

Building Bridges

YOU HAVE INSPIRED US TO

DREAM
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WITH YOUR HELP WE CAN MATCH THE
MORMON MISSION FORCE 1 FOR 1.

80,000

THAT NUMBER HAS BEEN ON OUR HEARTS in recent months because we've been planning for the future. Let me explain.

A number of questions go into planning a vision or future ministry goal. For Truth in Love Ministry, the first and most important question was this: *How, with God's blessing, can we have the greatest kingdom impact?* That's an important question. We are still a relatively small ministry—at least for now. Impact means leveraging limited resources and maintaining a laser-like focus. *(continued on page 6)*

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You Have Touched Many Lives

REFLECTIONS FROM PASTOR MARK CARES



SOMETIMES PEOPLE ASK ME how many persons are involved with our ministry. It's not the easiest question to answer. It goes far beyond our small staff.

It includes people like Delila and Mike who volunteer to make calls to donors. But even that is just the beginning.

It includes many of you who have followed our approach and built gospel bridges with Mormons who have crossed your path. Or the hundreds who have

formally participated in Please Open the Door, our strategy to witness to Mormon missionaries.

There's more. There are all of you who regularly pray for our ministry. Or the hundreds who support us financially. Or the many who send us notes of encouragement.

How many people are involved in our ministry? It's easily in the thousands. I thank you for that. And I thank God for you.

Without you, humanly speaking, there would be no Truth in Love Ministry. The few of us on staff could only talk to a few Mormons. Without your prayers and encouragement, discouragement could easily set in. Without your financial support we could not devote much time to ministry.

You are an integral part of our ministry. You are an essential part of our team. You are God's amazing blessing to us.

Sincerely,

Pastor Mark Cares
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Truth in Love Ministry was founded by Pastor Mark Cares to reach Mormons with the saving gospel of Jesus Christ. Truth in Love Ministry's unique approach has been recognized worldwide.

Treat Mormons with genuine love and respect.

Focus on Mormon stress points rather than our own.

Speak their language.

Witness Christ rather than debate Mormonism.

In order to accomplish these goals, Truth in Love Ministry trains Christians to witness with courage and confidence.

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Pictured is Delila with her husband Mike.

“Since knowing Jesus my heart is no longer heavy.”

— DELILA

Has Delila Thanked You?

AN EX-MORMON EXPRESSES HER GRATITUDE TO GOD BY MAKING THANK YOU CALLS TO SUPPORTERS.

WHEN DELILA WAS BAPTIZED a huge smile covered her face and an exclamation of joy came off her lips. “It felt like a huge weight was lifted off of me. The joy of my baptism now stays with me all the time.”

For many years Delila did not know joy. Instead she was heavy-hearted. While she was growing up, her grandmother, a strict Mormon, set the tone for the whole family. Their family life centered around the LDS (Latter Day Saints or Mormon) Church. As she grew older, Delila struggled with certain LDS teachings especially the one dealing with repentance. According to Mormonism, repentance includes abandoning or forsaking the sin. This means that repeating the sin indicates you hadn't repented of it. You can well imagine the pressure this puts on persons who take it seriously.

Delila took it seriously. So much so that she realized she couldn't do it. She gave up and became inactive in the LDS Church.

Years later her granddaughter, Brooklyn, attended a Christian preschool. There Brooklyn learned about Jesus. Then Brooklyn's mom, Delila's daughter, became

interested in learning more. The Holy Spirit graciously worked faith in her heart. She began telling her mom about the great things God has done for her. Delila was intrigued. This message was so different from the one she heard growing up in the LDS Church. The Holy Spirit also worked on her. She hasn't been the same since. From heavy-hearted to almost giddy with joy.

One way Delila now expresses her gratitude to God is by volunteering and making thank you calls to you, our supporters. She loves to thank you for helping us reach more people burdened by Mormonism. From personal experience she knows how vital this work is.

