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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Re: Maintaining a positive spirit in these difficult times

Dear Brothers:

As we draw closer to the final part of the last days, we have seen how “the scene of this world is changing” rapidly. (1 Cor. 7:31) This is evidenced by recent events and the drastic measures that the nations are taking in their efforts to slow down this pandemic worldwide. Sadly, this is affecting some of our dear brothers and their families.

As mentioned in the December 2016 issue of *The Watchtower*, page 19, paragraph 1, “it is not surprising that at times even we, God’s servants, experience some feelings of anxiety”, as did faithful servants of Jehovah in the past. (Ps. 55:2; 2 Co. 11:28) However, we can throw all our anxiety on Jehovah knowing that he cares for us. (1 Pe. 5:7) During these challenging times, no doubt we are experience the power of prayer as we face anxieties that may at times overwhelm us, and we feel Jehovah comforting and soothing us. (Ps. 94:19) Reading the Bible every day will help us to maintain that inner peace.—Joshua 1:7:9.

In recent weeks, the elders have received a great deal of instruction from the Governing Body and the branch office that needed to be implemented immediately. How comforting it is to have spiritual shepherds that act promptly, and with determination, to protect those in their field service group! (Jer. 3:15; Isa. 32:1, 2) We would like to thank you for your obedience and cooperation along with your positive attitude, as our obedience can save our lives. (1Sa. 15:22) Many of our spiritual routines have also been adjusted and we might feel limited in what we can do, even so, this is good training for the future and is producing excellent results. We are seeing first-hand, that with help from Jehovah’s holy spirit, we can “perform powerful works” even in times of trial.—1 Corinthians 12:10b.

We are very pleased to hear about your efforts to communicate frequently with your brothers and sisters, adapt to new technologies for holding meetings, and the way you show concern and interest toward those in need. (1 Co. 13:8a) Sharing the message of hope from the Bible with others, by telephone or video calls, is helping many individuals that are “rightly disposed for everlasting life”—Ac. 13:48.

Dear brothers, we want to thank you for your loyal service and for “always having plenty to do in” in your spiritual activities (1Cor. 15:58). You are in our prayers and we are convinced that Jehovah will continue to care for all of you. We send you our Christian love as we serve shoulder to shoulder for the advancement of the good news.

Your brothers,

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cc: Circuit overseers