

# Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL ENGLISH CONGREGATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

Re: Territory seldom worked

Dear Brothers:

In Georgia a householder was asked if any of the topics in the tract *Would You Like to Know the Truth?* interested him. When he replied that they all interested him, he was shown how the *Bible Teach* book could answer these questions along with his Bible. As the man reached for the book, the two publishers noticed the sheriff's badge on his shirt. "You are Jehovah's Witnesses, right? Your people bring literature to our county jail, and I have seen people's lives literally turn around with this," he said as he held up the book. In Massachusetts, Tom had been reading in the Bible about the sacrifices that were made under the Mosaic Law. He told two sisters: "It seems that God gets mad if you don't worship him the way he wants," and he said he did not want to get God mad at him. Tom was shown a few verses in his Bible and was then offered the *Bible Teach* book. After arrangements were made for a brother to study the Bible with him, Tom said to the sisters: "I don't know if you'll think I'm crazy telling you this, but I really think God sent you to my door." Tom is now attending our meetings. In Oklahoma, after her third Bible study, a 65-year-old woman said: "I have had more questions answered by you people from the Bible in two hours than I have had answered before in my whole life!" In Tennessee, after a man was shown the *Bible Teach* book, he started to cry. He said that just the night before he had prayed to God for the first time in 20 years and told God that he wanted to learn more about him.

Would you like to experience the joy that comes from sharing comfort from the Scriptures with those who do not receive a witness on a regular basis? If so, we would like to invite you to apply for and accept a preaching assignment in territory seldom worked. Along these lines, the following questions and answers will be of interest to you.

**Q:** What is territory seldom worked?

**A:** Territory seldom worked includes more than 270 counties or parts of counties that are not assigned to any English congregation. Almost two million people live in unassigned territory, and many of those areas were not completely worked last year. Territory seldom worked also includes the territory held by the more than 1,000 English congregations that are not able to work all their territory regularly.

**Q:** Who can apply for an assignment?

**A:** Any group composed of publishers in good standing can apply. The group must consist of at least 2 persons and no more than 20, including minor children.

**Q:** How does a group apply for an assignment?

**A:** The Congregation Service Committee will select from the group a qualified brother to serve as team captain. If the group consists solely of sisters, a qualified sister will be selected. The team captain will then be given the *Application for Territory Seldom Worked, Counties With Unassigned Territory*, and *Frequently Asked Questions About Territory Seldom Worked*.

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**Q:** What are the responsibilities of the team captain?

**A:** The team captain is responsible for coordinating group travel, for obtaining literature supplies for the group's use, for caring for related paperwork, and for communicating with any parties involved, including the branch office.

**Q:** Can publishers from other congregations join the team captain's group?

**A:** Yes. These publishers should ask their elders for the *Application for Territory Seldom Worked*.

**Q:** Where will the group be assigned?

**A:** A list of counties with unassigned territory has been made available. The group makes a selection from this list. Consideration will be given to the group's preferred selection if at all possible. If the group wishes to assist a congregation, this should be indicated by selecting the states to which they would be willing to travel, and the group will be assigned to a congregation within the distance that was designated on the application. However, a list of congregations needing assistance will not be provided.

**Q:** How are the dates for an assignment determined?

**A:** The territory-seldom-worked campaign begins on February 1, 2010, and ends on October 31, 2010. The dates for which the group is available for an assignment should be agreed upon by all in the group. An assignment as short as one day or as long as two consecutive months may be requested.

In West Virginia two sisters were told by the householder: "I know who you are. You are Jehovah's Witnesses. I have been praying that you would come." She also wanted to start attending our meetings. In Tennessee a car group approached a house where a family was in the yard. Before anyone could get out of the car, the father called out: "It's about time. What took you so long?" When asked if they were waiting for Jehovah's Witnesses, the mother said she was looking for help from the Bible and knew that Jehovah's Witnesses could be of assistance. A Bible study was started using the *Bible Teach* book, and the mother said she would be waiting for a return visit to continue her study. In Kentucky a woman was showing interest when her husband, who was the preacher of the local church, started to argue with our two sisters about what they were saying. His wife told him to be quiet and let the sisters talk. She said that she respected Jehovah's Witnesses because they study the Bible and that she had even thought of coming to the Kingdom Hall because at her church they didn't really study the Bible. Her husband quickly interjected that they were going to start a Bible class. The result was that the wife accepted the *Bible Teach* book and wanted someone to come back. When she indicated that she wanted to contribute something for the book, her husband reached into his wallet to give a donation.

We want to thank all of you who have preached in territory seldom worked. If you would like to accept this invitation for an assignment this year, take the matter to Jehovah in prayer. Remember, Jehovah will not "forget your work and the love you showed for his name." —Heb. 6:10.

Your brothers,  
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