the actual Tucker facility this year, Rebecca organized a variety of activities for us to do both inside and outside of the building. One of the more challenging exercises required wooden planks, balance, communication and patience. The group had to move across a long stretch of a grassy area without touching the ground. Each intern was given one "resource" to use.



These resources were short, wooden planks that were to be used to get across to the parking lot. If there was ever a time when a resource was not being touched by one of the team members, it would be removed from the activity. Very quickly, the group lost two of their resources, and progress was slow-going. All 14 of the interns were squished side-by-side on about 10 or 11 of those planks. It seemed as if this challenge would be impossible. At this point, Rebecca proposed a compromise. The team would be able to use a carpet square to use as an additional stepping point. However, if anyone lost contact with the carpet square, two additional resources would be lost. At first, the group quickly rejected the deal, as the thought of losing more ground was a very high risk. After more thought, however, other team members then began to speak up about how the carpet square was needed to finish the activity. The group then came together and accepted the compromise. The deal ended up being the winning move for the

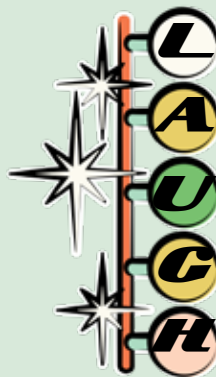
# Week Two

In our second week of the Internship, our classes were focused on apologetics of the Book of Mormon and witnessing of its value to others. These subjects were very important to the interns.

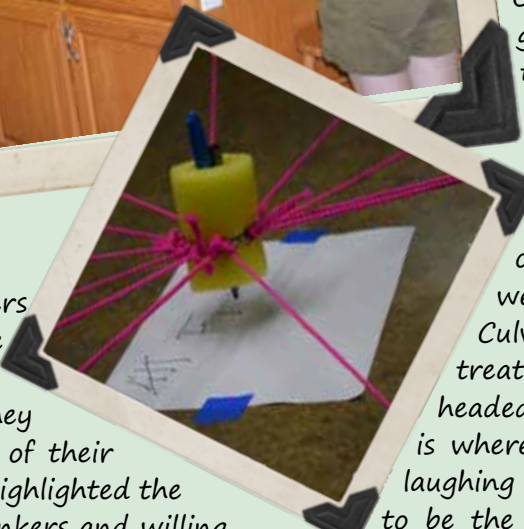
## Classes

There were lots of questions asked during these sessions. Each of us felt more prepared to answer potential questions on the validity of the Book of Mormon by the end of our classes. On Monday, we spent an evening in the home of Bonnie and Eldon Anderson. There, we had a wonderful salmon dinner, followed by a short class on giving testimonies. We also discovered what "word whiskers" were and had to give short speeches on a variety of topics that ranged from tablecloths to chickens. It was a fun evening.

Our Internship group has gotten together at least once each week for ice cream so, after prayer service on Wednesday, we stopped by Culver's for a sweet treat. After that, we



headed to the Baumgarts' house. This is where we taught the group about the laughing game. The goal of the game is to be the only person not laughing by the end. We have some competitive interns and some silly interns. The night was a lot of fun, with lots of laughter.



team, as it allowed the team members to finish the activity smoothly. By the end, each member had gotten used to their role in the lineup, and they were very considerate of the needs of their nearby teammates. Our Tucker day highlighted the fact that we had a lot of leaders, thinkers and willing participants in our midst. Each Sunday evening, we tried to get everyone together to attend the Summer Series at Waldo Restoration Branch.

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Later that week, we had our first service project. We worked for Team Jesus, an organization that provides "boots on the ground" ministry in Independence and Kansas City. Team Jesus has a special term for the individuals receiving their support. They are called the "beloved." Terms like "homeless" aren't allowed to be used there.

Our work at the facility involved picking up trash, trimming trees, and edging the sidewalk. We broke off into groups working on

Jesus is doing. They went back to the building later in the week to assist with some additional service projects. Others took the time to collect donations for the organization.



