

BOZEMAN STAKE

WARD MISSIONARY PROGRAM

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????QUESTION????

- Why do you go to Church?
- Please write down the reasons you go to church?

If you wrote down:

1 - Because it is a commandment

2 – To take the sacrament

3 – Any other reasons, you might be right

HOWEVER

PLANNED ACTIVITY

If you wrote down planned activity, you were right.

We do nothing in life unless it is a planned activity.

- If we plan to go to the store to get groceries, as we are driving down the street. It is planned. at that moment.
- Church is a planned meeting, at a specific time.
- Commandment – sacrament – etc., are planned activities that take us to church at a planned time.

- Church is planned at a specific time, say 10:00 AM
- It is planned to have someone say a prayer, give a talk, sing a song, take the sacrament, etc.
- What if the Bishop said go to church on Sunday, with no time set, or none of these planned activities.
- HOW LONG WOULD YOU GO TO CHURCH?

THREE FOLD PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH

1 – PREACH THE GOSPEL

(MISSIONARY WORK)

2 – REDEEMING THE DEAD

(GENEOLOGY)

3 – PERFECTING THE SAINTS

(TEMPLE WORK)

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST IS A MISSIONARY CHURCH

Every meeting or activity in the church, is a planned missionary activity.

- The Lord has declared that missionary work is the responsibility of all, who are members of the church and follow him.
- “Behold, I sent you out to testify and warn the people, and it becometh every man who hath been warned to warn his neighbor.
- D&C 88:81

- Could this mean the 2nd greatest commandment,
- to love our neighbor as ourselves.
- Teaching them (your neighbors) to observe all things (as taught in the gospel) whatsoever I have commanded you
- Matt: 28:20

- We are encouraged to bring non-members
- (our neighbors) to all church meetings,
- to learn about the true gospel of Jesus Christ

BOZEMAN STAKE AND WARD

- Every activity in the stake is a planned activity.
- Primary, young men and women, relief society,
- Elders, High Priests – all the meetings are planned.
- Now we are going to have planned missionary activities, in stake and ward activities, to reach our GOAL of 200 convert baptisms in one year.

STAKE

- The stake president is in charge of the missionary work in the stake.
- He has a high council member that helps
- him with missionary work.

GOAL

A stake missionary activity every 3 months

A ward missionary activity every 3 months

A quorum missionary activity every 3 months

That way we can be doing a planned missionary activity every month and really only have to do 4 a year.

FIRST STAKE ACTIVITY

- Our first planned stake missionary activity involves all the wards. It is a
- BOOK OF MORMON placement program
- To be carried out next month, during the 3rd week, in each ward.

- Place as many Books of Mormon in the business's office or waiting rooms.
- Each ward will order 3 cases of Books of Mormon, this week. 120 in a case $\times 3 = 120$
- 12 wards = 12 units ordering
- $12 \times 120 = 1,400$ books can be placed
- *WOW* That will be fun

- The books will be divided among the families
- The families will take them home and write their testimonies in each book
- The day should be picked, that is the best day for each ward – our month picked to start off this great missionary effort during the 3rd week
- Assignments made where to go - business

Weekday -

Outline 2:00 (or night before going out)

meet at church and get assignments – PRACTICE

- 3 – 5 pm - Go to the businesses
- 6 PM meet at church and have a testimony meeting
- Have a social activity afterwards
- (This could be changed to a Saturday)

- Pictures will be taken
- Number of Book of Mormon placed -
- return appointments set
- These will all be given to the Stake
- The numbers and some pictures will be sent to the church news and Ensign
- The outline and success might encourage the whole church to do this program
- WOW wouldn't that be fun – we could say it started right here in the Bozeman Stake
- It could be one of our stake activities that we do every year.

WARD

- The bishop is in charge of the missionary work
- in his ward.

- The ward mission leader is called by the bishop, and follows his direction.

- The ward missionaries are called by the bishop and assist the ward mission leader and bishop.

WARD MISSIONARY COMMITTEE

- A ward missionary committee will meet with the ward mission leader each month and report:
- On past activities – non-members that attended or were invited and did not come.
- On future activities and how their organization has made it a planned missionary activity.
- They are encouraged to call the ward mission leader and report any non-member that attended a activity that week. To report to the Bishop

AUXILLARY ORGANIZATIONS

- The second counselor, in each auxiliary, will be called and set apart to be over missionary work in their presidency.

Their goal is to make every meeting and activity a planned missionary activity.

They will meet with the ward missionary committee.

At each presidency meeting – planning activities

They will say “How can we make this a missionary activity.

MISSIONARY NIGHTS

- Tuesday night will be set aside for
 - 2 high priests
- Wednesday night will be set aside for
 - 2 elders
- Thursday night will be set aside for
 - 2 priests
- to split with the full time missionaries.

- The missionaries might have discussions to give
Or
 - The priesthood going with the missionaries, might plan the night to
 - Go home teaching
 - Go visit less active families
 - Visit friends who might hear discussions
 - Go tracting with the missionaries
- (The missionary nights can be changed by the ward bishop)

- The missionary nights will be from 6 – 9 PM
- The missionary planning meeting is preferred at another day. That way all members involved, with be out on missionary nights, doing missionary work.
- Other nights will be open to do missionary work as non-members are available to be taught and as directed by the ward mission leader.

