

# TESTIGOS CRISTIANOS DE JEHOVÁ

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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

RE: Letter of encouragement for the elders

Dear Brothers:

During these critical times “hard to deal with”, we are very grateful to you for your unconditional support in caring for Jehovah’s sheep. (2 Tim. 3:1) Without a doubt, you are going the extra “mile” in putting “the interests of others” ahead of your own.—Mat. 5:42; Phil. 2:4

It is no easy task to care, not only for the congregation, but also for your families and yourselves, and then quickly implementing so many instructions, new ways of organizing things, new ways of preaching, and then encouraging the publishers to follow these and see the benefit of doing so. Furthermore, the worldwide pandemic is lasting quite some time, which adds to how it wears on us in every way. How important it is then, to be men of prayer, “constantly” seeking Jehovah’s guidance, his wisdom, and requesting his holy spirit. That is the key to success. (1 Thess. 5:17) Times like these highlight the importance of caring for your personal spirituality by daily Bible reading and meditation. (Ps. 1:2, 3; Heb. 5:14) Doing so will keep you in a better position to continue helping others to strengthen their spirituality and maintain a positive attitude.

Your imitation of the Great Shepherd, Jehovah God’s beautiful personality and the way he cares for his sheep, is clearly seen. (Isa. 40:11) We are confident that by means of the tender affection and care you display, they feel the “comfort” that comes from Jehovah. (2 Cor. 1:3, 4) How happy you too should feel as you see how Jehovah is using you to care for his loyal servants for whom he paid the highest possible price, that of his only-begotten Son! (Ps. 18:25; Rom. 5:8) Jehovah values the assistance you provide to your brothers. (Pro. 19:17; Jas. 1:27; Ps. 41:1) You are storing up “treasures in heaven” by means of your unselfish acts “toward those related to us in the faith.” (Mat. 6:20; Gal. 6:10) Your fine example is also motivating the brothers to “imitate your faith” and your self-sacrificing spirit, as you care for others. (Heb. 13:7) Even the very young ones are seeing first hand that you are a loving shepherd, and this will help them to also be loving shepherds in the future.

You elders are being “a hiding place”, “a shadow”, and refreshing “water” as we face these trials that are like “the wind”, “a waterless land”, and “a parched land”. (Isa. 32:2) Like the apostle Paul, you are being “poured out” on behalf of your brothers. (Phil. 2:17) Jehovah is very pleased with your faithful labor and so is his organization. Thank you, dear brothers, for all that you are doing, and please give our thanks to your wives and children for their support, generosity and self-sacrificing spirit.

Please accept our Christian love and greetings.

Your brothers,

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Cc: Circuit overseers