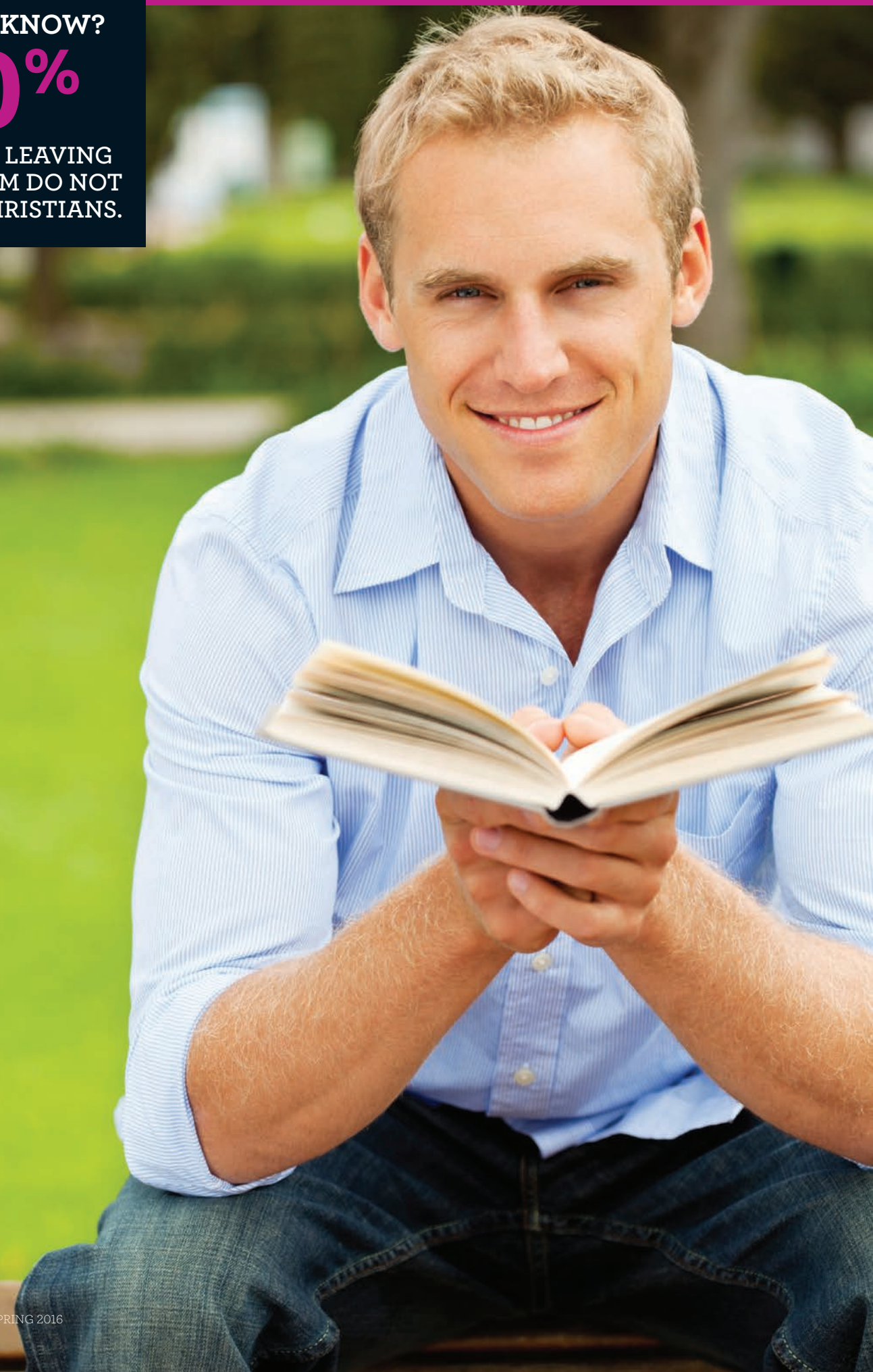
Many of you have told us how much you like it when Delila calls you. Sometimes her husband Mike helps out and makes some calls for her. He laughingly reports that people are often disappointed to talk with him. They want to talk with Delila!

Hopefully one of these days your phone will ring and it will be Delila. If so, ask her about her story. She loves to talk about the God who loves her and has saved her. ■

DID YOU KNOW?

70%

OF PEOPLE LEAVING MORMONISM DO NOT BECOME CHRISTIANS.



GOD THE ULTIMATE HUMANITARIAN

A NEW BOOK COMING IN EARLY SUMMER

“WHEN I MEET GOD, I WANT TO MEET HIM MAN TO MAN, SHAKING HIS HAND.” Although most Mormons wouldn't put it as bluntly as this LDS man

did, many have similar thoughts. In Mormonism, God doesn't do much for people. He gives them a plan of salvation which they must work. He blesses them only if they are obedient. He offers them grace but only after they have done “all they can do.”

Mormonism doesn't highlight the many wonderful ways God loves us by giving to us unconditionally. Both Mormons and those leaving it are often amazed at all the different aspects of God's humanitarian work.

The extent of God's giving is not just unfamiliar to Mormons. Many Christians also respond with amazement. Over the years Mark Cares has talked to hundreds of Christian groups about Mormonism. Almost without fail, just as many people ask him about the various aspects he mentioned about God's giving as they ask him

about Mormonism.

This isn't surprising seeing how books on Christian living dominate the conversation. “How to” books abound. Books detailing God's gifts to humanity not so much.

These factors led Mark to write a new book, *God the Ultimate Humanitarian*. In twenty brief chapters he looks at twenty different ways God wonderfully blesses people.

Because of what Mark has already experienced in talking with thousands of Christians, we are confident even Christians will benefit from reading it. Order information will be available in the coming months.

We also plan to give many books away especially to Mormons or those

leaving Mormonism. Besides ordering a copy for yourself please consider sending a special gift to help underwrite that cost.

Help us tell others about our great God! ■

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PLEASE WATCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE PASTOR CARES' BOOK BY THE SUMMER OF 2016!

You will definitely want multiple copies to share with those you love.

