

# PURE RELIGION

## From the Field: How LDS Employment Services Changes Lives

**Seattle, Washington.** An unemployed woman in Seattle arbitrarily picked a lawyer from the yellow pages to arrange her affairs so she could commit suicide. She saw no purpose in life, no reason to continue living. The lawyer, an LDS bishop, did as directed but asked if she would like to attend a women's conference with his wife. She went and enjoyed it. The bishop next arranged for the missionaries to visit her and then recommended she visit with LDS Employment Services. The day after the woman went to the office, she found a job. With the confirming witness of the Holy Ghost as she studied the Gospel, she soon entered the waters of baptism and rejoiced at her newfound happiness. Not long after, she asked her attorney to rearrange her legal affairs.



**Sacramento, California.** Ron had worked at the Sacramento Deseret Industries for six years as an accounting clerk. During that time he also attended college. When he finally graduated with a degree in accounting, he went to the LDS employment office seeking help. "We first put him in touch with some accountants he could talk with and get a better idea of what was going on in the industry." He next wanted to develop a resume and asked for help in preparing for interviews. By the time he had finished, he felt confident that he could successfully find a good job. Ron accepted a position with a small construction company.

**Orlando, Florida.** Jackie was a single mother who had exhausted every avenue she could think of in looking for a job that would pay enough to support herself and her children. Finally, she came to the LDS employment office to seek help. She seemed excited about the strategies and information she received, but

when she didn't return, one of the senior missionaries from the center called her at home to find out why she hadn't come back. "I'm going to have to put my job search on hold for awhile," she told the missionary. She had fallen down the stairs and had a cast around her leg. Sister Nye, one of the senior missionaries, volunteered to take Jackie to the doctor's office for a follow-up appointment. While there, Sister Nye noticed a job announcement at the receptionist's counter. She pointed out the announcement to Jackie, who shrugged and said, "What can I lose?" The following Monday, Jackie, cast and all, began work as an office assistant.

**Lima, Peru.** When Luis returned from serving a mission for the Church, he wanted more than anything to attend the prestigious SENATI, the finest technical school in Peru. He applied for one of the highly sought after slots and, to his delight, was accepted. Unfortunately, he did not have the finances to pay for his schooling. When he arrived at the LDS employment office in Lima, he felt frustrated and discouraged. As they spoke with Luis about possible solutions, one of the things considered was corporate sponsorship from one of the major companies that hired from SENATI. They talked about how to apply, how to write a letter of introduction, and how to do well in an interview. The last thing they did was kneel in prayer, asking for help from Heavenly Father. When Luis next returned, it was with tears in his eyes. In his first interview, the Honda Motor Company had been so impressed with him that not only did they offer to sponsor him during his entire training program, but they also offered him a job once his studies were completed.