

CLEANING UP DOWN UNDER

Some 150 LDS youth spent the first day of autumn cleaning up Sydney's Centennial Parklands wearing gloves and the distinctive yellow Mormon Helping Hands vests. The youth and young adults gathered and disposed of cans, bottles, paper, clothes, and even a shopping cart.

The Sydney project was part of a wider national effort called Clean Up Australia Day. Starting in 1989, the initiative has expanded to include other programs, including Clean Up the World.

Australia Area Seventy Elder Terence M. Vinson thanked the young people and told them that service to the community not only makes where they live a better and more pleasant place, but it also builds personal character.

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WHAT'S UP?

“The gospel of Jesus Christ is a plan that shows us how to become what our Heavenly Father desires us to become.”

Elder Dallin H. Oaks of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, “The Challenge to Become,” *Ensign*, Nov. 2000, 33.

THE CHURCH IN HAITI

The first Church member in Haiti was Alexandre Mourra, who, after reading the Book of Mormon, traveled to Florida from his home to be taught and baptized by the missionaries in 1977.

In July 1978, 22 Haitians were baptized in Hatte-Maree, and the first branch was created in October 1980 in nearby Port-au-Prince. Missionary work opened in Haiti in May 1980 under the direction of the West Indies Mission, and in 1982, 12 missionaries were serving in Haiti.

A branch was created in Petionville in March 1981, with Alexandre Mourra as president.

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

Membership	14,493
Missions	1
Congregations	29
Family History Centers	1

Information from Newsroom at www.lds.org.

MY FAVORITE SCRIPTURE



Job 19:25–26 is my favorite scripture because throughout the trials and tribulations Job went through, his testimony of Christ never failed. That is my goal, to have enough faith and understanding to never drift away, even through my trials.

Lesha L., 15, Utah, USA

Tell us about your favorite scripture in one or two sentences.

Send it to newera@ldschurch.org.

YOUTH IN HAITI PREPARE THE SACRAMENT. PHOTOGRAPH BY RICHARD M. ROMNEY

