

# OUR SPACE

## SHARING THE VIEW AND THE BOOK OF MORMON

**W**hile I was serving as a missionary in a small town in Wales, my companion and I were tracting a street leading up one of the many hills there. It was a warm

summer day. As we reached the top of the hill, the view was beautiful, so my companion and I decided to take a short break to enjoy the view and regain our energy.

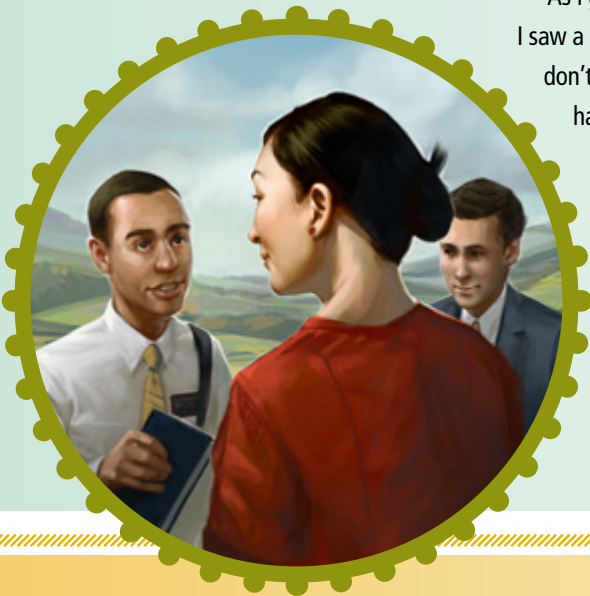
As I got an orange out of my backpack, I saw a Chinese lady walking up the hill. I don't know why, but I waved to her. She happily waved back and walked over to sit by us. We started talking, and she explained that she came up the hill to enjoy the view because it reminded her of God and His love for her. She also told us that she had been ready to go back to China when a job in Wales came

up. She took it, believing that God provided this job for a reason she didn't know.

Soon after this first meeting, we started teaching her in a recent convert's home and shared many spiritual moments together. One of them I cherish the most. We presented her with a Chinese copy of the Book of Mormon with our testimonies written in the front. The Spirit was so strong that she started crying.

Not long after, I was transferred to another area. Unfortunately, I couldn't go back to that area for her baptism, but it will always strengthen me to think back to our first meeting high on a hilltop.

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## TOGETHER FOREVER

**F**amilies can be together forever through Heav'nly Father's plan" ("Families Can Be Together Forever," *Hymns*, no. 300). I love this Primary song, which teaches that families can be sealed for eternity. I prayed that this could be true for my family, especially after my father passed away.

Recently the Lord answered my prayer. My mother, my two brothers, and I were able to travel to the Manila Philippines Temple to be sealed together and to my father. It was our first time in the temple together, and I can still remember the happiness I saw in my mother's and brothers' eyes. There was a great feeling of joy there.

I know the temple is the house of the Lord and that those in the temple have the proper authority to perform sacred ordinances. I'm so grateful that through these ordinances, my family can be with my father again. Since going to the temple, we try to be a stronger family and do all we can to keep our covenants so that we can be together forever.

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