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Memorial Reminders

The elders should give attention to the following matters in preparing for the Memorial:

■ Make sure that the emblems will not be passed until after sundown.

■ The appropriate type of bread and wine should be obtained and made ready.—See the February 15, 2003, *Watchtower*, pages 14-15.

■ Plates, wine cups or wineglasses, and a suitable table and tablecloth should be brought to the hall and put in place in advance.

■ The Kingdom Hall or other meeting place should be thoroughly cleaned ahead of time.

■ Attendants and servers should be selected and instructed in advance about their duties, the proper procedure to be followed, and the need for dignified dress and grooming.

■ Arrangements should be made to serve any of the anointed who are infirm and unable to be present.

■ When more than one congregation is scheduled to use the same Kingdom Hall, there should be good coordination among congregations so as to avoid unnecessary congestion in the entryway, in the lobby, on the public sidewalks, and in the parking lot.

■ If another meeting place is used, ensure that there will be a proper sound system so that all in attendance will be able to hear the speaker.

Remembering the Ransom With Appreciation

¹ In obedience to Jesus' command, Christians around the world will meet after sundown on Saturday, March 22, 2008, to commemorate the death of Jesus Christ. (Luke 22:19; 1 Cor. 11:23-26) We are moved to do so out of deep appreciation for all that was accomplished on that date 1,975 years ago. By maintaining perfect integrity through a painful death on a torture stake, Jesus sanctified his Father's name, providing the ultimate answer to Satan's taunts.—Job 1:11; Prov. 27:11.

² Jesus' shed blood validated the new covenant, enabling imperfect humans to be adopted as God's sons with the prospect of ruling with Christ in his heavenly Kingdom. (Jer. 31:31-34; Mark 14:24) Furthermore, the depth of God's love for mankind was clearly manifested in the giving of his dearly loved Son in sacrifice, as Jesus himself had explained to Nicodemus.—John 3:16.

³ **Invite Others:** The January issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry* suggested making a list of acquaintances and extending personal invitations. Have you started inviting those on your list? Are you making arrangements to share fully in the campaign that will begin on March 1 to invite people to the Memorial? Those attending will hear Scriptural information that can build

faith in the ransom, which in turn leads to everlasting life.—Rom. 10:17.

⁴ All who are able should plan to arrive early to extend a warm welcome to those who respond to the special invitation. The large Memorial attendance makes it vital for us to be particularly attentive to the new ones as well as to others who attend meetings from time to time.

⁵ **Prepare Your Heart:** *Examining the Scriptures Daily*—2008 and the 2008 *Calendar* contain a schedule for the special Memorial Bible reading beginning on March 17. Considering the important events that occurred during the final days of Jesus' earthly life will help you to prepare your heart for the Memorial observance. (Ezra 7:10) Prayerfully meditating on these Bible accounts will deepen your appreciation for the love of Jehovah and his Son in providing the ransom.—Ps. 143:5.

⁶ As the Memorial approaches, may we carefully prepare ourselves and others for this important occasion. Remembering the ransom with appreciation will strengthen our relationship with Jehovah and his Son. (2 Cor. 5:14, 15) It will also move us to imitate them in showing self-sacrificing love for others.—1 John 4:11.

4. Why should we arrive early for the Memorial?

5. How may you prepare your heart for this occasion?

6. How will building appreciation for the ransom affect us?

1. 2. What reasons do we have to remember the ransom with appreciation?

3. How will those attending the Memorial benefit?

SERVICE MEETING SCHEDULE

Week Starting February 11

Song 168

10 min: Local announcements. Using the suggestions on page 8 or other presentations appropriate for your territory, demonstrate how to offer the February 1 *Watchtower* and the February *Awake!*

15 min: Can You Serve Where the Need Is Greater? Talk and audience discussion based on the July 15, 2003, *Watchtower*, page 20. Include comments on the *Organized* book, page 111, paragraph 1, to page 112, paragraph 1. Briefly interview any who have moved where the need is greater. What challenges did they encounter, and how did they overcome them? What blessings did they enjoy?

20 min: Help New Ones to Progress as Ministers. Following an introduction of less than one minute, conduct a question-and-answer discussion of the December 1, 2005, *Watchtower*, page 31, using the study questions that are provided. After discussing paragraph 18, have a demonstration showing a householder raising an objection to a new publisher who is working with an experienced publisher. The new publisher's response is not effective, and the householder ends the conversation. After leaving the door, the experienced publisher warmly commends the newer one for his effort and then shows him how he might use the *Reasoning* book to reply to that potential conversation stopper in the future.

Song 50

Week Starting February 18

Song 17

10 min: Local announcements. Selected Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*.

10 min: Local needs.

25 min: "A Testimony to Faith!"* To be handled by the service overseer. Conclude with a positive review of what the congregation has accomplished during the past service year.

Song 194

Week Starting February 25

Song 81

10 min: Local announcements. Remind publishers to turn in field service reports for February. Read accounts report and donation acknowledgments. Demonstrate how to use the Memorial invitation to invite a family member or a neighbor.

