



Social Center Diadema BRAZIL

Shortly after the summer holidays, a violent hailstorm surprised that region. The roof of the Social Centre was damaged to 70%. Hopefully, the repairing costs can be met by the donations of the local community.



The life of Fernanda, 7, is an example for many who come to the social center:

The Youth Welfare Office has been reported that she and her sisters Beatriz, 10, and Ruthe, 11, were often alone at home for several days and nobody looked for them. The parents are drug addicted.



Now, the children live together with their mother at the grandmother's place; the father doesn't care about them any longer. **The girls are afraid of their parents and don't talk about their family in the social center.** They

have great difficulties with reading, writing and math. Too often, they didn't go to school and finally, were expelled from school. The children cannot join many activity offers in the social center because they can't cope with the least cognitive requirements. Working with the parents is difficult. Together with the youth welfare office meetings are organized in order to offer help. We hope and pray that the love and affection, the children experience in the social center, will make a difference.

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

- That God changes parents emotionally and spiritually, so that their children can lead a healthy, dignified life
- For three teenagers with diabetes: Milene, 12, Natasha, 14, Erick, 12

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Project: R 23060



EBM MASA Children's homes

ARGENTINA – BRAZIL – PORTUGAL

In our children's home in **Cotia, Brazil**, a total of 24 children and young people are currently housed. A good and sheltered work is possible with 19 children. With the others, however, it is not the case. They really need other help, for example, an inpatient stay at hospital to be treated appropriately.



These partly drug-addicted teens were assigned to the children's home by the juvenile court judge. They often disturb and cost the employees a lot of strength. They also require a lot more attention because they need constant supervision to ensure that they take their medicaments properly and that they pose no danger to the rest of the children.

It was a great joy for us to see one of the youths who had been drug-addicted; he has entrusted his life to Jesus. We pray that God brings about a complete deliverance with him by Jesus.

The development of the mentally handicapped Sabrina is also encouraging. After her condition had worsened a lot and the staff barely came clear with her behavior, the situation has now improved.

Despite many struggles and challenges, the employees know that they are supported and protected by God.

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 good settling-in of the new social mother Rosângela
- For wisdom in attending children with a high degree of cognitive disability
- For people who support this work through donations

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Project: R 11880



Evangelization | Church Planting | Training

CUBA

Carlos Waldow, EBM MASA Mission Secretary, visited the mission projects in Cuba together with some traveling companions. Here are some impressions of the traveling companions:

“What a privilege to be a witness of how Acts 2 is being repeated on this island, how people, filled with the Holy Spirit, are re-

born and get trained as missionaries and church planters full of enthusiasm.

A church planting ceremony, the baptismal service on the sports field in Havana, the cell group with 25 people in Havana, in between repeatedly touching encounters with people, their testimonies and life stories. Such inspiring experiences filled the days. It is harvest time in Cuba!”



that this person immediately opened its home for a new cell group. This person had to be very brave to convince the rest of the family to open their house for strangers.

I experienced on this trip that every new person is welcome and immediately takes on some responsibility.”

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 many Christians young in faith in Cuba: that their faith is strengthened
- For the senior missionaries and their families
- For the training of missionaries and employees

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Project: R 26990



Mission in Latin America

ARGENTINA – BOLIVIA – BRAZIL – CUBA – PERU

Missionary work in Patagonia, southern Argentina



EBM MASA has been supporting missionary work in Patagonia for 13 years. Steppes many miles long, lakes and mountains - as far as the eye can see. The region where the indigenous people, the Mapuche, live is sparsely populated. **Their lives are strongly influenced by violence, alcoholism and occultism.** The job opportunities are limited and they lack prospects and hope. They are hardly educated and live a very simple life. In addition, the Mapuche are very withdrawn, they are disregarded as an ethnic minority and do not know whom they can trust.

These circumstances complicate the work of missionaries. **They tell the Gospel in a very simple way and are committed to the people and their needs with love.** Pedro and Noemí Boretsky, our senior missionaries, are in the city of Esquel. From here they travel in a radius of 400 km to the other mission work fields. Three other couples and two women are part of the missionary team, which Boretskys coordinate.

At Easter, a Mission Congress was held in Esquel for the 10th time. Here, Christians from the various mission fields were able to share in a special way and could start networking.

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 Boretskys and the other missionaries: for protection on their long ways to the mission areas
- For the Mapuche: that they are willing to accept the Gospel

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Project: R 11000



MANNA – Day care facility ARGENTINA

We have received new reports from Miriam Pizzi, who is responsible for coordinating the MANNA projects in the region of Mendoza / Argentina.



San Rafael: Again, two children (8 and 5 years) could be placed in a MANNA Project. They live with their drug-addicted mother and an 8-month-old baby in very precarious conditions at the foot of the Andes. The mother is fighting desperately to get away from the addiction. She is very hard-working and in the mornings, she looks for little jobs such as sweeping the streets. The children have never been to school, have hardly anything to put on; they walk without shoes - but are healthy. Now, their lives are going to change!

