

TESTIGOS CRISTIANOS DE JEHOVÁ

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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Re: Annual Service Report

Dear Brothers:

We are pleased to share encouraging highlights from the 2019 service year report of Jehovah's Witnesses worldwide. The peak number of publishers was 8,683,117. Jehovah's people spent a total of 2,088,560,437 hours in the ministry. An outstanding highlight is the 303,866 who were baptized! For the first time since 1999, the number baptized exceeded 300,000; this is evidence that Jehovah's people are taking seriously the commission to "make disciples." (Matt. 28:19) The worldwide Memorial attendance figure was 20,919,041. Other aspects of the service year report are available on jw.org and in *JW Library*, *Watchtower ONLINE LIBRARY*, and *Watchtower Library*.

In our branch territory, we are excited to report a new peak of publishers of 116,118 in the month of August 2019. This was a 2% increase over the previous service year. That same month, there was also a new peak of regular pioneers of 17,506. We are so encouraged to see your exceptional zeal in the ministry!—Titus 2:14b.

It was also a privilege for us to host 6,500 delegates from 23 countries at the 2019 "Love Never Fails!" convention in Madrid, with a peak attendance of 52,516. We commend you for the warm brotherly love you showed to our visiting brothers and sisters. (1 Pet. 3:8) One delegate commented about their visit: "From the day we arrived to the day we left, we did receive so much love from the Spanish brothers and sisters. We thank you for all the organization and the warm hospitality". We are certainly grateful that Jehovah has allowed us to show love to our international brotherhood in this special way.

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

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 February 24, 2020. Thereafter, the letter should be posted on the information board for one month.