

Smith Reunion 2018: Dreaming of a Heavenly Home



Smith family members and SHP staff deliver beds on August 4 to a family recently arrived from Rwanda.

On August 4, 2018, Smith Family members joined with Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) to provide 200 beds for local refugees and people in need as a way to commemorate

the 200th anniversary of Father and Mother Smith finding themselves again homeless and refugees in Palmyra, New York. Frances Orton, Family Organization Chair, said “We wanted a way to relate to our ancestors and all that they went through.” The goal was to have family members build something with their hands.

“This effort today is phenomenal,” said one SHP member. We’re excited to be working with you and to be getting these kids off the floor and into beds of their very own.”

The service project involved family

members of all ages. Amy Andrew, Lehi Chapter President said, “Youth knew how to work hard and loved this.” During the build day, ten staff members and 20 family members delivered 20 bunk beds to 40 local children.

“When we got there,” Darcy Kennedy recalled, “we found so many people crammed into two bedrooms. Many of them had mattresses that were basically on the floor, but they were so terrible you wouldn’t want anybody to be sleeping on them.... It was wonderful to see that they could feel like they were of worth.”

Twelve-year-old Collin Berrett summed up the emotions of most of the Smith family, “It’s just a good feeling that we just get to help people, help our brothers and sisters - just love one another.”

For video, [see JosephSmithSr.org](http://www.JosephSmithSr.org).

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Building a Heavenly Home



At the Mary Fielding Smith home, youth use the adze and crosscut saw, forage timber, debark and notch the logs, set the sill logs and walls, set the end rafters . . . well . . . almost. Thanks to Jason and Brook Young for providing the opportunity for youth to get an upclose feel for the life of their pioneer ancestors and to Bob and Renee Park for teaching the tools and skills of the trade!

“Wow!” “Cool!” and “How do I do this?”

Smith youth celebrated the 200th anniversary of Father and Mother Smith being driven from their home and having to rebuild again in the 2018 Reunion themed “Dreaming of a heavenly home.” The dream came alive as both kids and adults spent hours “building a heavenly home.” Not only did youth help build bunk beds, but they also built a cabin next to the Mary Fielding Smith house at *This is the Place Heritage Park*.

Alina Jones, age 13, helped wax the bunk beds. Katie Kennedy, 15, and her sister Kyla, 8, drilled holes into the boards. Emi Jones, 12, stained the wood for the beds. “We took a big hunk of wood and dipped it into this



Seth, Scott, and Josh Orton take satisfaction in a job well done, standing in front of the cabin they helped build.

brown vinegar and it smelled so bad and it stained your hands.” Her conclusion? “It was awesome that we got to help people.” Emi loved working with SHP “because I got to do it with my favorite cousins and I got to meet some really cool people.”

At the cabin, Heber Jones, age 8, helped scrape dead wood off the logs, put logs on the wall, and “wrote my name on one of the boards on the roof.” “My favorite part,” he said, “was building the cabin and getting some souvenirs like the jewels” [gold mining].

“We used the saw blades with 2 people,” Bridger Jones, age 9 said, “and we sawed them so they would fit. My favorite part was meeting new family members.”

Kyla, 8, said she wore safety goggles and “would pull off the bark with this tool thing and a guy would tell you stories about nature.... Also, for the roof and doors they had wood and you would have a nail and dig into it and carve your name.”

Walker and Brodrick Young (13 & 15) just kept making comparisons to Joseph and Hyrum. They spent hours in advance, preparing the logs for the cabins, and cutting notches. “I can’t imagine what this would be like without chainsaws or a truck,” they said. “It was a lot of work.”

Joseph Smith Jr. Family

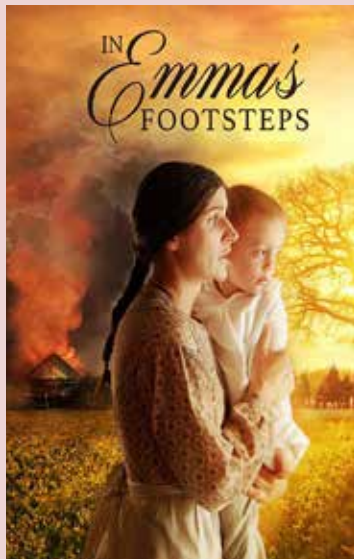
New website. Upcoming Movie.

The Joseph Smith Jr. Family announces a new website featuring greater security, up-to-date family history, activities, and projects posted and integrated with Facebook. Share this valuable tool with close and extended family. Visit the website at JosephSmithJr.org.

Based on actual recorded accounts, *OUT OF LIBERTY* is an intense, evocative western that depicts the experience of local jailer Samuel Tillery (Jasen Wade). Caught between Missouri-ans' drive to remove their prisoners, Missouri's most wanted men, and the prisoners' desperate efforts for justice and survival, Tillery is pushed beyond what any lawman can endure. Produced in partnership with Gerald Batty of "Freetown" and "The Saratov Approach."



Emma's struggles after the martyrdom reveal a courageous woman who stands as a pillar of strength for her loved ones. Released nationwide, this movie is now available on DVD and streaming download.



We note with sadness the passing of our dear cousin and Joseph Smith Jr. descendant, Fred N. Larsen, President of the Remnant Church of Jesus Christ, April 26, 2019. Public services will be announced shortly. See speakschapel.com.

2020 VISION

Smith Family Celebrates 200th Anniversary of Joseph Smith's First Vision

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Saturday, May 2, 2020

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IDigNauvoo 2019

May 14 - June 21
June 18 Historical Re-enactment

The Joseph Smith Historic Sites and the Samuel H. Smith Foundation are clearing out snakes to prepare for the 2019 archeological dig of the Hyrum Smith office. Hyrum's office also served as a store and provided city hall functions. The Dig runs from May 14 - June 21. Volunteers are needed and can sign up for a 4 hour shift. Up to 25 people can work together.

In the last 7 years IDig has uncovered foundations of 3 buildings: Joseph Smith Sr. home, Samuel H. Smith home, and Porter Rockwell's Barbershop, which includes the stand where Joseph Smith gave his last public address 175 years ago.

On June 18, 2019, there will be an historical re-enactment.

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