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Dear reader,

“You give them something to eat,”

Jesus said to his disciples in Mark 6: 37 – when there was a crowd of 5,000 who had not had supper. “But we do not have anything ourselves,” the disciples answer. Yet Jesus does not give in: “What do you have? Why don’t you go and see first.” What they have is five loaves of bread and two fish. And these, Jesus takes them, and through his blessing hands, they multiply and there is so much that everyone is satisfied. Jesus does not make a lot from nothing. He makes a lot from what we give. And he asks us to go and see what we have. For each one of us has something. We do, too. Those in India who cannot give any money towards the offering go forward with a small bowl of rice or vegetables. This is the lifeblood of our mission: Everyone goes and sees what he has. And then, the miracle happens: Very much comes from little; people get to know God’s love, generosity and grace. Thank you for “going and seeing”. With warmest greetings from the Mission Office,

Yours sincerely,

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Cover photo: Food security programme in Vuyyuru, India

Mission is possible

This was very often emphasized during this year's EBM Mission Council in Skien/Norway. In Bible studies, sermons, plenary sessions and in small groups, more than 100 delegates and guests from over 20 countries worldwide considered how mission is possible these days. Everyone was impressed by the contributions and testimonials from Africa, India and Latin America. Although the possibilities and circumstances there are often much more limited than in Europe, those churches experience growth because many people become believers. The Mission Council also very joyfully and unanimously confirmed two callings: Regina Class, up to now General Secretary of the German Union, will serve as a missionary in South Africa and Malawi from 2014. And Carlos Waldow's appointment as MASA Mission Secretary/Promotion was extended for four years. Following the Mission Council, more than 20



Mission Council 2013 in Skien, Norway

guests from Africa, India and Latin America stayed on to attend the Annual General Assembly of the German Baptist Union and the EBM Friends' Gathering. This was very enriching, as they had time to talk about their mission activities and to inspire our churches in Germany. Making missions possible, particularly with regard to EBM, is also up to the churches and sponsors in Germany who support us. This is not taken for granted, as the impressive

"Thank you" of these international guests signalled: They thanked the delegates of the Annual Assembly for their support in prayer and by donations.

We would like EBM's mission to get closer to our churches. In this endeavour, we are assisted by some 30 "EBM Ambassadors". They are all "experts" and are qualified to report on EBM mission work. We at the Mission Office will be pleased to arrange such visits.

From our mission work in Izmir/Turkey

Mass protests in Turkey

In June, thousands of demonstrators protested against the Turkish Prime Minister, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, and his governance. It was not only the trees in the Istanbul park that these protesters have had in mind. They also want more freedom. Via the internet and the social media the young people are internationally linked. Erdogan has been in power for ten years. Those who were young teenagers in 2003 and are in their early or mid-twenties today have never known any other but this conservative prime minister. The young people want to be able to live as they please and not as they are expected to. They feel bossed around and patronized. All over the country, Erdogan has set up Muslim schools, yet many parents would

prefer a secular education for their children. They have been protesting for years, yet their criticism has not been heard, at least not in the West. All of these disappointments have now been vented in the protests. Yet, there are also great achievements to the government's credit. The economy is booming, roads have been upgraded, and many people have more money in their pockets. The few Christians there are better off, too. Erdogan has had talks with them and seen to it that they are no longer being discriminated: Recently, the journal Sabah ran a report on our Baptist Church in Izmir. This would have been unthinkable a mere few months ago. Formerly dispossessed Christian trusts have been handed their property back.

So, what will come next? In the New Testament, there is a relevant appeal: "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for ... all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." (1 Tim 2:1.2). This is what we are doing. The fact that protests have subsided almost everywhere and that the government is engaged in talks with its critics makes me hopeful.

With warm greetings,
Ertan Cevik

The Bible Women in Kakinada

I am quite happy to inform you about the ministry of the Bible Women working with BWWEW (Baptist Women Welfare and Evangelistic Work) in Kakinada. We tend to a total of three projects which are supported by EBM INTERNATIONAL, for which we are most thankful:

1. "Egg and Milk Programme":

We presently provide for 89 kids and one pregnant lady giving them eggs and milk three times a week in order to do something against malnutrition. With prices increasing

blessed by their prayers, and they have also shared their experiences with us.

