



## Newsletter March 2010

### Featured Painting



### The Story Behind "Called to Serve"

A number of years ago, a diligent young missionary named Elder Brad Griffith was serving his mission in Salem, Oregon, laboring in a ward where the ward mission leader was an illustrator named Doc Christensen. Elder Griffith was an amazing young man who had a deep and abiding love of the prophet Joseph Smith, a strong testimony of the Gospel, and a powerful desire to research the prophet's life and history.

Often Elder Griffith would talk with Brother Christensen about his desire to do research for his paintings. Elder Griffith stayed in contact with the illustrator after his mission encouraging him to do a series of paintings of the life of the prophet Joseph Smith. Those dreams were cut short though when the young returned missionary passed away unexpectedly. Prior to his death, young Brad was given a gift in the form of a dream, a dream which he shared in a letter he sent to the painter he had come to know and love.

"Doc . . . I had a dream last night" the letter began. "In this dream I saw an Elder preparing himself to go out proselyting, looking into a mirror adjusting his tie. In the reflection in the mirror though he is wearing the armor of God with hundreds of angels behind him"

As the letter was read to Brother Christensen the image appeared in his mind's eye and he knew he had to paint it. Some months later Brother and Sister Christensen took their son to Provo, Utah to prepare for his mission to Korea. The morning they were to report to the MTC, Doc asked his son to stand in front of the mirror and put on his tie while he took a few pictures. Those few pictures were used to paint "Called to Serve", pictured above. The image is now licensed by the LDS Church.

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