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**James Greenwood (Jim)**  
Biography

I was born in 1951 in Caldwell, Idaho (20 miles west of Boise). My parents moved the family to Loveland, Colorado when I was 6 years old. I spent my teenage summers in the hayfields with my father and a truck on dozens of farms from Johnstown to Fort Collins. The farmers hired us to pick up the haybales from their fields and stack them near the feed bunks for the cows.

After High School, I served a 2-year (1971-1973) mission in Mexico for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. The specific mission that I was called to covered a big triangular area from Mexico City, west to Guadalajara in the state of Jalisco, and then south to Acapulco in the State of Guerrero.

As missionaries, we would be assigned to a specific town, or to a particular suburb of Mexico City, for about three months at a time. In the Distrito Federal (DF) of Mexico City, I served in a central area of the city itself, known as “Industrial”, and in three suburbs: Tlalnepantla, Churubusco, and Ecatepec (where the Pyramids are). I also served in the smaller cities of Chilpancingo (Guerrero), Leon (Guanajuato), and Guanajuato (Guanajuato). I also served in the (tiny) town of Chichihualco (Guerrero). Residents of Mexico City are sometimes referred to as “Chilangos”, so I think of myself as a “Chilango Adoptado”.

After my mission, I got married and went to college. I spent 10 years in the Air Force in California, and then my wife and I moved our family to Littleton, Colorado in 1987. My wife and I raised seven children, and they have now blessed us with 21 grandchildren.

I have been involved with Genealogy since 1992. I serve as a Family History Consultant for my local church congregation, and I also help neighbors and friends with their genealogy.

Most of my time goes toward helping people use the Family Search web site. I help them to get started in Genealogy and to overcome obstacles.

I also spend significant time researching my own ancestors. After years of work, I was recently able to find and connect together four generations of my Greenwood line, with my earliest ancestor being born about 1595.

Family Search has some exciting new capabilities, and I look forward to sharing them with everyone.

**The Saturday, meeting will be held at Lakewood United Methodist Church; Lakewood, Colorado. The address is 1390 Brentwood St. Main entry way is on the west side of the Church and includes a ramp. The alternate entry on the east side provides direct access to our Library. This area also includes adequate parking spaces for our group. The Doors will open at 10 a.m. Presentation will run from about 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**