

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL FIELD MISSIONARIES, SPECIAL AND REGULAR PIONEERS

Re: Ministry Goals—Bible Studies

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

It is a pleasure to write to you again, knowing you work very hard in the field and set a fine example in putting Kingdom interests first in life. (Matt. 6:33) You encourage us by your example and in the way you follow suggestions to improve your ministry. As you know, it is good to have ministry goals and to keep progressing in the way we handle the privilege of being Kingdom proclaimers. (2 Tim. 2:15) With this mind, we are pleased to provide you with some suggestions that relate to: (1) How to be more effective at starting Bible studies and (2) How to help Bible students make progress.

Starting Bible studies:

- Pray specifically for a study and then follow up by regularly offering studies in your ministry to those you meet for the first time and to established return visits.
- Cultivate a genuine desire for a Bible study. Your attitude makes a big difference. Keep a positive view of the people you call on.—Phil. 2:13.
- Regularly use the video *Why Study the Bible?* as part of the initial call. Where interest is shown, follow up with the video *What Happens at a Bible Study?*

Helping students progress to baptism (w18 3/15 pp. 3-12):

- Demonstrate from the start how to prepare for a study.
- Introduce prayer at the earliest opportunity and pray for students in personal prayers.
- Invite the student to the Kingdom Hall as soon as possible, explaining that this is part of the arrangement. Meeting attendance is crucial for spiritual growth.
- Use videos whenever they relate to the material being studied.
- Take a variety of publishers on the study, including elders and fellow experienced pioneers. Invite and welcome their advice and suggestions.
- Become a friend of the student, without compromising Bible principles. Keep in touch between studies so that your positive influence helps to counteract negative pressures.
- Set progressive goals for students so that their progress will be evident to you and them.—w13 3/15 p. 14.

We pray these suggestions will assist you. No doubt, your circuit overseer and local elders can give you further advice and direction to help you apply them.

We appreciate the fine spirit you show. (Phil. 4:23) Please be assured of our warm brotherly love and best wishes.

Your brothers,

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PS to elders:

Please promptly provide a copy of this letter to each regular pioneer, special pioneer and field missionary in the congregation. Thank you.