



Church Planting in Zaldo

CUBA

The church **“Christ Breaks the Chains” in Zaldo/Havana** has founded a daughter church in the area of La Timba in January 2017 and named it **„Christ, Hope Of Life”**. They would preach the gospel on the streets and one day they met Joan. They invited him to play baseball with them and he started coming regularly to the trainings as well as to Bible study.



▲ Construction in Zaldo

Joan belonged to a Satanic cult and was often involved in street riots. Once he was stabbed in the back and came to Bible study with a bandage on his arm. Every week Joan would hear of the love of Jesus and of the hope of eternal life. Step by step the Holy Spirit would show him his sins. When going to the sports activities he would experience brotherly love which was so distinct from the love in his cult. The force was different: here he saw justice, light, and love.

Joan felt insecure concerning his decision to follow Jesus. He knew he had to forgive his enemies. Did he still feel the thirst for revenge? Was he ashamed to be a Christian?

It was a tough spiritual battle but he still decided to get baptized. After that event he met a few old friends who invited him to hang out. He firmly replied: **„No, my life has changed now. I am a Christian.”**

What is it about?

Zaldo used to be known for its poverty and violence. With the mission work the reality of God has met this part of town. People are being changed through their faith in Jesus and their surrounding is being changed as well.

Prayer requests

- For the churches in Zaldo and La Timba to be strong in spiritual battles.
- For Joan to be courageous when confessing his faith.
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Project: R 26520



Bible Clubs and Sports Program CUBA

There are more and more places in Cuba where they plant Bible clubs. The kids learn about the gospel through Bible stories, parables, and songs. In one of these Bible clubs in Havana, the kids are between seven and ten years old. Most of them are from families or neighborhoods where Spiritism is being practiced.

One of the girls called Natalie came to one of the leaders after a Bible club meeting and has told her how she was afraid of spiritualistic ceremonies. The leader then told her of God's big power against the darkness and the evil in this world. Now Natalie is not afraid anymore and she knows she is God's daughter.



Daynaris is another girl that came up to a leader after a meeting. On that day, they had been talking about the parable of the sower where a seed either falls on fertile ground or rocks and where it bears fruit accordingly. Daynaris explained to the leader that she was like a field filled with weeds and rocks. However, she also told her that she wanted to be a field where there was growing good seed and fruit.

It brings great joy to see how the gospel works in the lives of these children.

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 protection of the children's hearts and that God's love would reach them.
- For wisdom for the staff.
- We thank God for his power that sets free.

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Project: R 26500



REPORT

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Children's homes

ARGENTINA – BRAZIL – PORTUGAL

For 25 years, children and youth have found a place they call home in the children's home in Cotia/Brazil. They've also experienced refuge, fulfillment of their needs, and they've gotten to know God and his love. Now the children's home has been closed as planned. It was a long way, one that wasn't easy but filled with painful goodbyes.

At this point we would like to thank all the donors who have faithfully supported this children's home in Cotia. We are furthermore hoping for help. The facilities are still used but now by the social center. Many of the children of that area are without supervision during the day and are exposed to violence on the streets and drug crimes. About 100 of them find protection from this in the social center.



This year on Easter we had children from the social center come to the celebrations bringing their families, friends, and members from the church. We celebrated with a big breakfast. The children's choir of the social center sang happy songs. The presence of God was obvious in all the details throughout the day.

Edith and Manfredo Landenberger are the children's home's directors as well as the directors of the social center in Cotia. It is their desire that the seed that has been planted on Easter will grow and bear fruit.

What is it about?

Children from broken homes that are left to their own and often live on the street find a new and loving home in Alem, Ijuí, and Porto. These are homes that we support. In the orphanage they can be kids again and are completely taken care of.

Prayer requests

- For all kids that have found a new home to settle well and that God would keep them safe.
- For the work at the social center in Cotia.

