



# Going on an Errand for the Lord

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Our Lord and Savior said, “Come, follow me” (Luke 18:22). When we accept His invitation and walk in His footsteps, He will direct our paths.

In April of 2000, I received a phone call from Rosa Salas Gifford, whom I did not know. Her father, Bernardo Augusto Salas, had liver cancer. Her father’s great desire, she explained, was to meet me before he died.

I felt impressed that I should visit Brother Salas that very evening. I drove past the location where the road to the house should have been. I could see nothing. However, I don’t give up easily. I drove around the block and came back. Still nothing. One more time I tried and still no sign of the road. I offered a silent prayer for help. The inspiration came that I should approach the area from the opposite direction. I turned the car around so that I was now on the other side of the road. As I neared the location once again, I could see a street sign lying on its side at the edge of the road and a weed-covered track leading to a single, tiny residence. As I drove toward it, a small girl in a white dress waved to me, and I knew that I had found the family.

I was ushered into the room where Brother Salas

lay. With some prompting, Brother Salas opened his eyes, and a wan smile graced his lips as I took him by the hand. I spoke the words, “I have come to meet you.” Tears welled up in his eyes and in mine.

I proceeded to provide a priesthood blessing. The words seemed to flow freely under the direction of the Spirit of the Lord. Following the blessing, I offered a few words of comfort to the grieving family members. With my limited Spanish language ability, I let them know that I loved them and that our Heavenly Father would bless them.

As I drove homeward, I reflected on the special spirit we had felt. I experienced a sense of gratitude that my Heavenly Father had answered another person’s prayer through me. May we ever be on the Lord’s errand, that we might ever be entitled to the Lord’s help. ♦

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## A Prophet's Errands

Look at the pictures below to see some of the many errands President Monson has done for the Lord:



*Dedicating temples*



*Serving his family*



*Being a mission president*



*Traveling to meet Church members in many countries*



*Visiting people in nursing homes*

## Be an Answer

Often when someone prays for help, the Lord inspires someone else to help answer that prayer. Look at the pictures of people who need help. Think of a way you or your family could go on an errand for the Lord to help them.

