



Family History Sprint December 2014 – Setting Family History Goals for 2015

Summary:

As a family or as an individual, hold family home evening(s) to review your family history activities during 2014 and plan new activities for continual involvement in 2015.

Background for this Sprint:

During 2014 we have learned many tools used in family history activities. Now we must focus in on the WHY of our participation. This will help us formulate habits that will help our families to continue these efforts during 2015 and beyond, making them part of our regular family objectives.

Step 1

Hold family home evenings with the intent to teach the WHY of involvement with family history.
- Review several internet links depicting descriptive and encouraging reasons for family history involvement. Many of these links can be found at the Church's site at lds.org, such as:

<https://www.lds.org/manual/family-home-evening-resource-book/lesson-ideas/family-history?lang=eng>

<https://www.lds.org/prophets-and-apostles/unto-all-the-world/spiritual-benefits-of-family-history-work?lang=eng>

<https://www.lds.org/media-library/video/discover-your-family-history-discover-your-story?lang=eng>

Step 2

Hold family home evening(s) with the intent to teach the HOW of doing the work. Here are some links that will help you learn and teach techniques for family history research:

<https://www.lds.org/media-library/video/2014-05-09-my-family-booklet?lang=eng>

<https://www.lds.org/youth/family-history/experiences?lang=eng#ym-eagle-scout-project-indexing-family-history-records>

http://attend.rootstech.org/?et_cid=48179500&et_rid=762261669&linkid=http://attend.rootstech.org/&cid=em-2392

Winning Criteria – Youth:

The ward that has the highest percentage of youth, who *as a family*, discuss their participation in family history in 2014, and then set goals for 2015, will win December's sprint.

Extra Mile:

You may have had some special experiences during the year. Add these to your journal, as they are now part of YOUR history. If you have not had experiences yet, pray to Heavenly Father that you will, and then move forward in faith.

The Promise:

“When our family started to learn about family history, it led us on a journey which helped us in so many other ways. We thought we were blessing the lives of our deceased family members. That work ultimately saved our marriage. Doing family history work blessed my family and may have saved our children and our children's children.”

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