

### A Useful Teaching Tool

As Young Women president I make good use of the *Liabona* articles, especially the Posters, because they help us get the youth to think about gospel principles and put them into practice. I use the talks and stories in the *Liabona* because they are true stories about people who may be of a different culture, race, or

sex—but we still have our testimonies and the true gospel in common.

*Jessica Moreira de Macías, Ecuador*

### Having the *Liabona* on Hand

One Saturday when I was a bishop, I was preparing to go out with my family to the beach when the Spirit caused me to stop. My family asked what happened, and I responded that I couldn't go with them because I had to visit a certain couple. I didn't understand the reason, but I returned home and prayed and felt that I should take with me a copy of the *Liabona*. I did not know what message I would share, but as I arrived I felt I should talk about eternal marriage.

Later, the husband told me that God sent me there because they had been having a fight that stopped when I arrived. What that couple

needed at that moment was the message I had brought.

It is very important that we have the *Liabona* in our homes because we don't know when we will need it to solve our problems. I am grateful to always have the *Liabona* in my home. I feel the Spirit stronger when I read it and seek to apply its teachings.

*Marcial F. Lima, Brazil*

### I Am Not Alone

The *Liabona* magazine is indeed a great help to me. Each time I read it, it helps me focus on what I should be doing every day. It gives me the courage I need to face my trials, it gives me hope when everything around me looks bleak, and it helps enlighten my mind whenever I'm troubled. It's also a great tool for my husband and me each time we prepare lessons for family home evening. All the messages and stories are inspiring, and when I read other members' experiences similar to my own, it adds to my strength. Every time I read the *Liabona*, I get the feeling that I am not alone. Heavenly Father loves me, and through this magazine He lets me know.

*Bernadette Santo Domingo, Philippines*

### The Good Samaritan

Soon after I was baptized, a longtime member gave me all of his past issues of the *Liabona* (1999–2002), and since then I have been a subscriber. Whenever I can, I also give a copy of the *Liabona* as a gift.

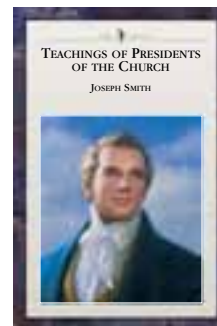
I was touched by the article by John W. Welch, "The Good Samaritan: Forgotten Symbols" (Feb. 2007). I learned that what is most important for humans is knowledge, compassion, and service.

*Ginalva Pedro da Silva, Brazil*

### The Lord's Work Moves Forward

I have two callings: I am a branch missionary and the first counselor in the Young Women organization. The *Liabona* helps me prepare lessons and organize activities for the youth. I gave the *Liabona* to my friends who are not members of the Church, and they were happy to read it. I know the Lord's work moves forward to all nations and kindreds.

*Natasha Vavenko, Ukraine*



### COMING NEXT MONTH

Starting in January, adult members of the Church will be studying the

teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith in Relief Society and Melchizedek Priesthood meetings. An article in next month's *Liabona* relates highlights from the Prophet's life and explains how *Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Joseph Smith* is an authoritative compilation of the Prophet's teachings.

