



A CONFERENCE MESSAGE FROM THE PROPHET

Priceless Temple Blessings

By President Thomas S. Monson

My beloved brothers and sisters, I send my love and greetings to each of you.

This conference marks seven years since I was sustained as President of the Church. They have been busy years, filled with many blessings. Among the most enjoyable and sacred of these blessings has been my opportunity to dedicate temples. This past November it was my privilege to dedicate the beautiful new Phoenix Arizona Temple.

The building of temples shows very clearly how much the Church is growing. This morning I am very pleased to announce three new temples. They will be

built in Abidjan, **Ivory Coast**; Port-au-Prince, **Haiti**; and Bangkok, **Thailand**.

The blessings of the temple are priceless.

As we enter through the doors of the temple, we leave behind the distractions and confusion of the world.

Inside the temple we find beauty and order.

In the temple we can find peace.

May our Heavenly Father bless us that we may have the spirit of temple worship, be obedient to His commandments, and follow carefully the steps of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. ◆

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TEMPLE MATH

144 now open
+ 13 being built
+ 13 being designed
+ 5 being renovated
+ 3 new ones just announced

↑ TOTAL WHEN ADDED TOGETHER

TALK ABOUT IT!

- Which temple is closest to you?
- How can you prepare to go to the temple after you turn 12?
- How can you find names of your ancestors to take with you?



CONFERENCE NEWS

CONFERENCE QUOTES



A New Face in **PRIMARY**

Meet Sister Mary R. Durham, the new second counselor in the Primary general presidency. She lived in Japan for three years when her husband was mission president. And she knows a lot about children—she and her husband have seven!

“Please
do NOT
give up—
EVER.”
.....

Elder L. Whitney Clayton of the Seventy

“The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has never been **STRONGER**.”

Elder Quentin L. Cook of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

“God **HEARS** your silent prayers.”

President Henry B. Eyring, First Counselor in the First Presidency

Stories of Bravery

Match the story with the person who told it.

1. A seven-year-old girl named Sailor walked a mile through the cold rain to get help after an airplane crash. A light in the distance gave her hope and courage to keep going!
2. A boy went to church by himself every week. Finally he got his father's permission to be baptized.
3. A young woman named Marie held up the Bible to protect the missionaries from an angry mob who wanted to hurt them.
4. A boy grabbed his older brother's wrists and held on to save him from falling off a cliff.

☐ Sister Bonnie L. Oscarson
Young Women general president
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☐ Elder L. Whitney Clayton
of the Seventy
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☐ Elder Rafael E. Pino
of the Seventy
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☐ Elder Jeffrey R. Holland
of the Quorum of the Twelve

CONFERENCE NOTES

Here are some great stories and pictures from the April 2015 general conference. What stories did you like best?



Overcoming Fear



One day while playing with his friends as a boy, Elder [David A. Bednar](#) accidentally broke a window in a store near his home. The glass shattered and set off a security alarm! Elder Bednar thought he would have to go to prison. He was so afraid that he hid under his bed until his parents helped him calm down and apologize to the store owner. Elder Bednar used this story to teach that all of us are scared sometimes, but when we look to Jesus Christ and follow Him, we can feel peace instead of fear.

What this teaches me:

Staying Safe



Sister [Linda K. Burton](#) told the story of a family who moved into a new house. The yard didn't have a fence around it. The father put stakes in the corners of the yard and tied strings around the stakes to mark the edge of the yard. He told his five children that if they stayed inside the boundaries, they would be safe. The children listened to their dad, even when a ball rolled past the string! They were safe and happy.

What this teaches me:



Grateful for the Gospel



Bishop **Gérald Caussé** spoke about three men who lived in a village in Africa. When it was time for a district conference, they walked for two weeks through muddy roads to get to the meeting! They brought tithing from people in their village to give to Church leaders. They stayed for a week so that they could take the sacrament before heading home again, carrying boxes of copies of the Book of Mormon on their heads to bring to their village. What sacrifices are we willing to make to live the gospel?

What this teaches me:

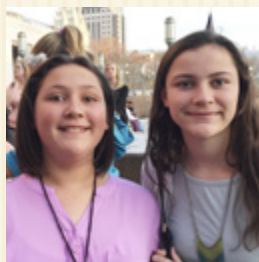
Strong Like Moroni



Elder **Ulisses Soares** told the story of a boy who followed the example of Captain Moroni. The boy saw his classmates looking at bad pictures on their cell phones. He had to make a quick decision. He was filled with courage and told his friends that what they were doing was not right. Most of his classmates made fun of him, but one friend decided to stop looking at the pictures. Elder Soares said we can be strong like Captain Moroni and stand up for our testimony of truth.

What this teaches me:

Show and tell CONFERENCE EDITION!



I had the chance to sing in the women's session choir. I invited a

nonmember friend to come watch. When all of the people started coming in I felt nervous, but the Spirit really calmed me down. I was also not feeling great because of a hurt finger and was super hungry, but I still made it, and it was fun! One cool thing was that I was a few feet away from the prophet. I loved listening to all of the speakers. All the choir practice was worth it.

Jadyn T. (left) with her sister, Lauren, ages 10 and 14, Utah, USA



My favorite talk was by Elder Clayton. I liked his story about the girl who survived.

I thought that was really cool that she walked so far and was so young. The girl looked around and saw a light. Elder Clayton related that to the gospel. It is kind of like looking for the iron rod.

Simon S. age 8, Pennsylvania, USA



Building this scene of general conference was a team effort for **David, Amelianna, Michael, and Johnny G., ages 6, 3, 8, and 10, Utah, USA.** Everyone had a part to play and a block to contribute!



"Elder Bednar,"
by Tyler A., age 6,
North Carolina, USA



Max and Alice B., both age 5, go to church in **Wales.**

Their favorite part of conference was sustaining the prophet and then singing "We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet." They felt happy and tingly inside because they love President Monson so much.





Emma P., age 8, Nebraska, USA

Tamyra, Tajanea, and Haley R., ages 11, 11, and 14, Texas, USA, watched the women's session from the emergency room! Tamyra hurt her eye just before the broadcast, so their family grabbed the iPad and headed to the hospital. The three sisters said watching it made the time pass quickly. They even got to tell the doctor about President Eyring.



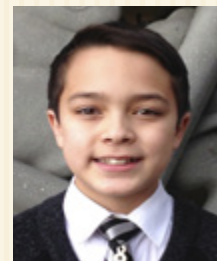
Daniella L., age 10, Idaho, USA



I liked Elder Renlund's talk. It had interesting stories in it. I liked one of his sayings:

"If we don't try, we're just latter-day sinners; if we don't persevere, we're latter-day quitters; and if we don't allow others to try, we're just latter-day hypocrites. As we try, persevere, and help others to do the same, we are true Latter-day Saints." I want to be better and keep living the gospel every day.

Shelby S., age 10, California, USA



President Uchtdorf's talk on grace was my favorite. Before I listened to it, I didn't know what

God's grace was or how it affects us. I learned that it is through grace that I can repent and become clean so that I can live with Him again as long as I have faith. I like how President Uchtdorf said that Satan has no lasting power. It makes me really happy to know that through God's grace, I can overcome my weaknesses and become my best self!

Hunter S., age 11, Maryland, USA