SNEAK PEEK

CHAPTER FOUR

A Humanitarian in Making a Wonderful Covenant

CHAPTER NINE

A Humanitarian by Living for Us

CHAPTER TWELVE

A Humanitarian in Giving Us a Wonderful Status

CHAPTER SIX

A Humanitarian at the Temple

CHAPTER ELEVEN

A Humanitarian in Giving Us the Proof of Jesus' Resurrection

CHAPTER NINETEEN

A Humanitarian in Giving Us a Spectacular Eternity

GOD LED US TO AN ANSWER.

With over twenty-five years of outreach experience to Mormons, Pastor Mark Cares is convinced that we will have the greatest kingdom impact by TRAINING CHRISTIANS how to witness to Mormons.

Think about it. When you train a Christian to witness to Mormons, a number of important things happen.

- 1 Once trained, a Christian will have many contacts with Mormons and other non-Christians over the course of their lifetime. That's an enormous impact. Once trained, ONE Christian might witness to dozens, hundreds, or even thousands of unbelievers.
- 2 When Christians train through Truth in Love Ministry and learn to witness to Mormons, they inevitably find they have greater courage and confidence in sharing their faith with anyone.

Mormons hear the gospel. Christians grow in their faith. It's a win-win.

All of which leads back to that number—eighty thousand. You see, that's the approximate annual number of Mormon missionaries, worldwide, knocking on doors and spreading a message that eternally separates people from God's grace.

What if Truth in Love Ministry could match the Mormon mission force and train eighty-thousand Christians? A big goal, for sure. So big, there'd be no doubt it was God who fulfilled it.

With time, prayer, and more planning, our vision came together. We couldn't be more excited to announce it to you.

MATCH THE MORMON MISSION FORCE 1 FOR 1

By 2021, Truth in Love Ministry will train

80,000

Christians to share Christ with Mormons.

JUST HOW WILL WE TRAIN EIGHTY-THOUSAND CHRISTIANS?

We believe the answer lies in God's gift of digital technology and the World Wide Web. It is our plan to develop highly impactful and engaging lessons and make them available to

anyone who wants to learn to witness to Mormons.

Since Mormonism is one of the fastest growing religious movements in the world, we also see this as a worldwide vision—with the long-range goal of offering training in a variety of languages.

As you might imagine, this vision will require help. We certainly can't accomplish this training goal without God's hand of blessing. To that end, we need your prayers.

We also need experts and advisors to teach us how to develop the most effective lessons possible. We want this to be more than head knowledge. We want training to result in action. Experts in production, web design, technology, and marketing will also be essential.

While we don't yet have all the answers, we do have confidence. God has blessed Truth in Love Ministry in remarkable ways. He's already helped us train thousands of Christians in eight countries worldwide. Many more Mormons are hearing the truth about grace and worthiness. And we've only just begun.

We also have confidence because God has given us YOU. Clearly, God uses friends like you to spread the gospel. That's the way he works. Your amazing past support has enabled us to make our previous vision (inviting a million Mormons to hear the gospel) a reality. You've given us the confidence and inspiration to dream big!

We are still in the early stages of planning this vision. But to take the next step, we need your help. Please show that you stand with us on this journey by dropping a line of encouragement and by making a gift to help us move forward. You can use the enclosed envelope or make a secure gift on our website at tilm.org.

We promise to keep you well-informed as we continue our planning and training development. Perhaps you can be one of the first to help test our training programs and give us feedback!

Until then, thank you and God bless you.

Best,

John Sebald

DIRECTOR OF MISSION ADVANCEMENT

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Get Involved!

You Can Build Bridges to Mormons

THERE ARE MANY WAYS YOU CAN JOIN US IN REACHING MORE MORMONS

- 1 **STOP AND TALK WITH MORMON MISSIONARIES WHEN YOU SEE THEM IN YOUR COMMUNITY.**
Find out a little bit about them. Consider inviting them over to your house.
- 2 **BE KIND AND FRIENDLY TO THE MISSIONARIES WHEN THEY KNOCK ON YOUR DOOR.**
Joyfully share with them your confidence that you will spend eternity living with your Heavenly Father because Jesus has done all the work for you.
- 3 **PLEASEOPENTHEDOOR.COM**
Visit the website and learn about our successful strategy of witnessing repeatedly to Mormon missionaries.
- 4 **CONTACT US**
If you have Mormon friends, neighbors, or co-workers, contact us and we can help you talk to them in a way which strengthens your relationship.
- 5 **ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP**
If you have family members who are Mormons, contact us and we can connect you with an online support group.
- 6 **HOST**
Consider hosting a seminar on Building Bridges Not Barriers.
- 7 **ORDER SOME TRACTS POINTING MORMONS TO BEYEPERFECT.ORG.**
That's a website designed specifically for speaking to Mormons in language they can understand. Make the tracts available to Mormons in your community.

LET'S GET TO WORK! You can walk along side Pastor Cares and our Truth in Love team. In addition to the strategies listed above, you can send a gift in the enclosed envelope. Or, donate online at tilm.org.



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