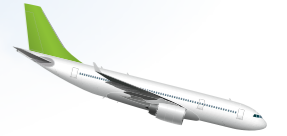


We live on different sides of the world, but we felt the same way when temples were built near us!

From Paris to Sapporo

From interviews by Amie Leavitt, Utah, USA



The spiral staircase in the Paris France Temple

My name is Rachel. I live near the Paris France Temple.

The temple is really important to my family. Before the Paris Temple was built, we would go on family trips to the Frankfurt Germany Temple several times a year. It took 10 hours to drive there and back!

We loved watching the new temple be built. Every week after church, our parents drove by to let us see how the construction was going. First they tore down an old building and dug a big hole. Then they started building the temple higher and higher. Soon the house of the Lord was there!

My siblings and I are excited to go to the temple someday. My oldest sister, Esther, gets to do baptisms first. We are all waiting anxiously for our turn to go too. We love the temple and are happy to have one in our very own city!



The chandelier in the celestial room of the Sapporo Japan Temple



My name is Koshi. I live near the Sapporo Japan Temple. I loved sitting by a window in my house and watching the temple be built.

During the open house, I invited my good friend to come with us. He thought everything was beautiful.

I like to think of the temple dedication as its birthday. That day was also my birthday. And President Monson's too! My parents and I got to be in the temple when it was dedicated. I even got to meet President Russell M. Nelson.

I am so grateful to live near the temple. When I have hard days at school, I can walk through the grounds on my way home. I feel Heavenly Father's love for me when I am there. I look forward to when I can go inside to do baptisms and later get married there. ■