Small & Simple Things

“By small and simple things are great things brought to pass” (Alma 37:6).

TEMPLE SPOTLIGHT

Copenhagen Denmark Temple

Originally dedicated as the Priorvej chapel near the heart of Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1931, this beautiful redbrick edifice became the 118th temple of the Church when it was dedicated as such on May 23, 2004. It was described as “a new temple in an old shell.”

The original exterior—including a façade with impressive columns flanking the wooden door—was preserved and restored while the interior went through extensive reconstruction. Murals and paintings of scenes from local landscapes exemplify the temple’s distinctively Danish and Swedish influences. Five tall windows made of art glass run along each side of the building, which has a unique roof made of copper with a copper-clad dome.

At the temple dedication President Hinckley prayed that Heavenly Father would “touch the hearts of all who serve herein with an understanding of Thy divine purposes and of Thy glorious work in bringing ‘to pass the immortality and eternal life of man’” (Moses 1:39).

NOTES

HOW TO GET MORE FROM SUNDAY LESSONS

• During the week, read the scriptures, and review the class member study guides or manuals. Look at the questions at the end of each lesson, and ask yourself how they apply to your life.
• Make a goal to learn something new in each class you attend. New insights could come from the Spirit, the teacher, or other class members.
• Pray for understanding of the material.
• Go to class prepared to participate in the lesson by sharing personal insights and testimony.
India

In 1849 two Mormon sailors set sail for India. In Calcutta they unofficially started preaching the gospel. In 1851 Joseph Richards arrived to begin formal missionary efforts in the country. He baptized the first members of the Church in India and organized a branch. By 1852 there were 189 members. They soon built a small chapel—the first Church building in Asia.

Over the next century, however, missionary efforts struggled. But in 1978 couple missionaries began serving as Church representatives to help the Church be recognized and to strengthen members.

Since then the Book of Mormon has been translated into 5 of India's 20 major languages: Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu, and selections in Bengali. The India Bangalore Mission was created in 1993. In 2007 the India New Delhi Mission was created to cover northern India and several nearby countries.

The Church has received national recognition for its work with over 50 humanitarian groups in the country.

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Below: Gideon and Hansen Prabhudas from the Bangalore Second Branch. Right: A gathering of priesthood holders from the Hyderabad Fourth Branch.

Twelve-year-old Henry McCune, a convert, greets some Latter-day Saint missionaries upon their arrival in Calcutta, India, in 1853.