20 min: "Remembering the Ransom With Appreciation."* As time permits, invite audience to comment on the cited scriptures.

15 min: Prepare to Offer the Current Magazines. Audience discussion. After giving a brief overview of the March 1 *Watchtower* and the March *Awake!* ask the audience which articles may appeal to people in the territory and why. Invite audience to mention specific points in articles they plan to feature. What question could be asked to start a conversation? Which scripture in the article could then be read? Using the suggestions, demonstrate how to offer the March 1 *Watchtower* and the March *Awake!*

Song 119

Week Starting March 3

Song 223

10 min: Local announcements. Review main points from the box "Memorial Reminders."

20 min: Can You Start a Bible Study in March? Audience discussion. During March we will offer the *Bible Teach* book with the goal of starting Bible studies. Review some of the book's outstanding features. Discuss how it may be presented when returning to visit someone who showed interest at the time we left him a Memorial invitation, when returning on a magazine placement, and when offering it in the door-to-door ministry after March 22. (See *km* 8/07 p. 3; *km* 3/06 p. 1, par. 3; *km* 1/06 pp. 3-6.) Have one or two presentations demonstrated.

15 min: Use the Bible When Answering Questions. Talk and audience discussion based on the *Ministry School* book, pages 143-4. Include a brief demonstration of a publisher being asked a question commonly heard in the local territory and then using the Bible to give an answer.

Song 145

* Limit introductory comments to less than a minute, and follow with a question-and-answer discussion.

OCTOBER SERVICE REPORT

Number of:	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	425	104.0	68.9	41.7 4.6
Pios.	110,681	67.9	40.4	20.4 2.0
Aux. Pios.	38,220	50.5	34.6	12.6 1.0
Pubs.	899,266	9.8	8.0	3.5 0.4
TOTAL	1,048,592			Baptized: 2,374

