



Social Center Diadema BRAZIL

In June, the social centre's **13th birthday was celebrated** with a thanksgiving service. Many families, the children from the social centre, all employees as well as the mayor of the city were there. Thanks was expressed to all those who have supported the social centre during all these years. Many lives have been blessed by them.

Here again an example what circumstances children come out of to the social centre:



Ricardo, eight, lives with his drug-addicted mother, his grandmother Donna Maria, as well as uncle, aunt and other relatives in a small house with three rooms; a total of ten people. Only one of them has got a job; the grandmother collects garbage in a wheelbarrow and sells it to help the family.



Ricardo has great difficulties in reading, writing, speaking. He is shy and introverted. In the social centre, employees take care for him and his shortcomings in a special group. **Here, all children enjoy participating because they feel understood and accepted.** Ricardo also joins in other activities. His family is helped by the social centre, wherever it is possible. With clothes, food and by taking care of Ricardo and two cousins.

What is it about?

Children and young people in need are taken from the street - away from drug-related crime and violence. They are lovingly cared for, get to know God's love, receive good food, join games and sports activities, and get learning support, various courses and social assistance for the whole family.

Prayer requests

- For Ricardo and his grandmother Donna Maria, who have custody of him
- For the financing of this project so that the work can be a blessing for many people

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Project: R 23060



EBM MASA Children's homes ARGENTINA – BRAZIL – PORTUGAL

The work with the children in our children's homes will never be „commonplace“, there are always new challenges. Thereby the employees never want to lose sight of the goal: they give witness to God's love, so that the children's lives change for the better.

Manfredo and Edith Landenberger, directors of the children's home in Cotia, Brazil, are grateful to all who prayed for them and gave them



support during the last months as they have gone through tough times. The challenges remain great, although fewer children are in the home after two young drug-addicts were sent back to their families and two babies were adopted. In addition, according to the decision of the youth judge, three children had to change to another children's home.



In the end of August, a 23-day-old girl came to the **home family Belém** (photo). There, she is looked after around the clock.

In the children's home in Ijuí, Brazil, a big **alumni meeting** took place in May. A whole three days, former children and staff members as well as their families were able to recall common hours. The joy of reunion was great and it was nice to see how some of the children have continued to develop well.

What is it about?

Children from broken homes, who are left to themselves and often live on the street, find a new and loving home in the children's homes supported by us in Alem, Cotia, Ijuí and Porto. In the families of the homes, they can be children again and are completely cared for.

Prayer requests

- For a better economic and social situation in Brazil
- That the hearts of many people of the Baptist church are moved to participate in the projects in Ijuí

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Project: R 11880



Evangelization | Church Planting | Training

CUBA

Carlos Waldow talks about his this year's mission trip to Cuba:

We are filled with great joy and gratitude upon observing the results of the training for church planters in eastern Cuba. In February we met brothers and sisters who are trained in Las Margaritas. All of them are



already involved in church planting projects. In the last six years, about **200 new churches were planted.**

Once again, we were very concerned to hear about the many battles, which they have to face. Yet, they remain steadfast and do their work powerfully and with joy and enthusiasm.



Currently, EBM MASA supports eleven missionary couples; all leaders of our projects in Cuba. They are particularly precious to us and we thank our God a lot for them! They often go through great trials and need our permanent prayers. In addition, we support another 70 missionari-

es in various projects in Cuba. We are touched by their dedication and selflessness. So they help children, youths and adults to get the chance to get to know the gospel. They invest a lot of time in prayer and in learning the Word of God; without a doubt, this is one of the secrets of their strength.

What is it about?

Hundreds of people accept Jesus as their savior. Many house churches have sprung up in recent years and churches are being planted. Missionaries, employees and church planters are trained for it.

Prayer Requests

- For the leading missionaries, their families and for the many employees and missionaries in the projects
- For the training of church planters in eastern Cuba

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Project: R 26990



Mission in Latin America

ARGENTINA – BOLIVIA – BRAZIL – CUBA – PERU

Missionary work in Patagonia, southern Argentina

For several years, there has been a small church group in Gan Gan, a village where most of the people belong to the tribe called Mapuche. Their lives are dominated by alcoholism, witchcraft and fortune telling, fear and hopelessness. But Jesus is at work!



