

# Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS IN NIGERIA

Re: 2018 Unassigned Territory Campaign

Dear Brothers:

We are pleased to inform you that arrangements have been finalized for the 2018 unassigned territory campaign. For many who have participated in the campaign in previous years, the experience has deepened their appreciation for the ministry and has uplifted them spiritually. The campaign this year will afford us another opportunity to engage in this urgent work and show our love for God and fellow man.

The campaign is planned for **August 1 through November 30, 2018**. For this year, while any group can request to work in any part of the country, we are encouraging everyone who can to consider participating in the campaign in the following States: **Benue, Ebonyi, Enugu, and Cross River**. This is because we have numerous towns and villages in these States with large populations that are still “untouched territory,” and many are thrilled to receive the good news in the language of their heart. There are also many congregations that have large territories that have not been covered for many years.

Our plan, with your assistance, is to work some of these territories and try to help as many as possible hear the good news. All publishers (including publishers who are native to these territories, but are living in other places) whose circumstances allow them are kindly invited to participate. We are confident that you will display the same grateful spirit recommended by Jesus when he said in Mark 5:19: “Go home to *your relatives*, and report to them all the things Jehovah has done for you and the mercy he has shown you.”

We ask each of you to prayerfully consider whether you are able to participate in this campaign. If you would like to participate, we warmly encourage you to ask the elders in your congregation for further instructions and an application form. Once the form has been filled out, the Congregation Service Committee will review it and forward it to the branch office.

Along with you, we seek Jehovah's direction and blessing on this year's campaign. Please accept our warm Christian love and greetings.

Your brothers,

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Attachment

c: Circuit overseers

PS to bodies of elders:

Please arrange for this letter to be read to the congregation at the first midweek meeting after its receipt. Thereafter, it should be posted on the information board. **However, this postscript should neither be read to the congregation nor be posted on the information board.**

You will find attached with this letter a copy of the application form, and a list showing the unassigned territories in the country. As you give attention to the application forms, please note the following details:

- Approved groups should be made up of spiritually qualified individuals and assist them in practical ways to make a success of their assignment.
- Groups should be made up of at least 2 publishers and **no more than 20 publishers**, including minor children of publishers. A group should not be made up solely of single brothers and single sisters.
- If only one publisher applies, he or she will be assigned to join a group from another congregation. Assignments will not be given to a publisher to work alone.
- Approved applications should be forwarded to the branch office **at least one month before the desired start date**. This will allow for the applications to be processed and assignments made in good time so that each group can finalize their arrangements and plans.
- Approved applications should be sent to the **Preaching Needs Desk** using your jw.org e-mail.
- Ensure that the group has sufficient literature for their assignment. If extra literature is needed in any language, please feel free to make a request (in advance) through your congregation.
- If a group receives an assignment from the branch office, you should prayerfully discuss with them the information in the September 15, 2015, letter to all congregations in Nigeria and ensure that safety precautions are strictly followed.
- After a group returns from an assignment, it would be appreciated if they are reminded to promptly submit their report to the branch office.
- If there are additional questions, please feel free to call the Preaching Needs Desk at the branch office for direction.