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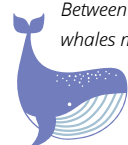


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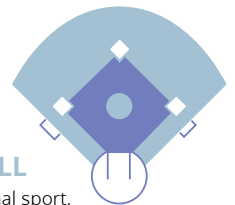


THE OLDEST UNIVERSITY
in the Western Hemisphere is in Santo Domingo. It was founded in 1538!

WINTER HOME OF HUMPBACK WHALES



Between 2,000 and 3,000 whales migrate to the warm water to breed each year.



BASEBALL
is the national sport.

ADRIANA T.,

17, Dominican Republic

More than anything, I love to cook. I make pastries, cupcakes, little cookies, meat and rice dishes—anything, really! I also like to teach classes. I love it whenever I'm invited to teach a Young Women class.

I came to the FSJ conference because I had a question I wanted answered. I have a scholarship to go to college, but I feel that I should serve a mission. If I go, I'll lose my scholarship. But if I stay and become a teacher, I can work and pay for my schooling at the same time. During FSJ, one sister talked about her patriarchal blessing. I'm preparing to receive my own patriarchal blessing now, and I hope that when I receive it, I will know better what Heavenly Father has planned for me. I love the youth programs and FSJ because they strengthen youth. Because the truth is, we all need peace.

For a while after I was baptized, I would stop going to church, then go back for a while, then stop again. But members of the ward visited me and invited me to come back. They told me the Church and the members missed and needed me. I decided to come back, and I've been active ever since. I realized how much I needed the Church. I can pray to Heavenly Father and feel good, and I can feel the Spirit. And so here I am!



JAMESON P.,

17, Philippines

Growing up, I've loved immersing myself in athletics. I even played as part of the mayor's team in our local basketball games. Recently I've also been more engaged with music. The Church has not only strengthened me spiritually, but it has also further developed my interest in these things. Now, as I continue to play sports and share my talent of singing along with other friends, I am more strengthened to use my talents and skills to invite others to come unto Christ.



HANNAH M.,

15, Utah, USA

Hi! My name is Hannah. I do theatre and play soccer! I do lots of plays and musicals and get to help out in my school's drama department. I also LOVE the temple, and for my birthday I got to go to my favorite temple, the Manti Temple! I have a lot of rehearsals, and I know when I go to the temple it keeps me calm, makes me happy, and helps me through tough times—and long rehearsals!

ONE TEMPLE

The Santo Domingo Dominican Republic Temple—the first in the Caribbean.



FIRST MISSIONARIES

came in 1978.



COCOA

The country is one of the top producers of cocoa in the world.

