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Plano Texas Stake
2014 Plano Stake Preparedness Challenge
 November 17, 2013

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Gospel Principles

- “If ye are prepared, ye shall not fear” (D&C 38:30)
- “All things are spiritual unto the Lord” (D&C 29:34-35)



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What do we think of when we hear “Emergency Preparedness”?


1. Food Storage
2. 72-Hour Kits

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“We urge all Latter-day Saints to be prudent in their planning, to be conservative in their living, and to avoid excessive or unnecessary debt.”
 -President Thomas S. Monson
 October 2008



“We encourage members world-wide to prepare for adversity in life by having a *basic* supply of food and water and some money in savings.”

First Presidency Statement
 Provident Living, February 2007



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Preparation is for the Whole Family

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Preparation Brings Peace

What types of adversity or disasters might we expect to encounter?

1. **Financial**
 - a. Loss of job or reduction in salary
 - b. Death of primary wage earner
 - c. Decline in savings/investments
2. **Disasters**
 - a. Extended Power Outage
 - b. Home Flood
 - c. Home Fire
 - d. Terrorism
 - e. Pandemic

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Why don't we Act?

- Lack of motivation?
- Lack of knowledge or understanding?
- "Paralysis by Analysis"
- Apathy?

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Come Listen to a Prophet's Voice



"Too often we bask in our comfortable complacency and rationalize that the ravages of war, economic disaster, famine, and earthquake cannot happen here. Those who believe this are either not acquainted with the revelations of the Lord, or they do not believe them."

President Ezra Taft Benson

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The Solution: 2014 Plano Stake Preparedness Challenge

- **Objective:** As part of the Stake goal on strengthening families, each family in the Plano Stake is invited to prayerfully set preparedness goals and achieve them by the end of 2014. The goals should be in these three categories:
 - Spiritual Preparedness
 - Financial Preparedness
 - Emergency Preparedness

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- **Spiritual Preparedness:**
 - Hold personal and family **prayer** morning and night
 - Hold daily personal and family **scripture study**
 - Hold weekly **Family Home Evening**

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- **Financial Preparedness:**
 - Pay tithes and offerings
 - Make and live by a family **budget** (include tithes & offerings, emergency fund, education, emergency preparedness items etc.)
 - Set aside \$ _____ in an **emergency fund** (3-6 months income recommend)
 - **Reduce debt** by \$ _____ / _____ % and/or get out of debt

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- **Emergency Preparedness:**
 - Store and maintain _____ gallons of emergency **water** (recommended two weeks supply or a min. of 14 gallons per family member)
 - Store and maintain _____ months of **food and other required items** (3 months shelf stable foods and supply items recommended and then work toward longer term storage items)
 - Assemble, update and/or maintain a **72 hour kit** and supplies for each family member

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- **Secondary Objectives:**
 1. Overcome the misperception that Emergency Preparedness is simply food storage
 2. Overcome the “paralysis by analysis” or inertia that stops members from working on emergency preparedness.
 3. Have a means of tracking the level of preparedness within the Stake
- **December:** Information will be provided to get started

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- **Monthly:** Information will be provided by Ward Preparedness Specialist (example below)

Month	Spiritual	Financial	Emergency
January Be Ready: D&C 88:119	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set time for Family Prayer • Plan PHEs with family • Schedule scripture reading time • 2 Nephi 26 - Mosiah 24* • Personal prayers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyze your finances • Track your expenses (See “All is Safely Gathered In Family Finances”, and “One For The Money” brochures) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inventory current emergency preparedness items • Water / Beverage storage • Begin 3 month supply
February Be Doers: 1 Nephi 3:7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mosiah 25 - Alma 30 • (Continue with Spiritual goals and activities listed in January) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create your family budget • Set your financial goals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 72-Hour Kits • Tornado Prep • Breakfast foods
March Be Charitable: Mosiah 2:17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alma 31 - Helaman 3 • (Continue with Spiritual goals and activities listed in January) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create / Update Wills • 25% to your financial goal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan and plant garden • Communication • Family Emergency Plan • Tomatoes/Pasta

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Things to Remember

1. Involve your **entire family** where possible! This can be a fun and educational.
2. Do not run faster than you have strength. **Steadiness/Consistency** of effort is the key to success.
3. **Sacrifice brings blessings:** Small sacrifices in short-term luxuries and comfort, can bring strong feelings of peace and security.
4. Instill in each member of the family a desire to be individually prepared for emergency situations. Teach the importance of **self-reliance**.
5. “You can only **lift others** if you are standing on higher ground.”

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What’s Next

1. Ward preparedness specialist will provide handouts to Priesthood Leaders
2. Priesthood Leader provide handouts to Home Teachers
3. **Home Teachers present Preparedness Challenge and handouts to their families**
4. **Home Teachers report back to Priesthood Leaders**
5. Priesthood Leaders report back to Ward preparedness specialist
6. Ward preparedness specialist report back to Stake
7. **Ward preparedness specialist will share additional details each month to help families reach goals**

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We’re Here to Help

Stake Preparedness Committee Members:

Ward	Name	Name	Calling
Plano 1	Phil Spalding	Gemie Martin	Committee Chair
Plano 2	Filipe Solano	Brian Rast	Stake Presidency
Plano 3	Mike Donnelly	Mike Walker	High Council
Plano 4	Gemie Martin	Bob Richards	High Council
Plano 5	Jeff Secrest		
Plano 6	Brandon Beer		
Plano 7	Geniel Crandall		
Plano 8	Tom McGivern		
Plano 9 Stake	Gary Christensen		

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Your Challenge

“Organize yourselves, prepare every needful thing...”

D&C 88:119