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Instructions for District Leaders

For the next 13 weeks, we will be reviewing a chapter each week from the second edition of *Preach My Gospel*. It is not expected that everything in the chapter be covered, but it will be an opportunity to get familiar with the content. Here are the expectations:

- 1) All missionaries should read the chapter prior to coming to District Council.
- 2) Each Chapter has a title, first level sub-sections and second level sub sections. Each descending section is in a smaller font size. Missionaries should come to each district council having prepared two things:
 - a) At least one BRIEF insight from each first level sub-section.
 - b) A BRIEF insight from a scripture in the chapter selected by the missionary.
- 3) Acting as facilitator, the District Leader or assigned missionary should then randomly call on one or more district members to share their insight from the section announced by the facilitator. Each first level sub-section should be covered.
- 4) If there is time in the District Council, a few of the scriptures selected by the missionaries can be shared.
- 5) The facilitator is expected to teach in the Savior's Way, encouraging insights, discussion, and questions from the members of the district. Each week you should reinforce this expectation in your weekly note to them about preparing for the upcoming council and identify the facilitator one week in advance.

For every chapter except Chapter 3, there are "Consider This" questions at the beginning of the chapter. Three or more of these questions should be discussed. Guidance on Chapter 3 is below.

To summarize, for each district council, the instructional section will consist of three parts.

1. Insights from District Members (outlined above). (~15 minutes)
2. Discussion on at least three "Consider This" questions. (~30 minutes)
3. Sharing of selected scriptures from the chapter (~5 minutes)

Guidance on Chapter 3: In this chapter there are 75 pages. These constitute the 4 doctrinal lessons that are taught plus the baptismal invitation. For this chapter, please do the following:

1. Discuss the first three pages (Prepare to Teach, Teach from Your Heart as Guided by the Spirit, and Teach and Invite according to individual needs). For the discussion, you could consider turning each of these into a question to be discussed. "How should we prepare to teach?" "What does it mean to teach from our heart as guided by the Spirit?" "How do we discern the individual needs that determine what we teach and what invitations we extend?"
2. For the invitation to be baptized, review the section on "Extending the Invitation".
3. Since the three lessons follow the same pattern as the old lessons, you should only point out the bullet points followed by the doctrinal discussion of each point. You will not have time to review these, but please make sure your district is familiar with the structure of the lessons.
4. For Lesson 4, review the first section on "Teaching This Lesson".

This new *Preach My Gospel*, will help us be more effective as missionaries as we each internalize its content. As District Leaders, you are the ones on the "front lines" helping to make this happen. We have great trust in each of you to successfully introduce your missionaries to this valuable new resource.

IN ADDITION:

In order to keep practicing the doctrines we teach; we would like companionships to do ONE-MINUTE drills using the new lessons during their companionship studies. We will continue to find time in zone conferences to practice. We will provide a schedule for you soon.

President & Sister Kunz