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Project: R 11880





MANNA – Day care facility

ARGENTINA

Unfortunately, the constant social and political changes in Argentina have the biggest effect on the poorest people there and especially the kids.



▲ Nahir and her mum

children and their families take part in the activities of the responsible churches and get to know Jesus Christ better.

Nahir is the oldest of her three siblings. When she was eight years old her dad died in a car accident. It brought pain and poverty to the family. The mother didn't have the time to take care of the four children. Nahir was 12 years old when her and her siblings joined the MANNA program. During the day they were cared for by a loving family and some staff from the church in Rivadavia. Today Nahir is 18 years old. She has started her studies and keeps training for becoming a dressmaker.

By now the whole family is part of the church and works in various parts of the church. The church helps them on a spiritual, emotional, and financial level.

So our MANNA program is even more important now and it has been growing. At this moment we have nine churches from three different provinces taking part in it. Daily, 75 children are being taken care of and protected from bad influences. All kids have the chance to go to school. They get medical care, clothes, and so much more. The

What is it about?

During the day needy children from socially unstable families are taken care of by church members and church families. They receive food, medical care, and help in school. Through MANNA the children and their families experience God's love and get new perspectives in life.

Prayer requests

- For the children and their families in the MANNA projects.
- For the staff that cares for the children and the families.
- We are grateful for Nahir's great development.

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Project: R 21290



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Evangelization | Church Planting | Training

CUBA



God answers prayers! We were able to inaugurate the new church building in Argelia on the Isle of Youth in May. They celebrated a festival service with all other churches in the area. Then they enjoyed a Creole meal.



In June there was a seminar held in the main church in **Nueva Gerona** with the topic "Christ centered service". This was mainly designed for young people. All leaders and youth workers from the church in that area took part in it. Dayron (30) tells us: "When I was 17 I graduated in computer science. I started to work and doing

things that were damaging to me. I stayed up all night, drank alcohol, took drugs, and hung out with the wrong crowd. I slept with married women and I felt my life spiraling downwards into chaos. I made experiences with the spiritual world and was tortured by demons, time and again. A pastor told me the only way to get rid of those demons was to accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior. That really touched me and I started to think about my life. For the first time I decided to accept Jesus into my life. From that night on I was never harassed by demons again and I felt great peace in my heart. **God has shown me his great mercies."**



What is it about?

Hundreds of people are accepting Jesus into their lives. Many home churches have evolved from this in the past couple of years which are now becoming churches. Missionaries, staff, and church planters are being trained for that. What are we praying for?

Prayer Requests

- That young people will be leading lives committed to Christ.
- That God will call new leaders for the churches in Santa Fe and La Tumbita on the Isle of Youth
- For families and marriages in the churches.

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Project: R 26990





Church Planting in Jesus del Monte CUBA

The church Villanueva in Havana (located close to Jesus del Monte and Luyanó) is very active. Tuesdays they have several discipleship groups for men and women. Wednesdays early morning the men are meeting for prayer time, and in the evenings the teens are meeting in small groups for discipleship.



Fridays the small groups are meeting for Bible study. Sunday nights they are doing their church service. In addition to all this they are also offering prayer nights on a regular basis. Once a month they are offering missions street activities where they are preaching the gospel in town and spreading evangelistical flyers. They are entertaining the kids and youth with sport activities.



The church's desire is to promote spiritual growth through all activities offered. They want to encourage healthy teaching and strengthen the church through Christian testimony.

Lucia is 60 years old. She is a mother of three grown children. She is living with one of her daughters and her son in law and two grandchildren. She makes the house come alive. Her whole family is part of the church in Luyanó. Since she decided to give her life to Christ Lucia has grown spiritually and she is working whole heartedly in her church. She is a blessing to everyone the way she loves and lives.

What is it about?

Jesus del Monte is a part of Havana where many people practice the occult and where the crime rate is very high. Here the church serves the people in a very practical way with their challenges. It makes them quite credible. They are also investing in trainings for staff.

