

QUESTION: What success are you having with ministering meals with missionaries in your area and in the mission as a whole?

FRUITLAND SISTERS: Our mission has seen a lot of success with inviting the people we are already teaching into the home of ward members.

PAYETTE ELDERS: What we have seen to be successful is having the whole month open to people signing up instead of a specific week. We also have come in during Sunday School and gone over how to implement these ministering meals and have a group discussion with the members on ideas and concerns people may have.

FRUITLAND ELDERS: We've seen a lot of success in members bringing their own friends. And also when there is a weekly sign up for the wards. The weekly sign-up seems to give a lot of the members the opportunity to try the ministering meals out. We actually have a friend that we met through a ministering meal that is now on date to be baptized next month.

ONTARIO ELDERS: The success that we've seen is through being invited by families that we're teaching to have dinner together. We've also had success with asking specific members in the ward if they could feed us and nonmembers friends that we're teaching and have a teaching opportunity together, as well. It seems to work better when the missionaries or someone coordinates with the individual member families and ask them if they would be willing to host a ministering meal with a specific nonmember friend the missionaries are teaching.

NEW PLYMOUTH ELDERS: We have been seeing a lot of success here in New Plymouth with the ministering meals! This last week we had four and just last night we had another one! As we have been having success, it has been bringing more success. It has really helped to be able to talk to the wards in missionary huddles, ward council and Sunday School briefly about the ministering meals. One of the greatest best practices we can use is speaking positively about this! It is seriously so easy, the members can just invite their friends over let them know that the missionaries will be there, we will ask them what we should share if anything, and then we just have dinner with their friends and get to know them! If some of the members don't have any people to invite but are still willing to sign up it gives us a chance to ask the people we are teaching if they would like to join us for a dinner in a members home and that works as well!