

TEMPLE NEWS

Dates Set for New Temple in Arizona

The First Presidency has announced the dates for the public open house and dedication of The Gila Valley Arizona Temple.

Construction of the temple was first announced in April 2008. It will be the third temple in the state of Arizona in the United States.

The public is invited to attend an open house from April 23, 2010, through May 15, 2010, excluding Sundays. A cultural celebration of music and dance

will be held prior to the dedication on May 22, 2010. Three dedicatory sessions will follow on May 23, 2010.

The temple will serve nearly 20,000 Latter-day Saints living in southeast Arizona and southwest New Mexico.

Cebu Temple Dedication Dates Announced

The First Presidency has announced open house and dedicatory dates for the Cebu City Philippines Temple.

The Cebu City temple will be

open to the public from May 21, 2010, through June 5, 2010, excluding Sundays. A cultural celebration with music and dance will follow on June 12.

The dedication of the temple will be held June 13, 2010, with three dedicatory sessions broadcast throughout the Philippines. The temple will be open for temple work on June 14, 2010.

The new temple, first announced on April 18, 2006, is the second temple located in the Philippines and will be the 133rd operating temple in the world. ■

WORLD BRIEFS

Church Ad Honored

A Washington, D.C.-based advertising and marketing firm has honored a public service



announcement produced by the Church. “Swashbucklers,” a short spot on the importance of fatherhood, was recognized for its relevance, high production quality, and exceptional combination of excitement, humor, and warmth, according to the National

Media Survey. The spot is part of the Homefront series. It can be viewed at the Mormon Messages YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/mormonmessages. Search “swashbuckler.”

Scriptures Now Online in Chinese and Korean

Two new editions of the LDS scriptures are now online. Korean was launched in October 2009 at scriptures.lds.org/ko, and the Chinese (traditional characters) version followed in December at scriptures.lds.org/ch. The sites contain the text of the Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, Pearl of Great Price, and Guide to the Scriptures, an alphabetical

listing of gospel topics. Japanese, Cebuano, and Tagalog editions are scheduled to be published online in 2010.

Council Recognizes Disabilities Web Site

The Autism Council of Utah presented the Church with its 2009 Outstanding Organization of the Year award in recognition of the Church’s Disabilities Resources Web site. The site offers resources for people with disabilities—such as those with hearing loss, blindness, speech disorders, learning disabilities and more—and their caregivers, families, and Church leaders. The site can be found at www.disabilities.lds.org. ■