Missionary Journal

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Report

**Introduction (12 pts - 3 pts for each required subtopic)**

Subject:

The Missionary Journal website is a digital platform designed to explore and showcase the missionary experience within our faith community. Through this website, we aim to provide insights, stories, and resources that offer a deeper understanding of the purpose, challenges, and impact of missionary work.

Audience:

1. Members of our church who want to reminisce about their missionary journey or gain deeper insights into the missionary experience.
2. Non-members who wish to learn about the missionary work and its role within our faith community.
3. Parents and individuals preparing for missionary service, seeking guidance, inspiration, and practical advice.

<https://lyipei.github.io/wdd130/personal/index.html>

**Goals/Objectives (3 pts)**

I served my mission during the challenging times of COVID-19 when social media became significantly important for our mission. With people either confined to their homes or reluctant to engage with others on the streets, our outreach efforts had to adapt. Recognizing the impact of these circumstances, I felt compelled to share the missionary work with a wider audience and extend the reach of this wonderful gospel to those who may not have had the chance to interact with missionaries directly. Through the Missionary Journal website, I aim to bridge this gap and offer a glimpse into our mission experiences, providing insights and stories that can inspire and enlighten others, especially during times of adversity.

**Design Process (5 pts)**

When I returned from my mission, many of my non-member friends were curious about what a missionary does during the 18 months or 2 years. I explained the purpose of missionary work and thought it would be a good idea to create a website to introduce the concept of a 'Missionary' and share insights into our lives during that time. Additionally, it will serve as a platform to share the gospel with others, benefiting those unfamiliar with our church as well as members who didn't serve missions but want to prepare their children for it.

Moreover, I realized I had taken over a thousand pictures during my mission but hadn't organized them after returning. I wanted to create an album to preserve these precious and unforgettable memories. During a discussion with my younger sister, she suggested categorizing the pictures into different parts such as interesting memories, miracles, and spiritual growth. This is how the idea for my webpage was born. As I sorted through my photos, I decided on two main subpages: one for miracle stories and the other for interesting anecdotes.

**Conclusion (5 pts)**

I never thought writing a web program could be so fun! At the beginning of the semester, I was a bit scared to take this course since I had never written web code before, and I felt quite confused about it. Sometimes, I spent whole afternoons working on assignments and trying to debug error codes to make the pages look more professional. However, I have become more and more familiar with each coding concept as time has gone by. I learned the value of patience, attentiveness, and logical thinking. Success doesn't come from just complaining and doing nothing, but progress comes when I approach problems with a calm and focused mind.

Completing the Missionary Journal website project has been a valuable learning experience. It has enhanced my skills in web design, content creation, and user experience. These skills will undoubtedly be beneficial in future projects and endeavors, allowing me to create meaningful and impactful digital experiences. Thanks to this course, I have fallen in love with writing code for websites, and I am looking forward to another web design class next semester!