



dom
MASA +

in Brazil

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 „Criança Feliz“ in Cotia

Financial need: 125.000 €

Project 23120

There are millions of them: the family disasters when children are the victims. Disasters such as these: Husbands leaving their wives who then don't have the strength they need for their children, young mothers not wanting to have their children and leaving them just anywhere, children who are maltreated or sexually abused, children who are unwanted eaters. Where can these children go?

„What can you do for young boys who virtually live on the street and relapse back into crime time and again?“ This question bothered a member of the Baptist Church in Cotia, a social worker. In 1993, the question finally led to the foundation of a children's village with five family houses, where some 50 boys and girls have found a home. Here, the children receive everything they need for their development, and their emotional and spiritual needs are also

met. This includes the invitation to believe in God. The most important thing is to make them experience, time and again, that they are loved and accepted. The director of the children's home is Edith Landenberger.

You may contribute to giving these children a new chance in life by sponsoring a specific child or by supporting the home as such.



Children's home „Henrique Liebich“ in Ijuí

Financial need: 184.000 €

Project 23110

There are millions of them: the family disasters when children are the victims. Disasters such as these: Husbands leaving their wives who then don't have the strength they need for their children, young mothers not wanting to have their children and leaving them just anywhere, children who are maltreated or sexually abused, children who are unwanted eaters. Where can these children go?



When Heinrich and Frieda Liebich started taking in orphaned and neglected children to live with them on their modest farm, they had no idea what would come out of this initiative. After Heinrich Liebich's death in 1973, EBM MASA built a children's village with ten family houses and an outbuilding. Today, some 80 children are cared for here. Here, they receive everything they need for their development, and their emotional and spiritual needs also are met. This includes the invitation to believe in God. The most important thing is to make them experience, time and again, that they are loved and accepted. The director of the children's home is Pastor José Reinaldo Pinheiro. You may contribute to giving these children a new chance in life by sponsoring a specific child or by supporting the home as such.

BRAZIL

PEPE

Financial need: 34.000 €

Project 23020

„PEPE“ is the name of the successful pre-school programme that the churches in the slums of Brazil offer children who would otherwise have no chances. The children from these favelas can never attend pre-school; that is why from the very beginning they have only slim chances of succeeding in school, and they are set on the road to marginalization. The PEPE Programme enables even small churches to provide a pre-school programme by specifically training honorary staff. The experience made so far has been a very positive one. The children have far fewer problems on entering school and they have developed enormous skills in relating to others. Another effect, which has been fully intended, is the opportunity of helping their families in various areas. The children often develop confidence in the church, which then rubs off on their parents and other members of the family. This creates a basis on which to offer the families comprehensive assistance. At present, more than 120 children are being cared for in seven projects. Responsibility for coordinating these lies with Sonia Reinke, a social education worker.

You may contribute to giving these children a new chance in life. We will be most pleased at any financial support for this valuable ministry!



Social Centre in Diadema

Financial need: 65.000 €

Project 23060

Diadema is a city neighbouring Sao Paulo with a population of 600,000. Many people live in favelas, as the slums are called in Latin America. The drug scene has been firmly established, and hundreds of young people fall victim to drug trafficking murders. At the age of 10 already, many children are abused to become drug mules. Their life's goal is becoming a drug lord – for as such they would have power and money, and they would command respect.

During the day, the children are left on their own and hang around in the streets. Their parents must work to make a living and cannot take care of them. In the „Núcleo Social de Diadema“ Social Centre, more than 200 children aged

5 – 15 are taken care of during the day. They get two meals a day, home work tutoring, Bible teaching, social care, and music lessons; all kinds of courses and sporting activities are also provided. The staff mentoring them have been trained in educational and social work, and the results achieved since 2002 have been very encouraging. The two workers in charge are Simone Almeida and Gilson da Silva. There is a waiting list of many children who would like to get enro-



lled in the Social Centre. This is also our intention - to be realized as soon as the means and workers needed are available.

For several years, there has been a growing church in this favela, too.

Social Centre in Ijuí

Financial need: 15.000 €

Project 23040

In Ijuí, many children are exposed to the drug scene and other risks. Their parents have to work to make a living and cannot take care of them. So they are left on their own and spend their time in the streets.

They cannot be admitted to the “Henrique Liebich” children’s home because they live with their families.

How can the children of these impoverished families in Ijuí be reached?

It has been possible to launch a new project in a house of the children’s home in Ijuí which was restructured for this purpose. At the moment, more than 30 children are taken care of. These children are the neediest of the needy. They get wholesome food twice a day, homework tutoring, and psychological care. They are taught music, handicrafts and hear Bible stories; they can play and do

sports.

Some parents of these children have tears in their eyes when they talk about having found people who are ready to support them and to help their children. Many of them regularly attend the services of the mission church in Ijuí.

