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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Re: Reminders on Public Witnessing Set Up

Dear Brothers:

Ever since the public witnessing arrangement with carts and tables was started in November 2012, we have had amazing experiences throughout the branch territory. It is heartwarming to see in many locations brothers and sisters faithfully taking care of this unique aspect of our ministry.

To ensure that all things take place decently and by arrangement, we have received very good information in the km 7/13 pp4-6, par 6-9. The branch office has also provided direction to all congregations on how to carry out the cart work effectively and in a manner that adorns the message we preach through a letter to all congregations dated July 15, 2014. The direction received can also help us train the individual members of our congregations so that their behavior in public around the cart will not detract from the message. While it is good to see that many are striving to apply the direction given, we wish to highlight and expound on some of the reminders given in the km 7/13 pp 4-6.

First of all the Kingdom Ministry quoted above stressed the need to set up public witnessing carts only 'within the territory boundaries' of our congregation. It will not be in harmony with the principle of orderliness mentioned at 1Cor 14:30 to set up carts in another congregation's territory without first having the field service overseers of the congregations involved consult and come up with an arrangement that will remove any duplication of efforts by the brothers working in the field.

On the other hand, if all or a greater portion of the territory is covered by several congregations using different languages, it may be possible, through the cooperation of field service overseers of the respective congregations, to identify some strategic locations where carts can be set up at the same time with banners in the language of all the congregation's sharing the territory. This will allow an individual to readily identify the work we do and have the flexibility of collecting literature in an appropriate language.

If it is not practical to do the above, then when our congregation sets up a cart in any location within our territory, **we should have the banner in the language of our congregation along with a banner in English.** Many can read English more easily and this will allow individuals to approach the cart while creating awareness of the local language publications as well. If our congregation uses English, then we do not need to display other language banners, however we can carry literature in other languages that we know individuals may be interested in. In all cases we should be alert to appropriately collect contact information of individuals who will need to be contacted in a specific language.

We are confident that as we all cooperate with the directives above, the good news will reach more honest hearted ones, even in territories that seem to be covered frequently.

Please accept an expression of our warm Christian love.

Your brothers,

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c: Circuit Overseers

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