

# Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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**URGENT!**

TO ALL CONGREGATIONS IN GHANA

Re: Ghana Branch Renovation Project

Dear Brothers:

*“We have gained a whole new family! Commuting was a huge privilege that allowed us to taste Bethel life.” “I’ve been drawn so much closer to Jehovah and learned to trust him and his desire to help me personally so much more.” “Commuting to Bethel for this construction project has been the most spiritually upbuilding year of our lives.”*

What moved these brothers and sisters to make such heartfelt expressions? They enjoyed the privilege of serving as a part-time commuter at a recent Bethel renovation project. We are very pleased to inform you that we will soon begin various maintenance projects and upgrades at the Ghana Branch. Two years of accelerated work is scheduled to begin in July 2018.

These projects will require brothers and sisters with skills in electrical, plumbing, air conditioning/ventilation systems, and building finishes. Willing volunteers with no prior construction experience are also invited to apply as this will be a fine opportunity to learn new skills. Many who served as volunteers on previous projects became highly skilled in certain trades and were subsequently able to put their training to good use as construction servants and Bethel family members. There is a great need on the African continent for skilled tradesmen who wish to use their skills to advance Kingdom interests, and volunteering to work on a local construction project may be the stepping stone leading to additional privileges of service.

There is an exciting possibility for those living within commuting distance to Bethel to participate as part-time commuters. Those outside Accra who will be able to arrange for their own accommodation and commute to Bethel can also apply. A part-time commuter is an approved volunteer who is in a position to travel from his personal residence to work one to three days each week at Bethel. Regular pioneers who are assigned as part-time commuters will have an adjusted field service quota for the months they work on the branch project. Additionally, there is an opportunity to be invited as a full-time construction volunteer for a period of 2 weeks to 6 months.

Recent branch projects around the world were completed with the assistance of hundreds of such volunteers. The arrangement was a success, with clear blessings for all involved. (Romans 1:12) Can you give prayerful consideration to this avenue of service? Could you or your family enter through this *‘large door that leads to activity’*? (1 Corinthians 16:9) If so, we are sure that you will “reap bountifully”!

If you have not submitted an Application for Temporary Volunteer (A-19) within the last two years, you may obtain an application from your Congregation Service Committee. Please state clearly on the form if you have any previous construction experience and in what field(s). Additionally, indicate your availability – whether you be available to work one, two, or three days a week, or even full-time for a certain period of time.

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We look to Jehovah for his blessing on this upcoming renovation project. (Zechariah 4:6) We take this opportunity to send our warm Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,  
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of Jehovah's Witnesses*

c: Circuit overseers

**PS to the coordinator of the body of elders:** Please arrange for this letter to be read to the congregation at the conclusion of the first Midweek Meeting after receipt of this letter. Thereafter, it should be posted on the information board. However, this postscript should neither be read to the congregation nor be posted on the information board.

There is an urgent need to locate exemplary brothers and sisters who are available to offer their services on a broader scale to help support theocratic construction projects. It has been noted, however, that there are sometimes significant delays in forwarding applications to the branch. Therefore we kindly request your assistance to promptly process these applications, submitting them to Bethel within *one week* of receiving them, if possible. Please note the simplified procedure for submitting applications to the branch:

- (1) Blank application can be forwarded digitally to the publisher via email, or digital storage device.
- (2) Publisher returns completed application to the Service Committee using a secure method such as a digital storage device or via the jw.org inbox.
- (3) Service committee completes the final page and forwards to the circuit overseer if indicated on the application. (For A-8 applications only)
- (4) Completed applications should be forwarded to **“Bethel Office Department”** via jw.org inbox. Also remember to write on the subject line **“for the attention of “Volunteer Desk.”** Please do not forward applications to the Local Design/Construction or Service Department inboxes.