Excerpt from **Elder Spencer James** Anderson who is in the Provo MTC preparing to serve in the **Hungary Budapest Mission**.

"[We] heard from an apostle of the Lord on Tuesday. His name was Elder Quentin L Cook. That was pretty cool. He said a lot of really good things and these are my favorite 3 points:
1) We cannot judge anyone on our missions or in our lives. It will get in the way of what the Lord wants us to do if we have any kind of preconceived notion of a person's personality or whatever else you might judge. Moroni 7 is a really good chapter about that. Specifically, read verse 18 but ponder it in respect to the fifteen verses before that too. It's kinda neat.

2) God will help us as missionaries find the people that He needs to carry out his work. Elder Cook told us a story about when he was on his mission and one night he and his companion were about to go home, when they got a prompting to stop and proselyte the block they were on. They stopped at 5 houses and 3 of the families got baptized and went on to become Branch Presidents and Relief Society Presidents. On the other side of that, we have to know that our will is not always God's will. Just because we think that a person fits whatever bill we might think they fit, does not necessarily mean that they are ready or that they are the person that the Lord needs at that time. When our will becomes His will, we will be able to bear our burdens and trials more patiently and be more successful in whatever we choose to work for. D&C 46:30

3) Elder Cook quoted President Hinckley in saying that the more faith we have, the more successful we will be. We might measure success in a different way that the Lord does, but in the end, our faith is what decides how happy we are about it all.

Prophets are the best."

Excerpt from **Sister Brittany Eliason** who is in the Provo MTC preparing to serve in the **Brasil Londrina Mission.**

"ON Tuesday, guess who came to speak at Devotional? Elder Quentin L. Cook!!!! … HE WAS SO AMAZING! I think more than ever, I could feel his apostolic power, and I just KNEW that he is an apostle called of God today. One of my favorite things he said was that most of our spiritual experiences and impressions come when we are trying to bless the lives of others, not ourselves. SO powerful! He also said something that Elder Russell M. Nelson said when he came: when you get to your area, the first thing you should do is make friends with the bishop, ward mission leader, the family history consultant, and earn the trust of the members. SO important if 2 apostles said that within a month of each other, right?!"

Excerpt from **Elder Lyle Brewer** who is in the Provo MTC preparing to serve in the **Cambodia Phnom Penh Mission**.

"For our Tuesday night devotional last night we had Elder Quentin L. Cook come and speak to us! … His wife spoke first about a little girl named Janna who was super excited to be in her nativity play. Her mom thought she for sure had a main role because of how excited Janna was. When her mom arrived at the play Janna was sitting in a chair off the stage. As the play began, the narrator told the story of how Joseph and Mary had a son who they named Jesus who was the Son of God. On His birth a star appeared above the stable. At this point Janna got up, walked up onto the stage, picked up a large tin foil covered star, and held it up as high as she could. The shepherds came, the wise men came, and the play was over. Afterward Janna ran up to her mom and said, "Mom wasn't that awesome?! I had the main part!"

Her mother answered back, "You did?"

Janna then said, "Yes! I showed everyone the way to find Jesus!"

As a Missionary I am to be that Star. I too have the main part. It is my purpose to show everyone the way to find Christ. Elder Cook then taught us to be Humble and the Lord will lead us as in D&C 112:10. He taught us that we will have more spiritual experiences when we are seeking to bless the lives of others. How we need to see all of God's children the way that he does. See their potential to receive this message. He told us to be warm and friendly missionaries. The kind that when the members see us they will want to refer all their friends to us. He told us that when we enter a Ward or Branch we should have and end-goal that when we leave that Branch it will be better, stronger, more faithful, and larger than when we got there. Elder Cook quoted Gordon B. Hinckley from when they were working on writing Preach My Gospel. "Tell the Missionaries if they have more faith, they will have more success."

Elder Cook closed with his testimony and witness of Christ saying, "I know the Savior's voice. He guides and directs our efforts. We are serving the Master." I know that Elder Cook is an Apostle of the Lord. I have felt the spirit of what he said and know of a surety that it is true."