Malargüe: The new MANNA project had a pushing effect for the congregation - they opened themselves for the needs of the neighborhood and started evangelizing there. Even the owners of some shops like to help, too. The three children in the first MANNA family have invited Jesus into their hearts, and now they are even inviting friends. This motivated the community to launch a children's Bible study; 13 children come regularly. The parents of these children are mostly not Christians. At Easter, they took part in the service and heard the good news. New children are on the waiting list; the need is high.

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 congregation looking after the children in their own homes with lots of love
- For the children, that they get new perspectives for their future through the love and help they are experiencing
- For the families of the children, that they also might be saved from their distress

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Project: R 21290



PEPE – Preschool Program ARGENTINA – BRAZIL – BOLIVIA

We are pleased about the new PEPE project in **El Alto / Bolivia**, which was launched in early 2014. The 17 children were presented in a festive service. Their families joined them as well; that was a very emotional moment for everybody. The results achieved so far are evidence of the importance of this project.

“12 de Mayo” / Argentina: The rooms have been redecorated after the summer holidays - the mothers of the PEPE children helped, too. During the adaptation period for the new children some activities were made for them together with their families.



For example, tablecloths were made and the walls were painted. Later on, parallel to the children’s program, there were special activities only with the mothers. This was about the role of the mother in the family. They were told what the children would learn about God. Then they should draw their own hands and write a promise for their children on them.

They were praying together that God would help them putting their intentions into practice.

The leaders asked the mothers to memorize Bible texts or family prayers together with their children. The strategy behind: in this way, they hear from God. Cooperation with families is very important for the work of the PEPE project.

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 congregation in San Rafael, Argentina: a new PEPE project shall be started here; a location is searched for
- For the children of the PEPE project in Bolivia: that they settle well and that their families trust in the work

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Project: R 23020



Mission among the Quechua

PERU

In **Concacha Baja**, a very remote place in good 3,500 meters above sea level in the Andes, the first church house for the Quechua was built 25 years ago. As it has become very dilapidated meanwhile, it could now be replaced by a new building. Adrián Campero, our Quechua-missionary, reports that the brothers and sisters there had



great joy at the inauguration and send a huge thank you and best regards to all supporters. The biggest amount of financing was done by investing their own personal contribution.

In the new building in **Yanaoca**, trainings are regularly carried out for 25 missionary staff members from the region - a great blessing!



At Christmas, once again, many children and old people got a chocolate beverage and pastries. For them, a huge gift. The pastors and leaders received a food parcel. The joy was great!

Adrián Campero serves the community in **Curahuasi** until a new pastor can be appointed. The church work has developed positively: 40 to 60 youngsters come regularly, 40 people meet at the Quechua-Sunday school, and on Sunday evenings, up to 60 people attend the services.

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

- Pastor Modesto urgently needs an apartment or a house in Yanaoca so that with him all the valuable things of the community can be kept
- A new missionary and also a home for him is looked for by the Mission church in Curahuasi

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Project: R 24010



EBM MASA Social Centers ARGENTINA – BRAZIL

In mid-February, after the holidays, the social center in **Ijuí / Brazil** re-opened its doors: 29 children and young people come in the morning, 37 in the afternoon. This year's theme is „water“. In March, 15 mothers learned practical recipes in a cooking class. One afternoon, Bible students played games, music and theater with the children - this was learning God's words by playing.



Bruna, 13, has been in the social center for five years:

“Since my mother left our family, my sisters and I have lived with my father. He takes good care of us. But he has to work a lot, and often he is not at home, even at night. In my life, I have a lot of fun, but also sad things. In the social center, I am learning many things, mainly to thank God and appreciate everything I have. I'm a lucky girl.”



The work in the social center in **Cotia/Brazil** will rest for two months on the grounds of the children's home: The time will be used to draw up new plans for the future. An important goal is to integrate the work of the social center more intensively in

the church planting work in the field. Thus, it is possible to reach also the families of the children.

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 centers 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

- For the reorganization of the social center in Cotia
- For the family of the co-worker Marilei in the Social Center Ijuí: she herself is in poor health and her son is suffering from cancer

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Project: R 23040



Bible Clubs and Sports Program

CUBA

Pastor Daniel Gonzalez, in charge of the projects, reports:

Monthly, we meet with about 200 parents who are not Christians, and explain to them the principles from the Bible concerning family life. We make them understand how important kindness, patience and



forgiveness are. Thereupon, many have committed to act on Bible principles. They really desire that there is a loving atmosphere at home. Some of these families have accepted Jesus as their savior and were baptized. These seminars for parents make an impressive impact on the lives of families.



The children find shelter in the Bible clubs and during the sports program.

They and their families learn the effects of forgiveness. So they experience peace and harmony in their families.

Approximately 150 people took part in a symposium to get information about the issue of "domestic violence". A graduate psychologist from our church reported about the deep problems and the impact of domestic violence in our city. She ended her presentation with the gospel of peace - the only effective solution to the problem.

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

- At the end of May, an evangelistic camp will be held. We pray that even more people get to know the power of the Gospel and experience the love of Christ.
- For the families of the children: that they open themselves to the Gospel

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Project: R 26500