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hether your mission is close or a few years away, this issue is for you. In it we answer questions like:

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President Gordon B. Hinckley Ten gifts that I would hope every missionary brings home.

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Elder M. Russell Ballard Young people need to commit themselves early in life to the idea of a mission.

From Friends to Sisters to Companions

Rebecca Mills and Brad Wilcox Starting as friends, then converts, two young women finally served as mission companions.

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Eric J. Greenhalgh Through the power of the priesthood, I could help my companion.

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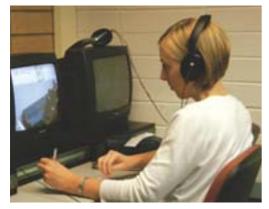
I want to serve a mission, but I feel that my testimony should be stronger. What should I do?

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Danielle Nye Poulter What is the MTC like? What can you expect? How should you prepare?



"We've Got to Find Her"

Elder Bruce R. Hafen He couldn't remember her name or where she lived, but he knew she would join the Church.

Idea List: Fit to Serve

Get your body and mind in shape as well as your spirit.

A Day in the Life of a Missionary

Adam C. Olson What is a typical day like in the life of a missionary? Follow these missionaries in Spain to catch a glimpse.



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Taryn Salmon Promising not to talk about religion gave me the desire to serve a mission so that I could.

Determined to Serve

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Roger Terry Looking back, I can see what I would have done differently on my mission.

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Missionary Mail

Connie Myers What should you send to a missionary and how do you get it there?

Instant Messages

Members make great missionaries; whose name is on your badge; just a few notes made all the difference.

What's Up?

Poem: To J. E. H. and Many Others Peter B. Ball

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