

Jerusalem Movie Set Dedicated

The Jerusalem Movie Set built by the Church for gospel-themed movie productions has been dedicated and is now being used for filming. It is first being used to create the New Testament Scripture Library Project—a series of vignettes portraying important scenes from the lives of Jesus Christ and the Apostles.

The set is located on the LDS Motion Picture Studio South Campus in Goshen, Utah, USA, fewer than 60 miles (97 km) south of Church headquarters in Salt Lake City. It is not a replica of Jerusalem, but a re-creation of important locations in the city.

The small town of Goshen was chosen because of the surrounding area's similarity to Jerusalem's geography—rolling hills, plains, groves of cedar trees, sand dunes, and a stream. Nearby Utah Lake will stand in for the Sea of Galilee.

In some cases, computerized visual effects will fill in details the set does not accommodate. ■

Senior Missionary Policies Changed

The First Presidency and Quorum of the Twelve Apostles recently approved changes in



The Church's new movie set in Goshen, Utah, will be used to film scenes from Jesus Christ's life as recorded in the New Testament.

the policies regarding length of senior missionary service and missionary housing to encourage more couples to serve full-time missions and to improve their experience.

As of September 1, 2011, couples may now serve for 6, 12, 18, or 23 months. In addition, a cap of \$1,400 (US) per month has been established for housing costs. Couples will continue to pay for food and other personal expenses.

In the past, the policy has been that couples serving outside their country of residence were called for at least 18 months. Those wishing to serve outside their country of residence for less than 18 months may now do so if they pay for their own transportation to and from the field.

Questions about senior missions can be sent to seniormissionaryservices@ldschurch.org. ■

Church Expanding Online Offerings in Languages

LDS.org is expanding its language offerings. Recently 48 new language index pages were added to the Church's official website. By clicking on any language under the "Languages" link in the upper right corner on any page of LDS.org, visitors can see links to Church material currently available online in that language.

Different sections of LDS.org will eventually be available in 10 to 15 languages. At that point, the language page for those languages will be retired. (For example, there is no language page for English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, or Spanish, because those languages already have much of LDS.org in their language.)

Church employees are also working to make magazines and other translated material from LDS.org available for mobile devices. ■

Quetzaltenango Temple Open House, Dedication Announced

To celebrate the dedication of the Quetzaltenango Guatemala Temple, youth of the Church in the country will participate in a cultural music and dance presentation on Saturday, December 10, 2011.

Then on Sunday, December 11, the temple will be dedicated in three sessions, which will be broadcast to all units in Guatemala.

Following the dedication, the temple will open for ordinances on Tuesday, December 13.

Church Hopes to Build Temple in France

President Thomas S. Monson announced in July 2011 that the Church hopes to build its first temple in France on property on the outskirts of Paris.

The Church has been working for

many months with local officials.

There have been several previous attempts to find a suitable site for a French temple, but none were finalized. French members of the Church wishing to visit a temple usually travel to neighboring European countries.

New Format for Audio Scriptures Increases Accessibility

The Church has released an audio version of the LDS standard works for download on iTunes in audiobook (called "enhanced audio content" on iTunes) or MP3 format.

The audio version of the full standard works is available in English and Spanish, and the audio versions of the Japanese, Portuguese, and Korean triple combinations are also available.

To access these new resources, go to the scriptures section of the Church's channel at iTunes.Lds.org. ■

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