RELIEF SOCIETY

- To help the Laurels, depending on the number of Laurels, to do missionary work and learn how to be a visiting teacher.
- 2 relief society sisters will take out 2 Laurels once a week. They can take them
- Visiting teaching
- Take them to less active sisters
- Take them to friends that might be interested in the gospel

- At each activity the relief society sisters are encouraged to invite 5 non-members to come.
- How many sisters could bring a non-member to a quilting – all of them, we have to learn to ask.
- If you ask
- The answer can be - 50% Yes or 50% No
- If you do not ask, the answer will always be
 - 100% NO

BABYSITTER MISSIONARIES

- If there are conflicts with children,
- some families, younger, or older sisters
- will be called by the bishop as babysitter missionaries.
- They will be set apart.
- What a great opportunity to aid the missionary work in the ward.

MISSIONARY SACRAMENT MEETINGS

- Every 5th Sunday, the bishop will plan a missionary sacrament meeting. The ward mission leader might help.

QURUM MEETINGS

- Every meeting might be started by the leader calling for 1 or 2 missionary experiences since the last meeting

FINDING MISSIONARIES

- Every member of the church, has been given the responsibility to be a finding missionary by the Lord himself:
- “Behold, I sent you out to testify and warn the people, and it becometh every man who hath been warned to warn his neighbor.”
- (D&C 88:81, 63:37)

- Could this be what the second greatest commandment means?
- To love your neighbor as yourself.
- If you did not have the gospel and someone else did, would you not want them to love you, by giving it to you!!!

OTHER MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

- Sporting program
- Boy Scouts – one stake president agreed to pay for all the non-member dues. Many might not be able to afford them.
- Others

- To be finding missionaries
- Training will be given by the ward mission leader, or someone he assigns
- It is easy – all we have to do is **ASK**

FELLOWSHIPING MISSIONARIES

- Up to 5 families in the ward will be called and set apart as fellowshiping missionaries.
- They will be called for a period of 6 months.
- Everyone in the family will be called and set apart.
- They may have other callings in the ward or stake

- The fellowshipping families responsibility will be to come to church 15 minutes early, at one door.
- When the missionaries, or ward members have investigators who are coming to church, they will call the fellowshipping families and assign one family to sit with the non-members during the meetings.
- When the non-member comes into the church, they will be met by the 5 families and the assigned family will sit with them and introduce them to the ward.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES

- All returned missionaries will be called on a 2 – 6 month ward mission when they return. This will depend on how many months they will remain in the ward.
- They will add their missionary experience and the missionary spirit to the ward missionary program.

- Each returned missionary might give a ward fireside and speak at the meetings
- Primary – Open exercises
- Young Men and Young women
- Relief Society
- Elders
- High Priests
- Seminary

- The returned missionaries can be assigned to assist any of the organizations in their missionary work.

WARD YOUTH MISSIONARIES

- All youth that volunteer will be called on a 3 month mission during the summer.
- They will be set apart and given a calling as a missionary.
- They will work one day or evening a week during the summer, as supervised by the ward mission leader or someone he assigns.
- They will be assigned another youth and will work as companions throughout the summer.

PREACH MY GOSPEL

- Preach my gospel and the missionary scriptures will be taught on a weekly basis, throughout the year.
- The Bishop will decide the time and day.
- It might be taught at 6 PM the night the youth meet or Saturday morning
- It will be taught by returned missionaries or ward missionaries, as the ward mission leader and bishop decide.

WARD TRACTING DAY

- Every month that there is a 5th Sunday, one of the days, that month, might be set aside as a ward tracting day, by the bishop. All members of the ward are encouraged to participate. Even 3 or 4 year olds can hand out tracts. They are then being trained to be a missionary at a young age.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF

- The member families might be assigned homes around where they live.
- They could start a neighborhood watch, or neighborhood preparedness group.
- Other subjects:
 - Book of Mormon, Genealogy, Welfare, 3 day pack, food supply, Joseph Smith pamphlets,
 - other pamphlets

- They could invite people to fairs or classes held at the church, on the tracting day.
- Food storage, 3 day pack, how to obtain a short wave radio license, etc.
- They could be invited to participate in church projects on the tracting day.
- Church humanitarian – sew quilts, assemble first aid kits, blood drives.
- Pot luck lunch after.

HOW TO TRACTING DAY

- Meet at the church
- Training _ and assigning companions
- Families go together.
- 5 or 6 short questions will be given - practice
- The first 5 doors will be the senior companion
- The next 5 doors will be the junior companion

- 9 – 10 AM Meet at church (if not another day)
- Door approach, training, street assignments, pairing up of partners. Ward mission leader assigns who does the training.
- 10 – 12 tracting – assigned streets
- Addresses, responses, sheet given to ward mission leader for follow-up
- 12 – 1 Testimony meeting
- 1 – 2 Lunch
- 2 - End softball, volleyball, some ward activity