

Men-y Blessings

Description

It has been an interesting week here in the mission. My spirits were lifted by three different men. First was on Thursday when we were out walking and it had snowed. The sidewalks were slippery but not too bad around the Conference Center. I was feeling a little discouraged about things in general and that doesn't work out very well when it is icy. Then as we were walking



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He totally cheered me up!

This week I was able to help many visitors. They were in town from all over—Bangladesh, Germany, Switzerland, South Carolina, Wisconsin, and California. Which brings me to the next experience. I was working with a man from California and he was super stoked (his words) about creating his family tree. Unfortunately he didn't know as much information as needed to get very far but was excited to continue at home where he could fill in details with help from his mother. As we were talking about our lives and families I learned that he was a contractor and had a DIY home improvement podcast. After I got home I looked it up and found out that I had been helping a guy who was on the soap opera Santa Barbara, was one of People magazine's "sexiest men alive" in 2008 and was a host for a couple of shows on HGTV. He was tall and nice looking, but I thought he was just a regular guy in town with his son who was here to play basketball. Funny...

The last experience was at church today when Elder Kevin Pearson, the Utah Area President, spoke to us. It was a needed boost because even though there are pretty lights, nativity displays and Christmas concerts, it doesn't feel like Christmas is only two weeks away. He spoke of the season and how our knowledge of the restoration of the gospel through Joseph Smith and his inspired understanding of Jesus Christ helps us to know Christ better. That we are known and loved individually and that as we follow Christ's teachings we can be abundantly blessed. He also said that as we serve and sacrifice as missionaries we receive blessings, and because of our willingness to consecrate our time, talents and

resources our families will be blessed, too!



They look a little chilly

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