In our third week, we had various classes about the Book of Mormon lands, prophecy and repentance. We were challenged to look into our own lives and implement a plan of change for the future.

As this was the week before our trip, we began to put more effort into practicing our songs and memorizing our parts for the program. Time seemed to be moving so quickly. We decided to visit Lexington Restoration Branch on Wednesday evening and once again stopped for ice cream as a group. Our service project that week was in Bates City. We helped a family paint both the inside and outside of their building as well as tear up and haul out old carpet. The family provided us with a wonderful lunch and sent us off with a few books in tow. Our group activity that week was at Olivia English's home. We spent the afternoon in her family's pool and finished the evening with a grill out. We hung out until after dark.

**Service**



different aspects of the project. There were several bags of both trash and dirt collected by the end of the morning. The Team Jesus crew then surprised us by providing our group with lunch and a tour of their building. Their facility is still undergoing work and will hopefully be working in full swing within the next year or two. God is already using that organization for marvelous works in His name. We were thankful for the opportunity to brighten up their neighborhood. Before leaving, we sang a few songs from our program for the crew. A few interns were inspired by what Team



The fourth week was our trip week. We began the week with Richard Neill leading us on a church history tour of Independence. The day began at the Book of Mormon Foundation, where Rebecca Griffin provided us access to various church history artifacts. They discussed local church history and explained the items they brought to show us. We then visited the Joseph Smith III home, Temple Lot, Joseph Luff house, and Mound Grove Cemetery. The Mound Grove Cemetery is the resting place of several prominent people in church history, including



to stop by the information center on our way back home later in the week. Climbing Monk's Mound was quite an endeavor, but it provided an amazing view. It was a warm day that afternoon, and we were all pretty winded and sweaty by the time we made it back down. We found a few picnic tables on the site and ate our lunches in the shade. After that, we were back on the road. We had a total of about nine hours of driving time that day. The vans were full of singing, chatting and snoozing. Our destination was Florence, Kentucky. Once we were there, we had dinner at a nearby Cracker Barrel, checked into our rooms, ran through our programs and called it an evening.

## Independence History



Joseph Smith III, Israel A. Smith and Elbert A. Smith. After that, we all went home in order to finish packing and prepare for the upcoming trip.

On Tuesday morning, we left bright and early from the Baumgart home and headed eastward. Our first stop was near St. Louis at the Cahokia Mounds. To our surprise, the visitor center was closed. It was going to open the next day. The mounds were still open for climbing, so we decided to hike to the top anyway. We made a plan



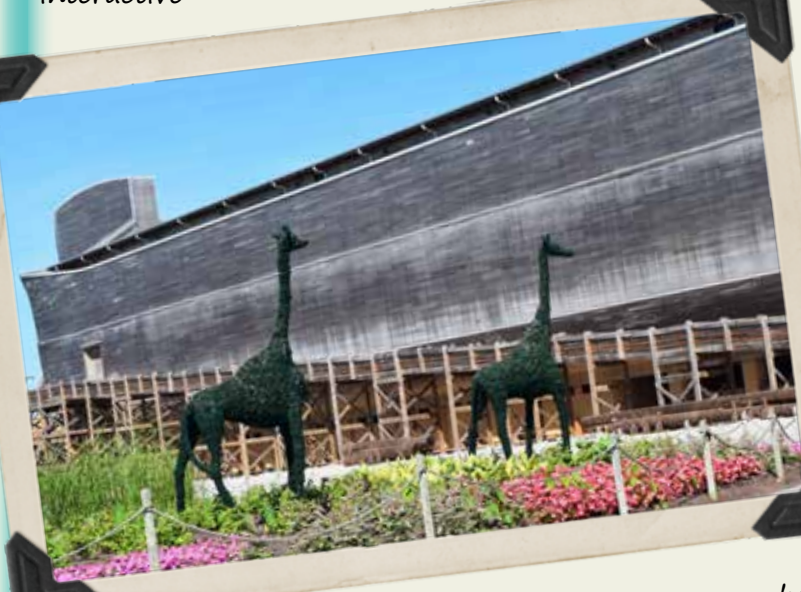
# ARK Encounter

The next day, we tackled the Ark Encounter. It is a replica of Noah's ark from the Bible. It was built based on the information given in Genesis. The interns had an interesting day learning about various ways the ark could have functioned, the kinds of animals on board, and how the people could have tended the animals. Around the ark was a zoo filled with a variety of different animals from tortoises to llamas. A few of the interns and staff took camel rides and participated in the interactive



