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Nehor and the Order of Nehors

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When Alma arrived at the City of Ammonihah, he began to preach the word of God to the Nephites. However, Satan had a great hold upon the hearts of the people, and they would not hearken to Alma's teachings. Unceremoniously, he was cast out of their great city. He had wrestled with God in mighty prayer that God would pour out His spirit upon the Nephites of this wicked city. He desired with all his heart that God would grant that they might be baptized unto repentance. Nevertheless, they hardened their hearts.

They said, "Behold, we know that thou art Alma; and we know that thou art high priest over the church which thou hast established in many parts of the land, according to your tradition; And we are not of thy church, and we do not believe in such foolish traditions. And now we know that because we are not of thy church, we know that thou hast no power over us; and thou hast delivered up the judgment seat unto Nephiah; therefore, thou art not the chief judge over us." (Alma 6:12-15 RLDS, Alma 8:11-12 LDS)

By their own declaration, we can see that these people were very knowledge-

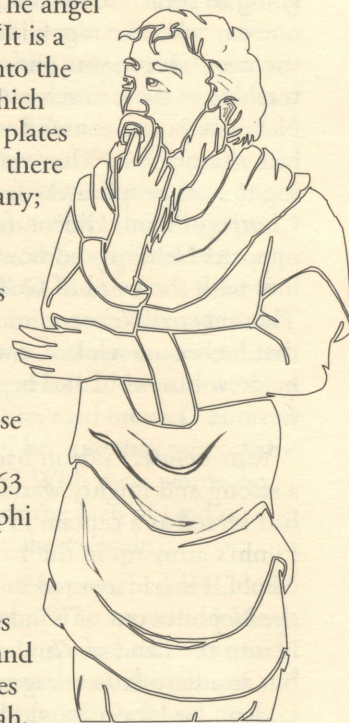
able and had communication skills that kept them abreast of what was going on in different parts of the land. It is important to note that they said, "We are not of thy church!" And so, to whose church did they belong?

These hard-hearted, stiff-necked people opposed Alma in everything he said. They reviled him, and they spit upon him! More than likely, Alma must have found it hard to believe that the people of Ammonihah were familiar with the Mosaic law. As Alma slowly picked himself up from the ground, he brushed the dust off his robe with both hands. He undoubtedly wondered why he had not been treated more hospitably. After all, the Nephites did live under the law of Moses, which made provision for strangers. Alma was certainly a stranger in this strange place, but no one had invited him into his or her home, and no one had offered him food or drink, though he was hungry and thirsty because he had fasted for many days on their behalf. Surely, they must have been aware of the scriptures written upon the plates of brass (and in the Bible, too) which said, "And if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not vex him.

But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself..." (Leviticus 19:33-34). (When Lehi searched the plates of brass, "He beheld that they did contain the five books of Moses..." (I Nephi 1:158,159 RLDS, I Nephi 5:10-11 LDS). Nephi saw, in vision, that the Gentiles upon this land of promise had a book (the Bible). The angel said to him, "It is a record like unto the engravings which are upon the plates of brass, save there are not so many; nevertheless, they contain the covenants of the Lord which he hath made unto the house of Israel..." (I Nephi 3:163 RLDS, 1 Nephi 13:23 LDS).

As I was writing stories about Alma and his experiences at Ammonihah, I grieved for Alma as well as for the people. I prayed and pondered over the events that took place. I asked the Lord why the Ammonihahites were so rude and abusive to Alma. The Holy Spirit directed me to the most important trial that marked Alma's first year as the chief judge over all the Land of Zarahemla.

In the book of Alma 1:1-24 RLDS, Alma 1:1-16 LDS, is the account of a man whose name was Nehor. He was a large man and was well-known for



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his great strength. He went among the people preaching what he termed was the word of God. He also criticized the Church of God. He said that every teacher or priest ought to become popular and ought to be supported by the people. He taught that all mankind should be saved at the last day. The Lord had created all men and had also redeemed all men. In the end, all men should have eternal life.

Many believed the deceitful words of Nehor. They supported him and gave him money, for he soothed their "itching ears." He became very proud and wore costly clothing. He even established his own church. He was going to preach to his followers one day when he met Gideon on the way. Gideon was one of the teachers in the Church of God. Nehor began to contend with him sharply, for Nehor was striving to lead people away from the Church of God. Gideon faithfully opposed Nehor by admonishing him with the word of God. This angered Nehor so much that he became violent. Swiftly, he drew his sword and began to smite Gideon.

