

Increasingly, people are using the Internet for everyday activities - staying in contact with friends, buying goods and services, doing research, and even pursuing spiritual activities. A web site designed to help you build relationships with the people in your community and in the world provides you with many opportunities to share your faith and encourage others in theirs.

The number of Internet users worldwide reached **1,000,000,000** (1 billion) in 2005 and the number increased to 3.4 billion 2015, and [4.5 billion in 2019](#). Projections in 2007 predicted we would see 3 billion people online by the year 2040. Sites like [YouTube](#),^Â [FaceBook](#), [Pinterest](#) and [WhatsApp](#) have become popular spots for socializing with people around the world and even next door.

The Internet offers many ways to apply technology to solving many of the challenges you face everyday and it can help you be a good steward, too. Think of the cost of printing a newsletter and the postage to mail it. Then, compare that to posting the same information on your web site or using email to distribute the newsletter. Using the web also enables you to get last minute news or changes out to everyone much quicker than traditional print methods.

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