140,000 Relatives from 179 Countries Waiting: A Zion Opportunity for Each of Us
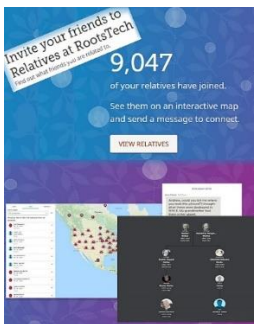
On February 10th, the ultimate RootsTech 2024 feature for finding relatives was turned on yesterday. This nifty event is an online experience that shows if (and specifically how) you are related to other people who have chosen to opt in to this new feature. The prerequisite is you must be registered for RootsTech 2024 either in Salt Lake City or Live Classes. To participate:

- Sign in or create a FamilySearch account (if you haven't already).
- Make sure your family is in the FamilySearch Family Tree. Learn more from a FamilySearch Center. The FamilySearch centers, available in over 6,000 Church meetinghouses and regional facilities around the world, provide access to premium genealogy resources and records. These genealogy resources include many subscription-based family history websites at no charge for their use. URL for finding a center is https://locations.familysearch.org/en/search.
- Return to the Relatives at RootsTech page or the FamilySearch Family Tree mobile app to see any relatives and how you are related. You can even send a message.

This is a wonderful opportunity for each of us know this information but to also walk them through various options that are available to view their living relationships around the world and connect to a wide variety of cousins that they didn't even know existed. Presently over 179,000 people representing at least 179 countries have registered with either virtual or onsite attendance at the Salt Palace in Salt Lake City. My guess based on past experiences, it could reach at least 500,000+ people in 200+ countries world-wide. To view what the topics and the clinic presentations are being made, click here at https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/schedule?day=2024-02-29 You can filter your search further there to easily figure out what presentations are of your interests, needs and more importantly, your skill level. 3 million people attended RootsTech 2023. In addition, there were 128,000 livestream hours from their online attendees, 400+ classes offered, 250 topics of learning, 236 countries and territories, 156 industry friends, and 15 languages. Yes, it is the largest genealogical conference in the world with FREE for virtual attendance.
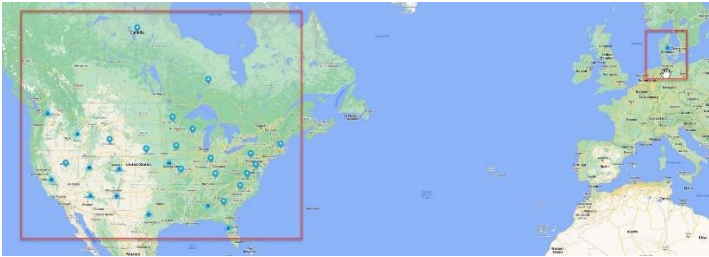

My family history colleague found out last year that his college roommate who became one of my best friends is a direct cousin. Not only that but his wife (who happened to be his wife's college roommate) was also a distant cousin! Below he has over 9,000 relatives that he has been already linked to from the RootsTech 2024 registration. The screenshot below came from my "Relatives at RootsTech 2024" home page this morning and shows that 9,047 of his living relatives have opted into this resource in the last day and a half. Your relatives listed may vary but even if the number is limited it's still an opportunity to become more aware of living relatives and perhaps connect. It's a great opportunity to show our Savior that we are ready and willing to build a Zion society! Just since my colleague sent me this information, his relative count for those who have opted in this year went up to 15,000+!

This awesome resource will be available at least through the end of March 31, 2024 so don't delay in registering for RootsTech 2024 as it is absolutely free through their virtual registration in which you can video stream most of the conference's presentations for the next two years all without any charges.   Please take some time to learn how to navigate this tool, read the FAQs cited below and start helping those you know and associate with become familiar with this limited time opportunity.

My wife presently has 936 relatives listed and registered along with three in Denmark and two in Canada besides the U.S. continent and Alaska. What's so interesting about these relatives, you not only can accurately view the lineage between that person and you, but you can also text message them directly to initiate a continuing dialogue between you both. Below is a map that geographically illustrates the locations of my wife's living relatives currently registered for the RootsTech 2024 Conference. And will certainly become substantially larger once the conference begins on February 29th to March 2nd, 2024.

I can promise you that as you share with our ward family (and in your personal families and neighborhoods) that Lord will enrich your lives in unimaginable ways! See the artwork below for inspiration of how to achieve this.

More RootsTech 2024 Resources with Answers!

Essential links:

- Opt into Relatives at RootsTech2024
- FAQs for Relatives at RootsTech with these links below answering the following statements.

    What is Relatives at RootsTech?
    How do I add my family tree?
    Why can't I see more than 300 relatives?
    Is my information safe?
    How are you able to find my relatives?
    What if it says I am not related to any other attendees?
    Will I be able to access Relatives at RootsTech after the conference?
    Where is my Contact List?
    How do I opt out or update my profile?
    What if the information shown is wrong?
    I fixed my tree information. How long before I start seeing relationships?
    How can I message relatives or friends?
    What does "Close Relative" mean?
    Why does it not show portraits for users under 18?

For a better read, go to http://www.kuzmich.com/Facebook/A Zion Opportunity for Each of Us.pdf