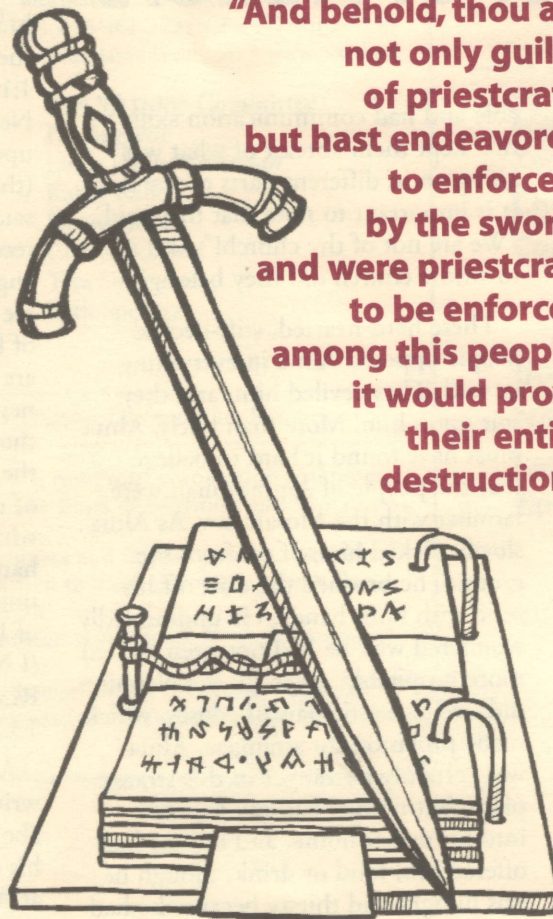
Years before, Gideon had been a strong and mighty warrior. He had served as a captain in King Limhi's army up in the Land of Nephi. He had assisted in leading the Nephites out of bondage safely into the Land of Zarahemla, but steadfast and courageous Gideon no longer fought with the sword. He glorified in the word of God, for it was sharper than a two-edged sword. Now, in the sunset years of his life, Gideon delighted in being valiant in the testimony of Jesus Christ. However, Gideon was frail and unable to withstand the heavy blows of an enraged man, and he was slain.

Nehor was taken to Alma by the people of the church to be judged for his crime. Boldly, Nehor pleaded his case before Alma, the chief judge. Alma said

to him, "Behold, this is the first time that priestcraft has been introduced among this people. And behold, thou art not only guilty of priestcraft, but hast endeavored to enforce it by the sword; and were priestcraft to be enforced among this people, it would prove their entire destruction. . . . Therefore, thou art condemned to die, according to the law."

They took Nehor to the top of the Hill Manti where he suffered an ignominious death. Before he died, he acknowledged that he had taught things that were contrary to the word of God. Nevertheless, this did not put

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an end to the spreading of priestcraft through the land; for there were many who loved the vain things of the world, and they went forth preaching false doctrines; and this they did for the sake of riches and honor.

And now, let us return to the scene at Ammonihah, where Alma had just been cast out. His heart was heavy with sorrow. His soul was filled with anguish because of the wickedness

of his brethren. Reluctantly, he turned his back upon the city and set his face toward the city of Aaron.

An angel of the Lord appeared to him and told Alma to rejoice, for he had been faithful in keeping the commandments of God from the time that he had received the first message from him. He said, "I am he that delivered it unto you; and behold, I am sent to command thee that thou return to the city of Ammonihah and preach again unto them; yea, preach unto them. Yea, say unto them, except they repent, the Lord God will destroy them. For behold, they do study at the time that they may destroy the liberty of thy people, (for thus saith the Lord), which is contrary to the statutes and judgments and commandments which He has given unto His people!"

Alma rejoiced, for the same angel that had appeared to him and the four sons of Mosiah had visited him again! No longer did his head droop in sorrow. He was light-footed as he immediately turned about and returned to Ammonihah. This time, he reentered the city by way of the south gate. He was befriended by Amulek, who had also been visited by an angel of the Lord concerning Alma. Alma's physical needs were met, and he tarried with Amulek for many days.

They waited upon the Lord until they were commanded to go prophesy and preach. They were filled with the Holy Ghost and power from on high. They called the people to repentance.

