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(Based on a true story)

*This story happened in Mexico.*

Javi liked learning to do new things. He liked learning to play baseball. He liked learning the guitar. He liked learning to play new video games. So when Papá asked if he wanted to learn something new, Javi was ready.

Javi watched Papá open his laptop and bring up a site called "FamilySearch."

"I'm going to teach you how to find the names of our ancestors," Papá said. "Many of them lived a long time ago, and they didn't have the gospel. When we find their names, we can go to the temple to be baptized for them. Then they will have a chance to accept the gospel."

Javi remembered how good he had felt when he was baptized. If he could help his ancestors feel the same way, he wanted to learn how!

Javi watched Papá show him what to do. Then Papá passed the laptop to Javi. "Your turn!"

Javi grinned. He practiced clicking around and reading the names and dates. This was his family!

For the next few nights, Mamá and Papá helped Javi learn more about doing family history work.

His older sister Lily started to learn too. It felt like playing a video game with a very important quest!

One Sunday, the bishop announced that the stake was holding a special challenge. The stake members would have 60 days to find as many names as they could to send to the temple. The goal was a total of 5,000 names. At the end of the 60 days, there would be a big party to celebrate. There would also be awards for the people who had found the most names.

"I want to help," Javi said when they got home from church.

"Me too!" Lily said.

"How about you start right now?" Papá said. "See how many names you can find before dinner."

Javi and Lily raced to the front room. Lily opened FamilySearch on her phone, and Javi worked on Papá's laptop. Soon he found a record for his great-grandfather's brother. It also listed three children who hadn't been baptized. Javi whooped. He had found three names to send to the temple!

For 60 days Javi spent most of his free time doing family history. He searched for names almost every night after school. On Sundays, his whole family worked on it together.

At the end of the 60 days, Javi and his family went to the church building for the party. There were tacos, music, and lots of people. It was fun!

Finally, the stake president stood up.

"I am so proud of everyone," he said. "Our stake found 10,000 names for the temple!"

Everyone cheered. Javi's eyes got wide. That was twice as many as their goal!

Then the stake president announced the winners. The adult winner was a woman Javi didn't know, but the youth winner was Lily!

"Now for the children. We had someone send in 216 names," said the stake president. The crowd

clapped so loudly that Javi couldn't hear what the stake president said next.

Javi's father nudged him. "Javi, he said your name."

Javi could hardly believe it. Had he really sent in 216 names?

Javi walked to the front. He smiled big as the stake president shook his hand and handed him a certificate. It had his name on it!

"How does it feel to win?" the stake president asked.

"Really good," Javi said.

It did feel good to win. But it felt even better to have learned a way to help so many people! ●

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*Could Javi help find  
5,000 names on FamilySearch?*

# AN IMPORTANT QUEST