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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: Helping the Blind or Visually Impaired Publishers and Interested Persons

Dear Brothers:

Jehovah is extending the invitation: “‘Come!’...Let anyone that wishes take life’s water free.” (Rev. 22:17) A growing number of blind and visually impaired people are among those responding to this call. To help them spiritually, much work has been done in recent years to make our publications available in formats that are accessible to the blind and visually impaired. Organized efforts to contact these ones in the ministry have met with fine results. However, it has been noted that many congregations are unaware of the provisions that are available to assist the blind and visually impaired. We are therefore writing to encourage you to do the following:

1. The congregation secretary will report to the branch if there are blind or visually impaired publishers in their congregation. Details such as name, age, address, contact number, language spoken, Braille reader or not are important points to mention.
2. If a blind person is found in the ministry and shows an interest in the truth, you may ask the person if he is able to read Grade 2 English Braille. If so, you may request a publication or two in Braille, such as a tract, a brochure, or the *Bible Teach* book. The congregation secretary will in turn report this to the branch.
3. Review the article ‘Help the Blind Learn About Jehovah’ in *Our Kingdom Ministry* of May 2015; Letter To All Congregations dated August 3, 2014 about ‘Electronic publications on jw.org for the blind or visually impaired;’ and Letter To All Bodies of Elders dated May 24, 2016 regarding ‘Release of English Revised *New World Translation* in Braille.’

Currently, the branch office maintains a list of individuals who are approved to receive embossed Braille publications regularly. For information regarding what is available in this format and who are qualified to receive, please refer to the *Braille Publications List (S-58)* and *Literature and Magazine Request Guidelines (S-56)* Chapter 16 entitled *Braille Requests*.

Please send all your inquiries and report via jw.org inbox c/o Shipping Department, ATTENTION: BVI Desk or you may call at 02-224-4444 or 0998 847 5864.

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We really appreciate your positive spirit and willingness to help these individuals. It is our hope that this information will assist in caring more fully for the spiritual needs of those who are blind or visually impaired.

We send our warm Christian love and greetings.

Your brothers,

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c: Circuit overseers