

Senior Missionary Policies Changed

The First Presidency and Quorum of the Twelve Apostles recently approved policy changes regarding length of senior missionary service and missionary housing to encourage more couples to serve full-time missions.

As of September 1, 2011, couples may serve for 6, 12, 18, or 23 months. In addition, a housing cap of \$1,400 (US) per month will be established.

Missions, temples, or area administration offices now will locate and secure appropriate housing and pay all housing costs (including rent, utilities, and furnishings). Missionary couples will then reimburse some or all of those housing costs up to the cap. Couples will continue to pay for food and other personal expenses.

Those who have questions about senior missions can call 1-800-453-3860, ext. 2-6741, or e-mail seniormissionaryservices@ldschurch.org. ■

Seven Sisters Let Their Light Shine in the Mission Field at the Same Time

Pleiades, or the Seven Sisters, is a constellation of seven stars that are so far away their light takes 350 years to reach the earth.

Seven sisters from the same family in Mexico, ranging in age from their early twenties to late thirties, are letting their light shine in their family and in the mission field as they share their knowledge and testimonies of the gospel with people in five countries.

Marisol (Chile Osorno), Antonia (Argentina Resistencia), Daniela (Costa Rica San Jose), Florencia (Honduras Comayaguela), Verónica (Chile Santiago East), Anai (Guatemala City North), and Balbina Nava Aguilar (Argentina Bahía Blanca) are seven sisters bound by their concurrent service as full-time missionaries.

The sisters' first contact with

LDS missionaries was when they began attending free English classes at a local chapel. In 2006, they—along with another sister and their brother—were baptized. Their parents, Albino Nava and Isidra Aguilar, who had joined the Church three decades earlier, came back into full activity at that time.

Sister Aguilar said she can see the good that has come of sending her seven daughters on missions.

"They are in the Lord's hands, working, preaching His gospel to bring more souls [to Him]," she said. "I want them to finish their missions with honor and with the pure love of our Savior Jesus Christ and Heavenly Father."

"I love this gospel and I know that the work changes lives," Florencia said. "It changed mine, and it will change the lives of those I teach." ■



These seven siblings from Mexico City are simultaneously serving full-time missions in different parts of the world.

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