

PURE RELIGION

Providentliving.org

Since launching its Providentliving.org Web site in January 2003, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has received messages of gratitude and praise from Church members as well as those of other faiths. Tens of thousands of people throughout the world view more than 100,000 pages of the Web site each day. The site has been mentioned in several publications, including the *Church News*, the *Sacramento Bee*, and *USA Today*.

In the short time the Web site has been available, many have accessed it and found needed information and real help for life issues they are currently facing.

“I believe this site is inspired,” one person writes. “I have struggled with an eating disorder for over 30 years, and something about the nutritional site finally made me give up crazy food fads, and I’ve begun on a much more sensible eating pattern. It is truly a miracle. Thank you so much.”

An Air Force captain found the site by listening to a national radio program. He writes: “I would like to commend you on your emergency preparedness efforts. I am well-versed in disaster preparedness and very familiar with the LDS philosophy of self-reliance and helping others. . . . You provide a valuable resource for all to share.”

A woman from the Philippines writes: “Last night I was crying and praying for help to our Father in Heaven, because it seemed to me that in the last few days all I ever did was shout at my 5- and 4-year-old kids. It grieves me that I get so angry that I shout so much at them and alienate them. An e-mail from an LDS group pointed at this new site, and so out of curiosity I checked it out, never imagining this is God’s way of answering my prayer. This is truly a

wonderful site and I’m grateful for the help you have provided for me through the articles on social and emotional strength (parenting). I will surely tell other members in our ward of this site so that they may also benefit as I did. Thank you so very much.”

Another Church member wrote, “We have been struggling financially and this site gave me some hope.”

“It takes so much less time to find answers on this Web site!” another writes. “I’m sure that our family will use it as a resource.”

One young mother writes: “I have lived with depression and anxiety for more than seven years. I am on the maximum dose of my medication, and I have had several courses of counseling. I am coping well, but like everyone, there are days when I just struggle to feel of worth and to know that I am accomplishing what I need to. I was feeling like that this morning. I logged onto this site and read several articles in the section on Social and Emotional Strength. I am so grateful for this resource. This information is all compiled and organized so I can find just what I need to lift my spirit and remember to smile and enjoy life rather than start on that downward spiral to the pit of despair. Thank you, thank you! I know this site is inspired of God. Thanks to all who have worked to develop this site. I pray that you will feel the peace that you have helped to bring to me.”

Whether assisting families in finding employment, adopting a child, or calculating how much food they should store, the Church’s Providentliving.org site provides a wealth of information and real help for families throughout the world.