Serpentine Mound

high platform in order to get a better view of the large structure. After that, we continued traveling back toward home. As we drove, the exhaustion of travels set in, and small bits of contention developed. Once we were at our hotel, we gathered together for evening devotions to talk about the day. Many interns decided that prayer was needed. By the end of the evening, peace had been restored once again to the group. On the final day of the trip, we stopped back at the Cahokia visitor center and walked through their displays before heading back home.



animal displays. The Book of Mormon interns also had the opportunity to attend a southern gospel concert and hear a speech by Ken Ham. After the day was over, the interns had a new appreciation for the book of Genesis. The Creation Museum was the plan for Thursday. The museum offers outdoor gardens, various exhibits and food vendors.

# Creation Museum

We all enjoyed walking through the gardens, watching a 4D presentation about the creation and learning about the vastness of the universe in the planetarium. On Friday, we traveled to the Serpentine Mound. It is a large, snake-shaped mound in southern Ohio. We climbed up to a





# Week Five

After a service at Oak Grove on Wednesday evening, all of the interns, Internship alumni and friends gathered at Lynn and Sugar's house for a birthday celebration. It was an evening filled with fun, fellowship and lots of ice cream.

Sue Manning, manager of the Book of Mormon Foundation, invited the interns to her home for

Our fifth week of the Internship began with our first church presentation at the Knob Noster Restoration Branch.

Though we were all nervous about sharing in front of the crowd, we were all very blessed by the spirit of the service.

We spent the afternoon at the Hons' home. Several of us took the opportunity to find a comfortable spot and dozed off throughout the afternoon. We went back to



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having our classes as normal. Several of these classes focused on the archaeology of the Book of Mormon and tangible evidences of its existence in Central America.

homemade beignets before they went to move books into storage for the Foundation. The interns got together later in the week to watch movies together.

One of the highlights of the week was the trip to Lamoni. On Saturday, the interns traveled to Iowa to spend a day touring Graceland University, eating pizza at a local shop, and looking at Josh Jordison's animals. We all stayed in the Jordisons' home and had a service at the Mount Ayr Restoration Branch the next morning.

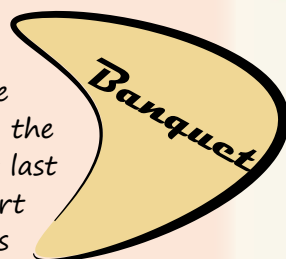


Everyone involved was all right, but our service was delayed. We all prayed for those in the accident, and a few of the interns led the congregation in a hymn sing prior to their arrival. Soon, everyone arrived at the church. Though the two were a little rattled, they were still able to stand and share their testimonies with the congregation.

Our service project that week was at Center Place Restoration School. All 14 of us grabbed brushes and painted the cafeteria and the kindergarten hallway. It's amazing what a coat of paint can do.

We left the Lamoni area and headed back to Missouri. We arrived at home to a sudden change of scheduling; our evening service was earlier than we anticipated. We had to hurry to the Outreach Restoration Branch. The rain had been coming down pretty hard that day and, on the way there, two of the interns, Andrew Hon and Olivia English, were in a minor car accident.

Afterward, we came over once again to the Baumgart home to relax and spend time with one another. It was at this time when Lynn and Sugar told us we had been exposed to a few people who tested positive for Covid-19 and we would have to change plans for our banquet at the end of the Internship. We spent our last few days together at the Baumgart home. Thankfully, our banquet was still happening. Everyone who had been invited to the event was notified of the new information and could decide whether or not they still wanted to attend. While a few people decided not to attend, the banquet was still a lovely evening. We laughed together and got to share how much the Internship meant to us. While still dressed up in our fancy attire, we decided to go to the grocery store and pick up some ice cream. We finished the evening by eating ice cream and sharing our favorite group memories.