2007 SERVICE YEAR REPORT OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES WORLDWIDE

Country or Territory	Population	2007 Peak Pubs.	Ratio, 1 Pub-lisher to	2007 Av. Pubs.	% Inc. Over 2006	2006 Av. Pubs.	2007 No. Bptzd.	Av. Aux. Pio. Pubs.	Av. Pio. Pubs.	No. of Congs.	Total Hours	Av. Bible Studies	Memorial Atten-dance
Albania	3,150,000	3,875	813	3,799	7	3,566	288	398	832	68	1,487,789	5,235	11,121
American Samoa	57,663	218	265	206	4	199	3	11	21	2	44,711	278	729
Andorra	82,392	178	463	159	3	155	5	6	8	2	26,603	81	334
Angola	13,500,000	65,705	205	63,611	7	59,310	5,095	2,461	5,332	905	14,792,776	191,971	254,789
Anguilla	13,677	50	274	45	29	35	2	6	2	2	11,859	64	236
Antigua	75,741	454	167	438	3	426	12	21	34	5	88,664	517	1,306
Argentina	36,260,130	134,838	269	131,416	2	128,672	6,065	7,917	11,592	1,863	27,956,513	98,761	292,321
Armenia	3,009,000	9,618	313	9,473	4	9,067	706	898	1,391	89	2,855,267	7,790	23,977
Aruba	103,908	755	138	743	2	732	39	29	38	10	128,338	720	2,507
Australia	21,065,592	63,471	332	62,022	2	60,692	1,622	2,409	3,565	779	10,255,750	22,017	115,170
Austria	8,316,000	20,679	402	20,524	1	20,328	522	705	1,039	299	3,421,604	10,517	34,321
Azerbaijan	8,406,000	670	12,546	608	12	543	29	57	116	6	214,874	1,088	1,523
Azores	259,703	648	401	635	3	618	16	24	55	15	130,560	663	1,565
Bahamas	304,913	1,588	192	1,489	2	1,466	42	73	129	30	311,933	1,599	3,935
Bangladesh	150,448,339	112	1,343,289	107	6	101	7	14	3	3	26,774	126	395
Barbados	270,000	2,482	109	2,429	3	2,366	67	122	131	30	408,789	1,875	5,660
Belarus	9,742,000	4,283	2,275	4,145	6	3,897	262	350	549	46	1,162,809	3,212	8,937
Belgium	10,512,534	25,096	419	23,701	1	23,524	526	761	960	369	3,488,517	8,463	44,151
Belize	249,385	1,852	135	1,760	7	1,650	62	95	230	48	450,884	2,353	7,949
Benin	6,769,914	9,332	725	8,633	5	8,229	533	559	1,005	154	2,389,668	18,838	38,589
Bermuda	66,163	450	147	438	1	435	12	11	61	5	103,668	295	961
Bolivia	9,427,219	18,628	506	17,549	2	17,135	879	1,372	1,995	218	4,799,594	23,427	62,902
Bonaire	14,438	82	176	70	1	69	2	3	5	1	14,748	113	297
Bosnia & Herzegovina	3,832,301	1,164	3,292	1,149	3	1,114	55	111	207	16	382,825	671	2,230
Botswana	1,680,863	1,719	978	1,621	8	1,497	96	82	125	38	350,229	2,375	5,199
Brazil	189,404,603	679,211	279	649,772	4	624,140	36,784	28,348	49,115	10,251	127,169,286	736,714	1,697,318
Britain	58,717,435	131,877	445	125,808	3	122,412	3,383	4,564	8,097	1,514	20,277,208	52,032	222,545
Bulgaria	7,679,290	1,630	4,711	1,597	4	1,537	80	84	250	24	463,584	1,529	3,860
Burkina Faso	14,326,203	1,309	10,944	1,225	5	1,166	69	61	135	31	343,444	2,126	4,038
Burundi	8,194,000	7,457	1,099	6,898	11	6,207	651	484	858	128	2,266,690	17,486	37,471
Cambodia	13,995,904	276	50,710	248	22	204	17	18	107	7	125,492	656	1,305
Cameroon	17,120,000	32,314	530	31,450	3	30,481	1,793	1,248	2,186	554	6,462,856	48,868	94,589
Canada	32,852,849	111,963	293	108,974	1	107,618	2,548	4,984	8,128	1,328	20,181,628	39,445	184,446
Cape Verde	423,613	1,744	243	1,698	5	1,620	108	95	225	33	467,424	3,705	8,720
Cayman Islands	46,600	239	195	204	10	186	9	13	14	3	40,068	217	675
Central Afr. Rep.	4,200,000	2,422	1,734	2,353	-1	2,374	131	119	272	53	631,593	5,061	18,644
Chad	9,000,000	618	14,563	564	-3	584	17	24	66	18	155,596	898	6,218
Chile	16,598,074	72,428	229	66,393	2	64,994	2,865	4,635	6,703	791	14,967,496	56,443	167,582
Chuuk	66,100	59	1,120	55	-5	58	1	3	19	3	27,388	201	530
Colombia	43,975,968	133,421	330	129,634	4	124,398	7,632	5,846	12,475	1,969	27,658,653	169,023	427,706
Congo, Dem. Rep. of	59,800,000	144,145	415	135,367	2	132,416	8,689	4,510	10,433	2,953	28,507,177	307,468	884,933
Congo, Rep. of	3,811,000	5,406	705	4,822	4	4,621	349	240	288	68	1,195,998	17,379	26,182
Cook Islands	21,750	166	131	153	-8	166	5	5	22	2	37,528	184	528
Costa Rica	4,325,540	22,505	192	21,679	5	20,661	1,133	1,012	1,378	315	4,029,963	23,594	58,872
Côte d'Ivoire	20,581,770	7,731	2,662	7,438	6	7,034	522	529	807	170	2,197,528	19,261	31,877
Croatia	4,437,460	5,510	805	5,433	1	5,386	145	284	391	71	1,129,701	2,334	10,137
Cuba	11,217,100	89,666	125	88,918	1	88,096	3,620	5,233	6,683	1,268	16,563,513	134,235	214,681
Curaçao	137,094	1,651	83	1,620	6	1,522	67	57	98	22	280,695	1,917	4,304
Cyprus	778,700	2,131	365	2,070	5	1,965	96	118	157	26	411,213	1,103	4,004