Foremost among all of the wicked lawyers who were after the order of Nehors was a man called Zeezrom. He was an expert in the devices of the devil and was very busy in his profession. The object of these lawyers was to get gain which depended on how much work they find. Therefore, unbeknownst to the citizens, they were responsible for inciting riots and disturbances that they might have more work. They were now stirring the people up to anger against Alma and Amulek.

Zeezrom offered Amulek six pieces of silver if he would deny the existence of a supreme being, but Amulek boldly refused to deny God. He also declared that the son of God would not save the people in their sins. He would come into the world to redeem His people and take the transgressions of those who believe upon His name.

“And if ye believe upon His name, ye will repent of all your sins, that thereby ye may have a remission of them through His merits.” (Helaman 5:67 RLDS, Helaman 14:13 LDS). Nevertheless, the wicked remain as though there had been no redemption made, except it be the loosening of the bands of death. Amulek said further that all shall rise from the dead and stand before God to be judged. He gave a marvelous description of the uniting of the spirit and the body in its perfect form, etc.

Alma then proceeded to tell Zeezrom how he had been caught in his lies to deceive and destroy Amulek. Before the multitude that was present, Alma said to Zeezrom, “Thou hast not lied unto men only, but thou hast lied unto God; for behold, he knows all thy thoughts . . . and thou seest that thy thoughts are made known unto us by His Spirit . . . and we know that thy plan was a very subtle one, to lie and deceive this people. Behold, I say unto you all, that this was a snare of the adversary, which he has laid to catch this people that he might bring you into subjection unto him, that he might encircle you about with his chains, that he might chain you down to everlasting destruction, according to the power of his captivity.”

The multitude was astonished at Alma’s words, but Zeezrom trembled, for he was convinced of the power of God. However, the others of his profession were blinded by Satan, and they hardened their hearts against the word of God. Zeezrom inquired diligently of Alma because he wanted to know more about the kingdom of God.

This gave Alma the opportunity to expound on life after death and how we must all stand before God to be judged. He said that our words and our works will condemn us. He warned that those who die in their sins will also die a spiritual death. Their torment shall be as a lake of fire and brimstone. They shall be as though there had been no redemption made; for they cannot be redeemed according to God’s justice; and they cannot die, seeing there is no more corruption.

He spoke of Adam and Eve and the fall of man and how God granted man a space of time for repentance. Thus this life became a probationary state; a time to prepare to meet God, a time

these shall enter into my rest. And whosoever will harden his heart, and will do iniquity, behold . . . he shall not enter into my rest.” (His rest is His glory.)

After preaching and teaching, many believed upon the words of Alma and Amulek. The people began to repent and to study the scriptures. The majority of the people wanted to destroy Alma and Amulek, for they were angry at the plainness of their words. False witnesses testified against Alma and Amulek, and they were taken and bound. All of the men who believed the two prophets were cast out of the city and stoned. The wives and the children and other believers, along with their scriptures, were burned in the fire.

Alma and Amulek were compelled to watch all the horrible things that were done to the believers. After this awful, tragic event was over, the chief judge of the land of Ammonihah smote Alma and Amulek on their cheeks. With great sarcasm he said, “After what ye have seen, will ye preach again unto this people, that they shall be cast into a lake of fire and brimstone? Behold, ye see that ye had not power to save these who had been cast into the fire; neither has God saved them because they were of thy faith.” With these words, he struck the men of God on their cheeks again.

At this point, I asked God again, “Why were the leading men in Ammonihah so cruel and hateful to the men of

God and to those who believed upon their words?” The answer was obvious as the spirit of God revealed it through the written word. The chief judge was after the order of Nehor, as were his associates, who were lawyers, judges, priests and teachers. They were of the profession of Nehor (Alma 10:59, 61 RLDS, Alma 14:16-18 LDS).

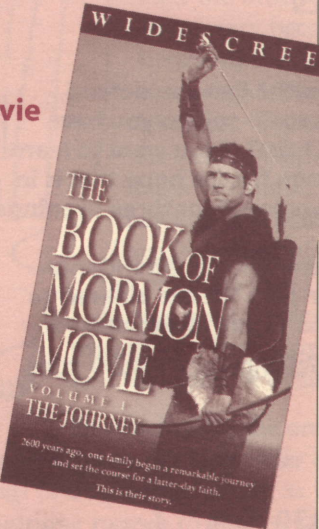
They hated Alma with a passion because they remembered he had sentenced Nehor to death for the crimes of priestcraft and murder. Nehor was their leader, and they were of his church

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to prepare for that endless state after the resurrection of the dead. God sent angels to converse with men, and they called on God in mighty prayer. Therefore, God conversed with man and made known the plan of redemption that they should not do evil; otherwise, they would suffer a second death, a spiritual death.

