

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS IN THE UNITED STATES BRANCH TERRITORY

Re: Need for Kayin (Sgaw) and Kurdish (Kurmanji) translators or outside readers

Dear Brothers:

The Kayin (Sgaw) field in the United States has grown to seven groups within the past few years. Clearly Jehovah is speeding up the ingathering work. (Isa. 60:22) This language is spoken by the Kayin people from Myanmar (Burma), often called Karen in English-speaking countries. In view of the growth, the branch office in Myanmar is seeking to locate additional qualified Kayin (Sgaw)-speaking brothers or sisters who may have the potential to serve as translators or assist as outside readers of our publications.

Likewise, the branch office in the country of Georgia is seeking to locate qualified Kurdish (Kurmanji)-speaking brothers or sisters who may have the potential to serve as translators or assist as outside readers of our publications. Such publishers may have come from the countries of Armenia, Georgia, Iraq, Syria, Turkey, or elsewhere. If there are any such publishers in your congregation, we would appreciate receiving your recommendation based on the following guidelines.

Of foremost concern is the spirituality of the publisher. A good spiritual standing in the congregation is very important. Please provide the following information about the person you recommend: Is the publisher active in the congregation and regular at the meetings? Is he appointed as an elder, a ministerial servant, or a pioneer? Is his conduct exemplary? Is he humble and cooperative? Please tell us about the language skills of the publisher. Is Kayin (Sgaw) or Kurdish (Kurmanji) his first or second language? What is his educational background? What are his family circumstances? Would he be willing and able to relocate to Myanmar or to Georgia to work along with the translation team? In which country was he born? For which country does he have citizenship? For which country does he have a valid passport? Please also provide the age, baptism date, marital status, current mailing and e-mail address, and telephone number of the publisher.

As you can no doubt appreciate, this matter should be kept strictly confidential. We realize that you may have to talk with the publisher involved; however, he should not speak with others about the matter. This inquiry is in no way a guarantee that a publisher being recommended will be used on a special assignment. Nevertheless, it will be very helpful to have your recommendations in case a need arises. Once you have discussed this matter as a body of elders, please provide us with a letter of recommendation signed by the Congregation Service Committee. If you have any questions, you may contact the Service Department, Desk SFK.

If no brothers or sisters in the congregation are qualified or have the circumstances to participate in this avenue of service, there is no need to respond to this inquiry. However, if

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someone is qualified to assist with Kayin (Sgaw) or Kurdish (Kurmanji) translation of our publications and is willing and able to do so, **please reply by July 15, 2012.**

We are confident that Jehovah will continue to move his people to preach the good news to all language groups. Please be assured of our warm Christian love.

Your brothers,

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cc: Traveling overseers