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Czech Rep.	10,306,700	15,662	658	15,486	1	15,384	358	601	683	231	2,374,545	6,370	27,998
Denmark	5,447,084	14,368	379	14,154	0	14,178	288	464	677	204	2,098,100	4,367	21,734
Dominica	71,794	379	189	352	5	336	11	21	34	8	89,468	509	1,106
Dominican Rep.	9,400,000	28,218	333	27,466	5	26,122	1,546	1,805	3,797	376	7,668,590	49,795	114,870
East Timor	925,000	95	9,737	83	14	73	6	4	26	2	36,473	142	343
Ecuador	13,711,758	59,547	230	57,569	8	53,350	3,995	3,462	7,165	731	14,734,731	95,168	222,406
El Salvador	7,104,999	32,714	217	31,360	5	29,950	1,773	1,286	1,804	581	5,833,117	33,821	86,979
Equatorial Guinea	610,000	1,027	594	927	1	921	79	52	137	16	255,542	2,517	4,270
Estonia	1,344,684	4,248	317	4,172	1	4,125	163	203	424	51	840,814	2,611	7,666
Ethiopia	74,000,000	8,058	9,183	7,874	5	7,509	537	644	1,208	157	2,513,552	5,493	26,419
Faeroe Islands	48,350	98	493	96	8	89	3	5	22	4	28,236	61	145
Falkland Islands	3,105	4	776	4	0	4		1		1	673	3	17
Fiji	825,478	2,088	395	2,003	3	1,946	128	120	196	39	451,950	2,342	8,409
Finland	5,276,955	19,164	275	19,042	1	18,858	332	709	1,498	299	2,991,849	9,549	27,521
France	61,533,300	121,871	505	116,169	2	114,439	2,736	5,986	6,759	1,514	21,309,866	44,348	205,808
French Guiana	210,000	1,898	111	1,804	4	1,737	101	115	126	32	430,626	3,448	6,631
Gabon	1,400,000	3,119	449	2,974	9	2,739	232	221	240	34	805,605	7,039	9,805
Gambia	1,688,359	198	8,527	184	5	175	14	9	27	3	55,665	344	536
Georgia	4,433,000	16,686	266	16,190	5	15,373	1,058	894	2,143	173	3,775,503	8,537	34,555
Germany	82,314,906	165,348	498	163,065	1	161,861	4,067	5,164	8,188	2,224	26,106,238	73,663	276,381
Ghana	22,036,237	85,416	258	82,049	6	77,168	4,692	2,937	4,484	1,293	16,394,568	200,393	284,245
Gibraltar	27,967	92	304	89	-4	93	3	3	9	2	17,796	26	156
Greece	10,539,771	28,243	373	28,125	1	27,914	644	1,092	2,616	374	5,159,563	10,480	45,884
Greenland	56,901	130	438	124	10	113	1	4	29	6	33,741	99	300
Grenada	102,000	596	171	557	2	548	16	22	44	9	110,254	557	1,425
Guadeloupe	440,000	8,295	53	8,035	3	7,772	251	382	359	122	1,396,819	9,484	20,573
Guam	154,805	649	239	630	2	616	19	49	89	8	169,464	833	1,598
Guatemala	13,344,770	25,711	519	24,907	6	23,537	1,414	1,043	1,959	382	5,104,541	26,079	75,216
Guinea	9,947,814	671	14,825	625	-4	651	27	38	84	18	198,924	1,415	2,927
Guinea-Bissau	1,472,780	124	11,877	108	8	100	10	5	33	4	56,641	376	690
Guyana	777,648	2,378	327	2,275	5	2,177	127	114	179	40	445,570	2,907	10,544
Haiti	8,373,750	14,772	567	13,765	5	13,172	1,053	828	1,364	217	3,352,036	25,717	78,621
Hawaii	1,285,498	8,164	157	7,903	3	7,706	266	418	940	94	1,791,210	5,397	18,786
Honduras	8,083,625	16,843	480	16,085	5	15,385	794	766	1,653	241	3,916,947	22,654	54,818
Hong Kong	6,910,000	4,789	1,443	4,703	2	4,602	279	303	654	53	1,266,536	5,492	8,638
Hungary	10,055,000	22,832	440	21,652	3	21,075	881	954	1,154	262	3,853,082	12,189	44,954
Iceland	311,396	324	961	307	6	289	14	10	31	5	55,828	220	600
India	1,114,058,000	28,373	39,265	26,434	5	25,256	967	1,334	1,620	415	4,632,861	22,669	73,193
Indonesia	223,000,000	20,658	10,795	19,573	5	18,725	1,052	978	1,361	395	4,349,138	23,560	51,027
Ireland	5,975,673	5,512	1,084	5,341	6	5,056	124	213	502	112	1,055,053	2,453	10,329
Israel	11,134,930	1,296	8,592	1,264	5	1,202	64	60	76	18	241,273	840	2,523
Italy	59,131,287	238,442	248	236,113	1	233,231	5,614	12,411	23,535	3,077	51,102,293	103,704	436,670
Jamaica	2,780,132	11,641	239	11,132	3	10,761	448	555	859	194	2,030,547	12,334	37,971
Japan	127,756,815	218,691	584	217,929	0	217,181	4,308	18,728	58,840	3,177	78,588,916	164,674	331,172
Kazakhstan	15,314,000	15,681	977	15,292	5	14,595	1,205	1,186	1,889	170	3,903,738	12,258	32,160
Kenya	34,000,000	22,203	1,531	20,876	5	19,908	1,605	981	2,710	493	5,864,216	34,273	57,154
Kiribati	92,424	82	1,127	72	14	63	8	10	12	1	30,050	178	295
Korea, Rep. of	48,456,000	94,862	511	94,066	2	92,541	3,055	8,658	33,275	1,402	41,636,251	62,129	142,222
Kosovo	2,350,000	155	15,161	152	6	144	8	10	36	4	58,718	232	536
Kosrae	9,922	30	331	29	-3	30		1	5	1	7,945	73	104
Kyrgyzstan	5,259,000	4,287	1,227	4,186	7	3,923	190	388	732	55	1,243,943	4,757	9,693
Latvia	2,273,600	2,389	952	2,334	0	2,338	110	146	355	39	653,133	2,017	4,148
Lebanon	3,925,502	3,613	1,086	3,542	1	3,514	115	140	122	66	570,722	1,794	6,621
Lesotho	1,880,661	3,378	557	3,203	3	3,101	223	154	274	70	719,882	4,274	9,184
Liberia	3,390,685	5,242	647	4,780	6	4,527	325	282	555	88	1,493,636	16,055	47,182

