

# TESTIGOS CRISTIANOS DE JEHOVÁ

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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Re: 2018 Annual Service Report

Dear Brothers:

We are pleased to share encouraging highlights from the 2018 service year report of Jehovah's Witnesses worldwide. The peak number of publishers was 8,579,909. Jehovah's people spent a total of 2,074,655,497 hours in the ministry, a 1.4 percent increase from last year. It is especially encouraging to note that 281,744 were baptized! This is evidence that Jehovah's people take seriously the commission to "make disciples." (Matt. 28:19) We were delighted to see a 1.5 percent increase in the number of regular pioneers, totaling 1,243,392! The worldwide Memorial attendance figure was 20,329,317. Other significant features of the service year report will soon be available on [jw.org](http://jw.org) and in *JW Library*, *Watchtower ONLINE LIBRARY*, and *Watchtower Library*. These figures provide conclusive evidence of Jehovah's blessing on our work.—Isa. 60:22.

With regard to the activity in Spain, you will be pleased to know that during this service year a new all-time peak in publishers was reached, a total of 114,544. Also during the year 29,448,412 hours were devoted to field service, an increase of some 500,000 hours compared to the previous year. It is also very encouraging to see that 16,194 brothers and sisters served as regular pioneers. As a result of this evangelizing effort and Jehovah's blessing, during the past service year 2,230 new brothers were baptized. This is the equivalent of 31 congregations of 70 publishers each and amounts to an average of six new ones baptized for each day of the year. Also, more than 50,000 Bible studies were reported and we had an attendance of 189,317 at the Memorial of Christ's Death. This summer we also enjoyed the motivating "Be Courageous!" Regional Convention. A total of 135,558 benefited from the convention program. You will also be happy to know that in our country the preaching work is carried out in 31 foreign languages in 217 congregations, 124 groups and 127 pregroups.

Be assured that Jehovah values your faithful service and that he will continue to give you the necessary strength to "fully accomplish your ministry" in the coming year!—2 Tim. 4:5; Isa. 40:31.

Your brothers,

*Testigos Cristianos de Jehová*

c: Circuit overseers

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PS to coordinators of the bodies of elders:

Please arrange for this letter to be read to the congregation by the elder handling the part “Annual Service Report” during the midweek meeting the week of January 14, 2019. Thereafter, the letter should be posted on the information board for one month.