



Don Mills Ward RELIEF SOCIETY Newsletter

April 2016

SPOTLIGHT on sister...

Lusini 'Lucy' Gooden

Hello Sister's!

My name is Lusini, but everyone calls me Lucy. I came to Canada forty-two years ago.

All my five children have been born here in Canada. I have been married twice and on November 29th 2011 I was sealed to my second husband, how has now been beyond the veil for the past 6 years.

I come from a large family, I'm the 3rd of 8 children of my Mother who passed when I was 13 years old. At which point in time my Aunt in Canada sponsored me to come and live with her and help with her Restaurant.

I was born in Tonga which is a Polynesian sovereign state and archipelago comprising of 169 islands of which 36 are inhabited. I love being here in Canada and for all my years here I have only gone back twice, as my siblings have since moved to Hawaii, New Zealand and Australia. Only one brother is still there.

I've grown up in the church and have a strong testimony of it. I am always thankful for Heavenly Father for watching over me. Heavenly Father sent his only begotten son, Jesus Christ to make everything easier for me to return to live with my family in his presence forever, but it is on me to keep his commandment.

We are very thankful for having a living prophet to guide us at this time. I love the gospel and am so thankful for the temple. I know when I pass on from this life that I shall once again meet my parents, brother's and sister's that I have been sealed to.

I have had lots of callings during my time as a member, but the calling that has meant so much to me has been as Nursery Leader, and now my calling is to call everyone and give you Birthday Wishes.



April 2016 Activities

Date	Event	Time
April - 02	General Conference - Morning	Noon - 2pm
April - 02	General Conference - Afternoon	4pm - 6pm
April - 03	General Conference - Morning	Noon - 2pm
April - 03	General Conference - Afternoon	4pm - 6pm
April - 09	Stake Temple Trip	TBA
April - 17	Stake Presidents Fireside	7 - 8:30pm
April - 23	Stake Tree Planting project at the Rouge Valley	8:00am

Good News Corner

Conratulations!

*Sister Desíree Banteguí
has given birth to a
beautiful baby girl, who
has been named
Lhanea Maíne.*



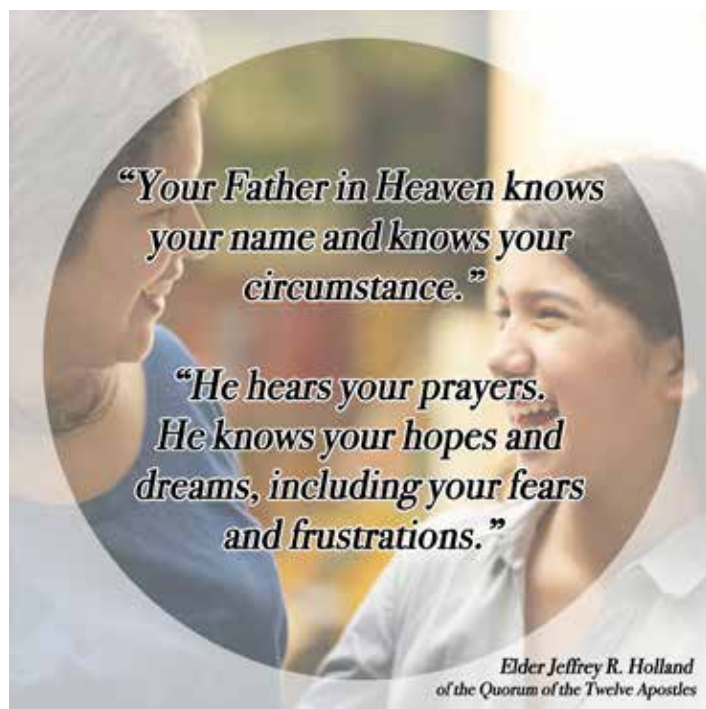
Visiting Teaching Message

DAUGHTERS OF OUR ETERNAL FATHER

The scriptures teach us that “we are the offspring of God” (Acts 17:29). God referred to Emma Smith, wife of the Prophet Joseph Smith, as “my daughter” (D&C 25:1). The family proclamation teaches us that we are each “a beloved spirit ... daughter of heavenly parents.”¹

“In [the premortal] realm, we learned about our eternal female identity,” said Carole M. Stephens, first counselor in the Relief Society general presidency.

“Our mortal journey to earth did not change those truths.”²



“We each belong to and are needed in the family of God,” said Sister Stephens. “Earthly families all look different. And while we do the best we can to create strong traditional families, membership in the family of God is not contingent upon any kind of status—marital status, parental status, financial status, social status, or even the kind of status we post on social media.”⁴

Additional Scriptures

Jeremiah 1:5; Romans 8:16; Doctrine and Covenants 76:23–24

From Our History

In his account of the First Vision,⁵ the Prophet Joseph

Smith verifies many truths—including that our Heavenly Father knows our name.

Young Joseph struggled to know which church to join and found guidance in James 1:5. Joseph concluded he would ask God.

One spring morning in 1820, he went to the woods to pray but was immediately seized upon by some dark power. Of this he wrote:

“Just at this moment of great alarm, I saw a pillar of light exactly over my head, above the brightness of the sun, which descended gradually until it fell upon me.

“It no sooner appeared than I found myself delivered from the enemy which held me bound. When the light rested upon me I saw two Personages, whose brightness and glory defy all description, standing above me in the air. One of them spake unto me, calling me by name and said, pointing to the other—This is My Beloved Son. Hear Him!” (Joseph Smith—History 1:16–17).

Consider This

How does knowing you are a daughter of God affect your decisions?

Notes

1. “The Family: A Proclamation to the World,” *Liahona*, Nov. 2010, 129.
2. Carole M. Stephens, “The Family Is of God,” *Liahona*, May 2015, 11.
3. Jeffrey R. Holland, “To Young Women,” *Liahona*, Nov. 2005, 28.
4. Carole M. Stephens, “The Family Is of God,” 11.
5. See *Gospel Topics*, “First Vision Accounts,” topics.lds.org.

April 2016 Lessons

Manual Teachings of the Presidents of the Church:

Howard W. Hunter.

Date	Topic	Teacher
April – 03	General Conference	
April – 10	Chapter 5	Sini-Susan
April – 17	Chapter 6	Erika
April – 24	T.O.T	Margaret