

business-trip to Brazil and Argentina October 3rd-31st

Cordial greetings to you all! It is my pleasure to share the most important facts of my trip with you. At this time I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your support through prayer and strengthening words. Due to the tremendous amount of work in the time before Christmas, I was not able to send out this report sooner. Thank you for your understanding.

Similar to last year's trip, we had four intense weeks, filled with many encounters, important meetings, services, pastoral and strategic talks with the missionaries and the leaders of the Pioneira and the AGA. The trip was also filled with attending celebrations and a baptism. We took many trips (by car alone about 8400 km), and the time was spent with intense work and great joy. It was a true blessing to experience how the Lord works and how the projects will continue. You are a great part of these positive results. Many thanks for that!!

1. ***Wonderful accompaniment*** – as previously reported I was accompanied by Marli, my wife, and Elimar and Katrin Brandt. I am grateful for that. The companions were and enormous help and support to us as the EBM-MASA team. They incorporated themselves with a lot of love; they collaborated with us and gave us strength (Elmer took over the sermons in several services). We were able to exchange about the many social-missionary projects and our visions and strategies, as well as share our vision about our future perspectives. The long distances were spent wonderfully with exchanges.



With Elimar and Katrin Brandt and Pedro Boretzky, at the construction of the church in Cholila, Patagonien

2. ***Study-trip*** – in the first part of the trip, from October 4th to the 12th, we traveled together with a study-trip group. This was a great blessing. I visited, together with this group, projects around Sao Paolo (orphanage in Cotia and social center in Diadema), as well as some projects in northern Argentina, for example the church



Members of the study-trip with children in Cotia

founding projects in El Soberio, the work amongst the Guarani-Indians and the orphanage in Alem. The report about this trip I will get out to you as soon as possible. Special thanks go out to Arturo Köbernack and Airton Nickel, our regional presidents. They organized everything beforehand, accompanied us on our travels and contributed us being able to achieve such positive results.

3. *Project Visits*

3.1. In Brazil we visited the children homes in Cotia and Ijuí, the social centers in Diadema, Cotia, and Ijuí, the project with hearing impaired children in Ijuí, the church-founding work in Ijuí and Cotia, and the theological seminar in Ijuí.

3.2. In Argentina we traveled to the children's home in Alem, the MANNA project in Wanda, the bible school in Oberá, some of the missionary work in Patagonia (Esquel, Cholila, and Epuyen) and in Impenetrable (Miraflores), the social center in Mendoza, and the PEPE-projects in Mendoza and Alem.



Even though I have already shared the following aspects of the project visits with you, I will repeat them, because they are of utmost importance to us and gave us a benchmark on this trip as well.

- A)** The children, teenagers, and adults that are reached by the projects, meet with them, pay attention to them, experience something about their life that is pulsating in the work, recognize how they are reached in a practical way by the love of Jesus, how they are doing, how our aide is reaching them.
- B)** The time with our colleagues, to meet with them, listen to their concern, to motivate them, to be there for them is a concern very close to our hearts
- C)** Meetings with project leaders and the partnerships, to evaluate the work, to make work schedules and budget plans, discuss problems and challenges, solidify goals for the future

I am thrilled to see all of the gifts God gave us on our trip and to see all the miracles. We were able to experience the care, closeness, and blessing. He gave us the gift of having a clear vision and needed conviction during talks in which important decisions had to be made. We were allowed to make our decisions in deep and loving unity and with a positive view towards the future. It was wonderful to meet the many children and adults in the different projects and to see how the gospel, the Lord's love, is touching their lives. At this time I can only say that all of the prayers and every invested cent was well worth it.

4. Some highlights

4.1. Argentina:

✓ **Children's home "Norberto Haase"** – A very important moment here was a festive service, with a followed dinner. People that participated in this event were the children, colleagues, the board of directors of the children's home, many people from the churches in the area, as well as invited guests from politics and the economy.