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Liechtenstein	35,174	49	718	45	-2	46		1	2	1	4,797	19	84
Lithuania	3,425,000	3,060	1,119	2,867	2	2,810	151	176	340	40	715,334	2,308	5,676
Luxembourg	562,263	1,890	297	1,863	3	1,816	56	78	94	33	319,957	906	3,726
Macao	503,000	170	2,994	170	13	150	10	12	29	2	57,009	173	388
Macedonia	2,032,017	1,278	1,590	1,209	7	1,134	84	108	132	18	356,048	1,058	3,677
Madagascar	17,970,940	18,748	959	18,181	11	16,448	1,740	913	2,523	389	5,005,075	42,985	101,165
Madeira	262,956	1,156	227	1,124	1	1,109	50	56	90	17	223,566	788	2,156
Malawi	12,767,761	68,611	186	66,992	4	64,183	5,996	3,463	5,487	1,115	13,888,804	69,197	263,869
Malaysia	28,000,000	2,982	9,390	2,863	8	2,646	130	189	483	83	865,120	4,813	7,837
Mali	11,995,402	254	47,226	236	6	222	14	12	43	7	92,498	582	992
Malta	404,039	569	710	548	1	543	12	22	33	7	97,073	249	1,102
Marshall Islands	73,434	203	362	197	0	197		13	25	4	58,387	515	1,345
Martinique	399,000	4,390	91	4,315	3	4,189	137	245	269	56	853,596	4,377	10,013
Mauritius	1,219,220	1,663	733	1,616	5	1,532	67	66	102	26	307,658	1,569	3,776
Mayotte	178,000	93	1,914	77	0	77		6	4	1	17,018	102	143
Mexico	105,338,769	639,320	165	620,473	3	600,348	23,794	20,661	66,321	11,707	129,959,990	742,364	1,918,055
Moldova	4,121,700	19,596	210	19,001	4	18,273	945	871	1,365	238	3,155,498	11,212	40,485
Mongolia	2,951,786	152	19,420	144	18	122	25	17	35	2	63,407	337	665
Montenegro	620,145	205	3,025	200	2	197	9	18	26	4	57,234	139	613
Montserrat	3,000	9	333	8	-11	9				1	850	7	61
Mozambique	20,363,383	43,442	469	41,924	2	40,934	3,095	1,371	4,413	974	8,959,466	54,693	225,538
Myanmar	51,000,000	3,372	15,125	3,220	4	3,108	156	109	285	92	633,015	2,676	7,639
Namibia	2,027,870	1,545	1,313	1,453	15	1,264	123	67	117	28	325,573	1,937	4,390
Nauru	10,600	10	1,060	4	0	4				1	367	4	76
Nepal	28,901,790	873	33,106	821	9	752	94	59	107	11	207,703	1,489	3,880
Netherlands	16,372,715	31,250	524	29,553	1	29,357	665	979	1,079	414	4,180,283	10,098	51,726
Nevis	10,080	55	183	52	8	48		2	2	1	9,463	37	199
New Caledonia	241,331	1,702	142	1,651	3	1,602	63	120	92	23	349,842	2,004	5,395
New Zealand	4,235,554	13,852	306	13,017	2	12,740	401	596	765	170	2,221,216	6,345	26,797
Nicaragua	5,235,000	20,150	260	19,012	5	18,184	1,304	845	1,911	322	4,502,464	31,550	75,924
Niger	11,453,651	265	43,221	249	6	236	13	16	35	7	79,454	395	1,104
Nigeria	140,003,542	302,405	463	273,631	3	264,487	13,799	8,310	26,570	4,928	52,036,355	484,405	648,287
Niue	1,625	29	56	26	0	26	1	2	4	1	6,905	35	93
Norfolk Island	2,114	11	192	10	-9	11		1	2	1	2,490	6	19
Norway	4,704,600	10,363	454	10,078	3	9,769	245	265	486	169	1,361,507	3,678	17,177
Pakistan	164,742,000	921	178,873	834	4	803	55	44	52	18	156,662	940	3,678
Palau	20,461	93	220	89	-4	93	3	14	17	1	31,688	221	334
Panama	3,339,781	12,354	270	11,813	4	11,406	498	572	1,162	245	2,625,039	15,682	40,741
Papua New Guinea	6,286,873	3,613	1,740	3,462	9	3,187	185	195	277	55	735,938	4,008	24,322
Paraguay	6,588,079	8,212	802	8,098	4	7,803	498	353	975	140	1,890,925	9,216	20,200
Peru	27,621,264	101,703	272	93,300	3	90,212	5,942	5,536	20,242	1,084	29,316,608	148,881	310,443
Philippines	87,000,000	155,286	560	152,290	4	147,122	9,544	6,889	20,674	3,136	30,891,655	130,713	480,173
Pohnpei	35,000	89	393	83	12	74	5	7	7	1	21,123	137	340
Poland	38,125,479	128,235	297	126,967	0	126,827	3,811	4,666	5,822	1,803	16,458,050	44,679	218,539
Portugal	10,120,177	48,878	207	48,093	1	47,551	1,441	2,171	2,434	647	8,368,614	25,297	95,985
Puerto Rico	3,944,259	24,976	158	24,783	2	24,385	779	951	2,234	319	4,707,782	14,128	57,852
Réunion	785,200	2,729	288	2,660	2	2,596	108	155	107	33	484,243	1,874	5,914
Rodrigues	37,230	37	1,006	33	10	30		1	4	1	9,022	34	120
Romania	21,565,100	38,544	559	38,230	1	37,956	1,353	1,294	2,600	544	6,338,219	19,362	81,637
Rota	2,899	10	290	8	-20	10		1	3	1	4,192	22	30
Russia	143,221,000	150,056	954	146,377	4	140,244	9,121	10,998	19,847	1,663	39,615,248	118,606	286,237
Rwanda	9,290,911	14,597	636	13,939	8	12,935	1,242	1,075	2,293	316	5,332,870	32,135	87,638
Saba	1,600	11	145	7	17	6	1		3	1	2,364	20	36

