Saving for a Mission: Plan for Young Men

Instructions: Fill in one square for each $100 you save for your mission. When filled, you'll be, financially, ready to go.

More Info: The cost for young men to serve a mission is $9,600 ($400 per month for 24 months). The main chart has 96 boxes, each representing $100. When all boxes are marked off, the youth will have the $9,600 he needs to pay for his mission. This schedule recommends easing young men into saving by starting small and doubling the amount saved each year and having them prepared to go by the time they reach 18. Of course, depending on when he starts saving, individual timing may vary. To the right is a separate column representing additional money the missionary may want to save to pay for clothes, suitcases, and other gear, which averages costing around $2,000. Parents, family, and friends may consider donating to the youth's missionary savings to get them caught up or otherwise help. And remember, though youth should try to pay for their own mission, the lack of finances should not stop any worthy young man from serving.

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> Elder M. Russell Ballard has said that young people preparing for a mission "ought to have a job and save money for their missions. Every mission president would concur with me that the missionary who has worked and saved and helped pay for part or all of his or her mission is a better-prepared missionary" (How to Prepare to Be a Good Missionary, Liahona, Mar. 2007).

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