Festive service with children, colleagues and guests at the childre's home in Alem

Three important matters of concern were in the foreground of this celebration, which is done on a yearly basis.

a. To introduce the work in the children's home, the results that were achieved in and for the children's lives

b. To express our gratitude towards the Lord, but also the colleagues and people, who have supported this work

c. To gain new supporters

In 2012 the children's home has been battling financial hardship, mainly due to the low currency exchange rate, which they are receiving from EBM MASA in the past two years. On a positive note, we able to report the Argentinians are increasing their contributions. We are, nonetheless, very grateful that it has been possible to end another year free of debt.

✓ **Guarani-Indians** – We were filled with great joy when we reached Miraflores on a Saturday afternoon after completing an 800 km trip. More than 100 people were gathered in the church's courtyard to be part of a baptism service, where 25 people were being baptized. The baptism took place in the courtyard in a plastic children's

With the Guarani-Indians



pool. The service continued in the chapel. Thank and worship were the leading tone during the service. We are very glad that Pastor Roberto Gil took over for Margarito Soraire, who taking a leave of absence. Roberto, the other missionaries, and colleagues in the region are being very constructive. They bring themselves into the projects with a lot of engagement and passion. For 2012 and the next three years Arturo Köbernck is supporting very specific the leading missionaries in this project, where there are already

24 churches and missionary stations. He is there for any questions and subjects such as leadership, strategy, and organization. We feel that it is very important and have given Arturo the job. Arturo's order for the Impenetrable is covering the pastoral care for Margarito.

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Baptism at Miraflores

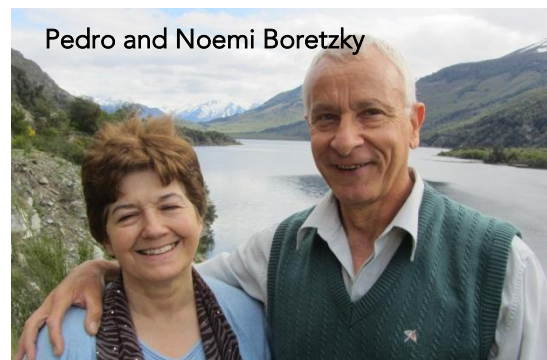


Roberto Gil and family

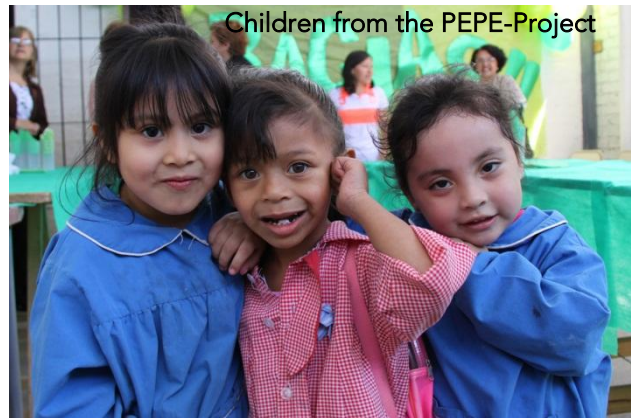


✓ **Patagonia** – We were picked up by Pedro and Noemi in Bariloche and were then able to visit the work in Epuyen, Cholila, and Esquel. In Esquel we helped structure the service. We had great talks about the missionaries' tasks and challenges the seven missionaries in the region were facing. The work is growing and the challenges are not small. But together, we worked on the big goals for the missionary work in the region and the strategy "EBM MASA 2020" was seeking.

