

## FAMILY HISTORY UNITES FAMILIES

I came across a Personal Progress goal that motivated me to get started on my family tree. Whenever I went to my grandparents' for lunch, they told me stories from their lives and from those of my other relatives. I began going to the family history center and gathering information about my family.

I remember when I found information about my great-great-grandmother. While pregnant, she came to Argentina on a ship. During the voyage, she buried her son at sea. She was just a story until I found her name in a record. I became even closer to my grandparents, and I came to know my ancestors as if I had lived with them. I found information about my ancestors, shared the glad tidings of eternal sealing, and helped bless many generations.

I continue to discover hidden treasures thanks to FamilySearch. I love what President Thomas S. Monson said: "I testify that when we do all we can to accomplish the work that is before us, the Lord will make available to us the sacred key needed to unlock the treasure which we so much seek."<sup>1</sup> Through our efforts, we will discover the keys to our eternal treasure, and one day we will be able to meet our ancestors in person.

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### NOTE

1. Thomas S. Monson, "The Key of Faith," *Ensign*, Feb. 1994, 5; *Tambuli*, May 1994, 5.



## RECEIVING A TESTIMONY FROM THE HOLY GHOST

When I joined the Church at age nine, I already believed that the Church was true, so I thought it was unnecessary to ask God if it is true. After being a member for several years, I began to doubt. Then during a sacrament meeting, as I listened to the hymn "Joseph Smith's First Prayer"

(*Hymns*, no. 26), I prayed and asked Heavenly Father if the Church is true and if Joseph Smith had really seen Him and Jesus Christ. The thought came to my mind that yes, the Church of Jesus Christ is true, and yes, Joseph saw God the Father and Jesus Christ. My eyes filled with tears, and I felt the Holy Ghost burn in my heart.

Today I can affirm that the Holy Ghost testified to me of the truthfulness of this Church. I know that Joseph Smith saw Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ, and I cannot deny it. This testimony gave me the courage to share my testimony with others.

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