Prayer requests

- For spiritual growth and maturity for the leaders.
- For a good start of the first summer Bible school.
- For the construction project of the sports ground and the financial means for it.

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Project: R 26553



Church Planting in La Perla CUBA

The church has grown in the past couple of months in numbers as well as spiritually. It consists of 52 baptized members and 25 regular visitors.



In June, there was a baptism for five people. One of them is **Luis** (55). First, he lost his job, then his friends, and then all that he owned due to alcoholism. He sought help from physicians and Alcoholic Anonymous, but it was useless. A lady invited him to come to church and gave him hope saying his life could change. He started attending a small group in church. That day changed his life. From that day on, he has been coming regularly and has accepted Jesus Christ as his savior. For the past two years, he has not had an alcoholic drink. He is a new person now and he tells everyone about all the changes in his life.

In the summer, the church started a six-week **mission campaign** with the topic "A Friend for Jesus". The participants learned how to tell others about their faith, in theory but also practically. At the completion of this campaign, they all had a big party.

On July 23, the **summer Bible school** started with 175 children and teens, which concluded in a family evening where the parents of the children came as well.

What is this about?

The missions work in this slum area in Havana started with a Bible club for kids which resulted in an extensive church ministry. The church organizes breakfasts for needy children and is taking care of old and mostly poor people. This way the good news is being spread.

Prayer requests

- For a new church plant in the quarter of Vieja Linda close to La Perla. For Raúl and María to see if God has called these two as new missionaries for this work.
- To continue to work with children and teens that have gotten interested in faith through the summer Bible school.

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Project: R 26551



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Mission in Latin America

ARGENTINA – BOLIVIA – BRAZIL – CUBA – PERU



There are about 30 kids between the ages of two and 15 that are attending the young church in Yotala in Bolivia. They love listening to and learning from the gospel. Their parents however rarely attend because they usually have to work. It is very common in this area that children help their parents with work. That's why some of them don't go to school. Many children don't have a close relationship to their parents. They don't really trust them because they have very little contact since the parents are working so much and often don't give the children love. As a result, the kids are looking for love on the streets and in friends. They open themselves to bad influences when not supervised and fall into bad ways on the inside.



During the children's church services at church the staff is listening to the kids. It is so important for them to find open ears and hearts. They experience love and affection and a good seed is being planted. Eight of these kids have expressed a desire to pray by themselves and a longing to learn more about God's word.

What is it about?

We look after local staff and missionaries and we promote social missionary projects, church planting, theological education, staff trainings, and other projects for children and youth.

Prayer Requests

- For the young church in Yotala/Bolivia to keep growing.
- That the parents of the children that are coming to the children's services could be reached as well.

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Project: R 11000





Mission among the Quechua PERU

About 700 people gathered in an apparent „nothing“.

The big yellow mission tent was placed in absolute isolation and tranquility high up in the Andes in Peru, in the region Mariscal Gamarra. This year again the Quechua Baptists celebrated their four-day mission conference.



The highlight once again was a baptism. Five pastors walked into the ice cold river with 50 people and baptized them there. Actually there had been 40 more people wanting to get baptized and everyone was very sad because they weren't able to get a ride there.



The faith and passion for Jesus of the Quechua is inspiring and contagious. They live with great commitment and in direct dependence to God enjoying a close relationship. Now that the amount of Quechua being baptized has grown so much and many little churches and stations have been planted it's time for a

new phase. In order to follow the vision to build missions work in 50 more villages and accompany the many young Christians the conditions have to be improved. We need better trained missionaries and the level of staff trainings has to rise. In 2018 the newly founded Quechua Bible school will start with classes.

What is it about?

In the villages of the Andes more and more churches are being planted. Many people receive the good news of hope and they are freed of occult involvements. The missionaries also help in time of natural disasters.

