

EAGLES A-HMONG US

On a Sunday in July last year, the Hmong ward in Sacramento, California, gathered for a special celebration. Five boys from the Nong Shala Ward (Hmong), Troop 338, and one from Oroville met with friends and family to celebrate their new wings. All six earned their Eagle awards over the summer.

These Scouts' Eagle projects were varied and reached into their community. At a local school, volunteers painted volleyball courts, basketball courts, and murals; others cleaned and refurbished the school's garden areas. At another school, they painted bathrooms and offices. Several of the boys had projects that took on tasks suggested by the city to build benches for the old cemetery. Another project included installing directional signs, clearing trails, and general clean up for the Church's girls' camp facility.

These 6 young men are the latest in a series of 21 to receive the award since Troop 338 was chartered in 1993. Since then, 11 of the Eagle Scouts have gone on to serve full-time missions.



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A SHINING STAR

"I forever am amazed by nature and its beauty," says Marlies Hammerl, Laurel class president from the Salt Ash Branch, Newcastle Australia Stake. "One aspect of nature I especially enjoy is the night sky and the glorious stars." Marlies will now get to study those glorious stars more in depth after being awarded one of only 12 Stellar Astronomy Scholarships offered to young women in New South Wales, Australia.

"It is easy to be grateful for all the blessings I have and realize that I, like the stars, need to let my light shine even though my two sisters and I are the only members at my school." Marlies travelled to Sydney last April, where she was awarded her scholarship by the Governor General of Australia.

Marlies adds, "I am just so grateful that I have taken heed of our prophets' counsel, to gain the best education that we can. It's definitely important to strive in all you do." In other words, we should reach for the stars.

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Elder L. Tom Perry of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, "The Priesthood of Aaron," *Ensign*, Nov. 2010, 94.

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THE CHURCH IN BRAZIL



THE BRAZIL MISSIONARY TRAINING CENTER

The first Church-owned meetinghouse in South America was dedicated in Joinville in October 1931. A Brazilian

mission was created from the South American Mission in May 1935. Church teaching materials were translated into Portuguese in 1937, and missionaries began teaching in Portuguese a year later.

Missionary efforts continued in the 1950s, and by 1959, membership was about 3,700. Brazil's first stake was organized in 1966. Ten years later, Brazil had 10 stakes, and a temple was announced for São Paulo. It was dedicated on October 30, 1978 by President Spencer W. Kimball.

On February 2, 1986, Brazil became the third country outside the United States to have 50 stakes. That number doubled to 100 by 1993.

In October of 1993, construction began on Brazil's new Missionary Training Center, the Church's second largest. And, with 23 missions in 1995, Brazil has the largest number of missions outside the United States.

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

Membership	1,102,674
Missions	27
Wards & Branches	1,885
Family History Centers	310

BY THE NUMBERS

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Alma 11:22–23

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