



From Elder M. Russell Ballard

Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

How are missionaries called?

First, your bishop and stake president interview you.



Next, one of the Twelve Apostles sees your picture and information about you on a computer screen.



They look into your eyes.

Then, by the power of the Spirit of the Lord, they assign you to one of the Church's 409 missions.

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Meet Elder M. Russell Ballard

He is the only boy in his family. He has three sisters.



He worked for his father's car dealership in the early 1950s and was the top salesperson.



He served in the United States Army Reserve and became a first lieutenant.



On his mission in England, he and his companions held meetings in marketplaces or town squares. They set up a stand, sang hymns, and shared their testimonies.



He met his wife, Barbara Bowen, at a dance in college.



WHAT IS AN APOSTLE?

When Jesus was on the earth, He called 12 men to be His special helpers and witnesses. They were called Apostles. He has called Apostles to be His special helpers and witnesses today. They testify of Jesus Christ to the whole world. Elder Ballard is an Apostle.

Watch videos about the Apostles at children.lds.org. Click on "Videos" and "Meet the Apostles."