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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

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?



Missionary Daniel Gonzalez

Financial need: 5.000 €

Project: 26990

Daniel González, EBM MASA missionary on the Isle of Youth in Cuba until 2007, applies the experience gained there on the main island now, with EBM MASA supporting him in this endeavour.



The project „Cuba 2010“ is aimed at founding thousands of „house churches“ assembling up to 12 people all over the country. Thanks to this cross-church initiative, it is hoped that one million people will be won for Jesus over the next years. The Cubans have been very successful, and we are pleased to be able to support them. In the past two years, Daniel Gonzalez has been busy developing this project, producing materials and training staff, and he helps many churches to put it into practice. That is what he is also doing with great success in the church in Havana, whose leader he is.

Bible Clubs in Havana

Financial need: 5.000 €

Project: 26500

In the Santo Suarez Area in Havana, there are many poor families suffering hardship. Ana Isabel, Daniel Gonzalez's wife, was very touched by their lot; that is why she has developed a social ministry project.

In the Bible Clubs, the children are provided a meal, they are offered homework tutoring, told Bible stories, and basic values in life are conveyed to them. Singing and painting are other activities. A Bible Club meets wherever there is room – this may be a living room, a square in front of a house or a backyard, on a concrete floor or on a lawn. Up to 30 children gather in a Bible Club. The project was launched in early 2009. In mid 2010, there were already 20 groups.

Through the Bible Clubs, they also reach the children's families. They find out about their needs and provide suitable help. The effects of the Bible Clubs are very positive: Many of the children and grown-ups become believers. Several mission stations have also developed.



Mission work in Solar Zaldo

Financial need: 10.000 €

Project: 26520

Franck San Juan is a missionary who takes the gospel to the people in the slums (Solar) in the heart of Havana with passion. He goes to see all of them, including gangsters. He himself was one of them before he was converted. The government employees are quite astonished when they notice the positive changes in the "Solar Zaldo" area, where the first mission church was founded. Today, Franck is the pastor of this recently founded Baptist church. He is authentic, he speaks the people's language, his heart is on fire for them and for Jesus.

By now, the church with its 150 members cares for 500 people in the Zaldo area, providing also hands-on help: they distribute food packages and provide counselling.

The problems in this area are simply overwhelming, yet never before has so much positive change been brought about as by his work and by the church. It is simply awe-inspiring, and we praise the Lord for it!

Franck has now started to work in another eleven slums of the capital.



Mission Work in Sayas B. Honda

Financial need: 3.000 €

Project: 26530

EBM MASA missionary Juan Sanchez is the leader of more than 10 mission churches in north western Cuba; most of them meet in the Christians' homes.

Many people here still suffer from the effects of the devastating hurricanes in 2008/2009, when they lost all their belongings. EBM MASA was able to help some of them so they have had a roof over their heads again. In the midst of poverty and misery, the Gospel brings hope and joy to them. There is also a staff training programme for the various mission stations.

Supporting this project means that more and more Cubans may experience the power of the gospel!



Mission Work in Las Tunas and region

Financial need: 12.000 €

Project: 26700

Marcos Rivero Sinclair is the new EBM MASA missionary for the city and region of Las Tunas. Through training of missionary workers, many new mission churches are planted and encouraged here; some 30 churches have been founded in less than two years. Many people commit their lives to Jesus and very quickly become evangelists themselves because they are so thrilled by what they are experiencing with Jesus.

Let me give you one example: From age 7, Abraham Antonio Garcia had been turned over to demons in spiritist centres. When grown up, he became the leader of the biggest spiritist centre, of which he was in charge for 20 years. About two years ago, he was reached by the gospel and decided to follow Jesus. Now, together with his wife Arenilla, he is a missionary and leader of one of the new churches. Right after their conversion, they started speaking about Jesus to those who had been their fellows when they were involved in satanism. Owing to their convincing testimony and their preaching, 32 people from that spiritist centre have already become Christians and are faithful workers in their church. This is just one of many examples we have heard about and witnessed, and we have been deeply touched.

Marcos has the task and the gift to mentor the numerous lay missionaries, to encourage and train them. He is a tirelessly committed missionary, who has his people very much at heart. It is with great conviction that we want to go on supporting the church planting projects in the region and especially Marcos Rivero as he is training missionaries and co-workers.



Mission Work on the Isle of Youth

Financial need: 5.000 €

Project: 26510

About 10 years ago, EBM MASA launched missionary work in Cuba. Daniel Gonzalez became the missionary for evangelism and church-planting on the Isle of Youth. Today, there are more than 80 house churches, five structured churches with some 500 baptized members and 1500 people participating in church activities. The senior pastor now is Carell Lescaille, the first convert on the Isle of Youth; he is ministering together with 15 further missionaries. Another 60 are being trained.



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.

