

WARD MISSION PLAN

VISION

Bring people to Christ by helping each member be a missionary, finding people for the full-time missionaries to teach, supporting full-time missionary efforts, and strengthening new members.

GOALS

- 10 baptisms this year (2005)
- 4 member referrals a month
- Members pray daily for missionary experiences
- Members give a missionary invitation a month

PLAN

Finding people to teach

Encourage Members to do Missionary Work

- The ward missionary committee will host one FHE every 6 weeks focused on missionary work.
- Full-time missionaries will visit 5 members each week, teach them, and give them a missionary commitment. Missionaries will follow up on member commitments and keep track of number of fulfilled commitments. A Ward Missionary will help missionaries schedule these visits.
- Member Missionary or Mission Prep Sunday School Class held each semester.
- Every Sunday have a *Missionary Experience Moment* in Priesthood, Relief Society, and Ward Council. The individual conducting will invite anyone in the congregation to share a missionary experience they have had in the past week and then encourage the members to continue to pray for missionary experiences.
- During announcements for activities and sports night, Activities/STW committee will invite members to invite their friends to the activity.
- Bishopric will invite those who are giving talks/musical numbers to invite their friends to come hear them at church.
- Missionary Committee will maintain a Missionary Board in hallway with ideas for missionary work, New Member spotlight, and other missionary information as a reminder to missionaries of missionary work.
- Missionary Committee will set up a table with missionary supplies each Sunday.

Provide Opportunities for Members to do Missionary Work

- Ward Missionary Committee will present monthly focuses on missionary work.

<i>July</i>	Book of Mormon
<i>August</i>	Open Your Mouth & Exchanges with Missionaries
<i>September</i>	40 Day Fast
<i>October</i>	Young Adult Conference
<i>November</i>	Joseph Smith and the Restoration
<i>December</i>	Christmas – Gift to Christ
<i>January</i>	Open Your Mouth & Dinner With Missionaries and Friends
<i>February</i>	Valentines & Service

Teach, baptize, and confirm investigators

- Weekly Ward Missionary Meeting for ward missionaries and full-time missionaries to coordinate with Full Time Missionaries.
- Ward Missionaries will go on exchanges with Missionaries once a week to meet, teach, befriend, and support investigators (Goal for 100% members at lessons with missionaries, excluding first contacts).
- Invite all members to baptism, invite members to bring friends, allow time afterwards to socialize with newly baptized member.

Befriend and strengthen new members

- Ward Missionaries visit and teach new members a lesson at least once a month.
- Ward Missionary Committee will host monthly *Cottage Meetings* where ward missionaries and new members will have dinner, a message, and a chance to talk.
- Ward Missionaries invite new members to institute each week.
- Member of activities committee invite new members to activities.
- Member of FHE committee invite new members to FHE.
- Temple Committee invite New Members to each baptism for the dead temple trip, work with ward missionaries to ensure NM has a ride and a recommend.
- Family History and Temple Committee meet with new members within 6 months of being baptized and help new members begin their family history. Give them a family history sheet, take them to family history center, show them how to search for ancestors online and at center, show them how to use temple ready. Provide support and follow-up.
- Bishopric issue calling to New Member within a month of baptism.

MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

July 2005					August 2005				September 2005				October 2005				
3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30
		FHE										FHE				YSA Conf	
Book of Mormon					Open Your Mouth				40 Day Fast Exchanges Blitz				YSA Conference				

November 2005				December 2005				January 2006					February 2006			
6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26
		FHE				FHE								FHE		
Restoration			Christmas					Open Your Mouth Dinners with Elders					Valentine Service			

Monthly Focus

July: Book of Mormon Month

Purpose: Help members strengthen testimony of the Book of Mormon; provide impetus to do missionary work.

Goal: Members read at least a chapter of the Book of Mormon every day for 30 days and hand out a Book of Mormon or Book of Mormon Pass-along Card within 30 days.

Description: Kick off with FHE with a motivational speaker. WM hand out a Book of Mormon to each member and commit them to give it out to a friend. Commit to read from the Book of Mormon every day for a month. WM announce a reminder each Sunday, and encourage members to bear their testimony on the Book of Mormon during August Testimony Meeting.

August: Open Your Mouth

Purpose: Encourage members to do missionary work through incentives.

Goals: Members share their testimony with a friend at least once this month.

Description: WM provide a bowl of candy each Sunday to remind them to open their mouths. WM make announcements to open mouth and share testimony.

September: 40 Day Fast & Exchanges

Purpose: Help members gain personal testimony of missionary work through fasting and doing.

Goals: Members fast for one day during 40 day period; Members go on exchanges with Elders at least once in 40 day period.

Description: Kick off in priesthood and relief society with testimony from member of missionary work and invite all members to participate in a 40-day fast where each member can choose one day and fast for missionary work (for the ward and for their own efforts). WM will hand out sign-up sheet each Sunday with spots for members to sign up to fast and sign up sheet to go on exchanges with Elders. Ward Missionaries will call and remind members who have signed up. End on October Fast Sunday and encourage members to share their experiences.