Country or Territory	Population	2007 Peak Pubs.	Ratio, 1 Pub- lisher to	2007 Av. Pubs.	% Inc. Over 2006	2006 Av. Pubs.	2007 No. Bptzd.	Av. Aux. Pio. Pubs.	Av. Pio. Pubs.	No. of Cong.	Total Hours	Av. Bible Studies	Memorial Atten- dance
St. Eustatius	2,400	20	120	16	14	14	1	1	2	1	4,094	23	59
St. Helena	3,700	124	30	116	-7	125	2	1		3	10,805	61	266
St. Kitts	31,800	190	167	181	6	170	8	10	19	3	48,029	274	630
St. Lucia	156,000	677	230	648	-1	657	19	35	75	10	153,776	899	1,702
St. Maarten	55,000	341	161	329	7	308	23	22	38	5	84,279	422	1,125
St. Pierre & Miquelon	6,316	12	526	11	0	11		1		1	1,963	3	20
St. Vincent	103,000	339	304	309	1	306	12	24	37	7	82,582	405	795
Saipan	71,400	177	403	172	-3	177	13	13	30	2	54,529	298	487
Samoa	214,265	438	489	416	5	397	9	22	54	8	102,737	448	1,492
San Marino	29,615	185	160	181	2	178	8	16	9	2	41,338	83	326
São Tomé & Príncipe	199,579	466	428	447	8	414	36	39	93	10	173,572	1,928	2,111
Senegal	12,521,851	1,043	12,006	1,016	0	1,014	32	51	142	26	314,117	1,704	2,697
Serbia	8,118,146	3,838	2,115	3,768	1	3,720	143	276	408	54	960,708	1,865	8,586
Seychelles	81,755	267	306	258	8	238	18	6	24	4	51,706	285	712
Sierra Leone	6,144,562	1,669	3,682	1,485	6	1,400	100	78	138	36	390,062	3,266	8,534
Slovakia	5,393,637	11,469	470	11,311	-1	11,370	251	277	252	160	1,357,550	2,814	21,094
Slovenia	2,013,597	1,927	1,045	1,911	1	1,887	37	101	156	28	410,356	928	3,134
Solomon Islands	506,041	1,800	281	1,747	0	1,743	96	77	226	43	393,883	1,842	8,326
South Africa	43,997,828	81,501	540	77,655	3	75,304	4,078	2,848	6,712	1,610	15,652,574	87,171	199,361
Spain	44,873,567	109,441	410	102,310	2	100,029	2,132	5,281	8,473	1,401	21,400,279	46,962	181,993
Sri Lanka	19,900,000	4,364	4,560	4,138	4	3,962	258	239	326	78	838,374	4,682	11,726
Sudan	32,000,000	1,550	20,645	1,465	7	1,366	101	64	236	61	431,795	3,010	6,342
Suriname	470,700	2,225	212	2,127	6	2,001	120	125	148	45	433,879	2,898	7,309
Swaziland	1,163,510	2,579	451	2,437	6	2,292	144	107	199	69	544,107	3,065	7,474
Sweden	9,150,508	22,585	405	22,129	1	21,898	481	853	1,451	324	3,342,578	8,442	36,423
Switzerland	7,508,700	18,088	415	17,108	1	16,981	347	490	609	277	2,458,823	7,456	30,805
Tahiti	245,405	1,982	124	1,929	6	1,824	98	106	110	27	396,051	2,187	6,411
Taiwan	23,000,000	6,223	3,696	6,054	7	5,664	431	601	1,388	85	2,290,080	8,981	13,703
Tanzania	39,095,062	14,213	2,751	13,395	4	12,857	945	509	1,641	415	3,339,600	20,168	57,744
Thailand	65,060,000	2,664	24,422	2,572	9	2,363	129	161	457	70	744,477	3,181	6,149
Tinian	2,940	18	163	17	6	16	1	1	3	1	6,506	45	38
Togo	5,304,000	14,693	361	14,021	5	13,363	777	818	1,023	237	3,331,615	36,696	60,916
Tonga	116,921	248	471	222	9	204	10	18	33	5	61,633	303	664
Trinidad & Tobago	1,297,944	8,459	153	8,334	2	8,149	325	557	788	106	1,702,515	9,165	22,565
Turkey	68,000,000	1,909	35,621	1,866	5	1,775	100	100	130	29	390,101	1,001	3,612
Turks & Caicos	21,746	171	127	156	8	145	5	9	14	3	36,077	275	702
Tuvalu	9,561	48	199	41	5	39	3	1	1	1	5,570	32	139
Uganda	28,644,300	4,457	6,427	4,267	7	4,005	454	265	548	103	1,244,081	9,722	16,414
Ukraine	46,490,819	140,197	332	136,670	4	131,709	6,775	8,839	13,341	1,500	30,236,692	86,624	276,126
U.S. of America	298,112,986	1,084,005	275	1,042,528	3	1,010,422	37,243	44,233	102,150	12,494	211,314,864	546,631	2,353,263
Uruguay	3,163,700	11,011	287	10,970	2	10,806	382	358	472	159	1,489,313	7,614	24,032
Vanuatu	221,419	382	580	353	4	338	23	25	38	5	89,528	845	2,374
Venezuela	27,575,374	104,406	264	100,366	4	96,476	6,042	5,562	12,738	1,323	25,065,185	127,229	361,100
Virgin Isls. (Brit.)	23,000	207	111	195	8	180	8	9	30	3	44,333	189	722
Virgin Isls. (U.S.)	109,400	657	167	631	5	600	16	29	84	9	144,754	615	1,800
Wallis & Futuna Isls.	15,489	71	218	67	-1	68	8	5	8	1	18,885	112	241
Yap	11,695	26	450	24	0	24	2	1	11	1	11,360	68	125
Zambia	12,345,751	145,801	85	127,872	3	123,841	9,349	4,387	9,564	2,199	24,709,100	205,748	641,675
Zimbabwe	12,224,988	33,475	365	32,668	7	30,582	2,750	1,529	3,163	905	7,502,152	57,094	83,974
30 Other Lands		15,970		14,611	15.1	12,695	1,203	1,003	3,082	334	5,078,877	19,013	28,107
Grand Total (236 Lands)		6,957,854		6,691,790	3.1	6,491,775	298,304	312,741	678,638	101,376	1,431,761,554	6,561,426	17,672,443

