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# MIGHTY SUMMONS

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*Pat Beebe travels regularly on FRAA tours. While her husband Don has become the "official" photographer for the tours, Pat many times takes the photos while Don videotapes or uses a different camera.*

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## Another Step Forward For FRAA

The growth of FRAA's latter-day Helaman's Two Thousand has been exciting and encouraging. Your continued faithful support in prayers and contributions makes it possible for FRAA to not only maintain the mailing of *The Witness* to over 18,000 homes, but to begin and implement new programs and projects to tell people about The Book of Mormon.

This successful program requires, though, a good deal of record keeping and correspondence, which in turn requires sufficient help to keep it going. The board of FRAA feels it neces-

sary to hire a second part-time consultant. Patricia Beebe, who has for a couple of years given many hours to helping FRAA as a volunteer, will join Sherrie Smith as a second staff member.

According to *Nonprofit Organizations: Operations Handbook*, nonprofit organizations "retain a paid staff. Although this staff is often small, it is essential to the continued survival of the corporation" (56). FRAA has found that it is essential to its continued operation to have a hired staff and has slowly moved in this direction.

Pat brings terrific organizational as well as computer skills to

FRAA. Her main areas of supervision include the maintenance of the computer mailing list for *The Witness*; all of Helaman's Two Thousand records and correspondence; the business and accounting affairs and records; chairman of the children's publications committee; as well as many other duties.

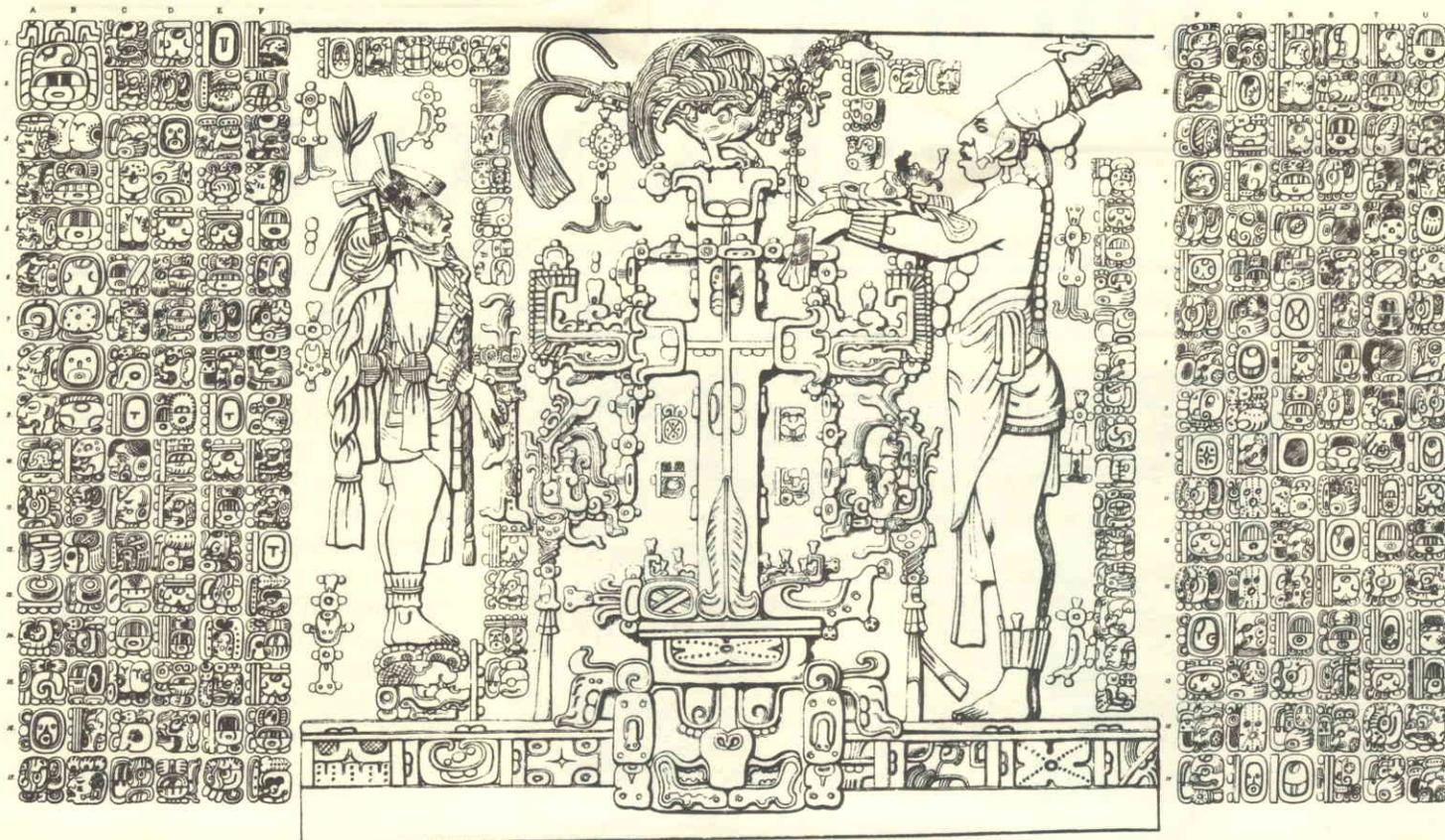
In addition to working at FRAA, Pat teaches computer skills for the Fort Osage Community Education program and at the Blue Springs Community College.

