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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Re: Accomplishments of the Construction Program during 2017

Dear Brothers:

We are pleased to let you know what has been accomplished by the program for the construction and maintenance of Kingdom Halls and Assembly Halls in our territory during the 2017 service year.

Steps taken to optimize the use of existing Kingdom Halls resulted in significant accomplishments. This idea was explained in the June program of *JW Broadcasting*. Putting it into practice has entailed adjustments for many congregations. Also, great efforts have been made in the program for inspection and preventive maintenance of the more than 630 Kingdom Halls in Spain, increasing their useful life. Thanks to these measures, the number of new Halls needed has been reduced by 90 and the remodeling projects have been reduced by 79. This has resulted in savings of many millions of Euros and other dedicated resources.

We would like to express appreciation for the whole-hearted support that the bodies of elders, family heads and the publishers in general are giving to this program by willingly accepting decisions made by the branch, that in many cases involve inconvenience and personal sacrifices. Reports received highlight the spirit of unity shown in your cooperative attitude, knowing that the results will be benefit for the brotherhood and honor for Jehovah. (Ephesians 4:13) So, dear brothers, accept our heartfelt thanks.

Nevertheless, much remains to be done. Over the next few years 200 new Kingdom Halls should be built and 100 more remodeled. We pray that Jehovah will continue to bless on this program and moving our hearts to collaborate by means of our contributions and willingness to serve as volunteers.—2 Corinthians 9:6, 7.

Thousands of brothers of our territory have already been able to enjoy the privilege of directly participating in this program, whether in Spain or in countries such as Argentina, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Germany, Great Britain, Solomon Islands, South Africa, and others.

Although we began the service year with three Construction Groups, a fourth one was organized in April. A total of 36 brothers served full-time in the program: In the Construction Groups, as field representatives of the Local Design and Construction Department (LDC), in Remote Engineering Offices and at Assembly Halls.

Besides that, an average of 100 volunteers per month have taken part in building seven new Kingdom Halls and remodeling another six Halls. Besides that, some 60 couples have been trained to serve as instructors in the *Kingdom Hall Preventive Maintenance Program*. According to plan, by the end of 2018 all the congregations in the country will have benefited from this course. And finally, more than 60 maintenance projects, such as repairing roofs and frontages, as well as installing seats, carpet, air conditioning or electrical elements.

The growing need for Kingdom Halls and the increase in the responsibilities to be cared for by the branch will represent a great challenge during coming years. Therefore, we are counting on your support and your prayers in behalf of the brothers who take the lead in the construction program.—Ephesians 1:16, 17.

Please receive, dear brothers, an expression of warm regards and Christian love.

Your brothers,

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PS to bodies of elders: Please arrange for this letter to be read to the congregation in the next midweek meeting. Thank you.