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Alliance Stamp Ministry



Dear Ladies,

Thank you very much for the stamps that you send to the Stamp Ministry! The income from their sale goes to support preparation, publishing, and distribution of a Spanish language curriculum for Sunday Schools. More than 50 lesson series have been published and are being used in churches in 40 different denominations in **19 different Spanish-speaking countries** in South America, Central America, and even in the USA.

In 2015 we sent \$45,639 to the Sunday School project and in **2016 we sent \$46,000**. This brings us to a grand total of **\$946,000** since the inception of the Stamp Ministry in 1972!! We should surpass **the \$1 million mark** during 2017! We are grateful to all who continue to support this ministry when some think it is no longer necessary.

We appreciate it very much if you enclose a **self-addressed stamped envelope** inside the top of your package so that we can acknowledge your gift. If this is from a church, please include the name and address of your church and let us know when your contact person changes, helping us to keep our records current. Also, an email address or a phone number would enable us to contact you if the need arises. Every penny we don't spend on postage means more money for the printing on the Spanish Christian literature.

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It is very helpful if you are able to send the stamps **already trimmed and sorted**. This lightens the load of the team that faithfully works in this ministry at Shell Point Village. There are very complete instructions below or you can call me with questions.

We have a DVD available for you to share the Stamp Ministry with your church, family, and friends. It's yours to keep for a donation of \$5 which helps offset the costs of production, the mailers, and the postage.

Thank you for serving the Lord with us!

Treva Crump

Questions: Evening Phone Number is 239-561-4168

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Revised Guidelines Below



Guidelines - Revised March 2017

Thank you for your help in following these guidelines:

1. **Carefully trim the stamps.** When possible, leave a border around the stamp of 1/4 to 1/3 inch. Please do not remove any stamps from paper, BUT, if stamps are already off of the paper, we do have a buyer for them.
2. **Sort the stamps** and place in plastic bags. Do not use paper clips, rubber bands, or plastic wrap around the stamps.
3. Unless specified, the categories below refer to United States stamps and should be sorted as follows:
 - Small common together, ½ cent through current rate including Hanukkah, Kwanza, EID, and Purple Heart
 - Christmas
 - High Value – anything over current postal rate
 - Presorted, pre-cancelled and bulk rate – all sorted together
 - Large Commemoratives
 - Express Stamps \$2.90, \$8.75, \$9.95, \$10.95 and up
 - Priority Stamps \$2.40, \$2.90 and up
 - Love Stamps
 - Large and Small Foreign Stamps including Canadian Stamps
 - Un-cancelled Stamps
 - Computer Generated Postage (with an illustration or a photograph)
 - Stamps that are preprinted on envelopes
 - Damaged Stamps
 - **Metered Postage is now accepted**

A few special instructions for recent stamps:

-Preprinted magazine postage is not accepted in the Pre-sorted category. It must a stamp affixed to an envelope.

-The series of 4 Rudolph stamps including a purple monster named Bumble are considered Christmas stamps, not common stamps.

-The series of 4 Winter Fun stamps including ice skaters, snow man, and a cardinal are considered Christmas stamps, not common stamps.

Important: Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with your name and address inside the top of the packages so we can acknowledge receipt of the stamps. An email address or phone number will enable us to contact you if the need arises.