## *T.J. Beacham*

A major reason why I wanted to become an intern was because I wanted to learn how to effectively teach and explain my beliefs. I also wanted to be able to give facts and do it confidently. When I learned this year's theme was specifically witnessing for Christ and being able to share the gospel, I knew this was exactly what I was looking for. Many of the classes have given me amazing pointers, facts, scriptures, techniques and resources to learn more. I couldn't have asked for anything better. It was perfect, and now I'm only waiting on the perfect opportunity to test what I've learned and witness for Christ!

Before the Internship started, I was feeling really down. I felt myself slipping away from God's presence and the path he wanted me to take. Yet, as soon as the Internship started and we had our first gathering, I immediately felt better. I felt I truly belonged with these people! This Internship wasn't just a group of people thrown together to spend six weeks together. It is a team, a family chosen to be together during this time. What they have done for each other and me is more than I could ever ask. This is a family I didn't know I was missing until I had it. I wouldn't trade the time I have spent with them and love I have felt for anything in this world.

## *Joseph Beem*

**Pray over everything.**

**Even for what you're supposed to pray for.**

Every Wednesday, we have a fasting service at the Book of Mormon Foundation. As well as a good devotional-type message, Rich Rowland asked for a few prayers to be said before he continued. I was

reminded of something my Father told me years before, *pray for what you are supposed to pray for*. I remember when I first heard it, I scoffed. I didn't realize how little I understood about prayer at that time. Thankfully, I've matured from that point, and I hope to continue in that learning.

When Rich requested prayers, I started praying for clarity of mind and heart, as well as to be open to the leadings of the Spirit. As a few people volunteered to say prayers, I was trying to "form" a prayer in my head for what I was going to say. I came up with the first four or five words. Other than that, nothing "I" was able to come up with felt right. I now had an opportunity to say a prayer, so I decided to act on it. I started with those first few words then I was speechless. I felt a rush of the Spirit and words came to my mind. They were said, and the rest of the prayer just flowed out behind it.

Once I was done, I didn't know how to take what just happened or what to do. The service continued and was very good.

Then, we just continued our day. That evening, as a group, we decided to go to Colbern Road for church. Once again, we had a good service.

Afterwards, Hailey Norman came to me and said my prayer that afternoon, was what she needed to hear. Each thing I prayed for was something she was praying about.

I would like for people to understand and know that nothing is by chance or luck. We can either be open to the leadings of the Holy Spirit and have that opportunity to help someone, or we can be obstinate and wish to control everything we see.

*Give me right words, O Lord; speak and thy servant shall hear thee; attend unto my cry, and give ear unto my prayer. I come not unto thee out of feigned lips.* (Psalms 17:1 IV/KJV)



## *Anna Burford*

For our first service project, we went to Team Jesus to clean up the outside of their building. Team Jesus' goal is to bring ministry to the Beloved homeless. After we did our work, the pastor took us on a tour of the building and explained how they help the homeless. One thing that the pastor kept saying to us was, "Meet their needs, and then you can share with them about Jesus." One of the places that particularly caught my interest was the two rooms he said they were going to make into clinics for doctors and provide much needed care for the Beloved. I felt this nudge in my heart saying, "You could help." I thought that was an interesting thought. I am going to start school this fall to become a dental hygienist. After I had that thought placed in my head, I mentioned to one of the interns standing next to me that it would be cool if I could volunteer to help there. The nudge

prayed. The last thing he prayed for was for me, asking the Lord to bless me, and he thanked the Lord for me. That was pretty overwhelming, as I was having questions run through my head about how I would even begin to provide this help. I was then reminded of my Patriarchal Blessing, in which I was told that many are crying, hurting and losing hope and, that I am to bring that hope to them and to share the love of God with them. I do not know what the Lord has planned for the future, but I do know that He will provide the way for me to do His will. I am so glad I did listen to the nudging in my heart, and I took that step of faith.

