

## Members Assist with Measles Initiative

Since the Church joined the Measles Initiative and Partnership in 2003, thousands of Church members have helped in the effort to eliminate the disease.

Approximately 56,000 Church members around the world have provided more than 600,000 hours of service in 32 countries in Africa, Asia, and Central and South America.

A group of humanitarian organizations—the American Red Cross, the United Nations Foundation, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF, and the World Health Organization—founded the Measles Initiative and Partnership in 2001 with the goal of reducing the number of deaths due to measles worldwide by 90 percent by the end of 2010.

As part of the Church's commitment to the initiative, which included a US \$3 million donation, the First Presidency invited Church members in affected countries, under the direction of local priesthood and Relief Society leaders, to participate in helping to organize and publicize the vaccination campaigns.

Church members hand out information sheets, hang street

posters and banners, help at vaccination posts, and develop radio and TV spots. One young returned missionary composed a musical jingle for the campaign in Madagascar. This jingle has been translated and sung in 28 languages on dozens of radio stations in most countries where the campaign has taken place.

Cape Verde, a string of islands a few hundred miles off the coast of western Africa, is one of the many countries where Church members volunteered. In the March 2009 campaign, members helped make possible the vaccinations of more than 50,000 children. More than 600 members in Cape Verde volunteered 4,200 hours to promote the campaign door-to-door.

From the beginning of the initiative in 2001 to December 2008, 600 million children and youth have been vaccinated in the target countries, resulting in a 74 percent decrease in measles deaths around the world and an 89 percent decrease in Africa alone. Deaths due to measles decreased from 750,000 in 2000 to 197,000 in 2007, bringing the world much closer to the United Nations' goal of fewer than 100,000 deaths worldwide by the end of 2010.

## Additional New Temple Presidents Announced

The following new temple presidents and matrons join those previously announced in the December 2009 issue.

Temple	President and Matron
<b>Cebu City Philippines</b>	Gerald E. and Linda G. Mortimer
<b>Oquirrh Mountain Utah</b>	Alan S. and Leslie P. Layton
<b>Palmyra New York</b>	William H. and Kathy Sherwood
<b>Papeete Tahiti</b>	Michael F. and Maria T. Moody
<b>Porto Alegre Brazil</b>	Lennis M. and Peggy L. Knighton
<b>Preston England</b>	Albert and Aileen F. Roy
<b>Recife Brazil</b>	Frederick G. and Carol Y. Williams
<b>Redlands California</b>	Eldon H. and Flora H. Morgan
<b>Regina Saskatchewan</b>	Robert A. and Claudia R. Gehmlich
<b>Sacramento California</b>	William W. And Shanna N. Parmley
<b>San José Costa Rica</b>	Arthur L. and Elaine A. Porter
<b>São Paulo Brazil</b>	Stanley D. and Sheryl L. Neeleman
<b>St. Louis Missouri</b>	Grant Richard and Linda Oscarson
<b>Stockholm Sweden</b>	Paul K. and Bonnie L. Oscarson
<b>Taipei Taiwan</b>	Harvey G. and Sherry W. Horner
<b>The Gila Valley Arizona</b>	Keith and Kathleen M. Crockett
<b>Tokyo Japan</b>	Tohru and Sachiko T. Hotta
<b>Vancouver British Columbia</b>	Cordell B. and Marilyn J. Rolfson
<b>Veracruz Mexico</b>	David K. and Mayrene H. Bickmore
<b>Villahermosa Mexico</b>	Jorge and Bertha T. Méndez ■

## Correction

The new temple recently announced for Fortaleza, Brazil, in the November edition of the magazine will be the seventh temple in Brazil, not the sixth. Along with the temple announced for Concepción, Chile, it brings the total number of temples in South America to 14. ■