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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: November 2009 *Awake!* article “Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies”

Dear Brothers:

We are writing to draw your attention to the above-mentioned *Awake!* article on pages 26-29. It is common for some people to view childbirth as a natural and benign process and not to appreciate the risks and complications that can occur with delivery. Furthermore, for a variety of reasons, often unpredictable, women may experience serious childbirth problems, such as excessive bleeding, obstructed labour, and anaemia because of prematurity, which often involve blood transfusion.

In order to make sure that our sisters benefit from the information contained in that article, please direct prospective parents to review carefully the material. Do not overlook how easily and effectively you can help them by simply drawing attention to the material contained in the magazine.

At the same time, please ensure that one of you contact the local Hospital Liaison Committee on behalf of the sister, requesting two copies of the document *Care Plan for Women in Labour Refusing a Blood Transfusion*.—Please see the Announcement on page 7 of the December 2005 issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry*.

In view of the importance of this material a forthcoming Service Meeting item will cover this article, along with the above reminders.

Thank you very much for your loving efforts to provide protection and care to those who are close to welcoming a new member to their family.—Isa. 32:2.

Your brothers,

Watch Tower B. & J. Society
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cc: Travelling overseers

PS to the secretary:

This letter should be retained in the congregation file along with *Advance Decision* documents and letters relating to the Hospital Liaison Committee. If extra copies of the November 2009 *Awake!* are available, they should be retained in the file as well. However, please note that a reprint of the article “Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies” is now available for download from the *Forms* section of the *ju.org* website. Thus, as copies of the above-noted article may be printed for the file, it should not be necessary to submit a special request to the branch office for the November 2009 *Awake!*