Once a month all the Bible Women gather at our residence. Then we all go to the various villages where our Bible Women live to proclaim the gospel. These travels are always a great experience for us for in some villages, there is no transport facility so that we have to hire cars. This is challenging, as the rental car companies ask for high prices. But we think it is worth it in order to reach out also to people in remote villages.

her about Jesus. She told that in a dream, God had talked to her. She asked to be baptized, and now she is a witness to everyone.

(2) *The testimony of another Bible Woman, Mrs Debora (44):* Her mother died after she was born. Very early, she was given in marriage to her own uncle. Soon after she gave birth to her second daughter, her husband died. Some day, her eldest daughter fell very ill. In despair, she turned to God, asked him to heal her daughter and vowed to follow Jesus if her daughter were healed. Amazingly God answered the prayer and her daughter recovered. Then she attended the Bible Training Centre in Tuni for two years. A pastor there promised to marry her. Soon after, he cheated and left her. She did not get any help in this desperate situation; she was upset, hurt and disappointed, and the desperate thought of committing suicide occurred to her. But seeing her young children, she mustered all her courage and turned to many churches to get help. As they were about to starve, someone told her about the work of the Bible Women of BWWEW, and she came to me. Now she is one of our most active Bible Women. Her oldest daughter got married, the other one works as a receptionist. Debora firmly believes that God never abandons us when we look unto Him. This has been her experience. And God uses her greatly in the gospel-spreading ministry. Many people have turned to God because of her. Now she says that she is growing spiritually as she works with BWWEW.



Milk and eggs against malnutrition

day by day, it is very difficult to provide additional days. Yet we are very pleased to run this project at least in these three days.

2. Bible Women's Ministry:

We presently have 15 Bible Women. All of them are widows. They visit many Hindus and Christians reaching out to them with the gospel. They visit people who are worried or ill and pray with them. Due to their prayers there are many healings and miracles. Many people have been

Testimonials and experiences of our Bible Women:

(1) *Mrs.Ammaji, a Bible Woman from Pulimeru:* By the grace of God many Hindu women are led to the Lord, such as one Mrs Varalakshmi who would never even hear the name of Jesus pronounced. When I used to go to share the word of God to her, she used to shut the door in front of me and also happened to abuse me. Still, I prayed for her for several years. One fine day, she herself came to me and asked me to tell

3. Help for HIV/AIDS Patients:

Presently, we care for 43 people in the villages of. Sarparavam, Bendapudi and Pulimeru villages. They are provided provisions such as rice, oil, dal, sugar, salt and tamarind. Thanks to the great effort of the locals and the families there, we were able to give them these provisions.

As prices are going up, it is difficult to continue to help them. In this extremely difficult situation, EBM INTERNATIONAL has now stepped in as an advocate for the poor and the needy. I praise God for this wonderful support, and I thank EBM INTERNATIONAL and their donors for this faithful support. Please go on praying for us and our ministry

God bless you abundantly,
In the Lord's service

David Sudhir



Help for HIV/AIDS patients

RCMT (R. Christian memorial Trust), Chennai (Southeast India)

Human interest story: T. Nagaraj

Sivayya lives in Chittoor District/ Andhra Pradesh, together with his daughter, his son and his old parents. This is the story of his son, Nagaraj. The family comes from a very poor background and they solely live on daily wages. On this low



T. Nagaraj

income, it is very difficult to feed the whole family and to pay for schooling as well. Through an acquaintance, Sivayya learned about our children's home "Home of Hope" in Nagalapuram. In 2005, we visited the small village, where Sivayya lives with his family. There, we talked to the villagers and mentioned our home. That day, Sivayya came up to me and told me about his family's poor condition, asking me to admit his son to the home, which we did.

In the beginning, it was not easy to handle the boy. It took some time till he had adjusted to the new situation and could quit his irascible behaviour. By now, however, he has developed in a very positive way. He is a happy small boy in grade 8, who likes school very much and who plays a lot with his friends in his leisure time.

Sivayya has expressed his gratitude in these words: "Thank you so very

much for greatly enhancing my son's life – I could never have contributed to that. If he had stayed at home, Nagaraj could not have gone to school, and he would have had no prospects in life. So here, I would like to express the gratitude of my family to all the kind-hearted people who founded the Home and to those supporting it: A Home where hundreds of destitute boys get good food, clothing and, above all, a good education, and where they learn good behaviour. In particular, I would like to thank the Home for changing the future of my son."

