BAPTISMS FOR THE DEAD

I enjoyed the article "Why Do We Baptize for the Dead?" (Mar. 2009). One of the things I enjoyed in this article is the mention of Christ preaching to the dead in the period of time between his death and Resurrection. I find it especially reassuring that He would take time to do this when He had just returned to His Father. Thank you for putting articles like this in the magazine.

MORMONADS

Thank you very much for the continuing publication of the Mormonads. Recently I put up all of the small-sized Mormonads in the hallways in our stake center during a regional youth dance. It was interesting to see some of the youth go up and down the hallways to see which ones they would find next. Our DJ, a longtime veteran of Church dances, told me that some of the youth made a special effort to thank him for the good job and that no one argued or complained when he declined to play certain songs. They just chose different songs for him to play. I don't know if there is a correlation between this behavior and the Mormonads, but I like to think it wasn't a coincidence.

Catherine M., Utah

Mormonads can be downloaded at newera.lds.org.

INDEXING HELP

Thank you for the article "Indexing Mania" (May 2009). I was able to go online and start indexing. It's very rewarding and interesting.

Anna Lee W.

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realize that.

MISSION PREPARATION

My mission began in May, and the March 2007 issue of the *New Era* helped me in my preparation to serve. I've come to know more of the greatness of my call to serve the Lord for two years. I love to share it with those who are also preparing for their mission. I'm excited to join with the other missionaries spreading the message of the gospel to the ends of the earth.

Bentley L., Philippines Butuan Mission

ISSUE ON EDUCATION

Thank you so much for the article "Real-Life Education" in the April 2009 issue. I've been struggling with school and was being too hard on myself for not getting perfect grades. This article really helped me look at the real importance of education, and that it's not the grade that shows up on your report card.

Our Young Women leaders have challenged us to read the magazine each month cover to cover. I can't say I'm perfect at it, but the stories I do read inspire me so much and strengthen my testimony. I don't know where I would be without the gospel. Thank you for helping me realize that.

Lori T., South Carolina

Thank you for the article "Five Easy Ways to Make School Hard and Five Hard Ways to Make School Easy" in the April 2009 issue. It helped me through the tough days at school. I carry around a copy of the issue in my school bag

and when I think that a topic is getting too hard, I pull it out and reread it. I also enjoy the music printed in the magazine because now I can play Church music

now I can play Church music that isn't in the hymnbook and that also relates to the youth as well as to older people.

Kimberley T., New Zealand

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