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November 20, 2013

## TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Re: Philippines disaster relief

Dear Brothers:

Many publishers have inquired how to contribute to the disaster relief effort underway following the recent disasters in the Philippines. Never underestimate the good effect that your prayers can have on the brothers in an area that has been struck by a disaster. (2 Cor. 1:8-11) You may also feel motivated to express your concern through a donation. The November 2005 issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry*, page 3, stated: "It is recommended that donations for humanitarian and relief assistance be made to the worldwide work. This fund is used for relief efforts as well as for advancing the spiritual needs of the Christian brotherhood. If, for some reason, a person wishes to make a relief donation separate from contributions to the worldwide work, it will still be accepted and used wherever there is a need for relief assistance. However, it would be appreciated if such donations are made without restrictions as to where and how the funds may be used." Additionally, at this time, there is no need for donations of food, clothing, or other items. If such needs arise in the future, you will be notified accordingly.

We send our warm Christian love.

Your brothers,

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

cc: Traveling overseers

PS to coordinator of the body of elders:

Please arrange for this letter to be read to the congregation at the first meeting after its receipt. Thereafter, it should be posted on the information board.