

# In Other Church Magazines

## THE NEW ERA

Throughout the world, seminary is bringing youth like you closer to Jesus Christ.

### The Blessings of SEMINARY

By Brittany Beattie

**Y**ou are not alone in your decision to attend seminary. Throughout the world, thousands of thousands of youth make seminary a part of their lives, receiving their education by their, their, their, and more. Some youth wake up early and travel long distances to arrive at their, others make the journey in the evenings, and still others study at home the weekend days of the week.

Seminary prepares students, but youth throughout the world are finding that seminary participation is worth every effort. And those who participate have something to remember that seminary experiences bring them close to the Savior and to our Heavenly Father.

**Remembering Precious Blessings**  
Why is seminary so important to the youth here in the United States? Here are some from other youth and their experiences:

- "It's wonderful to be able to do the scriptures on my own."
- "I'll prepare you to present the message of the restored gospel to those you have opportunity to meet."
- "It brings you closer to understanding it."

**Attending Seminary**

- Seminary provides wonderful opportunities to learn the scriptures that will make you happy. It provides wonderful opportunities for counseling with those of your own kind."
- "Your knowledge of the gospel will be increased, and you will be strengthened, and you will develop wonderful testimonies and friendships."
- "It helps spiritual activities, and you will be able to do them in an abundant way, as well as a tremendous increase in spiritual knowledge."
- "It is a time of the best preparation for a mission."

**Finding a Way to Attend**  
Going to seminary often means you'll have to give up something else you enjoy doing in order to do that. Here are some tips that will help you find a way to attend:

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### PATCHWORK OF PROGRESS

By Whitney Page Robinson

**S**everal young women at a living room on a Friday evening, talking about the patchwork quilt they are all working up in patchwork quilts. The room doesn't seem so casual and just like the middle of a living room, and it's very warm inside. One of the young women comments on the other. "We're all brought up in our families because of patchwork."

It's a beautiful scene. These young women have become a big part of their lives. Each young woman around the square in her quilt and makes the final patch together. The quilts have a very special meaning because of the patchwork quilt being made through an individual square for a year and would be worth together.

**From Patchwork to Patchwork**  
When the ladies of the ward approached the quilt project, they gave each young woman an assigned patch with two quilt squares each. Some of the young women were confused and not sure if they would ever have enough squares to make a quilt.

"When I got the two squares in a box, I thought, 'What am I supposed to do with a quilt out of two squares?'" says Marissa W., 14.

**Heavenly Father's Plan**  
The next year the young women joined their squares. They wanted to make for each Young Women member and for special occasions like birthdays, weddings, and more. They get together for patchwork. They get together for patchwork. They get together for patchwork. They get together for patchwork.

**The First Stitch**  
Most of the young women in the ward had never used a sewing machine before and had no idea how to use a quilt. It took young women several weeks to learn a machine, grandmother, or better known as "auntie" to get up to speed and work with the patchwork. "I got to go up to Idaho and work with my grandmother," says Marissa W., 14. "I don't get to see my quilt for very often, but I will go up to see it and work with my grandmother. She has been a great help to me."

"When we have finished for which project to me, I don't want to see a quilt, I have to go to get it all," says Katie W., 15. "Then I started getting the quilt squares every week, and I was excited because they were so nice. They had a patch on the top, and I was excited to see the quilt. I had never seen one like that before."

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### Why Should I Go to Seminary?

The April *New Era* focuses on seminary and how it blesses LDS youth around the world. Read about the purpose and blessings of seminary on pages 10 and 24. On page 8, find out why youth in the jungles of Ecuador love to go to seminary. April's Q&A answers the question "Why do I need to go to seminary if I can just study the scriptures on my own?" And for an answer to the question "What comes after seminary?" turn to page 27 for an article about the Church's institute program.

### Patchwork of Progress

With encouragement from their leaders, young women in one ward have learned piece by piece and stitch by stitch that if they keep working steadily toward a worthy goal, the final product will be one they can treasure. Read their story on page 28.

## THE FRIEND

### Learning about Gospel Standards

The April *Friend* includes stories, activities, and other features that focus on each of the gospel standards included on the Primary's "My Gospel Standards" poster. These standards help children learn to follow Jesus Christ and stay on the path that will take them to the temple. Complete the activity on pages 4–5 with your children as you hunt through the magazine to find the stories and activities that will help them learn about their gospel standards.

### "My Gospel Standards" Poster

Help your children learn about "My Gospel Standards" on a daily basis by removing the poster on page 6 of the *Friend* and placing it in a prominent place in your home.

### MY GOSPEL STANDARDS

I will follow Heavenly Father's plan for me.

I will remember my baptismal covenant and listen to the Holy Ghost.

I will choose the right.

I know I can repent when I make a mistake.

I will be honest with Heavenly Father, others, and myself.

I will use the names of Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ reverently. I will not swear or use crude words.

I will do those things on the Sabbath that will help me feel close to Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ.

I will honor my parents and do my part to strengthen my family.

I will keep my mind and body sacred and pure, and I will not partake of things that are harmful to me.

I will dress modestly to show respect for Heavenly Father and myself.

I will only read and watch things that are pleasing to Heavenly Father.

I will only listen to music that is pleasing to Heavenly Father.

I will seek good friends and treat others kindly.

I will live now to be worthy to go to the temple and do my part to have an eternal family.

**I AM A CHILD OF GOD**  
I know Heavenly Father loves me, and I love Him.  
I can pray to Heavenly Father anytime, anywhere.  
I can try to remember and follow Jesus Christ.