The person in charge of this project is Juliane Böhringer.



CAIS – Work with deaf children

In Rio Grande do Sul, the southernmost state in Brazil, there are some 500,000 deaf people. Among the poor population, there is hardly any help and little understanding for people with this handicap.

Financial need: 5.000 €

Project 23080

In the “Centre for holistic help for the deaf” in Ijuí, deaf children, teenagers as well as adults are provided assistance in matters of health, training and jobs. The Centre is run by honorary staff for the most part. Its director, Marileia Stolz, is supported in her work by students of the nearby Theological Seminary. These offer the children of the various age groups homework tutoring, theatre lessons, handicrafts, sport and games. The mothers of the deaf children are provided with counselling, too.

Among others, the following activities and services are offered:

- Meetings for the families of the deaf children
- Homework tutoring for children with learning disabilities
- Lessons in sign language for deaf as well as hearing relatives and friends
- Assistance with visits to the doctor.

The team has to elaborate the teaching materials themselves, as there are hardly any specialized materials. Capable personnel are hard to find, which is why the group of the children is still very small.

EBM MASA supports this work. Thanks to your help, some 20 children can benefit from this important ministry.



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 Köbernich 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 Ijuí

Financial need: 17.000 €

Project: 23090

Proclaiming a holistic gospel – this must be our conviction: not just preaching and calling on people to make a faith decision without perceiving their real life situations (living below subsistence level, e.g.).

However, it must not mean reducing the gospel to food, clothing and education either.

This conviction was put into practice when a mission church was founded in Ijuí in connection with the Children's Home. Many people from the surrounding districts could be reached in this way. This new church is growing and has become the spiritual home to the "Children's Home community", i.e. parents, children, staff, etc. EBM MASA supports this mission work.



Mission work in Cotia

Financial need: 15.000 €

Project: 23180

Proclaiming a holistic gospel – this must be our conviction: not just preaching and calling on people to make a faith decision without perceiving their real life situations (living below subsistence level, e.g.).

However, it must not mean reducing the gospel to food, clothing and education either. This conviction was put into practice when new mission work was launched in Cotia, in cooperation with the Children's Home. So a new church, a mission project, was launched in this city neighbouring São Paulo. Pastor Manfredo Landenberger, the home director's husband, took on leadership. He is very dynamic: he approaches people and invites them to the evangelis-



tic meetings. Many people living nearby know him. He lives his faith in such a convincing and joyful way that he is respected and accepted. Could you imagine joining us by praying and donating?

Mission to the Pomeranians

Financial need: 10.000 €

Project: 23230

25 years ago, EBM MASA worker Pastor Baldino Hübner started church-planting work in the desolate mountainous region in the state of Espírito Santo. Some 120,000 Pomeranians (of German descent) live here in great poverty and void of any prospects. Superstition and occult practices dominate their lives.

Today, there are the two churches and four mission stations which already have 450 members!

The two pastoral couples, Valerio and Sandra Kurth and Laércio and Juliana



Rogge, are themselves “fruits” this work has borne. They received theological training at the seminary in Ijuí and are passionately committed to their own ethnic group.

Adornette and Anilda Weige, our long-standing missionaries there, go on faithfully ministering to these mission churches. It is an enormous sacrifice and of high relevance when people go to live in this region of their own free will. Yet the Lord pours out his blessings!

Pomeranians for Jesus, that is the name of a new evangelistic movement. In a creative way, further churches are to be founded in so far unreached places, e.g. by radio ministry and by distributing DVDs (evangelistic films). This initiative is having an enormous impact!

EBM MASA would like to go on supporting this fruit-bearing ministry!

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.



Theological Seminary in Ijuí

Financial need: 38.000 €

Project: 23220

In some regions of Brazil, there was only a minor need for quality theological education until 10 – 15 years ago. But now, it must no longer fall behind.

Whether people have higher or lesser education, one thing is for certain: Mission work and church planting must not be hindered. The Seminary in Ijuí has developed from very simple beginnings. In the courses, priority is given to bible-based, practice-oriented and mission-minded training. The Seminary provides quality training; yet at the same time, there are also distance courses (even via internet) to meet lesser needs. The directors of the Seminary are Antonio Renato Gusso and Claiton Kunz.

Many of the young evangelists and missionaries to be do not get enough support from their churches and families. These are too needy to help.

We would like to help with the training of national workers. This is in every respect better and at the same time more advantageous than sending European workers to Latin America. The advantages: Knowledge of the language and the cultural background as well as relationships are already on hand.

We will also be pleased to arrange sponsorships, and we will send you a picture and a report on "your" student.

This is the kind of support that will multiply, and it means hope will reach many, many people. Those who support this work will send out people into mission who are prepared.

