

LESSON #6

Ways I have used to meet people in a non-confrontive way:

Ask a person you meet if they like to read. If they say yes, tell them you have read a book about Christ appearing in America to the pre-Inca American Indians and you would like to give them a copy if they would like to read it. If they say they would, get them to write their name and address on a paper. Then when you go home send that paper to the missionaries and ask them to deliver the book for you. Hartman Rector says that 90% of the people who have the missionaries come to their door, holding a paper that they wrote their own name and address on, saying Mr. Vail sent us to deliver this book to you, could we come in and just explain a little about it GET IN!!! 90%.

I stopped to help a woman along side the road who had a flat tire. Everyone was just going around her and honking at her. So I pulled up behind her, turned on my flashing lights and changed the tire for her. She offered to pay me \$20 for helping her. I said, "Instead of taking your money, how about if you write your name on a piece of paper and then I will send you a book to read. All I ask in payment for changing your tire is that you read the book. Would you do that?" She said yes and put her name and address on a paper for me. I will give it to the missionaries to deliver the Book of Mormon from me. That is how simple it is to that that.....

Give CD's like Mr. Krueger's Christmas, Legacy or other church videos to friends as gifts

Set a goal to ask someone every day, week or month. If you are too scared to and set the goal to not ask anyone, you will likely meet that goal too.

Pass out a book of Mormon in Fast Sunday Priesthood Meeting and Relief Society and ask them to report back the next month on who they gave it to and then ask for a volunteer for someone else and challenge them to give it away that month.

Work with newly baptized members to meet their friends. Become friends with them. They need new friends when they first join the church. YOU BE THAT FRIEND. If you do, you will baptize more people than any of your friends.

Reactivate less active people. Most of their family and friends are normally non-members. I have almost never met a less active member who did not tell me that they plan to come back to the church some day, just not today. They want to. They just don't know how. When they do, they normally bring all their family and many of their friends with them.

Just simply visiting people as friends is the most powerful missionary tool in the church.

Join civic clubs

Join in community service projects

Join a local group of friends in a Bible Study Class

Teach Free Genealogy classes at the church

Teach Free Sign Language classes at the church

Have joint choir festivals on holiday's with other churches where you invite them to come participate in a concert at our church (and go to theirs).

Publish your testimony to the world.

(if you don't know how send it to me and I will add it to my web page)

www.cordellvail.com/testimony

And/or publish your thoughts and research on the church

www.cordellvail.com/epistles

Here is how I am continuing to do missionary work in Finland

where I served my **1st** Mission:

www.cordellvail.com/finland

Write books that contain your spiritual history - journals, family history, or just spiritual experiences related to your conversion or life. (I get letters almost every week thanking me for doing that)

<http://www.cordellvail.com/epistles/rowcv.htm>

<http://www.cordellvail.com/vietnam/bookED4.pdf>

<http://www.cordellvail.com/epistles/MyTurnToWin-TheSecretOfExcellence-web-v15.pdf>

Bringing up the church with every person that you meet. It is not hard to bring up the church. I try to mention that when I was a missionary for the Mormon Church in Finland or when I went to the Brigham Young University or when I visit my family in Utah (have you ever been to Utah)... there are 100's of things like that which you can say to bring up the church in your conversations with strangers and friends alike. If they do not express interest, just change the subject. Christ promised us that "HIS SHEEP WOULD KNOW HIS VOICE". You are His voice. And He will lead you to people who are interested if you will just give them a chance to hear it from you.

Visiting neighbors and getting to know them. Inviting them to participate in socials with you. Invite them over for dinner or a social evening with you.

Create a humanitarian project in your area and invite non-members to join you. They are just as interested in helping people of the world as us. They just don't know how to do it.

Start an Emergency Preparedness Program and invite every one in the neighborhood to get involved in getting ready for disasters. You will be surprised how interested they are. They want to do it, but they just don't have any way to be a part of a group. See www.goldenmailbox.com/ep

Start a Neighborhood Crime Watch (in Utah when I was the head if it in our area we had 5000 members in it and many of them were not members of the church. One of the greatest missionary opportunities I ever created. Because I was the head of it, most of them knew me. I got into houses that no one had ever been in before. Made friends with people who were as opposed to the church as anyone I had ever known. But we were friends in the Crime Watch Program.

Ask in faith that the Lord will ask someone to ask you.

Join the PTA at school (Even if you don't have kids)
Be a volunteer at a local charitable organization

Write articles in the local news paper featuring things about the church

Offer to give firesides about the LDS Church to other churches (or a lesson in their Sunday School on what Mormons really believe and have a question answer session after).

It is a very common tradition in our society to invite your friends to the baptism of your children. Most people do it in all the other churches. People consider it an honor to be invited to such a special family occasion. I have no idea why we do not follow that practice in the LDS church. May I suggest that you try that. When you have a baptism of a child, invite your nonmember friends. They will be honored and it will give you an opportunity to bring them to the church where they can feel the feelings that are there. The Lord said His sheep would know His voice. When you invite someone to come to the church to the baptism of one of your children, they will feel that spirit. It will open the door into their spiritual heart. We have a lady in our stake who was baptized because her neighbor (and friend) invited her to the baptism of one of their children.

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I WILL BE ADDING TO THIS LIST AS I REMEMBER OTHER THINGS THAT I HAVE DONE. IF YOU HAVE OTHER WAYS TO MEET PEOPLE THAT WORKS FOR YOU, PLEASE SENT THEM TO ME SO WE CAN SHARE THEM HERE WITH OTHERS.  
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