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Church Planting MOZAMBIQUE

In Mozambique church planting projects are developed in two ways:

- **Through initiatives of the local church:** Many Baptist churches plant new churches in the surroundings of their main church or where believers have a new home
- **Through the National Mission Board:** This board wants to start new churches in a district or a city of Mozambique where there are no Baptist churches yet



The photos from these communities are from 2012, when there were no military attacks in the country.



In 2013 and 2014 there were serious attacks in the middle and the south. Therefore, the Baptist Union of Mozambique could not travel to the church planting activities. Only recently again, after the peace agreement between FRELIMO and RENAMO.

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What is it about?

In Malawi, South Africa and Mozambique, we have been supporting the work of more than a dozen church planters for many years. We are convinced that indigenous leaders can carry the gospel to the people best.

Prayer requests:

- Means of transportation such as bicycles or motorcycles for the heads of the new churches because of the long distance
- Prayer for protection against malaria and health by pure drinking water for the families of the new church leaders
- More and more encouragement to serve

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Project: R 41100





Leadership Training MALAWI

Flood disaster

In December and January, there was an exceptional amount of rain in Malawi. This led to a severe flood disaster. Houses, roads and bridges were destroyed; the newly planted fields were washed away. Would it be possible to perform our planned training program for regional management teams under these circumstances?

Right now we need people!



„In this emergency situation, it is even more important to go to all regions and be with the people!“

That is what the responsible persons agreed on. So we held six workshops across the country in February. We discussed vividly about how we could break the cycle of dependency – waiting for outside help to come, or helping there where we could make a difference ourselves? A first step has been agreed: The local churches should be regularly informed about the social tasks which the Baptist Convention is fulfilling.

„Everyone can contribute something, so that people in Malawi can encourage each other and help them help themselves. We want to make good use of what we have been given by God!“

What is it about?

Well-trained leaders are the key to growth and a healthy congregation work. With her many years of international experience, most recently as General Secretary of the German Baptist Union, Regina Claas supports the Baptist Unions in southern Africa in leadership development.

Prayer requests:

- For the victims of the flood disaster, reconstruction of houses and infrastructure, averting a famine in a few months, when the harvest fails
- For a lasting effect of the workshops

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Medical Work Garoua CAMEROON

A young missionary introduces herself:

My name is Vanessa and I come from France. In January 2015, I arrived in Cameroon and since then I have been working as a nurse at the hospital "Espérance de Djamboutou" in Garoua. That is a medical centre of the Baptist Convention of Cameroon. (Union des Églises Baptistes du Cameroun – UEBC).



It is the first time for me to work abroad under entirely different conditions in comparison to what I was used to know in France.

I have to get accustomed to a new culture and – in order to be able to speak to the patients – to another language: Ffuldédé – a language spoken in the North of Cameroon.

A lot of the patients are poor and must quit the hospital before being healed or before having got all medication.

It is my duty to help nursing, to support staff training, to assist in the consultations for preschool children and pregnant women as well as vaccinations.

What is it about?

The medical work in North Cameroon is one of the best facilities in the country. Many people get a professional care that saves lives. With our support, free treatment for the poor can be offered.

Prayer requests:

- There has been a new leader at the hospital for two months. May the Lord equip him and use him in the direction of this institution.
- That all co-workers, including myself, serve the sick people as Jesus would have done.

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Project Coordination SIERRA LEONE

Sierra Leone is still characterized by a severe crisis, caused by the Ebola virus. EBMI supports in many ways: Workshops are held to inform about the dangers and the infection of Ebola. Preventive equipment for washing hands and disinfecting is made available. Families in quarantine in the Ebola centers are supplied with basic foodstuffs.

„This support helped to improve the food and health situation in the country at a time when most sectors were out of action.“



Two testimonies of locals speak for themselves:

Head of the Ebola treatment center in Lunsar:

„Food is existentially important to sustain life, and therefore an important component in the treatment of Ebola patients. On behalf of my organization, I say thank you and God bless you.“

Nurse at Lunsar Health Centre:

„Knowledge is power, and with this training that we received, we now have the basic knowledge to tackle the Ebola virus disease.“



What is it about?

