

The Church in action around the world

Mountain guide is among the first Nepalese converts

MATSUMOTO, JAPAN

A Nepalese mountain guide, baptized here Dec. 15, 1978, is believed to be one of the first of his country to be become a member of the Church.

Rama Mayla Bhaptachan, 25, was in Japan studying Japanese and English when he visited a street meeting being conducted by missionaries of the Japan Tokyo South Mission. He was baptized in the Matsumoto Branch of the Tasasaki District.

The convert, who speaks a little English, expressed his happiness at being a member of the Church and said he was anxious to explain its principles to members of his family.



Rama Mayla Bhaptachan



Dateline

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

Eunice Cook Konold has been elected to a two-year term as president of the San Diego Genealogical Society. A member of the San Diego 5th Ward, San Diego California North Stake, she teaches genealogy for the San Diego Community College District and has taught for Brigham Young University. She will teach genealogy for the LDS Mesa Institute of Religion during 1979.

She and her husband, James, are the parents of four children.

FREMONT, CALIF.

Marjean Hansen, a member of the Fremont 4th Ward, Fremont California Stake, was recently elected chaplain of the assembly for the California YMCA Model Legislature.

A 16-year-old junior at Irvington High School, she is a member of the class council and is a ward Primary teacher.

MESA, ARIZ.

Chris Johnson, 12, a deacon in the Mesa 35th Ward, Mesa Arizona South Stake, has been credited with saving his brother Lynn's life.

The son of Brother and Sister Lynn Johnson, Chris was at home with his family recently when Lynn, 2, was missed. Rushing out to the family swimming pool, Chris saw his

little brother floating near the bottom at the deep end.

Chris dove into the water, managed to reach his brother and pulled him back to the pool's edge, where he and his mother were able to clear Lynn's mouth and lungs of water and restore him to normal breathing.

SALT LAKE CITY

George I. Passey of the Brighton Ward, Salt Lake Pioneer Stake, has been appointed national deputy chaplain of the Veterans of World War I. Brother Passey has been a past commander of a five-state region and is now also chaplain of the Department of Utah of the Veterans of World War I.

Correction

On page 4 of the Feb. 10 Church News, a story on Scouting said that the Varsity Scouting program for 14- and 15-year-old boys was developed by the Church. That was incorrect. The program was developed by Scouts in Area 2 — Utah, Idaho and western Wyoming.

The same story said that 1 in 10 Scouts nationally become Eagles as opposed to 4 in 10 in the Great Salt Lake Council. That should have read 1 in 100 nationally and 4 in 100 in the Great Salt Lake Council.

UTAH: New film tells of temple work

LOGAN, UTAH

A specially produced motion picture about the Logan Temple is a feature of the temporary visitors center now open in the Logan 5th-18th Ward chapel. The visitors center is being run in connection with the open house and tours at the temple.

"Logan Temple — House of the Lord" is the title of the 16-minute film produced by Sam Daines and Roger McEvoy of the Mount Logan Utah Stake seventies quorum. Cameraman was George Sozio, and Warren Burton scored the music.

The film tells the story of how temples are used to link generations together. It compares the temple to a family home where the children of the Lord come to be instructed, said Von K. Stocking, chairman of the visitors center.

Hours extended for temple open house

The hours for tours of the newly remodeled Logan Temple have been extended one hour per day, temple officials announced.

The temple will be open for public tours Monday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., as usual, and will be extended Tuesdays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (instead of to 7 p.m.) The temple will be closed Sundays.

Book printed in Indians' own tongue

Work among the Indians of Central and South America has been helped by the translation of the Book of Mormon into two of the common languages.

These languages, Aymara of Bolivia and Cakchiquel of Guatemala, are only two of the many languages in Central and South America. There are 20 Indian languages in Guatemala alone. Copies of the Book of Mormon are being distributed among both peoples.

"There are about 500,000 persons who speak Cakchiquel," said Larry Richman, translator under David Frischkhnacht, supervisor of emerging languages.

He said that the translation into Indian tongues is very difficult since there are no reference materials.

Translation of the Book of Mormon into Aymara was an exciting event for those elders working in the Bolivian mountain villages, they said.

"This book has special significance to these Aymara people because it comes from their 'dust grandfathers,'" said Elder Robert Morris of Fallbrook, Calif.

"Many of the older generations have told us repeatedly of the coming of Christ, the darkness upon the land and the other happenings from the Book of Mormon."

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