

## ***CALIFORNIA CIRCUIT #36 of JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES***

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in California Circuit 36,

I hope this letter finds you and your families having enjoyed a busy and safe summer break. The Regional Convention was no doubt the highlight, with a number of us still waiting to attend in the next couple weeks. For others, this summer meant attending International Conventions that will be remembered long into the future. For 138 of you your summer included attending the Pioneer Service School comprised of four schools held at the Gilbert Kingdom Hall complex.

This tremendous spiritual provision could only have been accomplished with the generous, eager, and cooperative spirit that was reflected throughout the circuit. Some of the highlights of this special effort deserve to be mentioned.

- Two electricians and other helping hands worked in the incredible heat to install insulation and ceiling fans in the warehouse area of the Kingdom Hall in order to accommodate the lunch arrangement in a comfortable environment. The end result was really *cool*.
- Upwards of 875 noon meals were served to hungry students and instructors over the course of four weeks. In addition, approximately 690 meals were packaged to take home so students would be able to get right to their studies at the end of each day.
- The number of volunteers who coordinated, cooked, served, and waited on tables had to easily exceed 400. The fact that breakfast was also served everyday along with morning and afternoon breaks, it was clearly a herculean effort that involved hundreds of hard workers.
- Then too, several congregations opened the door of hospitality to welcome the students six days a week for all four weeks. That inconvenience was absorbed by the home congregations without any hesitation or complaint.

Clearly, the effort and expense that was involved in providing these schools was tremendous. Only in Jehovah's organization do you see such evidence of precious resources being used so generously and so abundantly. To say 'Thank-You' seems to fall so short of the appreciation and gratitude that your love deserves. Please feel a 'BIG HUG' and a BIG KISS on both cheeks to ALL of you for your sacrificing spirit.

Serving here in Circuit 36 has been a privilege that Marion and I will never forget. You have truly been the 'icing on the cake'!

Love to you all,

Nick and Marion