

# Small & Simple Things

“By small and simple things are great things brought to pass” (Alma 37:6).

## CHURCH HISTORY AROUND THE WORLD



Left: Kim Ho Jik (right) with Elder Harold B. Lee (center) of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, who was visiting Korea. Above: The Seoul Korea Temple, dedicated in 1985.

## South Korea

The first missionary work in Korea began during the Korean War in the early 1950s, but Kim Ho Jik, one of the first Korean converts, was baptized in the United States. Kim was earning his doctorate degree when he joined the Church in Pennsylvania in 1951. Two of his children were among the first four people to be baptized in Korea, on August 3, 1952. Brother Kim later became a leader in the Korean government and was influential in helping missionaries enter South Korea.

In 1962 the Korean Mission was created, and the Book of Mormon was printed in Korean in 1967. South Korea’s first stake, also the first stake in mainland Asia, was organized in Seoul on March 8, 1973. The Seoul Korea Temple, the first temple in mainland Asia, was dedicated in 1985.

In 2001 Elder Dallin H. Oaks of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles presented a copy of “The Family: A Proclamation to the Word” to South Korea’s prime minister, Lee Han-Dong.



THE CHURCH IN SOUTH KOREA	
Membership	81,251
Missions	3
Stakes	17
Wards and branches	142
Temples	1

TOP LEFT: PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY OF CHURCH HISTORY MUSEUM; PHOTOGRAPH OF SEOUL KOREA TEMPLE BY WILLIAM FLOYD HOLDMAN; MAP © ISTOCK

# Quiz

## Wives of the Prophets

From Emma Smith to Frances Monson, the wives of Presidents of the Church have stood by their husbands as faithful helpmeets. Of these and other faithful women, Elder Bruce R. McConkie (1915–85) of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles said, “The Lord never sends apostles and prophets and righteous men to minister to his people without placing women of like spiritual stature at their sides.”<sup>1</sup> This quiz will help you learn some interesting details about the stalwart wives of eight latter-day prophets.

Answers on the next page.

1. This woman was baptized in 1834 and later traveled 1,000 miles (1,600 km) by herself to join the Latter-day Saints in Kirtland, Ohio, USA. She promised her mother that she would return if she found the Church to be false, but she remained with the Latter-day Saints for the rest of her life.

2. This young woman’s future husband sought to impress her when they were teenagers by fixing up his parents’ yard in order to host a yard party equal in prestige to those of other, more wealthy neighborhood boys.

3. This woman loved reading from the time she was a young girl, often reading when she was thought to be sleeping, making up beds, or practicing the organ.

4. As an eight-year-old, this young girl went to the woods to pray. She prayed for her father, who didn’t have a firm faith in Christ. When her father came into the woods to hunt, he overheard her prayer. It softened his heart, and he became more faithful.

5. On this woman’s first date with her future husband, her father and mother both kissed her date’s cheek. When the young man looked

around for his date, she said only, “I’ll go get my coat.”<sup>2</sup>

6. This woman received training at the University of Utah and the Cincinnati College of Music, where she learned homemaking skills. She learned to love literature, drama, and the arts and became a fine musician.

7. As a college student, this young woman played the lead role of Viola in Shakespeare’s *Twelfth Night* and was chair of the junior prom committee, president of the Girls’ Athletic Club, and student body vice-president.

8. This woman gave eloquent readings in Primary, complete with elocution and movements. Her husband later said of one of her readings, “I don’t know what it did to me, but I never forgot it. Then she grew older into a beautiful young woman, and I had the good sense to marry her.”<sup>3</sup>

### NOTES

1. Bruce R. McConkie, *Doctrinal New Testament Commentary*, 3 vols. (1966–73), 3:302.
2. See Thomas S. Monson, “Abundantly Blessed,” *Liahona* and *Ensign*, May 2008, 111.
3. See Jeffrey R. Holland, “President Gordon B. Hinckley: Stalwart and Brave He Stands,” *Liahona*, June 1995, 17; *Ensign*, June 1995, 10–11.



Emma Hale Smith



Flora Amussen Benson



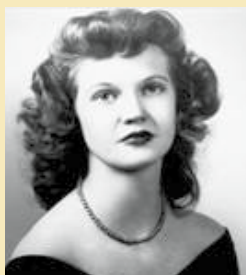
Marjorie Pay Hinckley



Phoebe W. Carter Woodruff



Lucy Woodruff Smith



Frances Johnson Monson



Camilla Eyring Kimball



Emma Ray McKay

### Education: Increase Our Ability to Serve

The Lord and His Church have always encouraged education to increase our ability to serve Him and our Heavenly Father's children. For each of us, whatever our talents, He has service for us to give. And to do it well always involves learning, not once or for a limited time, but continually."

President Henry B. Eyring, First Counselor in the First Presidency, "Education for Real Life," *Ensign*, Oct. 2002, 17.



## Suggestions for Lifelong Learning

- Read a good book.
- Take up a hobby you've always wanted to try.
- Attend wholesome cultural events.
- Study the assigned general conference talk or chapter in the *Gospel Principles* manual for Sunday lessons.
- Visit museums and historic sites.
- Observe the world around you: walk around your neighborhood, stargaze, watch animals in your area.
- Do family history work.
- Learn a new skill or sport.
- Visit the library to research a topic of interest.

For more on this topic, see True to the Faith (2004), "Education," 50–51.

## QUIZ ANSWERS

### WIVES OF THE PROPHETS

1. Phoebe W. Carter Woodruff, married to Wilford Woodruff
2. Lucy Woodruff Smith, married to George Albert Smith
3. Camilla Eyring Kimball, married to Spencer W. Kimball
4. Emma Hale Smith, married to Joseph Smith
5. Frances Johnson Monson, married to Thomas S. Monson
6. Emma Ray McKay, married to David O. McKay
7. Flora Amussen Benson, married to Ezra Taft Benson
8. Marjorie Pay Hinckley, married to Gordon B. Hinckley

### PREPARE TO SHARE

Be ready to share the gospel. Have materials on hand when missionary opportunities occur." These were the goals of a Prepare to Share program implemented in the Westland Michigan Stake when my husband and I served as ward missionaries.

To make these goals practical and doable, the ward budgeted for each family to have a box kit containing basic Church materials. As a start we included copies of the Book of Mormon, pass-along cards, pamphlets, and Church DVDs, to name a few items. We put them in small cardboard boxes or storage bags to allow for easy-access storage in a car, family room, or office. Members were encouraged to purchase additional kits, materials, or refills as needed.

My car kit came in handy later when I worked with the full-time missionaries. They were delighted to see that I had gospel materials on hand and gave me some additional items. The missionaries even said my kit was like having a mobile distribution center at their disposal. I was pleased that I was prepared to share.

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