Dr Julius Karunakaran (Director of RCMT)

Helping without discrimination

Giving glory to the Lord and thanks to EBM INTERNATIONAL, we would like to give a short overview of the history and work of the Salvation Army in the western part of India.

The Salvation Army was founded in London on 2nd July, 1865, in London, England, by General William and his wife Catherine Booth, and then, on 19th September, 1882, in India by Commissioner Fredrick Tucker.

MISSION STATEMENT: "The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the Universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination."

Since its establishment, the Salvation Army has been a leading evangelical and socially involved movement in India. In India alone, the Salvation Army is working in six

territories, and India Western Territory is one of them with its appr. 38 centres for social and evangelical activities and its 278 churches (corps). The Salvation Army is committed to holistic work: This includes hostels for young women and students, schools, homes for old people, centres for street and slum children ("healthy living programme"), hostels for blind people, community programmes, self-help groups, drop-in centres and a school for sex workers' children, a clinic for HIV/AIDS patients, orphanages, boarding schools, hospitals, shelters for girls and boys, low budget hotels and free feeding programmes for poor, homeless and needy people.

One of the free feeding programmes funded by EBM INTERNATIONAL is run by the Salvation Army in Byculla, Sion and Vadala, suburbs of Mumbai. Thousands of people have benefited from these free meals. In Psalm 22:26, we read: "The poor will eat and be satisfied; they who seek the Lord will praise him – may your hearts live forever!" Yes, it is true. Many people have been satisfied with meals and got energy to survive. Not only have they been satisfied but they have also accepted Jesus as their Saviour. For they experienced Jesus' love and compassion when they were hungry



Daily food distribution to people in Mumbai

PRAYING AND DONATING

ALMA – Children's home "New Hope", Chittadoor

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and in need of food. Many hungry, homeless, poor, widowed, handicapped, and sick people have received meals and support in these free feeding centres.

Every day, 175-200 people who depend on it get food in these centres. Every month appr. 50,000 Indian rupees (roughly 730 euro) are spent on it. This is only possible because of financial support granted by EBM INTERNATIONAL. The vehicle to transport the meals to the centres, too, has been donated by EBMI. We thank those in charge and praise the Lord for giving them wisdom, guiding them to do good deeds. EBM INTERNATIONAL has done something that is described in the Bible: "... for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things." (Psalm 107:9; NIV). Surely this mission is blessed by God. May God bless all of us.

KC David, Lt. Colonel, Chief Secretary



Food distributed to an old man in Mumbai

ALMA (Abundant Life Ministerial Associates), Nellore

Vinay's story

Vinay has lived in our children's home "New Hope" since it was founded. Together with his brother, he was brought here, a small boy, by a village chief. The situation of this family is simply pathetic: The father left these boys when they were still very young. For he thought it more important to join an activists' group than to care for his family, and he stayed away for many years. So they grew up with their mother, who then had to fend for herself. Unfortunately, over the years, she became very ill, so much so that she could no longer work and feed her children. The boys lived on the streets, begging for food every day – a really miserable life.

One day, a village chief visited our home and was impressed to see how happy and even-tempered the children here are. He asked us if we would accept to take in two more boys. We listened to the story of the boys and gladly accepted them.

Today, Vinay, the older brother, has very successfully completed 10th grade with the highest score. The government has granted him a scholarship at the Indian Institute of Information Technology, a prestigious institution in Andhra Pradesh, where he will study IT.

We are thankful to God for this wonderful development in Vinay's life and faith. Only recently, Vinay's Father has come home, an alcoholic now. Vinay was very upset but he tells us that he is praying for him and trusting that the Lord Almighty will transform his father completely.

Rufus Kamalakar (Director, ALMA)



Vinay from Chittadoor

Solar collectors for mission stations

I am in charge of several mission stations in Cameroon, including the station at Gamboura, close to the Nigerian border. There are no longer any missionaries there, but the primary school and the dispensary are still operating, with the church still there. Responsibility has been turned over to national workers. One of their problems is the cost of power, in the amount of 1,500 € per year, which arise from running the water pump and sterilization of clinic instruments. For quite some time, consideration had been given to switching to solar power for the energy needed to supply water. In April 2013, the day had come: Solar panels were installed, and a pump built into the well. Moreover, we hired some youths to dig a trench for the cables. The water pipe from the well to the water tower (at a distance of 200 m) had already been laid in 2012.

