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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Re: Recent Changes to Our Worldwide Work

Dear Brothers:

The Governing Body recently informed us of changes that will affect branches around the world.

To continue caring for the spiritual needs of the worldwide field and make the best use of available resources, the decision has been taken to cancel or suspend a number of construction projects. This decision will also affect the branch construction project in Spain, which has been suspended for the time being. In addition, all branches have been asked to reduce the size of their Bethel families and the number of special pioneers in the field.

Although this is a significant change that will be felt worldwide, by no means should we conclude that our worldwide work is slowing down or coming to a halt. Preaching “this good news of the Kingdom” and helping others to come to “an accurate knowledge of truth” is still our most important activity today. (Matthew 24:14; 1 Timothy 2:4) Moreover, the Governing Body shoulders the heavy responsibility of caring for the spiritual needs of congregations around the world, supplying them with spiritual “food at the proper time.” (Matthew 24:45-47) Jehovah is indeed blessing the efforts and decisions of the Governing Body. This, in turn, strengthens our trust and moves us to cooperate willingly with the instructions that we receive.

The brothers and sisters who will shortly discontinue their service as Bethelites and special pioneers will undoubtedly face new challenges. Their trust in Jehovah and self-sacrificing spirit is truly commendable and worthy of imitation. (Proverbs 3:25, 26; Hebrews 13:7) At the same time, their experience will prove invaluable to congregations in which they are assigned to serve. Without a doubt, our sense of appreciation and gratitude for their work will move us to continue assisting these brothers in whatever way we can.—Philippians 2:29.

In Deuteronomy 1:29, 30, Moses told the people of Israel: “Do not be struck with terror or be afraid because of them. Jehovah your God will go before you.” Today, we share that same trust in Jehovah. (Psalm 62:7, 8) Despite the terrible problems afflicting this world, our faith is strengthened when we see that Jehovah’s servants are busier than ever before, demonstrating that they are indeed a people “zealous for fine works.”—Titus 2:14.

We thank you, dear brothers, for supporting the Kingdom work. We consider it a joy and privilege to be a part of God’s people. We are also grateful for the love and care shown by the Governing Body, and we pray for Jehovah to bless their work on behalf of the worldwide brotherhood.

Please accept our warm greetings and heartfelt Christian love.

Your brothers,

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PS TO ALL CATALAN-SPEAKING CONGREGATIONS: For the reasons stated in this letter, the project to build a Remote Translation Office (RTO) in Catalonia has been cancelled. We take this opportunity to thank all the brothers who offered their help and support for this project. We should mention that this decision will not affect the attention that Catalan-speaking congregations are receiving, nor the availability of literature in this language for use in the ministry. We are confident that publishers will continue to zealously support the Catalan-speaking field, as they have done so far. We are sure that Jehovah will continue blessing the efforts being made for the good news to reach the people who speak this language.—Revelation 14:6.

PS TO THE COORDINATOR OF THE BODY OF ELDERS: Please arrange for this letter to be read at the next Service Meeting. The letter should then be posted in the information board.