▲ Yoly with the missionaries
Gabriel and Miriam Llanquihuen

do the next steps of faith. At her home, it was normal to ask healers and witches. But she grew in faith and was baptized. Today, she is a strong and loyal staff member in Gan Gan.

Last year, Yoly became seriously ill, but she proved an unshakable faith and could be treated successfully. It is a blessing to listen to her, and to feel how strong her confidence in Christ is. In recent years, her daughter, two of her sons and her husband found the Lord. Only Dany, the eldest son, still needs to find Jesus. He hasn't stopped to go to sorcerers and soothsayers yet.

Ten years ago, Laureano and Tito died after a drinking contest. Their mothers were inconsolable. Negrita, one of them, came to the missionary activities in the village and accepted Jesus as her personal Saviour. She found refuge and consolation to him. Her younger son came to Christ, too.

Yoly, the other mother, wanted to overcome the depression on her own where she had fallen in. Only when she wasn't able to go on any more, she attended the Christian services. And she found Christ! It was difficult for Yoly to

What is it about?

We support and coach local co-workers and missionaries in social-missionary projects, church planting, theological education, staff training and various projects for children and youth

Prayer Requests

- For the church in Gan Gan: that they can show many people the way out of occultism
- That Yoly will be completely healed
- For Dany that he accepts Jesus

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Project: R 11000

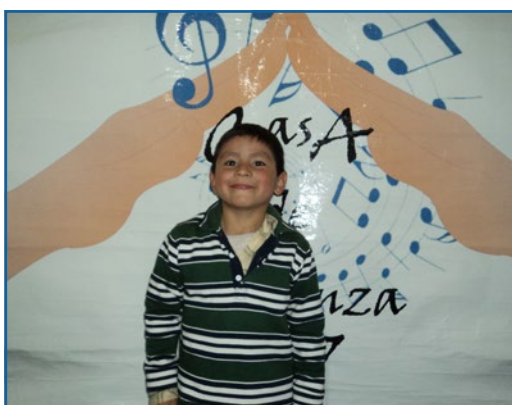


MANNA – Day care facility ARGENTINA

Miriam Pizzi, coordinator of the MANNA projects in the region of **Mendoza / Argentina**, reports:



We drove to our recent MANNA project in Malargüe, seven hours by car from the city of Mendoza. It is a very poor area, the church is small and all the work is spread over only a few people. Five children are cared for in the MANNA programme here. The fates of these children are moving.



We have done everything during our visit, as it would be a huge congregation. We have qualified the staff members for the programme; we have visited the children and talked with the mothers. They were so touched by our visit and we were challenged by God, to give them our love and attention in every minute we had.

One of our MANNA children, Anibal, is seven years old. Both his mother and his stepfather are drug-addicted. We were at their home, but they did not let us in. At the door, they told us how grateful they are for the love that is shown to their son. But the work is going on very slowly, because the circumstances of Anibal's life are anything but normal. We hope that the love of Christ will change these bad conditions.

What is it about?

Needy children from families with low-income live in „substitute families“ from the community during the day. Here, they receive food, medical care, school assistance. The families in charge share God's love, and thereby, MANNA-children and their families get new perspectives of life.

Prayer requests

- For the families of the church looking after the children in their homes
- For the families of the children, that they also may be rescued from their plight

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Project: R 21290



PEPE – Preschool Program ARGENTINA – BRAZIL – BOLIVIA

Argentina:

In San Rafael, in the district of „Poor devil,“ a new PEPE project should be started; but that has not worked; a building could not be found. But in the quarter „Rosengasse“ everything was perfect as to the conditions for



▲ PEPE-Kinder in Bolivien



PEPE: A suitable building and staff are at the ready. The project can start soon there. In this road, there are no roses growing, though, you will find only poverty and many children here. Some sisters from the local church would like to get involved and help – the new PEPE project is in progress!

Bolivia:

Camila (photo), three years old, is an orphan. Her mother died in a car accident and her father left her. Now her aunt takes care of her and brought her to the PEPE programme. She likes coming very much and has become a happy child that sometimes even says „Papa“ to the director Jaime.

Brazil:

The PEPE project in Sarandi was robbed this year; food, cleaning utensils, towels – everything was taken away. But thank God the people from the project have subsequently experienced a lot of help. The staff members rejoice if even the little children accept Jesus as a friend and saviour in their hearts and pray.

What is it about?