Alma explained how God said, “. . . Whosoever repenteth, and hardeneth not his heart, he shall have claim on mercy through mine only begotten Son, unto a remission of his sins; and

or profession. This happened about 10 years before; but they would yet avenge their master's dishonorable death. Not only did Nehor slay Gideon, but he sought to enforce his beliefs with the sword. Alma had said to him, "And were priestcraft to be enforced among this people, it would prove their entire destruction . . ."

This is why the leaders of Ammonihah wanted nothing to do with Alma. They knew who he was and what he believed, and they wanted no part of it, and they cast him out of their city. The angel who commanded him to return said something very important. He said, "... they do study at this time that they may destroy the liberty of thy people . . ." Liberty is freedom from restraint or control, from bondage and slavery. From the beginning, Satan desired to enforce his will upon mankind.

God said, "And he came before Me saying, Behold, I, send me, I will be thy son, and I will redeem all mankind, that

one soul shall not be lost, and surely I will do it; wherefore, give me Thine honor.

"But behold, my beloved Son, which was my beloved and chosen from the beginning, said unto Me: Father, Thy will be done, and the glory be Thine forever.

"Wherefore, because Satan rebelled against Me, and sought to destroy the agency of man, which I, the Lord God, had given him, and also that I should give him Mine own power; by the power of Mine only begotten, I caused that he should be cast down; and he became Satan;

"Yea, even the devil, the father of all lies, to deceive, and to blind men and to lead them captive at his will, even as many as would not hearken unto My voice." (Genesis 3:2-5 I.V.).

Alma declared to the people of Ammonihah that God was very angry with their iniquity. He pleaded with them to repent of their sins and not harden their hearts. Alma reminded them that when God gave these commandments,

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Neil Simmons

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Who are the Lamanites?

Neil Simmons

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The House of Israel Then The House of Israel Now

Verneil Simmons

October 21 and 28 † 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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Venna Johnson

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Temporal Survival in the Last Days

Dennis Moe

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Preparation of Your Dry-Pack Foods

Dennis Moe

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Comparison of New Testament Church Conditions to Current Church Conditions

Richard Neill

September 28, October 5, 12, and 19
9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

How to Prepare to Have an Active Part in the Great Endowment

Barbara Wilkinson

October 26, November 2 and 9
9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

he ordained priests after the holy order of His Son to teach these things. The people would then know to look forward to His Son for their redemption.

Alma said, "... They were ordained; being called and prepared from the foundation of the world, according to the foreknowledge of God on account of their exceeding faith and good works; in the first place being left to choose good or evil; Therefore they having chosen good, and exercising exceeding great faith, are called with a holy calling... while others would reject the Spirit of God on account of the hardness of their hearts and blindness of their minds, while, if it had not been for this, they might have had as great privilege as their brethren..." Please note that brethren is the plural of brother, which is confirming evidence that priesthood is male after the holy order of the Son of God.

The adversary hardened the hearts of the leading men of the city. They were very angry for the hard words which Alma had spoken to them. They were proud and arrogant and would not receive counsel.

The angel's message to Alma was confirmed when he said the leaders of Ammonihah were planning to destroy the liberty of the people. It was put into action when the people's freedom to choose to worship God was violently taken from them. The women and children were burned to death along with their scriptures, and the men were cast out of the city and stoned. They fled to the land of Sidon for safety and protection. Undoubtedly, all of their possessions were confiscated by those who sought for gain and glory. Therefore, it seems likely that liberty and agency are synonymous.

