



Saturday night it snowed here in Hemet. It was 68 degrees! You should have seen the guys in the truck throwing blocks of ice into the chipper. You also should have seen the Christmas parade. It lasted close to 2 hours! Maybe the reason was that they had each entry staggered 200 yards apart. The stake had a big Nativity set just like last year.



BREAK THE FAST WAS ANOTHER GREAT TAHQUITZ HAPPENING!!





Sunday was kind of a red-letter day for me. I actually remembered to wear my missionary name tag. However, some of the red smudged off as I reminded by my wife that I had forgotten my tie. I didn't think it would be that big of a deal but as soon as Bishop Gray saw me tieless in Ward Council, he called his wife and told her to turn around, go back home and fetch me a tie. When it was delivered, I meekly complied.

Sunday: Testimony meeting was a spiritual feast (to go with our feast later). Testimonies of our Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ's love for each of us were in abundance. Here are some thoughts that were shared--As we share God's love with others and testify of Jesus Christ, then God is with us. All the best blessings in life come from Them. Knowing our Father and the Savior is about more than a checklist. They know us and can heal the deepest parts of our hearts. Turning outward, as Christ did, brings light into our lives. Do we take Them for granted? Going to church, honoring the Sabbath and counting our blessings are constant reminders of Their importance in our lives. We were sorry to learn that Elijah will be leaving us shortly to go back to school. He is truly a Christlike example to all of us.

We were thrilled to see some new faces at church—Eric and Rimel, friends of the missionaries, and Nathan, who joined us for the first time from the Ramona ward. We hope they come back. Hartvigsons, Violet and Evelyne orchestrated a lovely meal for us all to enjoy. Along with nativities on each table, the middle-eastern themed meal was a reminder of the reason for the season. Jesus Christ is truly the light and the life of the world.

An Unanswered Prayer

Chair soccer was crazy the other night. Eric Diaz of the bishopric can be seen on the right praying that I won't get hurt and that Elder Juncker will get plastered with soccer balls after pranking me the other day.

I should have asked someone else to pray. Juncker left the gym that night without so much as a minor contusion.



Diamond Valley Ward
Young Women & Men's Fundraiser

Tamales
\$14/half dozen
\$25/dozen

Order Here 

Please place orders by Dec 16th by
using link or by texting:
Judith Watkins (562) 458-5554 OR
Hannah Clement (208) 867-5454

Tamale Order Pick Up:
Wednesday, December 20th from 5-7 PM
@ the Church (425 N Kirby St. Hemet, CA 92343)



YM/YW 2023 Fundraiser

Order your homemade
RED PORK tamales and support
Diamond Valley Young Men
and Young Women

Funds will help 2024 Camps

- The last day to order is December 16th
- Money is due at pick up on December 20th

Print Name	Phone Number	How many dozen? (\$25)	1/2 Dozen (\$14)



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**DEC
11**

**7PM - 8 PM
@ PARK HILL
BUILDING**

Join us in the night of happiness and joy!

**UGLY SWEATER | COOKIE EXCHANGE |
WHITE ELEPHANT**

Bring in your white elephant gift to the party along with
inviting friends all around!
Don't forget to bring your cookies to share!
We can't wait to see you all there



southern california young adults

DEVOTIONAL



sunday / december 10 / 7pm

escondido california stake center
2255 Felicita Road in Escondido

DON'T MISS this blessing of learning from a
SPECIAL WITNESS OF JESUS CHRIST

arrive early / invite a friend



california south institutes of religion