When in the early afternoon, the solar panels had finally been installed on the roof, a test run of the pump was done. A thick jet of water shot out of the pipe, and the joy and the astonishment were immense: How could a few panels on the roof develop such power? While work was being finished, the new collectors pumped 3 m³ of water. This pump,



Pumping test run in Dagai

running on solar power, makes Gamboura quite a bit less dependent on help from Europe.

Would such a collector also work in Dagai? There, the generator to supply power had just broken down, and a new solution had to be found. Dagai is our oldest mission station, with no public power supply either. However, the distance between the well and the water tower is greater there. Moreover, in Dagai, the well is very deep, with the pump hanging at forty meters down.

In view of the fantastic experience in Gamboura, we agreed to have a try in Dagai. Because of the roof pitch, work was more complicated here, but the panels could be fixed

on the building of the dispensary. With the help of some strong men, the old pump was removed from the deep well, new cables were laid and connected to the panels. We went to Dagai for another day's work, and could finally do a test run. News of the success of this test run was spread in the village in next-to-no

time, and soon afterwards, some fifty women and children with buckets and cans were standing there, ready to collect the precious water. This meant the opportunity for us to estimate the fluid quantity: more than 30 litres per minute. Both collectors work well.

The solar collectors will contribute to making the work at the mission stations autonomous, for the people on site would not be able to shoulder maintenance of a diesel generator. The costs of appr. 4,500 euro per collector were funded by EBM INTERNATIONAL and taken from the budget of the mission stations.

Martin Pusch



The clinic in Dagai

Here, children find a second home

We love, because he first loved us.
(1 John, 4:19)

Seven a.m., time for our morning devotion. In the first part, the two watchwords are read in Portuguese and Changan, the regional dialect here. After some sharing about the message of the texts, prayer items for the ensuing prayer fellowship are collected, and there is always occasion for thanks and also for concerns. For instance, one of the children cared for has been released from hospital, or another one shows signs of falling ill, or it has become clear that still another does not have any documents and we have to get them so the school can hand out a bulletin. For all of us here in Macia, this get-together has become a central moment at the beginning of the day. All those doing the "early shift" are there. If someone is not there, it is clear that the person is ill and we have to look in on him or her.

The beginnings of the work in Macia date back to more than ten years ago, when vocational training courses for young people were made available. These were to be trained in income-generating skills, i.e. in computer courses, courses in sewing, knitting, crocheting and embroidery as well as technical skills in metal and wood processing. But very soon, we realized that there was another problem, which was even more pressing: Far too many children had lost either their father or both parents. It is true that in the local culture children are sure to be taken in by relatives, but often, the grand-parents are the only survivors, and they have hardly enough to live on themselves. But even if the mother is still alive, she is infected by AIDS and already so ill that she can hardly care for the children. Many of these children have now found a second home in the Macia Social Centre. At present, more than 30 children come to the Centre, for or after classes, depending on their schedules. Here, they get a meal,



Douglas

sometimes the only one of the day. But much more important are the love and security, and also the sense of belonging they enjoy here.

Another group of children we have started to integrate are children with disabilities, such as Douglas. Douglas is a young person suffering from spasm. He came to the Social Centre for the first time some months ago. At the beginning, his movements were much more impaired than now. Often, he was just sitting in his wheelchair and hardly exuded any joie de vivre. Since he has received regular meals here and - most important - has connected with other children and youths, we can notice how he is blossoming, laughing and joining in. The other children integrate him and let him join in. The picture shows him when he had been coming to us for three months only, and his beaming smiles speak volumes.

Let us give an impressive example illustrating the second watchword



Sharing every-day life



For the children, Macia is a second home

mentioned above: "The LORD watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow." (Psalm 146:9). Anyone being with us here in Macia will be rewarded: whether they join us in prayer, in hands-on assistance, by donating, by communicating or by supporting us in any other way. Here I'd like to say thank you on behalf of the children to everyone who supports this Centre!

*Günther Schwarzingger and
Christoph Marte*

Preparation Course 2013

EBMI volunteers
2013-14



The day had come for the two-week preparation course to start, and 17 volunteers from all over Germany arrived with our heavy suitcases. All of us were excited but at the same time a little anxious as to what was awaiting us. After these two weeks, would all the uncertainties have been cleared up that had slowly been developing on our minds – together with panic before the leap in the dark?

