

Auxiliary Panels Use New Training Library

During the February 2011 worldwide leadership training, the general presidents of the Church's auxiliaries participated in panel discussions that used examples from a new online training resource.

The Leadership Training Library is a collection of real-life examples of leaders serving around the world that model principles found in *Handbook 2*. Shot in Brazil, England, Guatemala, and Korea, the videos are currently in translation and will be available online later in 2011.

Using these videos, the auxiliary general presidents, under the direction of Elders Robert D. Hales and Neil L. Andersen of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles and Elder Craig C. Christensen of the Seventy, discussed three important principles found in *Handbook 2*.

1. Prepare Spiritually

"It is amazing how the Lord looks and waits for ways to bless us," explained Rosemary Wixom, Primary general president, after viewing an example of how a Relief Society leader from South Korea earnestly asked for and received inspiration as she planned a meeting.

Elder Andersen, discussing with Julie B. Beck, Relief Society general president, and Sister Wixom, said, "This is a spiritual work. It can only be done in the Lord's way." Panel members discussed how preparing spiritually allows leaders to focus on individuals, tailoring activities, lessons, and assignments to meet their needs. "Revelation is scattered among us," Elder Andersen testified.

2. Participate in Councils

A true story of ward council members in Guatemala working together to successfully invite a family to return to full activity in the Church provided an opportunity for Elder Christensen to lead a discussion on working together in councils with all five auxiliary presidents: Sister Beck; Sister Wixom; Russell T. Osguthorpe, Sunday School general president; Elaine S. Dalton, Young Women general president; and David L. Beck, Young Men general president.

The panel discussed how the combined efforts of council members can help ward members progress, how active council members reduce the bishop's load, and how leaders and members should listen, share, and seek the Lord's will concerning ward members.

3. Minister to Others

The focus of the third video was a young man in England who is striving to stay fully active in the Church. The panel, moderated by Elder Hales and including Brother Osguthorpe, Brother Beck, and Sister Dalton, identified the importance of leaders working with parents, in Church councils, and with youth.

"If you will do exactly as you've seen today," Elder Hales concluded, "talk about [the video examples], discuss them, and take them to the Lord . . . you will be guided and directed on how you can help and strengthen and accomplish what you need to do in the callings which you've been given." ■

Need Growing Internationally for Indexers

By Hikari Loftus

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All over the world, people are searching for their ancestors. And all over the world, other people are making that search possible.

FamilySearch indexing, introduced in 2006 and powered by volunteers worldwide, is the process of taking physical records (such as those found on microfilm) and entering the information they contain into a searchable online database.

With 122,000 LDS and non-LDS active indexers having completed 547,978,000 records so far, FamilySearch indexing has had notable success. However, those who coordinate indexing have a new goal: indexing records in languages other than English.

"More and more of the names we are indexing aren't English names," said Jim Ericson, product marketing manager for FamilySearch. "We are trying to get people who speak different languages more involved so we can do a better job with non-English names."

Although indexing in English continues to grow, it



is far surpassed by the growth of international records. Projects are emerging from a variety of countries as more governments and records custodians become aware of the services provided by FamilySearch, Brother Ericson said.

To begin, FamilySearch employees take records and digitize them. These copies are then gathered into small groups called “batches,” available to volunteers online. Volunteers log into FamilySearch, download a batch, and enter the data they see on the screen. That data is later made available more widely to family history researchers.

FamilySearch indexing volunteers might include people whose native language is not English (the site is currently available in 11 different languages), but it could also include people who have language skills from missionary service, school, or other training.

The Church owns some 2.4 million rolls of genealogical microfilm, totaling some 15 billion records to be indexed. Countless other physical records exist throughout the world.

“We need more people engaged in indexing,” Brother Ericson said, “and we are asking people to share this program with their friends and family members, whether or not they are members of the Church.” ■

BEGIN INDEXING NOW

Get started by going to indexing.familysearch.org.

Select one of seven languages to work in from the drop-down menu.

Click on **Get Started**. The indexing software will automatically download and launch the application.

Practice with a training batch to become familiar with the software.

Start indexing! You can select a batch from any project, organized by countries. ■

FamilySearch indexing coordinators have a new goal for volunteers: indexing in languages other than English.

IN THE NEWS

Mormon Tabernacle Choir to Tour East Coast

This year the Mormon Tabernacle Choir will tour a section of North America’s east coast, opening the tour on June 20 in Norfolk, Virginia.

On Wednesday, June 22, the choir will perform in Vienna, Virginia.

They will perform in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on Thursday, June 23.

On Saturday, June 25, the choir will hold matinee and evening concerts in Chautauqua, New York.

On Monday, June 27, the choir will hold matinee and evening performances in Toronto, Canada.

Tickets for all concerts are on sale. More information can be found online at mormontabernaclechoir.com and on the choir’s Facebook page.

Mormon Channel, Your Channel

In May 2009, the Church launched Mormon Channel, a 24-hour-a-day, 7-days-a-week radio program found at radio.lds.org. Since then, this official Church media channel has grown to include Mormon Messages on YouTube and a