



Elder Kyle S. McKay

General Authority Seventy

Besides his family and the Church, Elder Kyle S. McKay's greatest passion is being on his horse in the mountains.

"It's not my religion," he said, "but there's no question it has strengthened my [faith]. I alternate between the Lord's mountains and the mountain of the Lord's house. He meets me in both places."

Elder McKay likens the mountains above Huntsville, Utah, USA, to the waters and forest of Mormon and their importance for the people of Alma—they are where, in his youth, he came to a knowledge of his Redeemer.

Elder McKay was born on February 14, 1960, in Chicago, Illinois, USA, to Barrie Gunn McKay and Elaine Stirland McKay, whom he credits for shaping him into the person he is.

He took a break from his studies at Brigham Young University in 1979 to serve a full-time mission in Kobe, Japan. Shortly after returning from his mission to complete his degree in English, Elder McKay met Jennifer Stone, who had recently returned from the England Bristol Mission. She was also studying English. The two were married in the Oakland California Temple on June 12, 1984.

With family at the center of his life, Elder McKay says, he and Sister McKay derive their greatest joy from their posterity. While the McKays reside in Kaysville, Utah, USA, they regularly spend time with their nine children in Huntsville, where his ancestors settled in the early 1860s.

Elder McKay graduated with a juris doctor degree in 1987 from the J. Reuben Clark School of Law at BYU and immediately accepted a job with a large regional law firm in Portland, Oregon, USA. He later returned to Utah to pursue an opportunity with another law firm before accepting a position with the Kroger Company. He worked as a vice president for both Smith's and Fry's, two Kroger divisions in Utah and Arizona, USA, from 2000 to 2017.

Elder McKay has served previously as a bishop, high counselor, stake president, and Area Seventy. ■



Elder Juan Pablo Villar

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Elder Juan Pablo Villar's introduction to the Church came in Santiago, Chile, when his eldest brother, Ivan, announced to the family that he had been baptized without his parents' approval and later said he planned to serve a mission. When asked why, Ivan shared his testimony and desire to serve.

"I didn't understand all the meaning of that," recalled Elder Villar, then age 17. "But at that moment, he put a seed in my heart."

That seed was given a chance to grow when his brother referred him to the missionaries. During his first lesson, Elder Villar received his own testimony of the truthfulness of the Book of Mormon.

"For myself, it was not necessary to kneel down and pray, because the moment they shared their testimony, I knew in my heart it was true," he said. "When I knew that, everything else had to be true."

Ivan, serving in a neighboring mission, received permission to baptize Elder Villar in 1988. Later, their mother and other brother, Claudio, also joined the Church.

A year after his baptism, Elder Villar began serving in the Chile Viña del Mar Mission, beginning a life of service that has since included serving as a stake president, bishop, counselor in a bishopric, counselor in the Chile Santiago East Mission, and Area Seventy in the South America South Area. He was sustained on March 31, 2018, as a General Authority Seventy.

Elder Villar was born on September 11, 1969, in Valparaiso, Chile, to Sergio Villar Vera and Genoveva Saaverdra. He married Carola Cristina Barrios on March 31, 1994, in the Santiago Chile Temple. They are the parents of three children.

After earning a bachelor's degree in social communications and public relations and a master's degree in marketing, he worked in the pharmaceutical and medical devices industry. In 2007 he added a master's degree in business administration from Brigham Young University. Then he returned to Chile to work for Orica, a mining services company, most recently as a senior manager. ■