Children from slums get a better chance for their start of school after having attended a preschool. They are lovingly supported and cared for all around. Even their families are reached with the Gospel in their trouble.

Prayer requests

- For the church in San Rafael: the preparations for the start of the project
- For the children in the PEPE projects: for protection and a good development

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Project: R 23020



Mission among the Quechua PERU

Mission Congress – In August, the fifth Mission Congress was held in Jimbe (photo). There were about 200 participants from the surrounding villages. The church in Jimbe had organized the meeting under the leadership of our missionaries Carlota and Hugo Mondoñedo. The atmosphere was filled with joy and gratitude for God's work.



In **Rayan**, a church building is just being in construction; the clay bricks are manufactured by the church members themselves. In **Colcap**, the small church house was renovated, so that the services can be held here in the rainy season as well.



Emergency aid (Photo) – In August, there was a very strong winter in **Yanaoca** and region. The people there live in small and simple mud-walled houses. They don't have any stables for their „pets“, mainly sheep, llamas and alpacas, which are their main source of income.

These animals cannot stand the cold, get sick and die if they do not get certain medicaments. Adrián Campero asked for help to support the most affected families. God has made it possible that we could send more than 20,000 EUR for it. More than half of the 1,600 families do not believe. While existential help is brought to these families, the Gospel is being communicated to them as well. So God's love becomes concrete and credible for them. Great gratitude is spreading!

What is it about?

In the villages of the Andes more and more churches are planted. Many people are given hope through the Gospel; they are experiencing liberation from occult involvement. Even with natural disasters, the missionaries organize help.

Prayer requests

- For the families that are affected by the cold but have experienced the love of God while being helped through the emergency aid

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Project: R 24010



EBM MASA Social Centers ARGENTINA – BRAZIL

Social centre in Cotia, Brazil: A house of the children's home was remodelled. Now it can be used for even more various activities of the social centre.



Duda, eight years, whose parents both died recently, has already experienced a lot of suffering and lack. She now lives with her three siblings at her oldest sister's (27). The sensitive girl has been coming to the social centre for two years and would most like to join in all workshops: music lessons, learning English and sports. The social centre is an oasis of happiness for her.



Social Centre in Ijuí, Brazil: Hello, my name is Claudionei; I am 14 years old and live together with 13 brothers and sisters with my mother. Our parents are divorced. Previously, we had nothing to eat until one day, Juliane, the director of the Social Centre, came to us and invited us. Since then, I have been going to the Social Centre with three of my siblings; I was seven years old at that time. Before, I didn't know God, but here I have got to know and love him

above everything else. Every day there are different activities and I am learning a lot. That's better than being on the road and doing wrong things. I thank you for this great idea of setting up such a project; may God bless you. You will always remain in my memory.

What is it about?

Children are left to themselves and live in the street because their parents are working or don't get along with themselves. In the social centres they are lovingly cared for, get to know God's love, receive good food, join games and sports activities, and get learning support and social assistance for the whole family.

Prayer requests

- Money for the new multi-functional building and the work in the social centre in Cotia
- For the daily challenges of its staff members to meet each child in its troubles and give them help

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Project: R 23040



Bible Clubs and Sports Program

CUBA

This year, two training seminars were conducted for Bible Club leaders. The topic of the first workshop was about "evangelizing", the other one was about how to deal and work appropriately with children.



On a Saturday afternoon, during a practical exercise of the sports project, 17 children accepted Jesus as their Saviour.

In July, more than 550 children, youths and adults came to the Summer Bible School. Many of them came to Christ and will participate in a discipleship course from September on.



Oshin (photo) is responsible for this training programme. She got a laptop and is supported financially of little account on a monthly basis. Oshin is very pleased of being able to serve the Lord and the brothers and sisters.

Our Cuban brothers and sisters thank God for the great chance to show young people the path to God and to teach them the life of faith. This brings great blessings. Already now, you can see positive changes in their families, schools and neighbourhoods. How much more will happen when this generation will be grown up, and will have children themselves: **that will draw even much wider circles in society!**

What is it about?

The living conditions of children and adolescents is characterized by poverty, crime, drug trafficking and spiritualism. In the Bible Clubs and in the sports program they get social assistance, hear the Gospel and they are taught Christian life values.

Prayer requests

- For the discipleship seminar, which starts in Sept. and for Oshin
- For young people, visiting the children at home to provide them with biblical lessons

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Project: R 26500