

AN INSPIRING SCRIPTURE

- Whenever my mother wants to give us an inspiring message from the scriptures, she quotes Alma 37:37. She has shared it so many times that when she begins to read it, we say it with her because we have it memorized.
- I often wondered why she keeps sharing that with us—yes, we know already that we have to pray and be thankful in our daily lives. But what touched my heart most was when I finally realized that my mom just wants us to never forget that Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ are always watching over us.

Every time I'm in the midst of trials and tribulation, I never forget to read that scripture. I always remember how loving Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ are. I need to be thankful for all my blessings. I will always remember how my mom changed my perspective on praying and being thankful even in trials.

Hannah M., Philippines

WHY I AM SERVING A MISSION

Missionary work is great!

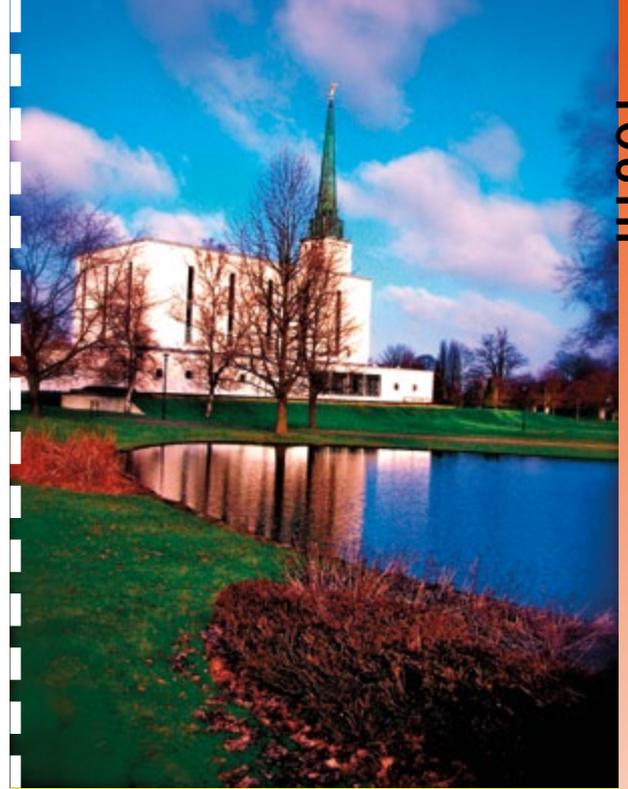
One of the reasons I decided to serve a mission is because of a missionary assigned to my branch at home. One time I asked him, "Elder, why did you serve a mission and leave your work and family?"

He answered, "Brother, there are two reasons I went on a mission. First, I love God. Second, I love the people who have not yet heard about the gospel of Jesus Christ."

(See Mosiah 28:3.)

Because of that missionary, I am now serving a mission.

Elder Perez, Philippines
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I took this photo of the London England Temple when my family went there with my brother as he received his endowment before going on a mission. I was so proud to see my brother go to the temple.

As they were in the temple, I walked around the peaceful grounds, focusing on Heavenly Father. You don't necessarily have to be inside the temple to feel close to the Lord. I reflected on how beautiful the Lord's house is and how I can't wait to one day receive the blessings of the temple.

Seeing the joy on my brother's face as he came out of the temple was a testimony-strengthening experience. I felt of his love for the Savior and could tell that temple blessings are like no others.

This stunning picture reminds me of this special day and helps me focus on doing what's right. I framed the picture and hung it in my bedroom so I can be constantly reminded of the importance of living worthy to one day enter the Lord's house and receive my own endowment.

I uploaded the photo onto my Facebook page, and I have received so much positive feedback from others. Everybody who sees this picture just loves it, and it has even generated opportunities to tell people about the gospel.

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