

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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November 25, 2019

TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Re: Donations in Support of Kingdom Interests Worldwide

Dear Brothers:

We are writing to express heartfelt gratitude for your generous support of Kingdom interests worldwide during the past year. In addition to material contributions, your generosity has been displayed in the use of your time and abilities to provide practical help and spiritual gifts to others, which greatly strengthens our brotherhood. This generous spirit is similar to that shown by the first-century Christians, and it surely brings pleasure to Jehovah as you imitate his love.

Like the Christians in Macedonia, some of you support Kingdom interests financially while enduring your own 'tests under affliction.' The economic landscape continues to deteriorate for most, and we know this results in additional pressure as you work to provide for your basic needs. Nevertheless, we see evidence that this does not hinder your efforts to 'abound in kind giving.' (2 Cor. 8:1-4, 7) Your eagerness to provide relief to your brothers in need has been faith-inspiring, and your contributions have helped to rebuild homes and Kingdom Halls that were damaged or destroyed by hurricanes, cyclones, and other natural disasters. Your contributions have provided resources to the Governing Body that have been used to assist brothers and sisters affected by other severe situations, such as famine or widespread disease.

The gifts of the early Christians were voluntary, as is indicated by Paul's words: "Let each one do just as he has resolved in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:7) Likewise today, we appreciate that each person resolves in his own heart how he can contribute to help advance Kingdom interests. Many of you have taken the opportunity to use the different options available on donate.jw.org to make donations. Congregations have resolved to send a specific amount to support Kingdom Hall and Assembly Hall construction worldwide each month, and some have resolved to send an additional monthly amount to the worldwide work. Also, following the direction from their branch office, some congregations temporarily make an additional contribution box available to support a local Kingdom Hall project or other specific projects within the branch territory. We are thankful for each gift, knowing that it came as a result of your heartfelt appreciation for what Jehovah provides.

Whatever you are able to give of your time, energy, or material resources, our prayer is that your generosity draws you closer to Jehovah, for he "loves a cheerful giver." May Jehovah continue to be with the spirit you show.

Your brothers,

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c: Circuit overseers

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PS to coordinators of the bodies of elders:

Please arrange for this letter to be read to the congregation at the Life and Ministry Meeting for the week of November 25, 2019, during the part “Jehovah Loves a Cheerful Giver.” Thereafter, it should be posted on the information board for one month.