## Ward Missionary Work

The ward mission leader and ward missionaries help the members of your ward experience the joy of sharing the gospel as described in the church handbook section 23.1. Share the Gospel through Love, Share, and Invite.

Your calling as a missionary is critical to the work of salvation and to the gathering of Israel. Certainly, the "field is white already to harvest" in Suncrest. Thank you for accepting this calling as a ward missionary. You'll find success as you love, share and invite others to come to the Savior through covenants.

You should be set apart immediately after being sustained in your calling and should be trained by one or more of your leaders, including Elder's Quorum Presidency Counselor, Relief Society Counselor and in collaboration with your ward mission leader (if called). The ward mission leader supports the elders quorum and Relief Society presidency in their missionary responsibilities. (See handbook 23.6.2) Training should take place within 7 days of being set apart.

What do I focus on? Who do I work with?

- 1. **Pray daily for missionary work and missionary experiences.** This will have a tremendous impact on your personal inspiration to know how you can influence the work.
- 2. Weekly Visits. Plan to make visits each week to members and non-members. Please visit with a companion and begin visits with a prayer.
- 3. Attend the Weekly Coordination Meetings (see Handbook 23.4) meetings. This is where your \*Weekly Visits\* to ward members and non-members will be coordinated in order to have the greatest impact. Coordinate your efforts around the Ward Mission Plan.
- 4. Weekly call with full-time missionaries: Please schedule a 15 minute call with the full-time missionaries that is held each week. This call can be a time that works best for you and the missionaries. This is an opportunity to learn about all missionary activities taking place in your ward. Be a fellowshipper. Fellowship those being taught, new members, and returning members. Fellowshippers may be discussed and assigned in Weekly Coordination Meetings and in Ward Council Meetings.
- 5. **Involve the Young Men and Young Women in the work.** These are the peers of many of those being baptized in our area. Help them fellowship. Encourage their participation in the Weekly Coordination Meeting and to be engaged in this work.
- 6. **Obtain a copy of your Ward Mission Plan.** Pray to know how to share that plan with the members of your ward. Follow up with ward members to help them share the gospel (see Handbook 23.6.6).
- 7. **Study and read Preach my Gospel.** The First Presidency began that book, in part, with, "We invite you to rise to a new sense of commitment to assist our Father in Heaven in His glorious work. Every missionary has an important role in helping 'to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man'(Moses 1:39)."
- 8. **Get to know the full-time missionaries**. Consider having them in your home and invite ward members to do the same. The spirit they carry with them and their enthusiasm for the work is contagious.
- 9. **Ongoing Training.** Please attend the Quarterly Missionary Training Meeting provided by stake leadership. Also, Ward Mission Leaders should provide training to ward missionaries at least once a quarter.

As you do these above-listed activities, you will feel a great love and passion for the great work that we are all engaged in. The following links provide resources for you to study/use:

- 1. Handbook Section 23: "Sharing the Gospel and Strengthening New and Returning Members"
- 2. Ideas for Member Missionary Work
- 3. President Ballard Memo on Ward Missionary Work
- 4. Suncrest Stake Brains Training Module
- 5. Elder Gary E. Stevenson Love, Share, Invite
- 6. Video: How Can I Love, Share and Invite as Jesus Did?
- 7. Video: Introducing the Principles of Love, Share Invite (from Elder Nash and Elder Ringwald)
- 8. 20 Easy Ways to 'Love, Share, Invite' Your Neighbors
- 9. Video: Member Missionary Work
- 10. Elder Dieter F. Uchtdorf: "Missionary Work: Sharing What is in Your Heart"