October: Great Lakes Young Adult Conference

Purpose: Strengthen members and investigators testimony in Joseph Smith.

Goals: Each member attends part of conference.

Description: Support and help with preparations for conference. Ward Missionaries advertise conference on campus (newspaper ads, emails, flyers). During announcements for conference, invite members to invite their friends to a part of conference (especially Saturday evening session by Truman Madsen).

November: Celebrating the Restoration

Purpose: Strengthen members and investigators testimony in Restoration and provide opportunities for them to share this testimony with others.

Goals: Members invite a friend to Restoration Open House.

Description: Ward Missionary Committee will put on a restoration open house with displays about Joseph Smith and the Restoration and a short musical concert. WM and missionaries encourage members when visiting their homes or during announcements at church to invite friends to Restoration Open House. In Priesthood/RS, during the missionary moment, invite members to share something about Joseph with a friend in honor of his 200th birthday (testimony of Joseph, restored truths, Restoration DVD).

December: Christmas

Purpose: Use the spirit of Christmas to encourage missionary work.

Goals: Members give out Joy to the World DVD/Pass along card/invite friends to Crèche Exhibit.

Description: Crèche Exhibit: Join with STW in announcing, reminding members about it and inviting members to invite their friends; missionaries and ward missionaries commit members to invite friends to exhibit; ward missionaries and interested members participate in caroling on campus Friday, Dec 2 and hand out free hot chocolate and cards/invitations to exhibit.

Give a Gift to Christ: Take short time at end of sacrament meeting at beginning of month where a member shares his/her testimony of missionary work and invites the ward to share their testimonies of Christ with their friends in any way they choose (Service, plate of goodies, DVD). Remind each week in RS, Priesthood. Missionaries remind during home visits.

January: Open Your Mouth

Purpose: Encourage members to do missionary work through incentives.

Goals: Members invite friends to dinner with missionaries.

Description: Provide a bowl of candy each Sunday to remind them to open their mouths. Make announcements to open mouth and invite members to invite friends to dinner along with the missionaries.

February: Valentines & Service

Purpose: Help members share their love of the gospel by doing service or giving out materials.

Goals: Members give out valentines; Members perform one special small act of service for a friend.

Description: Ward Missionary Committee prepares Valentine packages with candy and pass-along-card for members to give to friends. During announcements, Priesthood, and RS, encourage members to do small acts of service for others to show their love. WM committee, STW committee, and Compassionate Service committee put on service project.

Share your love of the Gospel – do an act of service, give out church materials (FFIC DVD)

FHE

July 17: Book of Mormon

Purpose: Strengthen members and investigators testimony in Joseph Smith.

Goals: Members commit to give out a Book of Mormon, BofM pass-along-card, or share testimony of BofM with a friend.

Description: Special speaker, commit to read at least a chapter a day and hand out a Book of Mormon

September 25: Get to Know Our New Members

Purpose: Help members and new members get to know each other and provide members with opportunity to ask what it is like to be an investigator and how to best be a missionary.

Description: Get to know our New Members – divide up into groups, ask new members about their conversion, about tips to what Member-Investigator relations was helpful and what was not.

November 20: Ward Testimony of Joseph Smith Video

Purpose: Strengthen members and investigators testimony in Joseph Smith.

Description: WM make a video on Joseph Smith and the Restoration which contains testimonies of ward members about these topics. Show Video we made at FHE and invite members to share this testimony with their friends.

December 18: Musical Christmas Fireside

Purpose: Strengthen members and investigators testimony in Christ.

Goals: Members bring a friend to fireside.

Description: Missionary Committee coordinate Musical Christmas Fireside with FHE and Music Committees.

February 12: Why I Believe Fireside

Purpose: Strengthen members and investigators testimony in Church.

Goals: Members bring a friend to fireside to hear testimonies of fellow members.

Description: Invite one new member, one long-term convert, one lifetime member to share their testimony and why they believe. Special musical number in between speakers. Begin to announce 2 weeks before event. Missionaries and Ward Missionaries commit members they visit to bring a friend.

APPENDIX: PLAN FOR FOLLOW UP

Ward Mission Leaders will follow up with the following individuals/committees each month.

Bishopric

inviting members to invite friends to come hear them speak
issue calling to new members

Activities Committee

reminding members to invite friends to activities
inviting new members to activities

FHE Committee

inviting new members to FHE each week

RS/EQ Presidency

weekly missionary moment in Priesthood/RS
New Members have home/visiting teachers and are assigned as home/visiting teachers

Family History Committee

working with new members on family history sheets

Temple Committee

invite new members to baptism trip
assist new members to prepare names to take on temple trip

Missionary Committee

FHE once every 6 weeks
carrying out monthly focus
keep missionary board updated
invite new member to institute each week
weekly exchanges with missionaries
weekly missionary experience
monthly lesson to new member
monthly cottage meeting

Full-Time Missionaries

number of members visited and commitments fulfilled by members each week
number of lessons with members present (excluding first contacts)
number of member referrals each week