Prayer requests

- For the 90 people who got baptized for their faith to grow and deepen.
- For our Quechua missionaries and the coordinator Adrian Campero.
- We are grateful for the Quechua's openness and excitement for Jesus.

→ Please pray for this mission project and donate on the bank account as stated below. Thank you!

Project: R 24010



PEPE – Preschool Program

ARGENTINA – BRAZIL – BOLIVIA

What do parents do with their little children when both have to go to work? Poor families in Latin America usually don't have a good solution for this. Often these kids are left to themselves or as in our example here...



... a mother took her three-year old to her sales booth by a very busy street which was quite dangerous. Then she heard of the **PEPE project** and signed up her daughter. She tells us:

"Today I'm not worried about Yargelis. She is taken care of well there and she's happy to go to the PEPE program. I'm so glad she tells us about what she's learning there like the prayer before we eat. PEPE is a great help for us. I thank God and everyone involved for that!"



A PEPE staff wrote us the following: "I can see how blessed children and fam-

ilies are through PEPE. I can only hope for more families to get the privilege to get to know Jesus so they can live a dignified life with hope and meaning. God is the provider and he uses people like us to fulfill his purpose."

What is it about?

Children living in slums can improve their chances for a start in school when going to preschool. They are being challenged in a good way and are completely supervised. Their families are being reached with the good news.

Prayer requests

- For protection for the children and their families as well as the staff that are working in those areas.
- For more PEPE programs so more families can receive help.

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Project: R 23020



Social Center Diadema

BRAZIL

The goal of all the activities in the social center is to show the children God's love as well as teach them good values, general knowledge, and culture. We want them to be loving with each other



and them to learn to have healthy relationships. The cognitive area is being challenged when they are interpreting texts and working on Bible stories, when distributing literature or playing theater. In all things the staff is showing Jesus to the kids and explaining them the way of salvation. They are being challenged to have a close and committed relationship with Jesus.



Rebeca came to the social center four years ago. She is ten today and lives with her mother and her grandmother. The grandmother wouldn't take care of her. Her father is in contact with them but isn't paying child support. Therefore the mother has to make sure there's an income in the family so also the medical bills can be paid for. Rebeca is mentally challenged. She is deformed in face and body and has had a heart defect since birth. She has to be checked by a doctor on a regular basis. They worry that her brain won't develop normally.

Rebeca is very loving and she loves being in the social center. She knows Jesus and comes to church with her mother.

What is it about?

Children and youth are being kept away from the streets, away from drug related crimes and violence. They are being taken care of well, they experience God's love, they get fed, have fun sports activities offered to them, get learning tools and different seminars, and social help for the whole family.

Prayer requests

- For all the staff at the social center that God would strengthen them every single day.
- For Rebeca's health and the health of the rest of the family.

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Project: R 23060



Social Centers ARGENTINA – BRAZIL

In the **social center in Mendoza/Argentina** we have many church members who are actively engaged to help children and families experience the love of Christ. Here are a few examples: On Saturdays



they offer the "Hora Feliz" ("Happy Hour") for what are by now 60 children. They play games. Then they hear a story of the Bible, for example through drama. After that they do crafting, and at the end they get a snack. For the parents of the PEPE-children and for other adults there are small groups and Bible studies. Many

of the members that live close to the church are already helping out. The health station is always in demand since there is no other health care in that area. Soon there will be a thrift store there as well.



In **Ijuí/Brazil** the parents are taught in the "family school" that it is the parents' authority given to them by God to raise their kids and that they have to take that responsibility seriously. You can actually see the change in behavior in some of the parents already.

What is it about?

Children are left to themselves and end up living on the street because their parents are working or can't even deal with themselves. In the social centers the kids are taken care of well. They experience God's love, they get fed well, they are offered games and sports, tutoring, and social help for the whole family.

Prayer requests

- For all the volunteers in the social centers.
- That the parents that go to family school can put the learned skills into practice to the wellbeing of the children.

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Project: R 23040