During the 2007 service year, Jehovah's Witnesses spent over \$121 million in caring for special pioneers, missionaries, and traveling overseers in their field service assignments.

MEMORIAL PARTAKERS WORLDWIDE: 9,105

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ Literature offer for **February:** *Is There a Creator Who Cares About You?* As an alternative offer, you may use *The Secret of Family Happiness*. **March:** *What Does the Bible Really Teach?* Make a diligent effort to start Bible studies. **April and May:** *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* magazines. A special effort will be made to visit newly interested ones who attended the Memorial or the special public talk but who are not actively associated with the congregation. The purpose of such visits should be to start a home Bible study with those who have not yet accepted one.

■ Since March has five full weekends, it would be an excellent month to auxiliary pioneer.

■ The secretary and the service overseer should review the activity of all regular pioneers. If any are having difficulty meeting the hour requirement, the elders should arrange for assistance to be given.

■ The special public talk for the 2008 Memorial season will be entitled "Who Is Qualified to Rule Mankind?" See the related announcement in the October 2007 *Our Kingdom Ministry*.

■ The secretary should see that the Regional Building Committee is kept up-to-date on the status

of all baptized publishers who have submitted *Kingdom Hall Volunteer Worker Questionnaire* (S-82) forms. When there are adjustments in a volunteer's status, such as when one moves or is appointed as a ministerial servant or an elder, a new form should be filled out promptly and submitted. If a volunteer's mailing address or telephone number changes or if he is no longer approved as a volunteer worker, the elders should immediately inform the Regional Building Committee by letter. The completed forms in the congregation file should be made available for the circuit overseer's review when he visits the congregation.

THEOCRATIC MINISTRY SCHOOL REVIEW

The following questions will be considered at the Theocratic Ministry School during the week beginning February 25, 2008. The school overseer will conduct a 30-minute review based on material covered in assignments for the weeks of January 7 through February 25, 2008. [Note: Where there are no references after the question, you will need to do your own research to find the answers.—See *Ministry School*, pp. 36-7.]

SPEECH QUALITIES

1. What do we need to do in order to help our audience grasp the meaning of scriptures, and why should this be done? [*be* p. 228 pars. 2-3]
2. Why is it important that we make our presentations informative to our audience, and how can we accomplish this? [*be* p. 230 pars. 3-5, box]
3. In what ways can research make our talks more informative? [*be* p. 231 pars. 1-3]
4. What can we do to make our handling of familiar scriptures more informative? [*be* p. 231 pars. 4-5]
5. Why is it important to reason on the texts we read? [*be* p. 232 pars. 3-4]

