

We shall now be pleased to listen to President Gordon B. Hinckley, Second Counselor in the First Presidency, who will be the concluding speaker of the conference, after which the Tabernacle Choir will sing "Testimony."

The benediction will be offered by Elder Robert L. Backman, a member of the First Quorum of the Seventy.

This conference will then stand adjourned for six months.

President Gordon B. Hinckley

You've heard very much from me in this conference. I think I would like to take the liberty of asking Brother [Hans B.] Ringger, Brother [Waldo P.] Call, and Brother [Helio R.] Camargo to come quickly to the stand and each

take about two and a half minutes so that you won't have to wait six months to see them and hear them. Three good men and true, who we have sustained as members of the First Quorum of the Seventy at this conference.

Elder Hans B. Ringger

Need for friends

Elder Packer taught us two days ago that in the early years of the Church the Saints would sometimes get a letter from "Box B." A letter from Box B meant you were getting a calling without being interviewed first. Presidents of the Church called members on missions with no warning beforehand. I feel the same way today.

It's a long way from Switzerland to this stand in Salt Lake City. I had to cross many borders. I had to ask for a visa, for permission to enter this country. But I found out that wherever I had to cross a border or had to talk with people, the people were friendly. That's exactly what I need in my assignment—friends. I have some sitting behind me. I have some sitting before me.

Answers will come

I'm really happy to be here and to serve. I don't know at the moment all the questions I will be asked or how I will find solutions for them. But I know that I will get an answer when I work on it and pray about it. If I do that, I know I will be blessed in all I do.

I am very thankful for my priesthood leaders, my parents, my sisters, my brethren, my teachers in Sunday School—all who have given me the strength to fulfill the assignments I get in my life. Hopefully, I can serve so that our Lord will be pleased. I am very thankful to the First Presidency for this privilege—for calling me to be a General Authority. I leave you my testimony that I know that our Lord lives, that Jesus is the Christ, and that Joseph Smith is a true prophet. This I say in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

Elder Waldo P. Call

Love and gratitude

My dear brothers and sisters, this is, as our missionaries would say, an

awesome situation. At this time, I want to thank my parents for the good example they set for me. There was one time in my life—and my mother, who

I imagine might be listening, doesn't know this—when the love I knew she had for me saved me. I knelt down one night to pray, as she had taught me. I was about to throw away everything that I had. As I started praying, I started thinking of her and of the love that she had for me. As I cried and prayed—and it took most of the night—I was so grateful that I knew that she loved me.

I am grateful for my wife. Throughout the many years we have been together, I have known that she has loved me. It is because of this love I have felt for my family, and they have felt for me, that I am here today.

I am grateful for President Kimball. I was watching some young

people sitting in front of me as we were singing "We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet" (*Hymns*, no. 196), and I imagine they would have liked to have come up and sit beside President Kimball where I sat just now.

Testimony

I know that this is the work of the Lord. I know that he lives. I know this. I know that these men, the First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve, are prophets and Apostles, seers and revelators, and if we will follow them, we will have eternal life. I say this in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

Elder Helio da Rocha Camargo

The Lord is in charge

My dear brothers and sisters, you cannot even imagine how I feel now in front of this huge and wonderful congregation of Saints, called to speak in this historical tabernacle. I don't know how my legs support my body now; this is an experience I never wanted to have.

When President Hinckley called me and asked me to accept this calling, there came to my mind the remembrance of a time in the history of the people of God, Israel, when they had to face their enemies. They assembled a huge army of strong soldiers and they presented themselves in front of the Lord to go to battle, and the Lord didn't accept this army. He reduced it, and he reduced it again and again until only three hundred people were left. And with this ridiculous army he defeated the enemy and destroyed the enemies of his people.

This is the way I feel about my calling in this position. The Lord chose

to put me in this position, using my weakness and my inability so that he could prove that he is God, he is the Lord, he is in charge. Even using my poor and broken English, he can do his work. It is because I believe this—I know this, I know that he lives, he is in charge, as I told President Hinckley—that I accept this calling in humility, but in certainty that the Lord is with me. He leads, he governs, and this is his kingdom.

Plan for happiness

I know that the Lord lives. I know that President Kimball is a prophet—oh, I know that! I could tell you some stories, but the time is not enough now. I know that I am a child of God, and that this gospel is the plan for the happiness of all the children of God in this world, and this I say in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.