

Elder Claussen's News

Milestones and Important Dates and other stuff

2021

22 Nov – Set apart as a Missionary

23 Nov – Started at home MTC

1 Dec – Started MTC Provo

14 Dec – Travels to Atlanta Georgia

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Elder Claussen visit his website at nate.claussencrew.net



Elder Claussen's Mission Scripture

"For behold, thus saith the Lord God: I will give unto the children of men line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little; and blessed are those who hearken unto my precepts, and lend an ear unto my counsel, for they shall learn wisdom; for unto him that receiveth I will give more; and from them that shall say, We have enough, from them shall be taken away even that which they have.

- 2 Nephi 28:30 - The Book of Mormon

Dad's boss got a standing ovation and Tide Pods

Email from December 4, 2021

Hi Family and Friends!

The update is that I am at the MTC in person!! I got here on Wednesday, and have been loving every second of it! I think that I have learned so much, and learned a lot of really good teaching skills that will definitely help me out in the field. I think that it is crazy the amazing spirit that can be felt here at the MTC! I am also so happy that I have finally been able to see my wonderful district that I had only been able to see via zoom. We already truly are a big family. That is actually one of our goals as a district, is to help each other out and be as a family.

To explain the title of this email, Last night, there was a really good devotional where Bishop Caussé came and bore his testimony on various things, and then played his testimony on the piano. There was one of his friends, and he actually arranged a two piano duet, and it was a wonderful christmas devotional! I could really feel the spirit, and it is just

amazing the spirit that can be felt through music!

Today we got to go to the temple, and that was fantastic, it was just the second time that I have been able to go, and I feel like for the second time, I understood a few more things than I did the first time ;). It was really cool, because I had never gone to the provo temple before, and it is the last birthday cake temple (not for long though! It's getting remodeled!). I do know the blessings that do come from going to the temple though!

After our trip to the temple, we had to do laundry! We quickly realized that we definitely did not have any laundry detergent. This was troubling because the book/supply store is actually not open on Saturdays!! We found some elders that also appeared to be going to the laundry place who had detergent. We asked where they got it, and they showed us a 'secret' store place where we could get some for ourselves. Might seem like a small thing, which it kind of was, but it actually really made my night,

because then we could clean our clothes with more than just water! We could have detergent! haha!

My scripture for this week is going to be 1 Nephi 4:14, because I know that as we all keep the commandments, we will all be able to prosper in the land ;). I feel like the MTC this week has really been a 'land of promise,' which might sound cheesy, but it is true! I have been able to feel the spirit, and have learned a LOT about the character of Christ. We should all strive to turn outward when everyone else turns inward. If we are able to do this, we will be blessed, and prosper. We will feel the spirit, and we will definitely come closer to Christ :)))) I would like to invite everyone to try and think of others, especially as we come closer to this time of Christmas!!

I love you all,
Elder Claussen

I know they've called me on a mission.

Email from December 1, 2021

Hello Everyone!

This week has been absolutely amazing! (I can't believe it's already been a week!) I have officially started my mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints! I started HMTC (Home Mission Training Center), and have loved every second of it! I don't even know where to begin, but I guess the best place to start is probably at the beginning.

It all started on Sunday Night, when I got set apart to be a Missionary by my Stake

President, and that was such a neat experience! I could feel the spirit so strong and I knew that I was doing the right thing.

My first day of HMTC was on Monday, and it started bright and early at 6:30am, which I am not used to at all, so that was exciting, but then I got to meet virtually with my companion, and can I just say, I am so lucky to have Elder Messerly as my companion! He has been absolutely fantastic to work with, and I am so grateful for the wonderful insights that he has been able to share and teach me! I can't imagine having anyone else to go through the MTC with! We had our first large group meeting, where all of the new missionaries that were starting that day got to join, and there were more than 500 of us!! Let me tell you, the zoom meeting chat was insane! This meeting was really cool because I found out that I actually knew some of the missionaries that were starting at the same time!

After the large group devotional, I got to go to my first class, and meet one of my teachers, Sister Andrews, and my district for the first time. I got SOO lucky to be put into such an amazing district! I have gotten closer to them faster than I thought was humanly possible. The insights and stories they have shared have just been spectacular and the spirit that they are able to bring is SOO strong! I am not usually one to brag, but I would definitely say that District 14-D is the best district ever! Then, I got to go to night classes, and meet our night teacher Brother Smith. I don't think I can stress enough how amazing both of my teachers are too! Sister

Andrews and Brother Smith (and special shoutout to Sister Graham for subbing because Brother Smith went on vacation...) have just been spectacular! I know that they have spent time on their lessons, care about us, and have been prepared and it shows!

The rest of the days this week were very similar to the first, so I don't think that I will necessarily go through every day this week. I do know that Heavenly Father has a plan for me. It is no coincidence that I have the companion that I have or am in the district that I am in, with the teachers that I have, because it is just perfect for me! I have been able to learn and come closer to my Savior Jesus Christ, and my testimony has been strengthened so much more this week, than I think ever before in my life. I know that I would not be where I am today if I didn't have the support of everyone that is

reading this. I love you all!

In one of the large meeting devotionals, one of the teachers made the joke that we couldn't sing 'I hope they call me on a mission' anymore, because we have now been called on a mission now, so I wrote a little 'remix?' of it that I feel is fitting.

I know that they've called me on a mission,

Now that I have grown a foot or two,

I hope that now I will be ready,

to Teach and preach and work as Missionaries do

Tonight, I have had more time than I will probably have in the future and I am also on a computer, and have not had to type this from my phone. Because of this, I cannot promise that every email will be this long.

With that said, I do hope that no matter how much time or where I am writing from, that I will be able to at least share a

scripture with you guys!

Today, I would like to share 2 Nephi 31:21

“And now, behold, my beloved brethren, *this is the way*; and there is none other way nor name given under heaven whereby man can be saved in the kingdom of God. And now, behold, this is the doctrine of Christ, and the only and true doctrine of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, which is one God, without end. Amen.” (italics added)

I love this verse because one, it proves that the Mandalorian stole straight from Nephi, and two, because this truly *is* the way! I know that through Jesus Christ and his Atonement, we can repent, and ultimately make it back to our Heavenly Father again. This is His work, and His Church; and I know that it has been restored for us today by the prophet Joseph Smith. The Book of Mormon is true, and I know that as we read it, we will be able to come to know of its truthfulness. I would like to invite everyone reading this to try and find something that you can do to help someone, in whatever way that might look like! I know that if you do this, that you will not only bless the lives of those you help, but also be able to feel the spirit and strengthen your relationship with Jesus Christ.

I love you all,

Elder Claussen

Nate Claussen becomes Elder Claussen

November 22, 2021

Last night Nate was set apart by his Stake President as a missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. In our short time with the Stake President, he explained to the family the importance of missionary service and reminded each of us that we all have missionary work to do. Valerie and I are very happy for the choice Nate has made to serve at this time. We know that with the Lord's help he will do very well in the Georgia Atlanta Mission. Elder Claussen begins his at-home MTC experience today and then will report to the Provo MTC on December 1, 2021.



Elder Claussen's Companion

Let me introduce you to Elder Claussen's first companion Elder Messerly. Elder Messerly is from Soda Springs, Idaho. Fun fact: Elder Messerly's mom served a mission in Ogden, Utah. In fact one of her ward mission leaders lived not far from our house!

