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Dear Pioneers:

"The blessing of Jehovah--that is what makes rich." (Proverbs 10:22) As full-time servants, you have experienced the encouragement of those words in a special way. It is evident that Jehovah is blessing your hard work in his service by giving you renewed power, vigor, and zeal.--Isaiah 40:31.

We also rejoice to see Jehovah's blessing upon the disciple-making work. During the 1986 service year thousands more have joined in the field ministry and have dedicated their lives to Jehovah. You pioneers are in the forefront of this important work and are continuing to encourage the fine pioneer spirit that prevails. (Titus 2:14) Even though you personally may not have assisted a Bible student to the point of baptism, be assured that your fine example and zeal in the field are a source of encouragement to others.--Hebrews 13:7.

The good spirit you have shown in connection with the recent adjustments in reporting your activity and in working more closely with the elders is also very much appreciated by the Society. Please continue your conscientious efforts to report your field service activity on time each month. This will enable the secretary to send a complete report to the Society. Remember, if you are unable to reach the 90-hour goal, please briefly state the reason on the back of your report slip before giving it to the secretary. This will help the elders to be aware of your situation.

As you communicate freely with the elders, you will benefit from their counsel and direction. This is particularly so if problems arise and you will be incapacitated for a while, or if you are going to be away for a period. When more serious health problems or family obligations arise, the elders will be happy to help you make balanced decisions.--Proverbs 15:22; 1:5; Isaiah 32:1, 2.

How can you be successful in your pioneer service? The Bible says that King Hezekiah "continued to do what was good and right and faithful before Jehovah his God" and "it was with all his heart that he acted, and he proved successful." (2 Chronicles 31:20, 21) What is needed in order to succeed in performing Jehovah's work today has not changed. During the past service year you may have faced sickness, economic problems, and on occasion depression and disappointments. But by reliance upon Jehovah, you have endured. "For, as regards Jehovah, his eyes are roving about through all the earth to show his strength in behalf of those whose heart is complete toward him."--2 Chronicles 16:9.

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A complete heart is one that is motivated by love. You are a pioneer because you want to do more in Jehovah's service. Do you remember how you came to have that desire? Was it not from your coming to know and appreciate Jehovah, through studying his Word and developing faith in him? Now to maintain your good heart condition, you must continue to give careful attention to your emotional and moral qualities. As the words of Proverbs 4:23 encourage, "More than all else that is to be guarded, safeguard your heart, for out of it are the sources of life." So always keep in mind the importance of your regular program for personal study and Bible reading. Just as the body needs food, the spiritual person needs nourishment from God's Word.--Hebrews 5:14.

Preparation for congregation meetings is another important aspect of your study program. By preparing thoroughly, you will be more inclined to participate and your comments will be more meaningful. In this way you can encourage and incite others to love and fine works. (Hebrews 10:24, 25; Psalm 35:18) And how will this affect your field ministry? Advanced preparation for meetings will impress more deeply upon your mind the spiritual truths learned at the Kingdom Hall and thus you will be able to recall these points when witnessing to others. You will be better equipped in all features of service to offer to others a reason for the hope within you, and your ministry will be more effective. (1 Peter 3:15) How rewarding your regular schedule of study can be!

Heart motivation is further strengthened when you meditate upon what the Christian ministry accomplishes. You share in the vindication of God's name, the Kingdom hope is brought to lovers of righteousness, the wicked are warned, and you are freed from bloodguilt regarding those not obeying the good news. (2 Thessalonians 1:8, 9) When compared with other occupations and pursuits, no other can match the excelling value of the ministry you are performing. It is 'a treasure in earthen vessels.'--2 Corinthians 4:1, 7.

There is good advice in the words of Proverbs 3:5, 6, "Trust in Jehovah with all your heart ... and he himself will make your paths straight." As we unitedly work together during another service year, we are confident Jehovah will bless the labors of your hands and the fruitage of your lips. We are pleased to convey our warm love and greetings.--1 Thessalonians 1:2, 3.

Your brothers,

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