## March 2016

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 2014 we sent \$41,000 to the Sunday School project and in 2015 we sent \$45,639. This brings us to a grand total of \$900,000 since the inception of the Stamp Ministry in 1972!! Thank you so much for your support of this vital ministry.

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 of the Spanish Christian literature.

Please note, it is a federal offense to remove stamps from an envelope and attach them to a new envelope, even when the stamps have not been cancelled.

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

Please see the next page for updated Stamp Guidelines.

Evening phone number for questions: 239-561-4168.

Thank you for serving the Lord with us!

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## Stamp Ministry Guidelines March 2016

- 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 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 for recent stamps:

- Preprinted magazine postage is NOT accepted in the Pre-sorted category. It must be 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 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.

Thank you!

Questions: Evening Phone Number is 239.466.9792

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