ASSIGNMENT NO. 1

6. What indicates that the book of Matthew was written primarily with a Jewish audience in mind? [*si* p. 176 pars. 6-7]
7. How can we prepare our hearts to receive divine instruction from the platform? (2 Chron. 20:33) [*be* p. 13 par. 4-p. 14 par. 5]
8. What can parents do to train their children to become "wise for salvation"? (2 Tim. 3:15) [*be* p. 16 pars. 3-4]

9. How does Matthew's Gospel highlight the fulfillment of Bible prophecy? [*si* p. 181 par. 32]
10. Whereas Matthew's Gospel portrays Jesus as the promised Messiah and King, how does Mark's Gospel describe him? [*si* p. 182 pars. 7-8]

WEEKLY BIBLE READING

11. Is giving vent to anger more serious than harboring it? (Matt. 5:21, 22) [*w08* 1/15 "Jehovah's Word Is Alive—Highlights From the Book of Matthew"]
12. How do Christians keep a 'simple eye'? (Matt. 6:22, 23) [*w06* 10/1 p. 29]
13. What point was Jesus making when he asked his disciples: "Did you get the sense of all these things?" (Matt. 13:51, 52) [*w08* 1/15 "Jehovah's Word Is Alive—Highlights From the Book of Matthew"]
14. Why did Jesus usually command those he healed "not to make him manifest"? (Matt. 12:16) [*w87* 5/15 p. 9; *cl* pp. 93-4]
15. What was Jesus' point regarding "the measure" with which one 'measures out'? (Mark 4:24, 25) [*w80* 6/15 p. 12; *gt* chap. 43]

A Testimony to Faith!

¹ The apostles listened intently as Jesus spoke about his presence and the conclusion of the system of things. Disturbing events were to befall mankind—wars, food shortages, earthquakes, pestilence. Next, Jesus said that his followers would be hated, delivered up to tribulation, and killed. False prophets would arise and mislead many. The love of the greater number would cool off.

² Against that backdrop, it must have been startling to the apostles when Jesus then said that the good news of God's Kingdom would be preached in all the inhabited earth. (Matt. 24:3-14) Today we see the remarkable fulfillment of that exciting prophecy. Though we live in perilous times, Jehovah's Witnesses zealously proclaim the good news. As the love of the world cools, our love burns ever brighter. Despite being hated by "all the nations," we preach in virtually every nation.

³ How encouraging it is to review the activity of Jehovah's Witnesses during the past service year as shown on the chart on pages 3 through 6! For the 16th year in a row, over one billion hours were spent in the preaching and disciplinarian work. What a testimony to faith that is! There were increases of 5.8 percent in the

number of pioneers, 3.1 percent in publishers, and 4.4 percent in Bible studies. Baptisms were up 20.1 percent over the last service year. It is thrilling to see that nearly seven million people are faithfully serving Jehovah—more now than at any other time in human history! As you examine the chart, what do you see that especially encourages you?

⁴ Though the figures are impressive in themselves, we should never forget that they represent people who have proved their faith. Consider an example. Guillermo grew up in Bolivia. Born in 1935, he worked on a coca plantation from the age of nine. From childhood on, he chewed coca leaves to relieve the misery of doing hard physical labor. He later abused alcohol and smoked cigarettes. As he began to learn about what Jehovah requires of him, Guillermo quit smoking and then stopped abusing alcohol. The biggest challenge was to quit his lifelong practice of chewing coca leaves. He prayed without letup and overcame this habit. His vices behind him, he was baptized. "Now," he says, "I feel clean and very happy."

⁵ Jehovah is truly interested in people. It is his desire that all attain to repentance. (2 Pet. 3:9) That is our desire too. May our hearts move us to do all we can to continue to help honesthearted ones come to know and love Jehovah as we do.

1. What disturbing events were foretold by Jesus?
2. Why is it remarkable that the good news is being preached worldwide?
3. What encouraging figures do you see in the worldwide report?

4. What problems did one man overcome while working toward baptism?
5. What is your desire?

What to Say About the Magazines

THE WATCHTOWER® Feb. 1
ANNOUNCING JEHOVAH'S KINGDOM

"How do you think families would be affected if they applied this advice? [Read Ephesians 4:31. Then allow for response.] This article gives some practical suggestions from the Bible for managing conflicts and maintaining happiness in marriage." Feature the article that begins on page 18.

Awake!® Feb.

"Some believe that God keeps track of every error we make. Others feel that he forgives all sins, no matter how serious. What do you think? [Allow for response. Then read Acts 3:19.] This article discusses three steps outlined in the Bible for gaining God's mercy." Feature the article that begins on page 10.

THE WATCHTOWER® Mar. 1
ANNOUNCING JEHOVAH'S KINGDOM

"I would like to get your opinion on this very familiar text. [Read John 3:16.] Have you ever wondered how the death of one man could result in everlasting life for others? [Allow for response.] This magazine gives a clear, satisfying explanation regarding how we may benefit from Jesus' death."

Awake!® Mar.

"Do you think that all religions are good? [Allow for response.] Note what the Bible says about the worship of some. [Read Mark 7:7.] How can a person know if a religion teaches the truth and not 'commands of men'? Is religious truth even attainable? This magazine answers these questions."