IN THE NEWS

Online Store Makes Resources Accessible

It's difficult for many of the 14 million members of the Church to travel to one of 130 retail stores to obtain Church materials. So Church Distribution Services is reversing the process. A new online store is now bringing materials to the members.

Store.lds.org makes it easy to order gospel study materials, music, garments, temple clothing, and other materials. Materials ship free of cost around the world.

Visitors to the site identify their country. As online stores specific to each country become available, they will show the available products in that country's primary language and with all prices listed in local currency.

The site replaces ldscatalog .com and launched initially in English, Spanish, and Russian. Other languages will be available in coming months, including Portuguese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, and Chinese, in that order.

New DVDs Available for Study of D&C

A new set of four DVDs assists in the study of the Doctrine and Covenants and Church history.

The set contains interactive charts, quotations from latter-day prophets and apostles, paintings, and learning activities. It features videos such as *Legacy, Mountain of the Lord,* and *Joseph Smith: The Prophet of the Restoration,* which has been showing in the Joseph Smith Memorial Building since December 2005.

Doctrine and Covenants and Church History Visual Resources DVDs is available in English, Portuguese, and Spanish. Order online at store.lds.org or by calling 1-800-537-5971. Check with local distribution centers for availability. ■

Call for Articles

as your Christmas celebration ever not been as you wanted or not gone as you planned? Maybe you were sick, mourning a loss, in the military, away at school, or separated from family and friends. How did you celebrate the Savior and His birth in those circumstances? Please limit your experience to 500 words, label it "Christmas Celebrations," and send it to liahona@ldschurch.org.

WORLD BRIEFS

Church is Now Casting for New Testament Video Project

In an effort to attract participants from around the world for the LDS Motion Picture Studio's New Testament film project, the Church has created a Web site, casting.lds.org, where interested members of the Church may apply to participate as actors or extras in all Church film and video productions, including the New Testament project. Filming will begin in spring 2011 in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, and will continue through the summer.

Youth Resource Guides Help Teachers

New resource guides supplement the Aaronic Priesthood and Young Women lesson manuals, *Aaronic Priesthood Manual 3* and *Young Women Manual 3*, for 2011. The guides provide teachers with recent general conference references, discussion questions, additional scripture references, and activity ideas that tie into and refresh the existing lessons, making them more relevant to issues youth face today. The guides are available in 27 languages at Church distribution centers or online at resourceguides.lds.org.

Online Learning Opportunities Expand on FamilySearch

Online learning on FamilySearch.org has been expanded recently and now includes 81 free lessons, enabling people anywhere in the world to access family history expertise any time. The topics range from basic research to training on specific record types from specific countries and can be beneficial to both beginners and experienced researchers. All of the classes can be accessed on familysearch .org by clicking on **Free Online Classes** on the home page. ■