More than 30 schools, medical facilities and other social projects are supported by Baptist churches in Sierra Leone. Our missionaries are closely working together with the local institutions and make a significant contribution to the quality of work.

Prayer requests

- Pray for God’s guidance and protection in the difficult situation at present
- End of the quarantine
- Solution how to care for the Ebola orphans

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Schools ECUATORIAL GUINEA

Collegio Talita Cum

Again and again we get support from friends in our Baptist churches in Spain. They help us in very practical problems and so play a part for a short time in our mission projects here in Ecuatorial Guinea.



encouraged us in our work and made us laugh. We are grateful to God for their willingness and the blessings we have experienced through them.

Some time ago, Moses and Esteban were with us.

The two were here to help us with various construction projects. Among other things, they supported us to build a new canteen and the kitchen and so these constructions have really progressed a lot. Esteban was able to correct the installation of the electrical system that was faulty in some buildings. And for the new building, he made the entire electrical system.

They did a great job and were wonderfully integrated into our team. A lot of people at our school could also learn very practical things from them. And they always

What is it about?

Two schools with over 1,000 pupils are guided by our European missionaries. Everything is done in close cooperation with the three Baptist congregations in the country. The quality of education is very high and is made possible by a motivated team of employees.

Prayer requests:

- We are grateful for Moses' and Esteban's help and for the progress of the construction work
- We continue to pray that the new kitchen can be entirely completed

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Social Centre Macia MOZAMBIQUE

Inclusion of children with disabilities



Meanwhile, 15 children with disabilities have been integrated into normal schools in Macia. Previously, the schools had not taken in any children with disabilities. Altogether, the children show promising developments at school.

In addition, many activities in the villages have resulted to the fact that there is a much greater awareness of children with disabilities and that the issue is more discussed and considered. So-called activists visited 500 families in order to inform about the integration work and the rights and opportunities of children with disabilities. This action was accompanied by a weekly radio program, which has taken up the needs, rights, opportunities and the value of people with disabilities.



There is also the integrative day care for socially disadvantaged children together with children with disabilities, which is continued in the social centre and attended by more than 30 children. Some children with disabilities are part of this group. The children and some staff members are practically taught at the computer one hour per week.

What is it about?

The Social Centre Macia represents two fields: children with disabilities shall be integrated into normal life. There is a close cooperation with the schools on-site. There are also courses for disadvantaged groups on the grounds of the center.

Prayer requests:

- We pray that attitudes towards children with disabilities continue to change positively
- That the day care in Macia strengthens and encourages many children

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Technical Centre Garoua – Centre Technique de Garoua (CTG)

CAMEROON

The Centre through the ages

The CTG was founded in 1994 and has been directed by Raphaël Ziloua, a Cameroonian, since 2013. Meanwhile, there are 128 men and women being trained as sewers, auto mechanics and manufacturing mechanics. An apprenticeship as a hotel manager is in planning.



The CTG is particular

The formation is cheaper by 25 % to 33 % than in other schools. In addition, disabled people can be trained there as well.



Furthermore, in addition to the formation, the center accepts orders so that companies can realize special projects in the field of production or vehicle owners can get their cars repaired in the garage of

the CTG. Through this offer, the CTG can be largely self-sustained, and students can make their practical training at the CTG.

Nevertheless, additional funds are needed to keep pace with the progress of time in the workshop and fabrication as well as in training and to keep qualified personnel.

What is it about?

A good vocational training is particularly important in Africa: People can create their own livelihoods and poverty is thus combated effectively. Through our own courses women are especially promoted.

Prayer requests

- We pray for an extension of the formation offer and that good quality is secured
- For the security situation in Cameroon because of the Boko Haram sect

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