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Family History—It's About Love

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Here we are already entering the second month of 2015 and anxiously awaiting Valentine's Day. As genealogists, isn't love what it's all about?? Everything we do is in loving tribute to those who have gone on before us. We love the work because we love the people. Did you know that Valentine's Day dates back to the Romans? It actually became the official date of February 14th when Pope Gelasius declared it as such at the end of the 5th century. But it really caught on during the 17th century in Great Britain. Here in the United States, mass production of Valentine's Day cards began in the 1840's and commercialism took it from there. Over one billion cards are sent each year, over 220 million roses are grown and sold each Valentine's Day, and in the U.S. alone, \$4B in jewelry and \$20B overall is spent letting our loved ones know how much we think of them. Love--it transcends all. But none of that compares to the love expressed by each of you as you faithfully and ever so diligently search out those loved ones who made it possible for you to be here today. Keep it up--you know that you are blessing many, many lives.

We wish we could give you all a firm date for the re-opening of the Library. We found so many issues with the building when we tore into it in November that costs soared and the task lengthened. The LDS Church needed to comprehend the total costs, and the contractors were diligently putting that all together as last year came to a close. Since the Church meets only monthly (at the end of the month) to review building expenses, we have had to put things on hold awaiting their final approval and funding of the large changes necessary. A short list includes: mold eradication (now complete), replace plugged plumbing lines (under way), remove exterior stucco and replace it with brick to prevent water from entering, water test the new exterior, clean all ductwork (complete), build the new interior walls (complete), replace the interior sheetrock on outside walls (removed but not replaced), assemble the 60 new desks (complete), assemble the 30 new computers (under way), etc. etc. You get the picture--lots to do. But it will be SO worth it. We hold weekly meetings with the contractors and architects who are now actively working on the Mesa Temple improvements since we are in a waiting mode. We have not yet received a date for re-opening from the contractors. As soon as we do receive that information, we will let everyone know so that all may plan accordingly. In the meantime, three or more days a week, we are holding youth classes, Mesa Mission missionary classes, and specially scheduled group classes in the Training Center west of the Mesa Temple. In addition, our talented missionaries are going out into the public as far as Casa Grande and Yuma to provide great classes as part of our outreach efforts.

Stay sharp and involved! We want you to overwhelm us with your needs when we re-open our doors. We miss working with you and appreciate your patience.

Elder Adrian Kuzdas, Assistant Director