## *Olivia English*

About a week into the Internship, I was feeling a lot less nervous than I was before it started. I still had some concerns about some aspects of the rest of the Internship and about some things in my own life. I also wasn't exactly sure if I was fitting into the group well enough. I was trying to deal with some of these concerns throughout the second week. For the first couple of days, it was really worrying me, and I was having a little trouble concentrating during our classes. I prayed God could take these concerns from me. On Wednesday, during our prayer and fasting service, there was a fellow intern who offered a prayer that really spoke to me. They actually prayed for some of the things that had been weighing on my heart. It really gave me a moment of peace from my doubts and reminded me that God is willing to take those worries away from me, if I am just willing to give them to Him.



became stronger as we went through the tour. I told our female staff I would like to volunteer my time. Then, I felt this incredible push to tell the pastor of this desire in my heart. I heard the voice in my head tell me that it was not enough to tell my friends, that I needed to tell the pastor. Just before we left, I told him about my dental hygiene schooling and how I wanted to volunteer my time to clean the Beloved's teeth. He got so excited, his face just glowed. He said, "I am going to hold you to that! I am going to be looking for you!" As we were leaving, the pastor

## *Andrew Hon*

I just got finished playing football and started my car. It made a loud noise, and I saw smoke coming out of my hood when I got on the road. I looked up a place to get it fixed and the place I found was Christian Brothers Automotive. When I got there, it looked like there were a lot of cars waiting to get fixed, so I went to the Jiffy Lube right next to Christian Brothers. I got my oil changed and a new filter. My belt also broke, so I needed a new belt. Jiffy Lube couldn't get to the belt, so

they told me to go to Christian Brothers. I went there and tried to open the door, but it was locked. Thankfully, though, the owner was in the store with his aunt. He opened the door, and told me they were actually closed, but to bring my car over there to him, and he would take a look at it. He looked at it and told me he couldn't get it fixed today, but he could get it in on Monday when they open. Then, he gave me a ride home, and we started talking about the church and that I was in the Book of Mormon Internship and what all we are doing. When I went in to pick up my car on Monday, the guy said he was going to need to get paperwork for it, but only came back with keys and said I was good to go. I asked him how much it cost me, but he told me the owner paid for it all! GOD IS GOOD!

times of struggle. Although there were times I felt like God wasn't super close to us, I can see now, looking back, that He has been closer to us more than ever. There wouldn't have been any struggles if He had been far away. I'm so very grateful for



### *Isabell Jordison*

At the beginning of the Internship, a strange rash appeared on my leg. It wasn't bad at first but, as the Internship went on, it got worse and worse. About a week before the internship trip, I asked to get administered to after one of our fasting services. I asked that they would pray for the rash to be gone before our big trip. A couple of days went by, and the rash actually started to get worse. Sadly, I started to doubt my rash would be gone before the trip. The more days that went by, the more concerned I became. About four days before the trip, I went to Urgent Care. They gave me some medication to put on it. I used it once, and then I lost it. I couldn't find it anywhere! I decided to pray, because in the Internship, we pray about everything. Right after my prayer, I heard the still small voice say, "I will heal it without that stuff." I thought to myself "well you only have a couple of days to do that." Lo and behold, I woke up the day of the trip, and the rash was gone. I shouldn't have been so surprised. God is powerful, and He cares for every single one of us. This entire Internship has been an experience of seeing God's power persevere during

this experience and what it has taught me about chasing God, no matter what we are going through.

### *Josh Jordison*

I think I can easily say that the Internship has been one of the best experiences of my life. It is truly life-changing. There are many reasons for this. One is the amount of classes we have, each focusing on aspects such as talking to Evangelicals and, witnessing to people on a plane and the archeology that supports the Book of Mormon. Another reason the Internship is a great experience is the people who teach the classes and the connections we make with them. Another life-changing element is all of the AMAZING and WONDERFUL food we have, which helps us leave a different size than when we came in. To me, the most important element of the Internship is the bond that is formed together. It is so strong, even as I write this testimony, I'm hit with the love I feel for my fellow Interns.

