

Hastening the Rescue Spokane North Stake, Oct 2014

Doctrine

“O Lord, wilt thou grant unto us that we may have success in bringing them again unto thee in Christ.

“Behold, O Lord, their souls are precious, and many of them are our brethren; therefore, give unto us, O Lord, power and wisdom that we may bring these, our brethren, again unto thee”
(Alma 31:34–35)

1. Invite

The bishopric counselors will go out with a list of individuals most likely to be receptive. This list will be discussed and developed in ward council each week. The source of these names will be primarily from the Prospective Elder List and the Endowed With No Recommend list. Using their "bishopric badges" to get in the door they will have a friendly conversation and then ask the prospective elder (and his wife) if he would meet with the bishop. They will have a specific date and time slot to fill. Basically they will say, "The bishop has sent me to ask you to meet with him at his office at this time. Will you meet with him?" The counselor will then be responsible to assist, remind, give a ride, whatever it takes. If the prospective elder says no they will go down the list until they find someone to fill each slot.

2. The Interview

When they arrive at the bishop's office, he will have another friendly Spirit filled conversation and invite them to work with him and others in coming back to church. He will invite them to have the missionaries over and teach them once a week.

3. Ward Mission Leader Schedules Appointment

The ward mission leader will contact the individual and schedule an appointment with the elders. Over time it is our goal to have the bulk of the missionaries' calendars filled with these appointments.

4. Ward Council Integration

The ward mission leader will then work with the bishop and ward council to involve the appropriate member of the ward council, quorum members, ward missionaries, etc. to begin assisting with teaching and fellowshiping. The quorums should quickly become involved in this effort. The relief society should be involved if the brother has a wife or girlfriend. When youth or children are involved the YM/YW and primary should be engaged in the effort.

Don't forget the power of involving family history consultants!

5. Return and Report

The Executive Secretary plays a key role! He will ensure assignments are reported and he will report the status of individuals to the stake using the online tool. The bishop should focus on these individuals in every ward council. The list should stay current. Don't let those who aren't progressing bog down the effort.