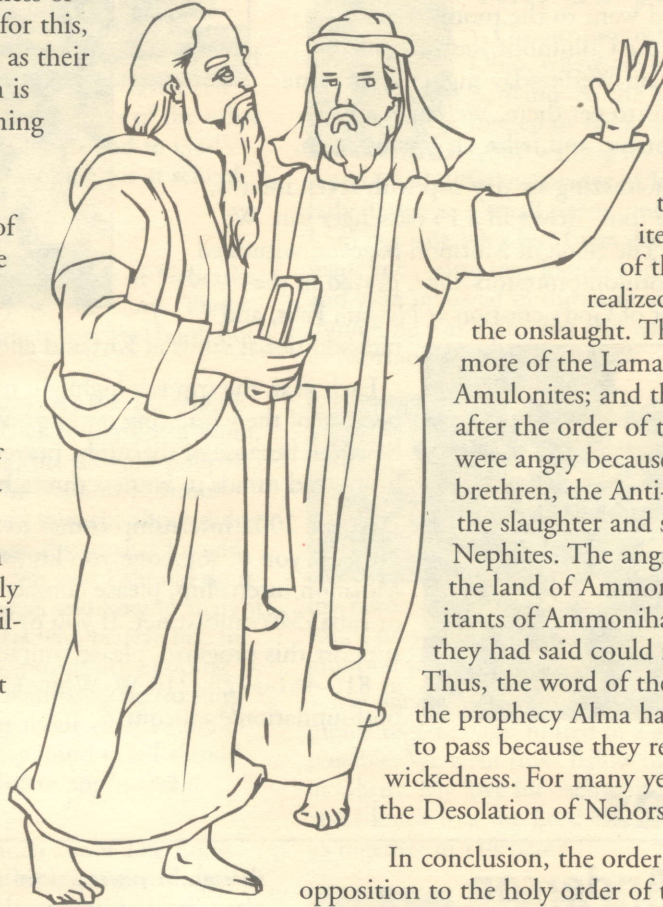
According to Noah Webster's 1828 Dictionary of the English Language, priestcraft is the stratagems and frauds of priests; fraud or imposition in religious concerns; management of selfish and ambitious priests to gain wealth and power or to impose on the credulity of others.

The following is what Nephi said about priestcraft: "He commandeth that there shall be no priestcrafts; for behold, priestcrafts are that men preach and set themselves up for a light unto the world, that they may get gain, and praise of the world; but they seek not the welfare of Zion" (II Nephi 11:106 RLDS, II Nephi 26:29 LDS).

When the four sons of Mosiah and their friends went up to the land of Nephi to take the gospel to the Lamanites, they parted company. Aaron went to the land of Jerusalem where the Lamanites, the Amalekites and the Amulonites had built the great city of Jerusalem. Amaleki and Amulon had formerly been Nephites who had fled into the wilderness

when they kidnapped 24 Lamanite maidens. These men and others had served as false priests under wicked King Noah.

Aaron, one of the sons of King Mosiah, preached in their synagogues, for they built these structures after the order of the Nehors. While preaching, Aaron was opposed by an Amalekite who was after the order of Nehor. He said he did not believe that the Son of God would come to redeem mankind from their sins; but he believed that God will save all men. Truly, Nehor's death did not stop his beliefs from spreading through the land.



The Anti-Nephi-Lehis had already buried their weapons of war with a covenant never to take them up again. They would rather be killed than break their covenant. The Lamanites had slain more than 1,000 of these converts when they realized they were not resisting

the onslaught. The account mentions that more of the Lamanites were Amalekites and Amulonites; and the majority of them were after the order of the Nehors. The warriors were angry because they had slain their own brethren, the Anti-Nephi-Lehis. They ceased the slaughter and swore vengeance upon the Nephites. The angry warriors went down to the land of Ammonihah and slew all the inhabitants of Ammonihah. Their great city, which they had said could never fall, fell in one day. Thus, the word of the Lord was fulfilled through the prophecy Alma had delivered to them. It came to pass because they refused to repent of their wickedness. For many years, this place was called the Desolation of Nehors.

In conclusion, the order of Nehor is in diametrical opposition to the holy order of the Son of God. The teachings of the Nehors of old, as well as of the Nehors of today, continue to seek to destroy our faith in the Son of God. They seek to obliterate the truth that Jesus Christ sacrificed His life to atone for our sins, but we can only come unto Him on the condition of repentance. As King Benjamin said, "... There shall be no other name given, nor any other way nor means whereby salvation can come unto the children of men, only in and through the name of Christ, the Lord Omnipotent... But men drink damnation to their own souls, except they humble themselves, and become as little children, and believe that salvation was, and is to come, in and through the atoning blood of Christ, the Lord Omnipotent..." (Mosiah 1:116,118 RLDS, Mosiah 3:17-18 LDS).

