

Prophet Urges Young Adults to Be a Light

On November 1, 2011, at a Brigham Young University–Provo devotional, President Thomas S. Monson admonished listeners to “be a righteous example.”

Quoting the Apostle Paul from the New Testament—“Be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity” (1 Timothy 4:12)—President Monson expressed his desire that members of the Church be a light to the world.

“What is light?” he asked. “I prefer the simple ‘something that illuminates.’ Providing an example of righteousness . . . can help to illuminate an increasingly dark world.”

He acknowledged that for many, the light has dimmed almost to the point of being extinguished. Ours, he said, is the responsibility to keep our lights aflame for others to see and follow, which requires that we must believe.

“It is up to each of us to develop the faith necessary to survive spiritually and to project our light for others to see,” he said. “Remember that faith and doubt cannot exist in the same place at the same time.”

Some of the best ways to gain and keep faith, President Monson explained, are to read and study the scriptures and to pray frequently and consistently.



During his address at a Brigham Young University–Provo devotional, President Monson urged members to read the Book of Mormon and find out the truth of it for themselves.

“Have you read the Book of Mormon? Have you put to the test the promise found in Moroni?” he asked. He urged those in attendance to set aside time each day to find out for themselves if the Book of Mormon is true, “for it will change your heart, and it will change your life,” he said.

Quoting 3 Nephi 12:16—“Let your light so shine before this people, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven”—President Monson explained that Christ is the “‘true light, which lighteth every man who cometh into the world’ (John 1:9), a light which ‘shineth in darkness’” (John 1:5).

He concluded: “Our opportunities to shine are limitless. . . . As we follow the example of the Savior, ours will be the opportunity to be a light, as it were, in the lives of those around us.” ■

For additional information on recent addresses and visits the members of the First Presidency and Quorum of the Twelve Apostles have made, please see prophets.lds.org and news.lds.org.

Ethiopian Members Assemble Hygiene Kits

More than 70 Church members gathered at the Meganagna meetinghouse in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on October 1, 2011, for approximately five hours to assemble 5,000 hygiene kits for their fellow Ethiopians affected by the Horn of Africa drought.

The project is part of the Church’s effort to help the people living within the Ethiopian borders.

Members and missionaries in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, help assemble 5,000 hygiene kits to be delivered to fellow Ethiopians affected by the Horn of Africa drought.



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New Leadership Training Video Library Available

As an interactive supplement to the updated *Handbook 2: Administering the Church*, the Church's Priesthood Department has announced the Leadership Training Library, an online collection of short training videos that highlight the principles taught in the manual. The new resource is available now at leadershiplibrary.lds.org. Portions of the library will be available in 11 languages this year.

Chile Celebrates 50 Years of Missionary Work

During October 2011, Chile commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Church's formal missionary work there with a weeklong celebration.

The Chile Area Presidency sponsored the commemoration and spoke at the event on Saturday, October 15, that culminated the celebrations.

It brought some 20,000 members to Santiago's Santa Laura Stadium, where talks, songs, a play, and cultural dances commemorated the Chileans' acceptance of the gospel and the growth of the Church. ■

Leaders Address Latino Saints in November Broadcast

Elder Claudio D. Zivic of the Seventy and Elder Gary B. Doxey, Utah South Area Seventy, spoke at a Church-sponsored devotional for Latin American members titled "En la luz de Su amor" ("In the Light of His Love"), held on Sunday, November 13, 2011.

Thousands of Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking members of the Church and their friends attended the devotional at the Conference Center and in meetinghouses in North, Central, and South America.

For eight years the Church has provided annual inspirational events focused on the growing Latino community of Saints, an initiative that has included Christmas concerts, devotionals, and stage plays. The 2011 devotional marked the first time that the annual program was broadcast live to meetinghouses outside the United States.

Honduran First Lady Meets First Presidency

The first lady of Honduras, Rosa Elena Bonilla de Lobo, met with President Thomas S. Monson and President Henry B. Eyring, First Counselor in the First Presidency, on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, a meeting she called "a great privilege."

During her visit to Church headquarters, she also toured Temple Square, the Family History Library, the Conference Center, the Church Humanitarian Center, and Welfare Square.

She explained that the Church was helpful recently during terrible flooding in Honduras. "Just two weeks ago you delivered 90,000 tons [81,600 tonnes] of food for the people who were affected by the rain and flooding, and this is one of the many things you do," she said. "I now have faith that the Church does not have borders or limits in their ability [and] commitment to help those in need." ■

The first lady of Honduras, Rosa Elena Bonilla de Lobo, toured Church facilities in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, on November 8, 2011.



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