Now that the first week is behind us, we have already learned and experienced an unbelievable lot. Not only have we been given many useful pointers that will soon be useful in our lives as volunteers, but we have also gained new insight into ourselves – what our strengths and weaknesses are, what makes up our identity and what it means to be God's beloved children.

We had some guests and speakers from the various countries, who gave us personalized ideas of what to expect during our assignment, and so we can anticipate at least to some extent what is awaiting us.

The spectre of the topics we have dealt with so far ranges from "profoundly personal" to "legally informative", and so we are, by degrees, getting answers and our heads fill with lots and lots of information. For this reason, it is appreciated that besides the seminars, time is provided for ourselves when we have fellowship, can relax, go on outings and do activities.

Meeting a foreign culture was a fundamental topic, and in order to experience "being a foreigner" in quite a tangible way, we spent one day in Berlin. Split up in teams of two, each team was assigned a different district; there, we were to rest and soak up the nearby surroundings at first, and then to approach and talk to many people in order to

gain insight into life there. During this trip, we did not have much money at our disposal in order to find out what it means to get by on little money. The day was an inspiring experience and, besides numerous challenges, very salutary.

The time we are spending here in Elstal inspires us to reflect, but it also gives great encouragement for the time ahead. For wherever we will be in coming months – in Malawi, South Africa, Cameroon, India or Argentina – , we have learned a great deal about the many facets of being a stranger; we also know that everything will not always run smoothly, and that we are also there to learn from others. Our upcoming assignment will demand something of us and often make us reach our limits, but the experiences we gather will be unique ones. And in all of this, it is a precious privilege to know that we do not have to fend for ourselves but that we have a God who is always ready to "receive signals" - no matter where in the world we are, and who has been there long before we are there, waiting for us.

Joanna Giesbrecht

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Update from Cameroon and Central African Republic

After the departure of Laurence and Hervé Turquais in late 2012, after more than two decades of missionary service in Cameroon, Tabitha and Dominique Azemar also returned to France in June. We are thankful to both couples for their faithful ministries in Cameroon. For many years, the Turquais were in charge of the work at the vocational training centre in Garoua (CTG); in recent years, the Azemars served there, and the Turquais were responsible for the mission station at Douala. In the course of this year,

responsibility for the CTG and the mission station will be handed over to Cameroonians. Since on account of safety considerations, it is not possible for the Maag couple to return to Bangui/Central African Republic, we are pleased that since July 15, they have been able to serve theological education in Ndiki/South Cameroon. The work in Bangui is also to be handed over from Cameroon, which borders on CAR. Entering into the country from Cameroon allows for faster and more spontaneous travel.



Hervé and Laurence Turquais



Tabitha and Dominique Azemar with their children



Markus and Anna-Elisabeth Maag

Pearls of Africa

Linking with Africa

By buying these beautiful "Pearls of Africa" necklaces you support the work of EBM INTERNATIONAL. These hand-made, brightly-coloured beads are rolled from recycled paper, lacquered and sealed. Old magazines are thus used to craft colourful jewellery. The jewellery is purchased directly from a Christian women's group in Uganda. By crafting these necklaces and bracelets, some 50 women are able to earn a living for themselves and their families, because they are paid a fair price. Generating income and reducing waste go hand in hand.

From the sale proceeds of every necklace, 3-4 Euro (depending on size) also go to an EBM INTERNATIONAL project, e.g. to a women's empowerment project in Malawi, to a project training tailors in Garoua (Cameroon) or to the women's project "Maison Dorcas" in Bangui/Central African Republic. Please join us and support this doubly worthwhile sale by buying "Pearls of Africa". A colourful assortment of necklaces has been assembled in each beautiful box. You may get order forms for the boxes



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Help children smile again

Thinking of children, playing, laughter, practical jokes, and adventures come to our mind. But Susana, Rafael, Daniel, Micaela, and Angélica know nothing of all this; words such as pain, grief, loneliness and abuse would be more appropriate to describe their lives.

The short lives of these children were marked by violence and pain, in every respect. Their mother is an alcoholic and, what's more, very aggressive. The biological father left the family. The mother had another partner. The two often left the children to themselves for several weeks, hanging about town. There, they would beg for some money to buy liquor while Susana, at ten the oldest, would have to look after her small siblings.

Near the hovel where they lived, there is a school. The teachers are to be given credit for noticing the children's miserable situation and informing the authorities of it. They reported they often found the children asleep in front of the school gate: these had run away from home because the parents had brutally abused them.

