

SAM BEAZLEY

LABOUR MISSIONARY IN NEW ZEALAND

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(Based on a true story)



New Zealand is an island nation in the South Pacific Ocean.



The Hamilton New Zealand Temple was the first temple built in the Southern Hemisphere.



More than 300 labour missionaries helped to build the temple.

Sam carried an armful of planks to the construction site and set them down. At the moment, there were only wooden beams standing. But soon the planks and beams would become a building. Sam couldn't think of a better way to spend his Saturday than to help build a brand-new chapel!

Sam liked building things. Sometimes it was hard for him, though. When he was a boy, his hands were badly hurt in an accident. Even now, when Sam was grown up, his fingers were still stiff. Sometimes it was hard to pick things up or hold tools.

Carefully Sam picked up his hammer. He had to try harder than some of the other workers, but he didn't mind. He just wanted to help. He knew he was doing God's work. And if he was doing God's work, surely God would help him!

Sam was busy working when he heard someone come up behind him. "That is good work you are doing," the person said.

Sam turned. It was Elder Biesinger! He was a Church leader who was helping to organise building projects in New Zealand.

"Thank you," Sam said.

Elder Biesinger smiled. "How would you like to be a labour missionary? Right now missionaries are working to help build a Church school for teenagers. We need more helpers, and I think you'd do a great job."

"I would love to," said Sam. He couldn't wait to serve the Lord as a missionary!

By Monday morning, Sam was an official labour missionary. He helped pour cement at a factory to make heavy blocks. The blocks were used to help build the school. Some of them were even used to build the Hamilton New Zealand Temple!

Day after day, year after year, Sam worked hard. He always did his



As a boy, Sam helped take care of his family's goats.



When he grew up, Sam also worked on the city council.



He also served a family history mission with his wife, Irene.