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Dear Larry,

We appreciate very much your letter and learning of your activities at the Y. It appears you are keeping busy in useful things.

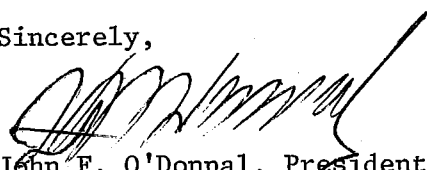
The missionary work is going forward here in Guatemala. The one thing that is holding us back is the shortage of missionaries. We still have only 142. Our first six missionaries graduated from the Quiché LTM and are now in new areas. Our second class from Cakchiquel are now in the field. We closed down both LTM's for shortage of missionaries. You will be interested to know that Elders Larson and Ogden are opening up the towns around Atitlán.

We now have approval to translate the Book of Mormon in Cakchiquel and Quiché. The translation will definitely be carried out here in Guatemala. We would like you to assist with these translations if you can arrange your personal affairs to do so. Although the budget is for 1977, we want to get started sooner. Elder Frischknecht will be finishing his mission on November 16 and will go home at that time for a short period before returning to start the translations. If you are interested in assisting with this translation, please contact Brother Davis and complete arrangements with him. I would appreciate copies of your correspondence with him.

I can't express how thrilling it is to know we can now proceed with these translations. What a blessing to be involved in this work, and what a blessing to this chosen people.

May the Lord bless you in making your decision.

Sincerely,



John F. O'Donnal, President
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