

Church Implements New Youth Curriculum for 2013

Beginning this month, teachers and leaders throughout the Church will begin fully implementing the new youth curriculum, *Come, Follow Me: Learning Resources for Youth*, first announced in a September First Presidency letter.

At lds.org/youth/learn, Young Women, Aaronic Priesthood, and Sunday School teachers and leaders can find lessons in 23 languages. All lessons are printable. Those without Internet access should contact their local priesthood leader to find out how *Come, Follow Me* will be implemented in their area.

"The new curriculum integrates basic gospel doctrines as well as principles for teaching in the Savior's way," the First Presidency letter reads. "We are confident [it] will bless the youth in their efforts to become fully

converted to the gospel of Jesus Christ."

In *Come, Follow Me*, each month of the year is assigned a doctrinal topic, and all Sunday School, Young Women, and Aaronic Priesthood classes will study that topic that month.

Each lesson has four sections: spiritual preparation for teachers, ideas to introduce the topic, specific activity ideas, and a section to invite the youth to act. Teachers are asked to seek inspiration in choosing and adapting lessons based on the needs of their students.

The web site also includes helpful videos that explain how to implement the new curriculum, ideas for preparing engaging learning activities, and a new guidebook, *Teaching the Gospel in the Savior's Way*. ■



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While participating in Mormon Helping Hands projects across Africa, members of the Church rendered valuable service, built interfaith relationships, raised awareness of the Church, and built their testimonies of charity.

Sixth Annual Day of Service across Africa

Saturday, August 18, 2012, saw thousands of Saints in more than half a dozen African countries gather in their communities to participate in the sixth annual All-Africa Mormon Helping Hands Day.

"The wards and branches generally went all out to render significant service," public affairs missionary Elder C. Terry Warner wrote in an email. "They recruited partners; they chose projects that, though difficult, really mattered. They came out in large numbers anxious to help, and they truly made friends for the Church."

Elder Adesina J. Olukanni, director of public affairs for the Africa West Area, said of the day of service, "It is the easiest way by which we can respond to the prophet's call to be kind to our neighbors, to respond to their need, to give rather than to receive. It is the easiest way to preach the gospel—by example."

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Mormon.org is now available in Armenian, Cebuano, Chinese, Dutch, English, French, German, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latvian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swedish, Tagalog, Thai, and Ukrainian.

Individuals are encouraged to create their own Mormon.org profiles in their preferred languages and share them with others.