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What's New?

Go to the *New Era* online to:

- Read additional comments from teens posted only online.
- Search the *New Era* for other articles about receiving your patriarchal blessing.
- Listen to testimonies in Spanish from the Dominican Republic.

RESOURCE LINKS

If teachers need additional articles to use in preparing lessons for Young Women and Aaronic Priesthood, look online under Lesson Helps for suggestions. Each month we'll add more lessons to the list.

New Era Favorite

"When I was 18, as I was preparing to serve a mission, my bishop called me to teach the Sunbeams. I had never before learned to love others more than myself until I had served those children in such a simple assignment. . . ."

"One day I invited Mike to come to church and sit in my class. Mike was my age but had stopped attending church completely by the time he was 12. . . . Once in a while Mike would accept my invitations to come to an activity. It always surprised me when he did, so I kept inviting him."

"At that time, Mike had long, black hair and a beard. His complexion was dark and pleasant. I don't remember when I invited him to my Primary class, but one day he showed up."

"Class, I would like to introduce you to my friend Mike," is how I began my lesson.

"He is visiting us today."

Read the rest of *"The Visitor,"* by Ken Merrell, in the May 2000 *New Era*.

TOP FIVE

If you want to read some great articles about not using bad language and swearing, read these five. Look them up in past issues online.

Q&A (swearing is addicting) Mar. 2001

Brian D. Stenquist, "This Recruit Does Not Swear, Sir!" Oct. 2005

L. Tom Perry, "Thy Speech Reveals Thee," July 2007

Mormonad: "Trash Talk," Nov. 2000

Annette Antonelli, "Example Speaks Loudest," Mar. 1994

BEHIND THE SCENES

First, read the article "Personal Progress by Proxy" on page 16. The *New Era* got to attend the Night of Excellence where Laura was presented with her medallion. Amy, Laura's sister, said she had the hardest time keeping the secret from her parents. A few other girls in the ward confessed that their parents just had to know what was going on and were let in on the secret. Laura herself knew that the Young Women had all helped her earn her Personal Progress, but her parents didn't find out until that night.

