

MICHAEL'S LONG SEARCH

By Lucy Stevenson Ewell
Church Magazines
(Based on a true story)



Soon there will be a temple in India!



India has more than 20 official languages.



There are two missions in India today.

Michael slung his backpack over his shoulder. It was the first day of school, and he couldn't wait! He and his family lived in India. Many children in his city couldn't go to school. Michael was grateful he had the opportunity to learn.

He liked learning—especially mathematics. He also loved reading magazines. He turned the colorful pages. He read about different animals and places around the world.

One day Michael read a different kind of magazine. It was from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Michael loved reading it. He wanted to learn more.

Michael had gone to other churches before. He liked learning about Jesus. But sometimes he felt confused. Which church was the true church?

Later, he read a booklet about the prophet Joseph Smith. He felt something special as he read it. Joseph Smith had also gone to different churches too searching for the truth. *Maybe I'm like Joseph*, Michael thought.

Michael wanted to go to this new church to see what it was like. But there were no Latter-day Saint churches in India.

Michael was disappointed. He kept learning all he could. He read the Book of Mormon and prayed. He knew it was true! He wanted to be baptized. But he would have to wait.

Years passed. When Michael was 21, a senior missionary couple came to India. Finally, Michael was baptized! Soon he was able to serve a mission of his own in Utah, USA.

More years passed. One day a friend called him. The Church was looking for people to help translate general conference for



Michael's favorite food is biryani (rice and meats cooked with spices).



His favorite scripture story is about Joseph in the Old Testament.



Today, Michael helps translate general conference for people in India.

Michael wondered which church was true.



people in India. Michael was nervous at first. But he was happy to help.

One October afternoon Michael was translating a talk by President Nelson in general conference. He heard the prophet announce that a temple would be built in India! Michael wanted to shout for joy. He cried happy tears.

Michael was grateful for all he had learned at school. But most of all, he was grateful he had learned about the gospel of Jesus Christ. He was happy more people in his country could learn about Him too! ●



ILLUSTRATIONS BY ORIOL VIDAL