Missionary work among the Lamanites
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D.C. 133:30, 32
Mormon 5:9-12, 15

a. The church commanded to take the gospel to the Lamanites
   1. ...this testimony shall come to the knowledge of the  
      Lamanites — D.C. 3:16-19
   2. shortly after the church was organized the assignment to carry this  
      message to the Lamanites was given to Oliver Cowdery through  
      revelation D.C. 28:8
   3. The B.M. to play a vital role — its message directed first to  
      the Lamanites who are a remnant of the house of Israel. Title  
      page of BM — Title page not written by Joseph Smith but a literal  
      translation taken from the very last leaf of the plates p.71  
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b. Early missionary work
   4. Same year 1830 PPP and Ziba Peterson commanded to go with Oliver  
      Cowdery and Peter Whitmer Jr. to the Lamanites D.C. 32:1-4
      a. first to Cattaraugus Ind. near Buffalo, New York
      b. near Sandusky Ohio — visited the Wyandot tribe
      c. after having traveled for 1500 miles arrived in Independence, MO
      most of their trip had been made on foot — hardships
         1. Shawnee tribe
         2. Delaware — Chief Auderson
      d. during this mission hundreds of whites were baptized and  
         confirmed but no record of a single Indian
         1. Indian were friendly etc — chief Auderson statement
   5. Hatred and jealousy of ministers of other churches eventually  
      caused them to stir up the people including the Indians toward the  
      Mormons that the saints even feared hostilities from the Indians.
   6. 1835 — Priesthood meeting in Kirland — voted that Brigham Young and  
      others be appointed to go and preach the gospel to the remnants of  
      Joseph but no record seems available giving evidence that anything  
      was done.
   7. 1841 Visit of Sac and Fox Indian group to Nauvoo
   8. 1843 Visit of the Pottawattamie Indian of Iowa to Nauvoo.  
      Joseph Smith counseled with them.

c. Brief history leading up to the 1933 Swiss
   1. 1854 Southern Utah mission — Rufus C. Allen 25 missionaries  
      Utes and Paiutes.
   2. 1858 The first missionaries who went into Arizona were primarily  
      interested in the Hopi's
   3. 1870's among Annas in New Mexico
   4. Jacob Hamblin "apostle to the Lamanites."
   5. 1870 — Jacob Hamblin did speak of Mormons to some 8,000 Navajo  
      gathered at Ft. Defiance in company with John Wesley Powell.
   6. 1875 over a hundred Nav. baptized around Navah ranch
   7. 1875 111 Annas baptized
   8. Harris missionary, heralded people of smallpox ....
   9. The San Juan Mission 1879
d. The beginning of the mission which is now the SWIM, 1943
   1. First called the Navajo – Zuni Mission, 7 missionaries
   2. 1943 – Spencer W. Kimball and Matthew Cowley visited mission
       led by President George Albert Smith.
   3. 1951 Youthful missionaries sent – before stake mission
   4. 1949 Name changed to SWIM
   5. 1964 Northern Indian mission

e. Our missionary program today
   1. Average of 200 missionaries in SWIM.
   2. From 150 – 170 missionaries in Ind. Mission
   3. Indian districts in other missions – missionaries are assigned
      to Ind. districts at the offset of their mission for duration
   4. Different approaches have been used to teach the Indian people.
   5. Most recent – new conversion lessons.

f. Some 18-20 thousand baptized members on the records of the church.
   Great need for fellowshipping and teaching.
   Making great progress through correlated Indian programs.

 g. It has been announced authoritatively by the first presidency that
    the "Day of the Lamanite is here." Apparently the day of the Gentile
    is phasing out.

D.C. 10:47-50