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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS IN NIGERIA

Re: Local Needs For the Week of October 16-22

Dear Brothers:

The mid-week meeting for the week of October 16-22 has a 15 minute local needs part regarding donations that includes a video on ways to contribute electronically. During that part, the following information should be conveyed to the congregation.

Please stress that regularity is very important when contributing. Some 20 years after Pentecost of 33 C.E., the apostle Paul reminds the Corinth congregation about the need for a certain contribution. "Now concerning the collection that is for the holy ones, just as I gave orders to the congregations of Galatia, do that way also yourselves," he writes. Then he adds a piece of advice: "Every first day of the week let each of you at his own house set something aside in store as he may be prospering, so that when I arrive collections will not take place then. But when I get there, whatever men you approve of by letters, these I shall send to carry your kind gift to Jerusalem." The resolving of how much to give appears to have included the whole family, whether rich or poor, because it was to take place at their "own house."—1 Corinthians 16:1-3.

Paul's suggestion on the manner of contributing can be applied by congregation members today. How? Regularity is the key. If your congregation is to pay the monthly rent and maintenance expenses of your meeting place or Kingdom Hall, it will take "contributing, not so much the amount, but the regularity of setting something aside each week or month for Kingdom interests," writes the branch office in Peru. Does this idea appeal to you? Even children can be taught to appreciate how *regularity in contributing is part of their worship*.

We all regularly set aside money for school fees, food, rent and other necessities. How much more important it is to do so for kingdom interests. Taking advantage of whichever way is most convenient for us personally, whether electronically or by using the contribution box in our local Kingdom Hall, regularity in contribution will help us to put true worship first in our lives.

As we wish you Jehovah's rich blessing on your efforts, please be assured of our Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,
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