

# TESTIGOS CRISTIANOS DE JEHOVÁ

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TO THE BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: Being Prepared for Natural Disasters

Dear Brothers:

Recently certain areas of the Spanish Mediterranean were affected by storms that caused serious flooding in some localities. It was a relief to know that the bodies of elders and circuit overseers gave prompt attention to the situation. Also, the generous and self-sacrificing spirit of the brothers, who did their utmost to help those who suffered losses in imitation of the first-century Christians, was exemplary and encouraging. (Acts 11:27-30; Romans 15:26) Many thanks for those fine efforts.

As you know, according to weather forecasts, torrential rains will again batter some areas of the country. So we would like to remind you of the importance of being prepared to handle such a situation and to do all possible to avoid danger for the brothers. Hence the need to be balanced and prudent with respect to the meetings and arrangements for preaching. (Proverbs 22:3) Above all, think of the brothers who live in high-risk areas and assist them to take appropriate steps to avoid problems. Good planning and close cooperation between the group overseers and the coordinator of the body of elders is needed to maintain continual and quick contact with the publishers and to be able to supply their material needs (food, clothing, shelter, etc.) and assure their emotional and spiritual welfare. It is also important to keep the circuit overseer up to date on matters. Please review the guidelines found in the *Shepherding* book, chapter 26, paragraphs 1-12.

We trust in your concern for the brothers and interest in their wellbeing, as has been evident on past occasions. (Colossians 3:14) We appreciate your unselfish service very much.

Receive an expression of our warm regards and fervent Christian love.

Your brothers,

*Testigos Cristianos de Jehová*

c. c. Circuit Overseers

P. S. to the circuit overseers: Please be alert to determine the seriousness of any situation that might arise. You may take the initiative in contacting the coordinators of the bodies of elders. We would appreciate being promptly informed of any incident that occurs, how it is being handled and what needs the brothers have. Thank you very much for your invaluable cooperation.