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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS IN GHANA

Re: Contributions to Support Kingdom Work in Our Branch Territory

Dear Brothers:

We wish to sincerely thank you for your ongoing efforts to support Kingdom interests by your generous contributions to the worldwide work. As you know, such contributions help to care for the work of advancing of Kingdom interests in our branch territory. This includes supporting the work done at Bethel, remote translation offices, and cost incurred on clearing and handling of literature and video equipment. It also helps to care for the work done by circuit overseers and other special full-time servants in the field.

How did we do during the last service year when it came to contributing to support the work done locally? Local contributions, including those for Kingdom Hall construction, amounted to nearly GHC8,000,000. This covered 27 percent of the total expenses incurred locally to support Kingdom work in Ghana during the last year. We wish to express our appreciation for your wholehearted generosity.

How are we doing so far this service year when it comes to contributing? You may be interested to know that the total contributions received so far are less than 25 percent of the expenses incurred.

To give you a clearer picture of how some of our contributions are used, we have selected just two examples of expenses incurred since September, 2017:

LITERATURE: Although we do not pay import duty on printed literature, we still incur clearing and handling costs. The local branch office has paid GHC1,452,737 on clearing literature since September. This amount does not include the costs associated with the printing and shipping of the literature.

LED SCREENS: We all benefit greatly from the LED screens and sound equipment used at our assemblies and conventions. Recently, it became necessary to import new roving LED screens, sound equipment and generators so that all in the country can continue to benefit from the excellent video presentations. Import duty alone for these screens came to GHC232,674. Please note, this amount does not include the purchase cost of the equipment or the shipping costs.

Brothers, we are confident that this overview of just two of the branch operating expenses will help us to understand our individual privilege to do what we can to support Kingdom interests in our branch territory here in Ghana. It is encouraging to note that some of our young ones recognize the need to contribute to support Kingdom work. Recently, we received a donation of GHC160.00 from a seven-year old with the following note: "I want to donate this amount from my personal savings to support the worldwide work to build new Kingdom Halls for our brothers who do not have."

Sometimes, we all forget to put our contributions in the contribution boxes and take them back home. To help them not to forget, some families have set up monthly automatic bank payments that are made into the bank account of the branch office. Other families have set aside a specific amount that they are determined to contribute each month toward the worldwide work. In addition, some are now taking advantage of the provision to transfer money into the branch's

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mobile money account. If you would like more details on these provisions, please speak to your congregation secretary.

Dear brothers, we now leave this matter in your hands in harmony with the principle found in 2 Corinthians 9:7: "Let each one do just as he has resolved in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Please accept a warm expression of our Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,

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c: Circuit Overseers

PS to coordinator of the body of elders: Please read this letter to the congregation during the Midweek Meeting for the week of May 14-20, 2018. After the letter has been read, have a discussion between two elders on stage. Their discussion would include suggestions on practical ways publishers can contribute to support Kingdom work in our branch territory. The Congregation Bible Study for the week of May 14-20, 2018, will be covered in 20 minutes and the remaining 10 minutes will be used to consider this letter. Congregations that have either the visit of the circuit overseer or their circuit assembly during this week should have this letter discussed during the week of May 21, 2018.