I had a few close friends while growing up but not much more. I'm not really an outgoing person,

and I usually stay quiet. To add to this, I didn't like going to camps. I had a few people who knew me and a few people I knew, but that resulted in a hole. When I got to college, I found myself alone in many ways. I had friends I made, but I didn't have people of the same church to spend time with. I was going around life with nothing but God, who I asked many times to be with me when I felt lonely. I would pray that, at some point, I would find people that were not just good, but righteous. God answered that prayer by placing me in the Internship. We have done a lot in the short six weeks, and every week we've grown closer and closer together. It's wonderful. It's what I have needed in my life. The friendships I have made are built on the strongest foundation you can have, Christ. The bond we have together will last us our lifetime. It's so important for that to be true as the world seems to be heading for destruction. God is moving and working with His people, having 13 people to rely on is comforting. Knowing there are 13 friends who will help build Zion is wonderful. I am truly blessed and thank God with all my heart for my friends and the time we have had in the Internship.

### *Hailey Norman*

Two years ago, I would never have imagined myself doing the Book of Mormon Internship. I had sworn it off, saying to myself that I would never do it. I had already been on several mission trips outside the country before. I already felt fulfilled in that area of my life. I had once said that if I ever did the Internship, it would not be the in-country year. I had no desire to talk to protesters about the Book of Mormon. No way, that was not for me. Well, obviously the Lord had a different plan.

In December 2019, something happened in my life that flipped my whole world upside down. I had no idea what I was supposed to do with my future. I hit rock bottom. I needed to know what the Lord wanted me to do next. I prayed and asked Him. As soon as I prayed, I heard a voice in my head telling me to do the Book of

Mormon Internship. I knew that it was direction from my Heavenly Father. Instead of freaking out and overthinking it (like I usually do with most things), I sent in the application the next day. I knew it was the in-country year, but I wasn't worried. I felt complete peace about the whole thing.

Because of this decision, many doors have been opened for me to talk about the gospel with others. All of my coworkers were asking about my Internship. One of them went to dinner with me, and I shared with her for over an hour about the church. She was very receptive. No one at work ever judged me or looked at me differently when they found out I believed in the Book of Mormon. It helped me become more comfortable and open about sharing my beliefs with others. I was even able to give one of my friends a Book of Mormon.

Sometimes God takes things away from us to give us something much better. We may not see the fruit of it right away, but a seed is always planted. Then, He waters us and helps us grow. Soon enough, we see the fruit coming from that seed.

Just applying to the Internship has changed my life. I'm so thankful I listened to that still small voice that was pulling me out of my comfort zone.

### *Kaetlyn Parker*

Looking back on the last few weeks, one thing specifically stood out to me. During week two, we had some intense apologetics classes, which were fantastic, but they left me feeling a little disheartened. There are so many things people fight about, and that wasn't at all the intention of Christ's gospel. Because of the world we live in, some people may never see eye-to-eye, and that's a hard concept for me to come to terms with. A



few days later we had a service project. I went in questioning how it would go, because the people involved weren't Restorationists. Once we got there, we were greeted kindly and enthusiastically. Team Jesus, the organization we helped, specializes in meeting the needs of the homeless and the many people on the streets. The love of Christ overflowed through these people. We took a tour and saw how needs were being met. My heart filled with joy, because I was thrilled to see people doing God's work, wherever they are in life. I believe God used this experience to give me a little pep talk saying, "Look, Kaetlyn, people are still following me and doing good in my name. There is hope, because I am the hope." That was just what I needed. Yes, there are disagreements and hard things we will walk through. There will also be people who seek Jesus and, through that common bond, do so much to glorify God.

