

Stakes Organized in Rome and Paris

Elder Dallin H. Oaks and Elder M. Russell Ballard of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles organized the second stake in Rome, Italy, and the third stake in the Paris, France, area during a visit in September 2013 that also included meetings in Leeds and Manchester, England, and Madrid, Spain. A temple is under construction in Rome, and one will soon be built in Paris.

“The Church is alive and well and progressing impressively in Europe,” said Elder Oaks. Elder Ballard told the European members that the Church should “recognize the Lord is hastening His work of salvation and that we all have to be engaged.” ■

Teachings for Our Time

From October 2013 through March 2014, Melchizedek Priesthood and Relief Society lessons on fourth Sundays should be prepared from one or more talks given in the October 2013 general conference. In April 2014, talks may be selected from either the October 2013 or the April 2014 conference. Stake and district presidents should choose which talks will be used in their areas, or they may delegate this responsibility to bishops and branch presidents.

Learn more by reviewing the “Teachings for Our Time” article in the May 2013 *Liahona* or *Ensign*. ■



Randall L. Ridd

*New Second Counselor
in Young Men General
Presidency*

As the son of a builder, Randall L. Ridd learned early the importance of doing a job the right way. On several occasions, young Randall would complete a task, only to hear his father, Leon Ridd, declare, “You’re not done yet.”

Such exactness left a lasting impression on the man who now serves as the second counselor in the Young Men general presidency. To this day he sometimes hears his father’s firm but loving words as he performs his professional, family, and ecclesiastical duties: “You’re not done yet; do it right.”

Brother Ridd said his family’s work ethic has been a blessing in his life. So have mentors and priesthood leaders who have sometimes nudged him along the gospel path. While many of his classmates from high school accepted mission calls at age 19, Randall opted to enroll in college and enlist in the army. He later took a job as an X-ray technician while continuing his studies at the University of Utah. A few wise men were bold enough to tell him that his place was in the mission field. He followed their direction and put in his application to serve. Soon he was sharing the gospel in the Mexico North Mission. “I can’t imagine what my life would be like if I had not served a mission,” he says.

He returned home, continued his education, and married Tamina Roark in the Salt Lake Temple in 1975. The Ridds raised four children as Brother Ridd developed his professional career in commercial real estate and other business enterprises.

His love for missionary work remains. He presided over the Ecuador Guayaquil North Mission from 2005 to 2008 and again witnessed the change a full-time mission can have in the life of a young man or young woman.

Brother Ridd was serving as a member of the Young Men general board when he was called to the Young Men general presidency in May 2013. ■