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To: Ward Emergency and Family Preparedness Teams  
From: Gayle-Marie Noga, Stake Emergency Preparedness Specialist  
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Re: Training for the year 1998

Our first get acquainted and overview night on Thursday, 8 January 1998 was a very informative and fun evening for all those that attended. Pam and I would like to thank President Anderson and Brother Eyre for attending and lending their support. As discussed at this meeting we are going to have a training session once a month as a group and then divide into our separate speciality areas.

During the group discussion we will set Stake and Ward goals for the next month, these will be based on the Scriptures. Each month one person from each department will look up, research and share a Scripture pertaining to being prepared. The months theme will be given in advance to the persons sharing the Scriptures. Also, during these sessions we will brainstorm and work on specific activities that will help families become prepared and learn to work as a team.

The Stake Theme has been chosen and agreed upon by Sister Anderson and myself and it is from Matthew.

**Are we Wise or Foolish**

Matt. 25:1-13

1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. 2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. 3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: 4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. 5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. 6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. 7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. 9 But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. 11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. 12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. 13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

We hope that we can be Wise in our choices and be able to help our ward family become better able to handle the stresses of life. Let us help one another and fill the lamps and have extra when it is needed.

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