


WATCHTOWER
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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

Dear Brothers:

It is a grand privilege to share in the theocratic expansion work taking place worldwide, including the United States. It is our pleasure to update you on construction projects that are now taking place at the United States branch.

We have received a fine response from the invitation for brothers to assist with the printery expansion at Wallkill. So far, over 1,400 volunteers have assisted with this project. The shell of the building is nearing completion, and arrangements are being made to receive the new presses in April 2004. Further work will be necessary to install the various building systems and prepare for full production in late 2004. The united efforts of everyone having a share are truly appreciated.

In addition to the work at Wallkill, there is a continuing need for temporary volunteers at Patterson and Brooklyn. Beginning in January 2004, there will be a special need for volunteers when a complete renovation of the residence at 107 Columbia Heights in Brooklyn begins. This work is necessary to strengthen the existing structure, replace old electrical and plumbing systems, and bring the building up to new fire code requirements. When completed in about three years, the building will house over 300 members of the Bethel family. Additionally, with the move of the printery to Wallkill, major renovation is also being planned for the 117 Adams Street complex in Brooklyn.

In order to accomplish this work, there will be a need for skilled brothers to serve as temporary volunteers. Spiritual qualifications of such volunteers are of great importance. One must be wholly dedicated to Jehovah and demonstrate Christian maturity, having a zeal for Kingdom service. Additionally, applicants should be between the ages of 19 and 55, baptized at least one year, and able to do hard manual work. Good physical and emotional health are necessary.

Skills that will be particularly needed include plumbing, sheet metal, electrical, framing, dry wall finishing, and tile setting. Brothers who qualify are encouraged to apply as temporary volunteers for periods ranging from one to four weeks. Single brothers and married couples with these trade skills and whose circumstances allow are also encouraged to apply for a three-month temporary period. Those applying should use the *Application for Temporary Volunteer Program* (A-19), which can be obtained from your congregation secretary. If you have already submitted a temporary volunteer application within the past year, there is no need to reapply at this time. However, if you have revised dates on which you are able to serve, please write using the above address, c/o Temporary Volunteer Desk.

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We wish to express our appreciation to all of Jehovah's people who are wholeheartedly supporting this theocratic expansion through their loving labor and generous contributions. We recognize that all of this is being accomplished due to Jehovah's blessings as we continue to rely on him.—Psalm 127:1; Zechariah 4:6.

Your brothers,

Watchtower B. V. Society
OF NEW YORK, INC.

cc: Regional Building Committees

PS to body of elders:

Please read this letter to the congregation at the next Service Meeting. Additional copies of the *Application for Temporary Volunteer Program* can be ordered on the monthly *Literature Request Form* (S-14).