

# TESTIGOS CRISTIANOS DE JEHOVÁ

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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Re: News about our branch renovation project

Dear Brothers:

In recent months the COVID-19 pandemic has affected the entire world, including all of us and our day to day activities. Even so, how grateful we are to Jehovah for the loving and wise direction we have received through his organization!—Matthew 24:45-47

What effect has this pandemic had on our renovation project? What is the situation now? What is to come in the future? We understand that these questions are on the minds of many of you, so we will gladly attempt to answer them as best we can.

Toward the end of March, the Governing Body gave direction that all construction projects worldwide should be put on hold so as to avoid risks. This meant that a considerable number of volunteers that were working on our project returned home because we did not know when we would be able to resume work. We still do not know when we will be able to continue our project.

What remains to be done? The work on the buildings that will house the offices for Spanish and Sign-language translation, along with the Braille transcription team – which has progressed very well – will resume as soon as possible. Of course, there are other projects to be done. Since the project received approval at the start of 2017, the needs of the branch have changed, and we have been assigned additional tasks. For example, the Governing Body saw fit to set up, here in Spain, a regional office for medical care, to assist missionaries, traveling overseers, and other brothers that are in special full-time service that would not be able to receive treatment or undergo certain surgeries in their assignments. This office will arrange for everything for them while they are in our country. In addition, a regional office of the Worldwide Purchasing Department has been set up that will care for purchasing items for use in the construction and renovation of Kingdom Halls, branch offices, and remote translation offices. Over time, some 30 brothers will have moved to our Bethel home for this purpose. Further, a considerable number of the members of our family work with various departments at World Headquarters, though they live here with us.

Because of these changes, the Publishing Committee has authorized the Regional Design and Construction department, located at the Central European branch, to design a new project that will cover the present and future needs of our branch. As soon as these are finished, and the Publishing Committee approves them, we will have an extended period of construction before us. To bring this to a happy conclusion, many volunteers will be needed, and from this moment on we would like to encourage you to think about whether you could offer yourself to help for a few weeks, months, or even for a longer period of time.—Psalm 110:3

Does this mean that we will have to wait until the project is approved to be able to have a share? No, as soon as the Governing Body gives permission to resume construction, we will need volunteers to complete the current project. Of course, there are many volunteers that have already had a share, and no doubt they will be able to offer themselves again. When the time arrives we will inform the congregations. We want to thank you in advance for the support we will undoubtedly receive.

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We want to thank you very much for the excellent support you have given the branch renovation project over the last few years. We wholeheartedly appreciate your generous donations. Even in these times of economic uncertainty, we can sense your desire to support the Kingdom work. Thank you, dear brothers, for your willing spirit. (2 Corinthians 8:11, 12) Even though, given the circumstances, the project will extend beyond what was initially thought, we are sure that Jehovah will continue to bless the diligent efforts of his servants. (Proverbs 11:25; 22:9). We also want to thank you for your prayers on behalf of all the work that is being done here in Bethel.

We would like to take this opportunity to express to you our sincere brotherly affection, while we also ask that our loving God protect you and tenderly care for you, as you continue to serve him in unity and with your whole heart.—1 Corinthians 1:10b

Your brothers,

*Testigos Cristianos de Jehová*

c: Circuit overseers