

*“I have had prayers answered. Those answers were most clear when what I wanted was silenced by an overpowering need to know what God wanted.”*

President Henry B. Eyring, First Counselor in the First Presidency, “A Matter of the Heart,” *New Era*, Nov. 2003, 13.



## I LOVE TO SEE THE TEMPLE

I have been inspired by the temple all my life,” says Caitlin Christensen, 16, of the Rockledge Ward in the Cocoa Florida Stake. “When I was younger the Salt Lake Temple was being updated. I was upset because I was unable to see it up close. All I wanted was to touch it. We asked a missionary there and got permission to get close enough to touch it. I had no idea why this was so important to me then; now I know. I know that Christ dwells in the temples and the action of me touching it gave me the feeling that I was touching Christ himself, like the woman who knew she would be healed if she just touched His robe.

“This picture I took was a big testimony builder for me. Every time I look at it, it reminds me of my purpose in life and that Christ knows and loves me. It also reminds me of my goal of an eternal marriage in the temple.”

## MOTHERS OF THE PROPHETS QUIZ

The stripling warriors in the Book of Mormon were brave and good because they followed their mothers’ teachings. We may not know the names of the stripling warriors’ mothers, but we do know the names of a few other righteous mothers in the scriptures. See if you can match these good mothers to their prophet sons.

<b>A: Sariah</b>	<b>1: John the Baptist</b>
<b>B: Lucy Mack</b>	<b>2: Jacob</b>
<b>C: Rachel</b>	<b>3: Joseph (son of Jacob)</b>
<b>D: Elisabeth</b>	<b>4: Joseph Smith</b>
<b>E: Sarah</b>	<b>5: Samuel</b>
<b>F: Rebekah</b>	<b>6: Isaac</b>
<b>G: Jochebed</b>	<b>7: Nephi</b>
<b>H: Hannah</b>	<b>8: Moses</b>

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**Answers:**  
 A-7 (see 1 Nephi 2:5)  
 B-4 (see JS—H 1:4)  
 C-3 (see Genesis 30:22-24)  
 D-1 (see Luke 1:57-60)  
 E-6 (see Genesis 21:2-3)  
 F-2 (see Genesis 25:21-26)  
 G-8 (see Numbers 26:59)  
 H-5 (1 Samuel 1:20)

## BYU RE:WRITING CONTEST 2010

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Submit your entries between January 1, 2010 and January 31, 2010 to BYU English Department, 4198 JFSB, Provo, UT 84602-6701. You can get all the rules and a cover sheet at the department Web site, english.byu.edu. Look for undergraduate writing contests. If you have questions, call 801-422-4939.



## MY FAVORITE SCRIPTURE

**2 Nephi 4:28–30** Every time I read these verses I feel like jumping up and shouting praises to the Lord. I get easily discouraged and frustrated with myself, and it is a joy to know that my Heavenly Father forgives and extends His hand to pull me back up into the path of righteousness.  
**Belinda Z., 15, Wisconsin, USA**

Tell us about your favorite scripture in one or two sentences. Send it to [newera@ldschurch.org](mailto:newera@ldschurch.org)



## AFTER THE FLOOD

**E**arlier this year widespread flooding hit Washington state. “West Ellensburg was hit especially hard and about 200 residents, including my family, were evacuated the first night as up to four feet of water went into our homes,” says Krista Lindsay, a Laurel in the Ellensburg First Ward. “My family stayed with our bishop for a couple of nights since we had lost electricity and heat in our house. The next couple of days, after the flood had receded, were a whirlwind of cleaning up. The American Red Cross had contacted local churches to help with the flood relief. The Church recruited 445 volunteers who donned yellow shirts and invaded West Ellensburg with squeegees and lots of compassion. They cleaned up our yard and helped put our basement back together again. In other homes, they dragged out soggy carpet, moved furniture, and cleaned debris from yards. The flood damage was cleaned up and life does go on, but the helping people in yellow shirts remain a happy memory for all the victims.”



## THE CHURCH IN USA — IDAHO

In 1855, Brigham Young asked 26 members to settle among the Native Americans on the Salmon River; they established Fort Lemhi in June 1855. Five years later more LDS settlers came to the Franklin area. They dug canals in the winter snows to be ready for summer irrigation. Church members taught agriculture, preached the gospel, and shared supplies with the Native Americans. A prominent chief, Shoshone Chief Washakie, was baptized during the early colonization efforts.

When Idaho was given statehood in 1890, Latter-day Saints comprised about one-fifth of the state’s population. Three Church Presidents have been natives of Idaho: Presidents Harold B. Lee, Ezra Taft Benson, and Howard W. Hunter.

Here are a few facts about the Church in Idaho today:

<b>Membership</b>	<b>406,764</b>
<b>Missions</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Temples</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Wards &amp; Branches</b>	<b>1,063</b>
<b>Family History Centers</b>	<b>64</b>



## BY THE NUMBERS 3,500,000

Number of patriarchal blessings preserved in the Church History Library. If placed end to end, they would reach from Salt Lake City, Utah, to Kansas City, Kansas.