When Pat first began helping FRAA, she received a strong testimony from the Lord which confirmed to her that he was most definitely in this work. The computer mailing list for *The Witness* had—in computer terms—crashed. With over 15,000 names in the base, she worked valiantly to save it. When it was miraculously restored, she commented,

**I knew the information in *The Witness* was important, and the Lord's intervention strongly confirmed this. It was a testimony to me that the Lord really cared about his people, that he was concerned enough to restore a physical database even down to the last entry made. (See *The Witness*, # 68, Summer 1990, page 15.)**

We all know the Lord is interested in this work! Thank you for being a part of Helaman's Two Thousand. Your support has made it possible to add Pat to the FRAA staff which will contribute toward a more efficient organization. 

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## Another Tomb Discovery at Palenque

Lyle Smith

The September newsletter of the Institute of Maya Studies reports on excavations being carried out in 1992 at Palenque, a ruin in southern Mexico. In addition to a tomb discovery, reconstruction work has been done on stairways and courtyards of the north and west sides of the palace. And, a new entrance to the site is under construction following the Otolum River.

The newsletter stated,

**Many changes are taking place at this site. . . .**

Palenque is more beautiful and enticing now than it has been in twenty years and another visit is definitely worthwhile if you have not been there in the last six months.

The most exciting discovery was the tomb under the pyramid crowned by the Temple of the Cross. Opened on May 28, 1992, the tomb contained a skeleton and many rich offerings. Predominant among the remains were substantial amounts of large and extremely well-worked jade. Along with a jade funerary mask, beads and earspools were also found. Other items included large chipped knives of chert.

The archaeologists working at the dig do not know who the buried individual was, but it is thought not to be Lord

Chan Bahlum who initiated the building of what is now named the Temples of the Cross, Foliated Cross, and Sun. Lord Chan Bahlum was the son of Lord Shield Pacal whose tomb was discovered in the 1950s below the Temple of Inscriptions.

The Temple of the Cross is well known to members of the church because an engraved replica of the back wall of the temple has for many years been in the northwest corner of the foyer in the Auditorium.

Because of the recent decipherment of Maya hieroglyphs, it is known that this carving represents the passing of kingship to Lord Chan Bahlum in A.D. 684. The left hieroglyphic text tells the Maya view of the creation of the Maya's current world beginning around

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3114 B.C. The right text gives the ancestral history of the kings of Palenque beginning with K'uk Balam who became king in A.D. 431. He was followed by numerous other kings until Lord Shield Pacal who began to reign in A.D. 615. His son, Lord Chan Bahlum, who took kingship in A.D. 684, is the large figure on the right. His deceased father, Lord Shield Pacal, is the small figure on the left. The cross in the center represents the Maya concept of the world tree.

If this tomb was not that of Lord Chan Bahlum, then it is probable he still lies buried under one of the three famous temples he had built. Continuing research and exploration will undoubtedly find him.

Reference  
Under "Palenque, Chiapas, Mexico," in *Institute of Maya Studies Newsletter*, an affiliate of the Museum of Science, Vol. 21, No. 9 (September 16, 1992).



*FRAA interns have become an important part of the Sunday morning programs sponsored by FRAA. Pictured here are interns (left to right) Jason King, Brett Methner, and Jeff Anger. Also in the photo are Barbara Eliason of Sandusky, Michigan, Don Beebe, chariman of FRAA Book of Mormon Sunday programs, and Frank Frye, speaker at the conference. This photo was taken the weekend of the Detroit Book of Mormon Day Conference, September 19 and 20.*

### Where We Are

As of September 30, 1992

Enlisted in Helaman's Two Thousand plus organizations	1,088 19
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Income from HTT, January–September	\$101,448
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The Sunday format for Book of Mormon conferences has generated new members for Helaman's Two Thousand. This is great! As we grow, our needs grow, requiring funds for ever increasing supplies and services. For instance, the office copy machine required costly repairs. It was more cost effective to purchase a new one rather than repair the old one. This cost several thousand dollars. Without the faithful support of Helaman's Two Thousand, we could not accomplish so many of the tasks it requires to tell the message of Jesus Christ in The Book of Mormon.

Thank you for being a part of FRAA's latter-day Helaman's Two Thousand army!

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*God is marshaling his army  
For the rescue of his truth;  
He is calling now to battle  
Both the aged and the youth.  
You can hear his mighty summons  
In the thunder of his word;  
Let us then be valiant soldiers  
In the army of the Lord!*

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## Coming Up

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| November 8<br>9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M. | Spend a Morning with The Book of Mormon<br>Southern California, San Fernando<br>Valley Independence Branch,<br>Eagle Rock, California |
| December 26–<br>January 6, 1993    | Annual FRAA Archaeology Tour<br>Yucatan and Belize  |
| January 24<br>9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M. | Spend a Morning with The Book of Mormon<br>Blue Springs Restoration Branch  |
| February 28–March 10               | Second FRAA Tour to Yucatan and Belize  |
| April 14–18, 1993                  | Annual Meeting of the Society for<br>American Archaeology, Adams Mark Hotel,<br>St. Louis, Missouri                                   |

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