### *Joshua Sperry*

One thing that stood out to me in the Book of Mormon Internship was an activity we did with Rebecca Cornish. It was an example of our need to work together and how all parts contribute to the whole. We needed to travel to a destination without touching the ground. We each had a board about one foot in length. Half were three feet by three feet, and the other half were one foot by four feet. We had to make it about 80 feet. Here is the kicker... we could not lose contact with a board at any time. If we did, we would lose it permanently. It started very simple. We decided that dexterous people should be in the front and back so we would be able to move easier. We also decided that we needed people to be anchors to hold the dexterous people

to make it easier to pick the boards up without losing contact with them. One mistake, and we lost a board. Pretty soon, we had lost four boards. Suddenly, it got very cramped on the boards. We had 14 people on ten small boards. We had made it only about 20 feet. We were offered ways to make it easier after another 20 feet. One was a square of carpet. The only stipulation was, if we lost it, we would lose two boards. After much deliberation, we decided to take the deal. We started to get a rhythm, and started to work well. Eventually, we were able to reach our destination. I decided to keep my foot on the last one that was placed to relieve some of the stress, and I helped be a support at the end. It made me more aware, because I was an anchor. I usually don't talk much in new places. It made me think about how essential each individual is in the church. Quiet people can often be anchors for others. We sometimes get excited to move forward and forget about the people we leave behind us. We need the skills of all the members of Christ's body. Without one person, we cannot accomplish the task that is set before us. Everyone is important in our churches. Even if we don't see what people are good at, it is often those people that we need the most. Sometimes they are scared to share their talents and skills. They can be scared of what people might say about them, or don't see their own skills and can degrade themselves. It is often the quiet ones that get overlooked, and we need to make sure their skills are appreciated. We also need to help the ones behind us and make sure we take them with us.

### *Jessica Tandy*

The Internship classes have been a great blessing in fortifying my faith. One aspect that has stood out to me is that God is sovereign over everything that happens. Several teachers referenced D&C 2:1: *The works, and the designs, and the purposes of God, cannot be frustrated, neither can they come to naught....* We studied this



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principle in the lives of the Book of Mormon people, the coming forth of the Book of Mormon in the latter day, and through God's ultimate plan for the restoration of the house of Israel and the coming of His kingdom. Seeing how God worked through history has strengthened my trust in Him, and I know His work will be completed. Another impactful aspect was the evidence of the Book of Mormon's validity. Archaeological, historical, and textual—there is so much proof that the events described truly occurred and that the book is God's holy word. This deep study of the Book of Mormon has increased my confidence in the truth of the scriptures. I am thankful for the chance to learn from those who have devoted their lives to studying God's word, so that my foundation may become stronger.

*Christopher Vickery*

When God called me to the Book of Mormon Internship, I did not know what He had in store. I believed I would encounter a group of people who loved God, and wanted to build Zion. I was not disappointed. God knit us together from the very first day.

He moved among us with quiet miracles. Several of us were healed of sickness and others were granted wisdom and discernment. Some were given prophecy and revelation, and all were protected from harm. God strengthened our love for each other with these events, as well as through our fellowship and conversations.

I had few friends while growing up, but now God has granted me much more than friends, He has granted me brothers and sisters in the faith. I can serve God and build up His kingdom with my

brothers and sisters.

I have searched a long time to find people such as these. God has answered my prayers and shown His love to me through them

Thank you, Father in heaven! Thank you, Jesus, for your great and tender mercies and your condescension to my low estate! All power, honor and glory be to your holy name! Amen!

*Taylor Morrison*

*2020 Intern Staff*

I was concerned, as a staff member, about coming to the Internship this year. I saw a wide range of personalities and opinions and was not sure how they would fit together. However, I trusted in God and He proved me wrong. From the first day, these twelve individuals began to bond more than I had expected. They immediately came together, welcomed each other, and wanted to spend all their time together. They had bonded together! That's not to say we were completely free of trials. We had our struggles but many times God worked in the group to bring us back together. More than once, we were presented with an interpersonal conflict of some kind and we often did not know what to do except pray. Things always worked out great and the group came back together again. A couple of times someone stepped up and took care of the issues better than we ever could have done. God worked within the group more than I could have hoped for, and as I said, I was proven wrong about my concerns. The team was brought together by God, and I certainly feel blessed to have been a part of the Internship this year.