

## How Do I Prepare for Service?

### Preparing for Missionary Service:

- Spend as much time together as husband and wife as possible to help you adjust to missionary life.
- Study and become familiar with *Preach My Gospel*.
- Study the scriptures and pray together as husband and wife.
- Apply for or update passports if you are planning on serving outside the United States.
- Set up or update your will and legal and medical powers of attorney.
- Determine if you will need to set up a living trust.
- Determine what you will do with your homes, properties, vehicles, and recreational equipment (sell, rent or lease, leave in family care, leave vacant).
- Learn how to use the computer to do e-mail, word processing, and spreadsheets.
- If you plan to take a laptop computer and digital camera, learn how to download pictures from the camera to the laptop and how to attach pictures to an e-mail.

### Applying for Missionary Service:

- Meet with your bishop or branch president.
- Set up a Church Web site account so you can use the online system.
- Prepare the online missionary recommendation forms.
- Complete medical and dental examinations.
- Submit completed application to your bishop or branch president.
- Meet with your stake or district president.
- Wait for the call letter.

### Preparing to Depart:

- Make appointments for the immunizations and medical tests specified in your mission information packet. *Note: Some immunizations are given at the MTC.*
- Purchase your mission clothing based on the guidelines in your call packet.
- Finalize plans for handling homes, properties, vehicles, and recreational equipment.
- Select a trusted family member, banker, or accountant to handle your financial affairs.
- Meet with your banker and financial representative to process the paperwork necessary for your representative to conduct business for you, including the ability to wire transfer funds to a foreign bank, if necessary.
- Arrange for all income (pension, social security, investments) to be direct deposited.
- Arrange for utility, property tax, and insurance bills to be handled through automatic payment systems or by your financial representative. Change the address on these accounts to your financial representative's address.
- Arrange for management of investments (stock portfolio, business, and property).
- Arrange for preparation and filing of state and federal taxes.
- Arrange for payment of tithes and offerings.
- Arrange for medical insurance and prescription drug coverage.
- Arrange to have the post office forward all mail to a family member or financial representative.
- Renew your driver's license if it will expire while you are on your mission.
- Cancel subscriptions to newspapers and magazines.
- Cancel telephone, Internet, or cable services, if necessary.
- If you will become eligible for Social Security and Medicare during your missionary service, contact your social security office before leaving on your mission.
- Contact your mission president for further direction and information.