

# FAMILY MISSION PLAN

## WHY?

"Now is the time for members and missionaries to come together, to work together, to labor in the Lord's vineyard to bring souls unto Him. He has prepared the means for us to share the gospel in a multitude of ways, and He will assist us in our labors if we will act in faith to fulfill His work."

(President Monson, October 2013)

Let's access the means the Lord has prepared for us by creating a workable missionary plan for ourselves or our family.

"Remember, the worth of souls is great in the sight of God...And if it so be that you should labor all your days...and bring, save it be one soul unto me, how great shall be your joy with him in the kingdom of my Father!"

(D&C 18:10, 15-16)

Other reasons why being involved in missionary work is important to you or your family:

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## HOW?

- ◆ There are many missionary activities that you have control over. For example, you can do the following four things regularly with your family:
  - (1) **Pray** each morning for small and simple opportunities to be kind to others, or to serve someone in word or in deed
  - (2) **Look** for the opportunities the Lord places in your path in answer to your prayer. Be patient with yourself if you forget sometimes
  - (3) **Have courage** to act on the opportunities that are placed before you each day. Be patient with yourself while learning to have courage
  - (4) **Invite the ward missionaries** to follow-up with you regularly on your efforts with your family mission plan. They will help you succeed
- ◆ Next, consider being a little more outgoing by doing one or more of the following. Remember, the Lord can do great and marvelous things with our small and simple efforts. Just act in faith
  - Visit people who are experiencing changes in their lives such as marriages, births, deaths, and/or those moving into the neighborhood. Talk to them about whatever feels normal and natural, including community/church events
  - Give away a Book of Mormon to someone, or invite someone to meet the missionaries or to attend a Church function such as a baptism or baby blessing
  - Introduce someone to Family History resources
  - Invite someone to see a Church video
  - Invite someone to dinner or to a FHE
  - Express love to a struggling family member, friend, or neighbor
  - Invite someone to participate with you in a service opportunity
  - Come up with activities of your own that help others become true followers of Jesus Christ and enjoy the blessings of the holy temple; or that build a positive image of the Church

## ONGOING...

Put in place one or two things that will help remind you to stay aware of your commitment to be missionary minded ongoing. Identify an event that recurs regularly (preferably a weekly event) that could serve as a venue to review progress, refocus your efforts, and determine next steps. For example, each Monday night at dinner the family could take a few minutes to share experiences and recommit to pray, look, and have courage to act on missionary opportunities. Be creative.

Describe the one or two things that you'll put into place to help keep you engaged and accountable to yourself and/or others ongoing.

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