Pedro and Noemi Boretzky



✓ **Mendoza** – through the many projects, the small social center in the poor suburb “12 de Mayo” is reaching many children, teenagers, and adults. 250 children and their families are receiving daily meals. In the PEPE project more than 30 children are getting a chance. Children and adults have the opportunity to receive medical care. Teenagers are being reached. A church founding project is being started. Support and advice is being offered to overburdened parents and despaired people. It was a great joy to once again meet with Miriam Pizzi (leader) and her large team and to be able to hear from them, how many people are being reached by the Lord’s love, but also hear about the big challenges for this great social-missionary work. We were able to present, for the christening of a small, simple room, which is going to make it possible that 15 more children are taken into the PEPE project. It was a moving and happy festival. I am surprised, how people are so hugely happy about so little. This gave me enthusiasm to be able to help here. In 2013 we would like to help with the construction of a large simple hall of about 50 m². The work is growing enormously and this room is desperately needed.



4.2 Brazil:

✓ **Children’s home “Criança Feliz” in Cotia** – It was incredibly nice to spend time with the leaders Edith and Manfredo Landenberger, and the other colleagues and children, and to hear about the work done by the lord. There are many things to talk about but I am going to stick to three highlights



- The social center, which was built in 2012 in one of the orphanage’s houses, is going very well and is already caring for about 45 children on a daily basis.

- The small church in the village is growing and many people from the region are being reached with the gospel. On December 16th 10 people were baptized. Pastor Manfredo is thrilled.

- The groundbreaking celebration for the multi-purpose hall was planned to happen while the study group and us could be there. Many brothers and sisters from the mother-church in Sao Paulo and the missionary church in Diadema attended and took part. The celebration started at 10 a.m. The conclusion and highlight was the service for the groundbreaking in the evening. There was a lot of community-time, many games for

children and families, stands with good food, many other highlights. The multi-purpose hall is supposed to serve the orphanage, the social center, and the new church. The construction is mainly financed by the church in Sao Paolo.

✓ **Social Center in Diadema** – I am impressed every time I receive a report or go visit Diadema. I am deeply moved when I bear witness how many children and their families are reached by the Lord's love in a very practical way. At this time the center is caring for about 250 children and teenagers on daily basis and an additional 300 teenagers and adults are profiting from the different projects and offers the center is providing. We very proud of our leading missionaries Simone Almeida and Gilson da Silva who are proving a great service to the cause.

Two children who got a new chance at the social center



✓ **Children's home "Henrique Liebich" in Ijuí** – the work is going well here. The social center for distressed children, it is working out of the orphanage's houses just like the children's home in Cotia, is caring for about 45 children, and it is expected that in 2013 that number will rise to 60 children. The current pastor José Reinaldo Pinheiro is resigning the end of this year. He is need of taking some personal time. He wants to be able to care for his wife after she had a difficult hip surgery and to input himself stronger as a pastor to work in a church. Leandro Correa, administration aide, became the interim leader, while we are searching for someone to take over the leadership role. Please assist us with your prayers.

✓ **Pomerania for Jesus** – that is the name for the new missionary-project amongst the Pomeranians in the state of Espírito Santo, which is supposed to strengthen and support the evangelism and church founding work in the region. It is supported by EBM MASA. Valério and Sandra Kurth are the chosen missionaries for this project. They are Pomeranians themselves and have found their path to the Lord through prior missionary work in the region. They studied at Theological seminar in Ijuí and then became pastors in the largest church of the region, and are now taking over this project.



Over the past 30 years four newly formed churches and 6 missionary station/satellite churches have developed here. We are anticipating great things from this new work. The principle of the work consists of having services in the local dialect at different locations and to record the services on CD and make movies (DVD) and to distribute them amongst the population in the valleys and on the mountainsides. That way we can share

the evangelism with many people who have never attended a church service. In addition, these people are being visited at their homes in order to offer pastoral care, prayer, and bible study in the comfort of their own home. If they accept Jesus in their hearts, we are getting them used to the church, where they are being baptized and integrated into the churches.

There are many more things to write about. As you can tell, I am thrilled and deeply convinced that our loving God is working through His people. My heart is filled with great joy, because I am able to be a part of God's mission, and you are as well. Be happy, continue to pray and continue with your support.

In cordial ties,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Carlos Waldow', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Carlos Waldow