

Effective Home Visits



The Heart of Family History Work



I have never been to Hawaii. What if my friend offered me a free trip to Hawaii and I say “ I’ve been to a beach before. Also, it’s too hard to get there and I don’t have time for a vacation.” My friend would think that I don’t know what I’m talking about. I don’t understand how great it is. This is like family history. We who have “been there” understand how wonderful it is, but our friends must experience it for themselves.

*We can be inspired all day long
about temple and family history
experiences others have had.
But we must do something to
actually EXPERIENCE the
JOY ourselves.*

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Home Visits are a great way to share the joy of family history with others! Why?



It is the way Jesus Christ ministered. One at a time.

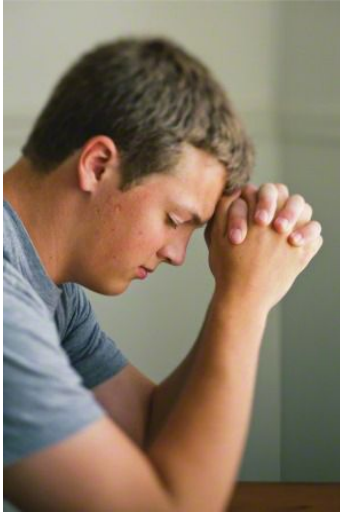


People have different skill levels, interests, and goals.

During home visits, lessons are individualized and concerns can be resolved.

The goal is for the person to have a positive family history experience!

Effective Home Visits



1. PRAY



2. PREPARE

- a. Discover goals
- b. Get access
- c. Make a plan




3. Present

1. PRAY



Pray continuously!
While preparing and while teaching.



Follow Promptings!
Heavenly Father
knows what will touch
the person's heart!

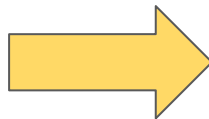
2. PREPARE

a. Discover goals

Is there something specific you would like to work on?



YES

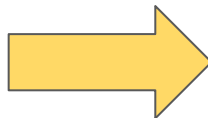


Proceed to the next step.

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If you don't know how to help, ask other ward or stake consultants or Family Search Center missionaries. You can also use online genealogy consultations, or the familyhistoryguide.com.

NO



What are your interests?

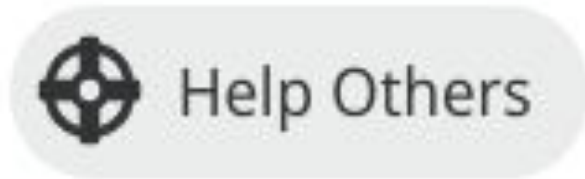
Is there a certain ancestor or part of your tree you would like to learn about?

Would you like to print names for the temple? (Ordinances Ready)
Would you like to add photos and stories to your tree?

2. PREPARE


b. Get access to his/her tree

Click on Help Others in the top R corner



OR use the Planner: Click on the Question Mark, then Helper Resources, then look on the right side of the page:

Planner
Request access to family trees, find discovery activities to share with others, and create lesson plans.

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My Planner

People You Are Helping

[+ ADD SOMEONE](#)

You will need the person's username and last 5 digits of church membership number. (In TOOLS or on temple recommend)

2. PREPARE

c. Make a Plan



Type up the plan outlining what you will do step by step during the visit.

Include ID#s of the people you are researching.

Make a copy for the person you are helping.

Use the Planner to Make Discoveries, Find Hints, or Find Temple Work!



Family Tree Search Memories Get Involved Activities Temple

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Family History Activities

Hints

Temple

Family History Activities



1950 US Census

Discover Your Relatives in the 1950 US Census



Ancestor Challenge

Can you identify your ancestors from their photos? Give it a try.



3. Present: Remember 3 S's



SHORT

No more
than 1 hour



SIMPLE

Teach one skill or
make one discovery



SPIRITUAL

Start with prayer and
follow promptings

Remember to let THEM control the keyboard!
Let them do the driving so they remember how to get there!