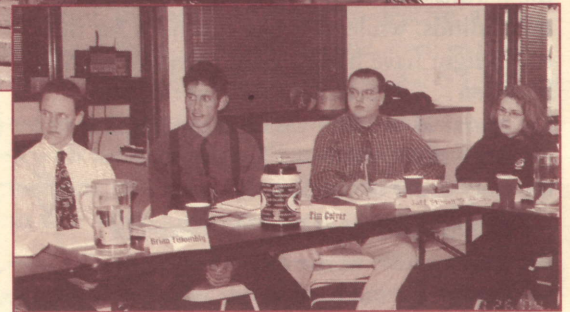
The order of Nehor is just one of the many forces at work in the world today. It is a subtle plan of the adversary, a snare, which the adversary of the souls of men nurtures carefully in the hearts of men like Nehor who seek fame, power and wealth. †

Internship 2004

By Bonnie Anderson, Co-Director with Kathy Gilmore

Our van pulled into the Holiday Inn after 10½ hours on the road. The longest stop of the day had been half an hour in a rest area to eat our sack lunches. We were on a tight schedule because we were on a mission. In less than 30 minutes, we would worship with the Columbus, Ohio, saints who had invited us to share our program of music, testimonies and a chalk talk. We quickly checked into our rooms, changed into our navy blue internship shirts and went to the room where the saints meet. Even though the Columbus Restoration Branch does not usually meet on Wednesday nights, they came for us — some driving an hour to get there. We felt it a privilege to spend two hours in worship and fellowship with them.

This was our first stop on an amazing six-day trip with seven interns, two staff, one director and one “bus” driver in a 15 passenger van. We visited historical sites, enjoyed The Book of Mormon pageant, witnessed to both Mormons and anti-Mormon protestors alike, prayed in the Grove, saw the awesome power of God’s creation at Niagara Falls, and



met additional saints at Kirtland and the Temple Grove reunion.

Each year, the trip is a highlight of the six-week internship program because of the witnessing opportunities it presents. It is successful, however, because of the study, prayer, fasting and service which prepare hearts and minds to witness through love in word and deed.

As the 2004 internship comes to a close, we begin looking forward to 2005. If you or someone you know would like to apply for The Book of Mormon internship, please contact Bonnie Anderson at 816-229-2823 or eaba55@comcast.net. If you or your branch would like to financially support this program, please contact The Book of Mormon Foundation at 816-461-3722, 210 W. White Oak, Independence, MO 64050, or bmfoundation@aol.com. †



Testimonies



Brandy Anderson

On the internship trip to New York, we attended The Book of Mormon pageant at Hill Cumorah. We walked to the top of the hill and talked to the people in the pageant. We had decided to talk to the protestors, but as we approached, I became nervous and decided I had nothing to say that would matter in the long run. I thought it would be easier to talk to the Mormons, so that is what I did.

I kept having this pressing feeling, however, that I should return to where the protestors were yelling and that I should talk to some of them. Another intern and I approached a protester who was yelling back and forth with some Mormon girls. It was very upsetting to me to see all the contention and arguing. I realized that the only way I could understand this man’s point of view would be to go up and talk with him. I also hoped that it would get him to stop yelling.

So, with all the courage I had, I walked up to him with the other intern. He stopped yelling, and we had a very good conversation. We attempted to establish some common ground,

though he never agreed that we believe in the same Jesus. This was a great testimony, though, because I knew that without God I would not have had the courage to go up and speak to the protester. I also know that as I follow God, each time I witness to others it will be easier.



Laura Euritt

I attend Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri. I have always thrown myself into many activities, and college was no exception. During my freshman year, I was a photographer for the yearbook, joined the services and Bible studies of the campus Christian Fellowship, joined a freshman honor society and volunteered to be a representative for my dorm house in the residential living senate.

During my second year of school, I found many of these groups were not fulfilling my desire to serve others and God. I gave up some of those responsibilities while I looked for something to use my time for God. I applied to be a student advisor and, after two months of trials and interviews, I did not get

accepted. I then missed the deadlines for a couple of service sororities. I was a little frustrated, but I continued praying, and I had faith that God would lead me to what he wanted me to do. I knew that God had a better plan for me than the party scene which is so prevalent on campus.