At school, they were given a meal, and the teachers provided some clothing for them. It remains a mystery how they could cope during the holidays.

The story of these small ones is heart-breaking, and it is astonishing



The five children on their arrival

that they survived at all, in the midst of so much deprivation. They slept on the floor, foraged for berries in the bush, got a slice of bread from neighbours from time to time, and often, they wandered through the town, looking for something to eat. In such a state, they were brought to our home: hungry, wet, chilled through. Their faces told of sadness and loneliness. They never met anyone's glances; emotionless, they kept gazing at the floor.

We were unable to take in another five children into one of the existing house families, yet the youth welfare services asked us to keep the children with us, and we were deeply moved by their misery. So we opened up a new house, even

though we lacked the financial means. The Glier couple, who have three children, were willing to take up the ministry of house parents. Now, the five children have been here for three months, and we can gradually notice some small positive developments. Something important has occurred: They can smile a little bit.

For this new house family, we are now desperately looking for sponsors who pray for them and support them financially.

Elfi, the director, writes this report from the Children's home in Alem: We had high-ranking visitors: The new director of the youth welfare services in our Province, Misiones, was here and said that he had heard very many positive things about our home. He brought five laptops with him, and now, our volunteer from Germany, Jakob, teaches the children computer skills in the afternoon.

In the last baptismal service in Alem, one of the seven youths baptized was Lucas D. C., from our Home. His decision fills us with joy, for Lucas is very active in the church. We are also happy because of Roxana T. (18), who is being trained as a kindergarten teacher, and who leads the youth group. She is also a member of the church's worship team.



Children and staff at the Alem Children's home

Marvelling at God's work

Carlos Waldow, Mission Secretary for Latin America, writes about the impressions and encounters he had on his latest official trip to Peru, in July 2013:

As usual I went on this trip together with Arturo Köbernck, EBM Regional Representative for the Spanish-speaking countries in Latin America. This time again, we felt overjoyed after talking to our missionaries, meeting the Quechua churches and seeing what God has been doing there. It is always wonderful to see that Jesus is building and strengthening his church in every nation, culture and reality.

The first part of the trip led us to Jimbe and the surrounding region. Here, another missionary conference with our brothers and sisters from Jimbe and seven villages was being held. Within one year, EBM MASA missionary Hugo Mondoñedo has started mission work in three new locations.

About 150 people came together for the conference in Jimbe. There was much singing, the Word was preached, seven people were baptized, children were blessed, and there was a great deal of good fellowship. The small groups of believers there live in often remote villages, up to 4000 m altitude. This is why three years ago we motivated Hugo to organize such meetings in order to strengthen their awareness

that they are "one" church in that area, that they are a big group, and that together they can be strong.

In our meetings with the missionaries, the results of the projects were evaluated, decisions with regard to specific and necessary activities were made and goals and strategic steps for the future discussed. One such decision was about launching a missionary church-planting project also in Chimbote. The church there could then serve as a "mother church" to all the mission projects in this region. Chimbote has approx. 350,000 inhabitants, but there is no Baptist church there.

In Cusco, EBM MASA missionary Adrián Campero was already expecting us. Topics of our talks were not only the evaluation of the mission work in the Apurimac and Cusco regions, where most of the mission projects supported by EBM MASA are located. In these talks, priority is always given to the missionary himself and his personal concerns. We were able to listen to each other and to pray for each other for quite some time. Adrián's health is not very good. We hope and pray that he will soon recover completely.



The last stop on our trip in Peru was in Yanaoca and the surrounding area. EBM MASA missionaries Modesto and Lourdes Puñal were fully engaged in the organization of a mission conference with our brothers and sisters from Huinchiri and those coming from the mission projects of another three villages. They are very poor families, who walk many kilometres in order to join the others but who are very passionate about their Lord Jesus Christ and his church. They are God's people, who take the gospel, in word and deed, to the people in these mountains and valleys, and not even their own needs and limitations can stop them from doing so.

In Yanaoca, some 60 people from eight mission projects gathered for a service, which was followed, as usual, by a joint lunch. We give glory to God for the progress of the missionary work in this region. In Yanaoca, a chapel is being built now. The walls are already up, and soon, the building should have a roof, doors and windows. In addition, a kitchen and a few rooms are going to be built, which are to accommodate the training courses for the missionaries and co-workers from this region.

