

# Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

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## TO THOSE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING A LANGUAGE CLASS

Dear Brothers:

Jehovah God has an earnest desire for people of all nationalities to hear the good news of the Kingdom. (Rev. 14:6, 7) Some individuals have never heard the good news in their language and truly have a hunger for spiritual things. So that such persons can be reached with the good news in their native tongue, arrangements are being made to conduct a language class in \_\_\_\_\_.

The objective of the language class is to teach elders, ministerial servants, pioneers, and qualified publishers how to preach the good news in another language. The class is approximately four months in length. At least one weekly session will be scheduled. Each session will be from one to two hours in length. Early on in the class, the student will learn a simple presentation for use in the ministry. All students should come to class prepared to participate in field service activity following the language class.

If you are serving as a regular pioneer, you will receive credit for the amount of time that you prepare for and attend the class. The credit can be up to 25 hours each month of the class and is in addition to any time you spend in the field ministry. (*note: this is to be confirmed by the branch*)

Mastering another language requires motivation and endurance. You must practice what you are learning, including speaking the language in the field service. Two important spiritual qualities needed to succeed in preaching the good news in another language are a deep love for people and a self-sacrificing spirit. (1 Cor. 9:23; 13:1) Thus, before you complete the application for the language class, prayerfully consider your circumstances and review the following references: "You Can Learn Another Language!" in the March 2007 *Awake!*; "Serving With a Foreign-Language Congregation" in the March 15, 2006, *Watchtower*; and "Can You Serve in a Foreign Field?" in the October 15, 1999, *Watchtower*.

Attending the class requires a considerable investment of time and effort. Therefore, you should count the cost before submitting an application. (Luke 14:28) Students are required to start attending meetings with the target-language congregation or group in the second month of the class. If you are married and/or have minor children, they should also be willing and able to serve in the target-language congregation or group. The elders in your current congregation may decide not to give you congregation assignments during the language class.

If you wish to be considered for enrollment in the language class, ask the coordinator of the body of elders for an application. Fill out the front of the application and then give it to the Congregation Service Committee of your congregation so that they can complete the back of the application. The coordinating circuit overseer is responsible for selecting the class enrollment, which will not exceed 26 students. Please understand that your completing the application *does not guarantee* that you will be invited to the language class.

May Jehovah bless your desire to expand your ministry. Please be assured of our warm Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,  
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