In March, I went to an older youth retreat in Odessa. My new friends encouraged me to apply for The Book of Mormon Foundation internship. At first I decided not to apply, but I felt the spirit urging me to do so. I got my application papers in before the deadline which was in five days. After my interview, I was accepted, and I already see God working more in my life.

I came into this internship with many desires in my heart. I had prayed for a testimony, courage to share Jesus Christ, and a closer relationship with Him. All of these things have been given to me because of my willingness and support of the other interns. Because I have given my time to others and to God's work, I have found the fulfillment I was looking for at school.



Brian Twombly

Last school year at the University of Nebraska, I began to feel separated from the saints. There were some other church members at school, but we were small in number.

One night in particular, I had been spending time with some friends but when I got back to my dorm room, I felt lonely. As I sat on my bed thinking, the thought popped into my mind that I should apply for The Book of Mormon Foundation internship this summer. I had thought about doing the internship before, but my attitude was always that I could do it sometime. This night I specifically felt that I should do it this summer to learn more about the gospel and how to share it with others and to spend time with others who believe like me. Over the next few weeks, I looked at the possibility of doing other business internships, but nothing seemed to be working out. As time went on and I kept praying about what I should do this summer, the thought stayed in my mind that I should apply for the internship. Finally, I decided to apply, and it turned out that I was accepted.

In the internship, I have learned so much about The Book of Mormon and some things that I need to implement in my life. We have shared The Book of Mormon and the gospel with others. I have also had the wonderful opportunity to become a team with the other interns, which has been such a great joy. Everything I was hoping for, God has provided.



Kelli Pedersen

We had been told a few details about what would be expected from us on our internship trip to New York. One thing that gave me some concern was witnessing to the evangelicals protesting The Book of Mormon pageant at Hill Cumorah. This was a source of intimidation for me until we had our last fasting service before the trip.

At this service, we were asked to write a prayer request or concern on a 3 x 5 card. We were to then pass this card to another person in the group. As we each prayed aloud for the person on the card, my eyes were opened and I could feel how much God loved the person I was praying for. This allowed me to look with new eyes on this person.

At the end of our service, John 4:17-18 was read. In verse 18, John said that "There is no fear in love." I took this with me and pondered it over the next couple of days and came to understand that the Lord loves the evangelicals just as much as He loves the person on my card — and all of us.

I was able to talk with the protesters at the pageant with this newly found knowledge fueling my desire. Not only did God give me the strength which I needed, but He also allowed me to understand our worth to our God and Maker.



Tim Colyer

On our internship trip, we stopped at Kirtland, Ohio, where we visited the Temple and historic Kirtland. At the Mormon Visitor Center, we were invited to spend some time in their art gallery while waiting for the tour to begin. The pictures represented different aspects of Joseph Smith's life. I was particularly drawn to a small portrait of Joseph combing Emma's hair. I am not sure why, but I was deeply touched by this picture. It made me realize that Joseph and Emma deeply loved each other and were involved in the common tasks of everyday life, even though he was a prophet and was chosen to bring The Book of Mormon to the world.



Roche'e Miller

The BMF interns took a trip to New York, stopping to visit saints and historic sites along the way. We covered a lot of miles in a stuffy van that was filled to the max. I left on the trip feeling very uneasy and concerned about leaving my home and being with the group all week. As I got into the van, I prayed that the Lord would calm my fears and bless the group as we set out on our journey.

My prayers were certainly answered as this group of interns pulled together and united in a way I had never dreamed possible. We went from fellow interns to brothers and sisters in Christ. My love for each person in the van grew each day and I know that the Lord blessed us continually and brought us together in His name.



Claire Burford

I have been very blessed to be a part of the internship this summer. The highlight of the internship was the trip we took to New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania. We visited church historical sites and congregations and saw The Book of Mormon pageant.

The best part of the trip for me was when we visited the sacred grove. We went off in little groups to pray and meditate. I have never experienced such peace and beauty. There were no distractions except for a few people who walked by. I was able to open myself to God and converse with Him about many things.

Then, when we came back together one by one, we stood for a full 10 minutes in complete silence until we ended our meditation in prayer. No person or animal interrupted us. None of us said a word in that time, I think, because no one felt any need to. We were all so full of the quietness and peace of the grove. I felt it confirmed to me that the grove is indeed a holy place. †

From The President

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