

# TESTIGOS CRISTIANOS DE JEHOVÁ

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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Re: Volunteers for Construction

Dear Brothers:

King David's heartfelt desire was to build a house for Jehovah's name. (1 Chronicles 22:7) He was enthused by the idea of taking part in building a temple that would give glory and praise to God. If David were alive today and saw the enormous construction activity being carried in the entire world, would he not be anxious to help?

One of the projects that has been approved by the Governing Body is the remodeling of the Spain branch at Ajalvir (Madrid), adapting it to present and future needs. Over the past eight months extensive design and planning work has been done. But now we are pleased to indicate that next month, February, construction work will begin; the expected duration is around three years.

There is no doubt about it, to get this job done brothers with the same attitude as King David are needed. Therefore, we encourage all whose circumstances permit and whose heart incites them to willingly offer their collaboration in this project. (Exodus 35:1; Psalm 110:3) Would you like to take part? What is required to do so? What blessings can result? We hope this letter will provide the information and encouragement needed by those who might consider participating.

For a project of this scope many volunteers are needed with experience in any specialty related to construction, such as drywall, masonry, carpentry, cabinetmaking, plumbing, heating ventilation and air-conditioning, tilesetting, electricity, etc. Capable brothers who may have no specific trade, but who are willing to learn and help out, may also offer their services. Perhaps some will be in a position to help during several weeks while they stay with friends in Madrid. But most important, those who live in Madrid and environs may offer their assistance one or more days a week during the time they are able to come from their homes.

Those who would like to participate in this project should fill out the form *Solicitud para el programa de voluntarios (A-19)*, in which the person's abilities and availability can be indicated. We would like to especially encourage those who have filled out the DC-50 form, *Solicitud de Voluntario Local de Diseño y Construcción*, to volunteer for this project by filling out the A-19 application. We would certainly like to be able to count on your help. The congregation elders will be glad to offer guidance and satisfy any question that may arise.

It is very encouraging to work along with brothers and sisters from different places and with varying backgrounds. Their example of loyalty and self-sacrifice can be spiritually enriching. Also, those invited to work on the project may attend the spiritual program offered at the branch, which include morning worship, the Bethel family study of *The Watchtower*, special lectures for the world-wide Bethel family, and so on. Among those who are living this experience are Guillermo and Sandra, a couple a little more than 60 years old, who had the opportunity to serve as commuter volunteers in the remodeling of a branch. They observe: "The hardest part was to get out of our comfort zone. But, after praying a lot, we decided to make the move. The joy of being part of this project and serving shoulder to shoulder with the Bethel family has no equal. Sandra and I are enjoying the happiest time of our lives!"

Would you like to experience such satisfaction? Could you offer to collaborate in this project? Why not consider this matter at your next Family Worship Night or make it a subject for prayer. There is no doubt

that Jehovah will generously recompense any sacrifice you are willing to make for the Kingdom work.—Malachi 3:10.

In the future God's people will be absorbed in an enormous world-wide construction project, that of converting the Earth into a paradise. (Isaiah 65:21, 22) The experience acquired now, along with qualities developed in present activities, will be of great value then.

And how about those who cannot offer to work personally on the project? There are certainly other things we can do. As was the case during the construction of the first temple, God's servants have the pleasure of supporting this work by means of their voluntary contributions. (Proverbs 3:9) The Scriptures also speak of the power of our prayers. (2 Corinthians 1:11) So we can certainly petition Jehovah for his blessing on this project.

With the help of our Creator and all of you brothers in the field, it will be possible to carry out this exciting project, to the glory of our God Jehovah. We take the opportunity to send an expression of warm regards and Christian love.

Your brothers,

*Testigos Cristianos de Jehová*

P.S. to the Body of Elders:

Attached find the form that the brothers should use to apply for work at Bethel. This should be filled out completely, by the brother or sister as well as the Service Committee, and sent to the Inbox of the *Oficina de Betel* by means of [jwpub.org](http://jwpub.org).

Note for circuit overseers:

In your upcoming visits to the congregations, you may devote a few minutes of the meeting with the elders and ministerial servants to comments on the contents of this letter, respond to questions the brothers may have, and supply encouragement for those whose circumstances permit to offer their services for the branch remodeling project. You may also include positive and animating comments in your discourses, as well as in conversations with the brothers. Your cooperation along these lines will be a meaningful contribution to the successful completion of the project. Thank you very much.