

There Are No Coincidences:



We were invited to attend the baptism of our District President's son, Terry Gamiette. We were told that it would be held on

Sunday, right after Church. It was to be a Father's Day gift for President Gamiette. Elder Malmrose was the District speaker in another branch that same morning, but we decided that we didn't want to miss this important event. We left toward the end of the meetings and hurried to the other branch. We made good time, and arrived while they were still in classes. Elder Malmrose busied himself with some work he had to do with the computers in the Family History room. As we were sitting in that room, we heard lots of voices in the hall. The door was partially open and we could see some of the Priesthood brethren gathering across the hall in one of the rooms. The branch president saw Elder Malmrose and asked him if he would like to join in the ordinations. He said sure and we went into the room with the others. There were three new members of the Church who were to be ordained, two to the Aaronic Priesthood and one to the Melchizedek Priesthood. Brother Cesarin, who was to receive the Melchizedek Priesthood, is a good brother whom we helped teach before he was baptized. He is also the one who asked Elder Malmrose to give the baptism talk before he was baptized a few months ago. That was the time that Elder Malmrose talked about preparing for a temple marriage in a year, and during the talk he took off his picture of the Salt Temple on it, and put it around this good brother's neck to remind him of the goal. He and his wife have continued to be active and are progressing and looking forward to that day when



they can be sealed together, forever. We did not know that he was to be ordained this particular day, but when we got there, he asked that Elder Malmrose do the ordination. He did so, and now they share the same line of authority, forever.

Right after the ordinations, they held the baptism for Terry Gamiette. Elder Malmrose was asked to be in the circle during the confirmation ordinance. At the beginning of giving the blessing, President Gamiette, who is seldom at a loss for words, was very hesitant in giving the blessing. It went on long enough so that some of the brothers in the circle were starting to help him. This is very unusual, as Pres. Gamiette has given many blessing many times before. At that point, something strange happened when a cell phone in Elder Malmrose's pocket went off and he quickly took his hands off Terry's head and turned the phone off. As soon as he placed his hands back on his head, Pres. Gamiette resumed the confirmation and gave a beautiful, articulate blessing. Afterward, Elder Malmrose said that something had happened that he had never felt before in any of the many confirmations he has been part of. When he put his hand back on Terry's head and Pres. Gamiette started again, Elder Malmrose said that there was an extremely warm feeling radiating, not from their hands but up to



them from the boy. He said that he felt as if he wanted to open his eyes to see where the warmth was coming from. He didn't do so, but that is what it felt like. There is real, tangible power in the Priesthood through the Holy Ghost and occasionally we are allowed to feel it being manifested. This was one of those precious times.

So, it turned out that this special Sunday, we had several wonderful experiences with people we have come to love here in the mission field. It has reinforced to us that there are no coincidences. The Lord puts us where we need to be, when we need to be there, if we just allow him to work through us and pray for his guidance continually. We are never alone.

Sister Malmrose

A rose by any other name is still a Malmrose