

Seven Sisters Shine Their Light in the Mission Field

Pleiades, or the Seven Sisters, is a constellation of seven stars that are so far away their light needs 350 years to reach the earth.

Ranging in age from their early twenties to late thirties, seven sisters from Mexico are letting their light shine in their family and in the mission field as they share the gospel with people in five countries.

Marisol (Chile Osorno), Antonia (Argentina Resistencia), Daniela (Costa Rica San José), Florencia (Honduras Comayaguela), Verónica (Chile Santiago East), Anai (Guatemala City North), and Balbina Nava Aguilar (Argentina Bahía Blanca) are concurrently serving missions for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The sisters' first contact with

LDS missionaries was when they began attending free English classes at a local chapel. In 2006 they—along with another sister and their brother—were baptized. Their parents, Albino Nava and Isidra Aguilar, who had joined the Church three decades earlier, came back into full activity at that time.

Sister Aguilar said she can see the good that has come from having her seven daughters on missions.

"They are in the Lord's hands, working, preaching His gospel to bring more souls [to Him]," she said.

"I love this gospel and I know that the work changes lives," Florencia said. "It changed mine, and it will change the lives of those I teach."

The sisters begin returning home at the end of 2011. ■

General Authorities regularly visit members of the Church across the world. Reports of their ministry can be found on news.lds.org as well as on Prophets and Apostles Speak Today at prophets.lds.org in English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish. Here are brief accounts of recent travels.

- President Dieter F. Uchtdorf, Second Counselor in the First Presidency, spoke in May 2011 to 800 community, business, and religious leaders attending the Los Angeles World Affairs Council, a nonpartisan organization dedicated to furthering global understanding. President Uchtdorf talked about the growth of the Church from 1830 to today. Search "Uchtdorf, Los Angeles" on news.lds.org.

- Elder Russell M. Nelson of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles organized, in June 2011, the Moscow Russia Stake—the first in Russia and the second in the area covered by the former Soviet Union. More than 1,100 people attended. Search "Nelson, Moscow" on news.lds.org.

- Elder Jeffrey R. Holland of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles visited India, Hong Kong (where he was joined by Elder David A. Bednar of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles), and then Mongolia in May 2011. Search "Holland, India" on news.lds.org.

- Presiding Bishop H. David Burton visited Higashi Matsushima, Japan, in June 2011 to assess the country's condition since the March 11 earthquake and tsunami and to observe Church relief being offered there. Search "Burton, Japan" on news.lds.org. ■



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These seven siblings from Mexico City are simultaneously serving full-time missions in different parts of the world.