

**They saw our day...and it wasn't great.**

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I may have mentioned this before, but ***I LOVE*** the Book of Mormon! Every time I study it, looking for advice and guidance, I am struck with its genius. Indeed the work of a loving Father in Heaven, complied by prophet's who had difficult assignments to fill during mostly very hard times. Regardless of the hardness of the way...many (unfortunately not all) did as they were asked.

As they went forward to serve (yes, that does sound like us) they took counsel from their fathers or other wise men (no, I do not count myself among the wise) and in many cases, Father-in-Heaven gave them a vision of why they were having to toil so hard to keep a record.

In those visions, they saw our day! A time when men (and I paraphrase) would be lovers of evil, calling good things bad and bad things good, rather than helping neighbors, laying traps for them. Times when people, applying bad judgement to their agency, would be slothful and unwise servants and scorn the teachings of the prophets. Challenging, hard yet remarkable times.

Our Prophet's today also receive visions of our days to come and they continue to restate the promises of those before them... that, ***IF WE ARE FAITHFUL***, many of the hard things will pass us and our families by, I love those promises. Because of my testimony of the Book of Mormon, I know they are true and faithful and I intend to do all I can to live worthy of those promises.

Let's do it together, let's commit to each other that we will obey and thereby feel of his compassionate love and protection. Let's commit to obey so we can rely on his spirit when we teach. Let's commit to let the Book of Mormon be the focus of our teachings...there is an answer to every question in this remarkable gift of a book.

We are really looking forward to seeing everyone at our Zone Conferences this week.

We love you for all of your amazing gift and talents and love how they all come together to make this a ***GREAT*** Mission!

President & Sister Gwilliam

