


# STAMP MINISTRY GUIDELINES

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Thank you for the stamps you send to this ministry. The income generated from this ministry goes to support the preparation, publishing and distribution of a new Spanish language curriculum for Sunday Schools. More than 50 lesson series have been published and are being used in churches of 40 different denominations and missions in 19 different Spanish speaking countries in South America, Central America, Spain and even the USA.

A DVD is now available to help in sharing the Stamp Ministry with your church, family and friends. A donation of \$5.00 for the DVD is being asked to help offset the cost of production and postage.

## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Carefully trim the stamps. When possible, leave a border around the stamp of 1/4" to 1/3"  
**Please do not remove any stamps from the paper BUT**, if stamps are already off paper we have a buyer for them.
2. Sort the stamps and place in **plastic bags. Do not use paper clips, rubber bands or saran wrap around the stamps.**
3. Unless specified, the categories below refer to United States stamps and should be sorted as follows:
  - o Small common together, 1/2 cent through current postal rate, including Hanukkah, Kwanza, EID and Purple Heart
  - o Christmas together
  - o High value - anything over the current first class postal rate together
  - o Air Mail together
  - o Presorted, precancelled, non profit and bulk rate  
**(these are glued on stamps not information printed on paper)**
  - o Large commemoratives (usually rectangular or larger squares)
  - o Express stamps \$2.90, \$8.75, \$9.95, \$10.95 and up
  - o Priority stamps \$2.40, \$2.90 and up
  - o Love stamps together
  - o Separate foreign stamps into on paper and off paper
  - o Canadian stamps together
  - o Uncancelled stamps
  - o Computer generated postage (with an illustration or a photograph) (with a black mosaic like  )  
- **computer stamps with a Christmas motif belong with computer stamps NOT in Christmas**
  - o Stamps that are pre-printed on envelopes
  - o **Damaged stamps**
  - o Stamps off paper
  - o **Please DO NOT send metered mail**
  - o We no longer soak stamps off paper. **Colored envelope paper is not to be separated out.**

## IMPORTANT:

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

May the Lord bless each of you Stampers!

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## VIVIR LA BIBLIA

Publicaciones Alianza is a publishing house dedicated exclusively to the creation of Christian Education materials in Spanish. It's mission has been determined by three realities in the Latin American church scene:

- Teachers with little personal experience as children in Sunday School who therefore have no clear model of what Sunday School should be.
- People who are newly converted to Christ and therefore have only a superficial knowledge of the Bible but who, nonetheless are serving as teachers in the church.
- Volunteers who want to work with children but have distorted perceptions of teaching principles and the spiritual development of children.

For these reasons, Publicaciones Alianza seeks to provide carefully developed teaching tools so that such people can be helped in transmitting spiritual concepts to children and young people. The manuals provide step-by-step instructions and ample supplemental helps for presenting Biblical truths in ways that make them more applicable to daily living.

### Publicaciones Alianza

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*Some of the Sunday School materials that the Stamp Ministry has helped to produce.*



One  
stamp

Three stamps



and thousands of stamps



WHERE SHOULD I  
SEND MY STAMPS?  
**Alliance Stamp Ministry**  
**15000 Shell Point Blvd.**  
**Fort Myers, FL 33908**



# THE MORE USED STAMPS WE RECEIVE, THE BETTER!

## DO USED STAMPS HAVE ANY WORTH?

Actually, yes. A stamp, once it has been cancelled by the Post Office, cannot be used again. In fact, it is a federal offense to remove stamps from an envelope, even if they have not been cancelled and affix them to another envelope. But used stamps can be resold to stamp distributors, who then sell them to collectors. The Alliance Stamp Ministry receives thousands of used stamps from all parts of the United States and Canada as well as from many foreign countries.

## WHAT HAPPENS WITH THESE STAMPS?

Volunteers, mostly residents of Shell Point Retirement Community, in Fort Myers, Florida trim and sort the stamps into categories. United States stamps are divided into these categories: common, commemorative, love, Christmas, nonprofit, high value, airmail, off paper and computer generated stamps. Canadian and all foreign stamps are also welcomed. These categorized stamps are sold in varying amounts. The common stamps are sold in 25 pound boxes to wholesalers. We greatly appreciate collections and albums of stamps.



## WHAT HAPPENS TO THE FUNDS THAT ARE GENERATED?

From its inception in 1971, the purpose of this ministry has been to support the work of missions. As of the end of 2015, over \$900,000 has been raised. Although these funds have supported various projects, at present, they go to subsidize the ministry of *Publicaciones Alianza*, a publishing house located in Buenos Aires,

Argentina which is dedicated to writing and publishing Sunday School materials in Spanish. These materials are now being sold in 8 Latin American countries, plus Spain and the United States and are used by over 40 Protestant denominations.



## HOW CAN MY CHURCH BE A PART OF THIS MINISTRY?

Begin by encouraging your people to save their used stamps, especially commemorative and foreign stamps. Place a box in the vestibule of the church or some visible place where people can drop off their stamps. Remember that stamps should be carefully cut from the envelope, leaving 1/4 to 1/3 inch margin around the stamp. We can use any type of postage including torn or wrinkled stamps. **DO NOT** soak them off the envelope! Mail

your stamps to the following address: Alliance Stamp Ministry, 15000 Shell Point Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33908.



## WHOM SHOULD I CONTACT IF I NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Although many people participate in this program, meeting three times weekly (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays), Ben and Treva Crump oversee the work that is done and the contacts with wholesalers. A DVD beautifully explains the whole program and it is available for a donation of \$5.00. Should you desire any further information on this program, contact the Stamp Ministry by telephone (239) 433-7910 or by mail.

THE STAMP ROOM STORY - TO GOD BE THE GLORY

1973	\$4,000	1987	\$12,300	2002	\$28,500
1974	\$5,000	1988	\$14,000	2003	\$25,000
	\$5,000	1989	\$14,000	2004	\$25,000
	\$5,000	1990	\$14,000	2005	\$25,000
	\$5,000	1991	\$14,000	2006	\$25,000
	\$5,000	1992	\$14,000	2007	\$25,000
	\$5,000	1993	\$14,000	2008	\$25,000
	\$5,000	1994	\$14,000	2009	\$25,000
	\$5,000	1995	\$14,000	2010	\$25,000
	\$5,000	1996	\$14,000	2011	\$25,000
	\$5,000	1997	\$14,000	2012	\$25,000
	\$5,000	1998	\$14,000	2013	\$25,000
	\$5,000	1999	\$14,000	2014	\$25,000
	\$5,000	2000	\$14,000	TOTAL	\$46,839

