



Saving for My Mission

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I know this might sound strange, but I have been saving money to pay for my mission since before I was born. When my mother learned she was going to have a baby, she took an empty milk can, put a hole in it, and labeled it, "Mission Fund." Since that day, my family and I have been saving for my mission.

Saving for my mission has been a family effort. After I was born, my uncles and aunts who came to visit would drop Philippine pesos into the mission fund can. And when holidays like Christmas or New Year's came around, family members gave me money to add to my mission fund.

Sometimes my grandparents give me money for doing well in school and competitions. These gifts go to my mission fund too. Once, when I received several medals, my aunt

counted all the medals I earned and gave me money for each one. After I paid tithing, this money also went into my mission fund.

When I was baptized, my desire to serve a mission grew even more. My family set a goal to save enough money to pay for my mission in full. Because I now have siblings, money we save is added to their mission funds too.

I am now nine years old and almost halfway to the age I will be when I serve my mission. My desire to serve a mission has increased because I know there have been so many people who have contributed to my mission fund.

I will continue to save for my mission. I know that Heavenly Father will bless me so that I can serve Him as a missionary one day. ♦

