



in Bolivia

## EBM MASA – Origin and Development

Missionary Activities in South America (EBM MASA) – this name dates back to the early seventies. During an evangelistic trip to Argentina and Brazil, Pastor Horst Borkowski was deeply moved by the children's misery and by the inner and outer hardship of the Amerindians. He raised understanding and a willingness to help in Germany and other European countries. As a result, children's homes have been built and supported, social projects have been founded, mission work among Amerindians has been promoted and churches have been planted.

The work has been expanding and still is. "EBM MASA" now stands for all our projects in LATIN AMERICA.

## The EBM MASA concept

- No evangelism without charitable work, and no social projects without proclamation of the gospel.
- We exclusively cooperate with national (!) workers, who are willing to serve in the spirit of the Gospel.
- For our children's homes, we have introduced a special sponsoring system. This makes it possible for the children to get everything that is necessary to their development. Education is based on the Christian faith.
- EBM MASA gets involved where God is already at work. This is always done in cooperation with the national Baptist Unions and the local churches. Responsibility remains with the staff workers and churches, thus ruling out dependencies.
- The basics of our cooperation are: trust, cooperation at eye-level, transparency and reporting.

## EBM MASA – Areas of work

- Children's homes, projects for children, social assistance
- Social ministry projects
- Evangelism and church-planting
- Theological training and training of staff
- Disaster relief

## EBM MASA – Countries where we serve

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Peru, Cuba, Portugal



# Children and social projects in Latin America

There is hardly any church in Latin America that is not in touch with children who are neglected, maltreated or sexually abused and who are denied what we would call a normal life. These children grow up without any perspectives, and the same will be true of their children and so on – a vicious circle. EBM MASA would like to halt this vicious circle, and we would ask you to help us do so!

We support:

- Children's homes
- Social Centres (day-care, tutoring, social aid, various courses)
- MANNA projects (families provide day-care for children from the worst of environments)
- PEPE projects (pre-school programme for children from slums in Brazil and Argentina)
- Work with the deaf
- Food programmes for the needy



## EBM MASA: Sponsoring Children

Financial need: 456.000 €  
Project 11880

Neglected, abandoned or abused children find protection and a home in our children's homes in Latin America. They all have to come to terms with serious environment-related deficiencies. Without our help, they would have no chances. We try to provide them with everything they need for their development, including for their emotional and spiritual needs. The most important thing we can give them is love, acceptance and the opportunity of hearing the gospel. This is a source of transformation for many children!

The structures are cost-intensive. Besides covering the normal costs of living we pay for psychologists and social workers. Each child is to receive vocational training before he or she is sent off to live on his/her own. Our children's homes are financed through a special sponsoring system.

It is especially in these children where we can see help bearing fruit. This gives us great joy.





## Children's home "Moisés" in La Paz

Financial need: 22.000 €

Project 22110

On the slopes and on the rim of the bowl-shaped city of La Paz with its over 1 million inhabitants, poverty has come to stay. Just under 60% of its inhabitants live below the absolute poverty line.

Many children fall by the wayside. That is why EBM MASA has created a home for orphans who would have had to fend for themselves otherwise: Martín and Agustina Fernandez moved into a renovated old building with 12 children. In Jesus' name they are dedicated to caring for every single child. When starting they had to face unbelievable difficulties! Eating at a table, going to the toilet, hygiene in general – the children were not familiar with anything. They were frightened and suspicious.

After a short time already, the children had changed beyond recognition.

Martín is a teacher by profession. Through his educational skills he managed to give every child support in such a way that he or she could get on at school.

In her warm-hearted way, Agustina conveyed to them the feeling of belonging to a family. All of the "children" have in the meantime

become teenagers and youths. Those who are 15 or 16 attend a vocational school. When, later on, all of them will have left the home and be on their own and married, Martín and Agustina will remain their parents or grandparents. EBM MASA has decided to care for all of the children in the home till they can live on their own. They are all in for vocational training and stay in the community till they can master their lives alone. Care will be provided for another six years at least.

Since 2010, the family has lived in the recently built private home of Martín and Agustina. The building of the former children's home is now to be used for other social ministry projects.



# Missionaries and Co-Workers

Our principle: We cooperate exclusively with national workers, support them financially in their ministry and facilitate their training and continuation training. This principle is an advantage because these workers do not have any cultural or language-related problems. They love their compatriots and have been called by God to serve them. Today, EBM MASA supports a total of 40 workers with primary responsibility (project managers) and about 400 additional workers in Latin America.

EBM MASA Representative Pastor Arturo Köbernack from Argentina serves in the Spanish-speaking countries. Concerning project management in Brazil, Pastor Airton Nickel, a Brazilian, is our representative and liaison person. Pastor Carlos Waldow is the EBM MASA Mission Secretary and is in charge of all the projects in Latin America. He and the EBM MASA Representatives form the Latin America Team, who coordinates all the projects.

There are regular meetings and consultations between our partners in Latin America and the Mission Office in Elstal. This ensures good structuring, networking and continuous assessment of our projects in Latin America. We will be very pleased if you would like to support the work of our representatives also by donating.





# Evangelism and church planting

Latin America is a continent full of opposites: The extreme wealth of a minority is in stark contrast to the unimaginable poverty of broad sectors of the population. Despair, drug addiction and superstition deprive the people of the strength they would need to free themselves from misery.

EBM MASA encourages them and helps them to take life in their own hands again, and to commit themselves to God's loving hands.

Financial need: 188.100 €

Project 11600

We are thrilled to witness how people experience sweeping renewal by believing in Christ Jesus.

EBM MASA supports training the national workers and missionaries, whose ministries have such a wonderful impact. Many new churches are planted. And social assistance is taken to the inhabitants of the remote and forgotten places in Latin America.

„Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples ...“, Matth. 28: 19f.

This Great Commission is being carried out through our EBM MASA projects. Will you join us to help?





## Mission work in El Alto

Financial need: 15.000 €

Project: 22900

In El Alto, a city with more than 1 million inhabitants neighbouring La Paz, a new mission project is being launched. Poverty, crime and occult practices dominate life. The new project will integrate social assistance to many destitute people, training for missionary workers and evangelism and church-planting work.





# Theological Education and training of co-workers and missionaries in Latin America

Financial need: 68.800 €

Project: 11930

In order to exist in the long run, churches must live their faith and every-day life in their own responsibility after a certain point in time. EBM MASA supports bible-based training and continuation training

for the numerous staff in our social ministry projects and in the churches:

- in Argentina: CEFOLÍ / Bible School in Oberá,
- in Brazil: Seminary in Ijuí and sponsorships for the Bible School,
- in Peru: Adrián Campero / Quechua workers,
- in Cuba: Isle of Youth and Las Tunas.

