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February 12, 2015

“To Every Nation, Kindred, Tongue, and People”:
Pioneers in Every Land, *by Elder James J. Hamula*

No longer an organization made up mostly of U.S. members, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has spread from Tahiti to Taiwan. Latter-day Saint men and women are building the kingdom of God all over the world. Hear their stories, feel their challenges, and be inspired by their faith. Elder James J. Hamula introduces the theme of this year’s Church History Library Lecture Series, “Pioneers in Every Land.”

March 12, 2015

The Ganges Flows to the Great Salt Lake: Voices of Latter-day Pioneers in India, *by Taunalyn Rutherford*

The roughly 11,000 Latter-day Saints in India, a country of 1.2 billion people, are truly pioneers. Drawing from oral history narratives of Church members in India, this discussion will uncover lessons learned through a 50-year struggle to establish Zion on the Indian subcontinent.

April 9, 2015

“The Nethermost Part of My Vineyard”:
Learning Lessons of Faith from the History of the Church in Africa, *by Matthew K. Heiss*

The majority of Latter-day Saints in Africa are first-generation pioneers, most of whom joined the Church following the 1978 revelation on the priesthood. What are their stories and what can they teach us about having faith, enduring to the end, and understanding the blessings the gospel brings into our lives?

May 14, 2015

“That They Might Not Suffer,” *by Sharon Eubank*

Over the past 30 years, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has formed partnerships with the International Red Cross, Catholic Relief Services, CARE, and other experienced agencies, helping to establish the foundation for LDS Charities, the humanitarian arm of the Church. Sharon Eubank describes the evolution of the Church’s efforts to care for the poor and needy on a global scale and what members can do to help wherever they live.

June 11, 2015

Prophecies Precede History, *by Néster Curbelo*

Book of Mormon prophets spoke about the spiritual destiny of the people who would come to the American continent. Néster Curbelo will review the history of convert pioneers in Latin American countries, showing that the experiences of these people help to fulfill the inspired revelations and prophecies of the ancient prophets.

July 9, 2015

China, Japan, and Utah: The Transnational Passages of a Mormon Family, *by Melissa Inouye*

The first Latter-day Saint missions to China (April–August 1853) and Japan (1901–1924) were largely unsuccessful. And yet the history of Latter-day Saints in greater China (including Hong Kong and Taiwan) and Japan since World War II is a story of transnational endeavor and cultural resilience. Looking at the Chinese and Japanese roots of one large Mormon Asian-American family illuminates how Mormonism has provided a framework to which global Mormon pioneers have anchored their lives since World War II.

August 13, 2015

Fire on Ice: The Story of Icelandic Latter-day Saints at Home and Abroad, *by Fred Woods*

Between 1855 and 1914, hundreds of people joined the Church in Iceland and then emigrated to Utah. Fred Woods will look at the challenges these people faced and share correspondence between Icelanders living in Utah and in Iceland. He will also discuss what has been done to commemorate Mormon history in Iceland and Icelandic history in Utah.

September 10, 2015

“The Power Is in Them”: How Church History Helps Latter-day Saints in Developing Countries, *by Brett Macdonald*

Throughout the developing world, Latter-day Saints face challenges in finding basic health care, housing, education, and employment. These experiences are comparable to those faced by early Saints in Kirtland, Missouri, Nauvoo, and the Intermountain West. For members in the emerging Church, stories of 19th-century Mormons offer models for solving problems while creating a sense of brotherhood and sisterhood that bridges time, ethnicity, and culture.

October 8, 2015

Housewife in a Foreign War Zone, *by Kate Holbrook*

Carol Gray, a housewife, mother of seven, and Relief Society president in Sheffield, England, found a vocation in providing international aid as she watched television coverage of the suffering caused by civil war in former Yugoslavia. She began organizing relief supplies, and by November 1992, she and her daughter were distributing supplies to frontline crisis areas in Croatia and Bosnia. Carol would return to the area dozens of times over the next decade.

November 12, 2015

The Church in Italy: A Personal and Ecclesiastical History, *by Mauro Properzi*

Latter-day Saint missionaries were first sent to Italy in 1849, but after less than two decades and the emigration of most converts to Utah, missionary work ceased for the following century. The second stage of the Church’s presence in Italy would bring about growth in membership and the construction of a temple. Using both research and personal experience as an Italian Latter-day Saint, Mauro Properzi highlights the history of the Mormon Church in Italy.