When we said good-bye, our heart was filled with profound gratitude for the deep spiritual sharing with our Quechua brothers and sisters.

Carlos Waldow



Worship in Yanaoca

Mission field trip to Peru



We are planning a mission field trip to Peru for June 2014. The Cusco/Apurimac region will be the main destination of this journey, which will certainly be very exciting. At the end of the trip, the travellers will attend a Quechua mission conference in Concacha, with more than 1,000 people participating. If you are interested, you might already start

training for a Bible Race, taking place at 4,000 m above sea level. Another challenge will be not only to visit, but also to cross the Puente del Inca ("Inca Bridge", see the photograph).

More information is available at our website: www.ebm-international.org/356.0.html



Puente del Inca

From Brazil to Mozambique

An unforgettable mission assignment

As reported earlier, a partnership between the Brazilian Union, Pioneira, and the Baptist Convention of Mozambique came into being just over one year ago, with EBM MASA coordinating the exchange.

In July this year, the time had come again: a group of nine from Brazil went to Mozambique for three weeks in order to support some projects there. It was led by Rev. Isaías

Christal, one of the three participating missionaries from Brazil, and it also included five students and a teacher from the Seminar at Ijuí.

Rev. Renato Gusso taught various Bible subjects to some 90 students and teachers of the Seminar at Beira as well as teachers from another five bible schools, all keen on learning.

All the participants pleaded with us to continue these training courses so that the church staff in Mozambique might be better equipped for their work. For a sound development of God's Kingdom in Mozambique, this project is strategically relevant; it will allow for God's Word to be taken to every corner of this large and so very poor country.

The other participants of the group worked with 150 children in the PEPE Project in the mornings. In the afternoons, they visited the families and were involved in evangelistic activities on the streets. During the second week, the group travelled to another area, where the enormous material and spiritual



Dr Renato Gusso teaching at Beira



A work team with the church in Nharonchonga

poverty of the inhabitants of Tica deeply impressed them: Everything is missing there, be it electric current or sewage facilities, food or health care, or work. But the people were friendly and listened joyfully when the gospel was being preached in schools and villages. Before the end of the stay, the group went back to Beira, did a week's mission work (activities on the streets), helped with the training of Sunday school teachers and assisted in a holiday Bible Camp for 350 children in the facilities of the Baptist church.

Let us read what the Brazilian participants themselves have written:

"I was astonished at the interest of children and adults alike when we approached them in the streets and talked about Jesus. They have this gift to be happy about the simplest of things – which most of the time we might not even notice. Our greatest reward was seeing the Christians as they received Bibles and other materials donated by Brazilian churches. Here, there are many Christians, even church leaders, who do not have one Bible."

"Life in Africa is quite different from anything I had seen before. The people are

open-minded and very warm and friendly, despite the many things they lack. The teachers in the PEP Project are wonderful women, who achieve a lot in spite of the scarce materials, and who do an excellent job. I pray that the seeds sown will sprout and bear fruit to God's glory."

In Mozambique, I met courageous women. They get up early, clean the house, prepare the meals, tend the kitchen garden, dry fish in the sun, and sell their handiwork in the streets. Smoothness of the skin of their hands? Well-tended fingernails? We don't find that here. Keeping fit? Often, they have



Children at a PEPE Project in Beira

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to carry a child on their back, plus several things on their heads: fruit, water, wood, etc. These women are now on my prayer list, for they must know that there is someone caring for them."

"At the beginning, you are shocked at living conditions there, but when you see with how much willingness to sacrifice the church performs its ministry, you feel encouraged to help as much as possible. The people laugh a great deal, they are happy, and even thankfully sing when they receive a Bible."

"All in all, it was a fascinating, enriching and unforgettable mission trip!"



Baptist Union in the Czech Republic

Our mission department and the Union leadership have focused on church planting in recent years. Meetings of the church-planting teams have been organized, and these teams are supported financially. For some years already, our Union has also been supporting Brother Aram Kachatryan, who has founded a church in Armenia. Initially, this was a project of the European Baptist Federation, but now, there is a direct agreement between the Armenian and our Union. Besides, we support the work at the Bible School in Cameroon where EBM INTERNATIONAL is involved.

In 2013, we have been concerned with a fundamental question with regard to financial resources: On January 1, a new law became effective which settles compensation to the Church for property confiscated by the State. The State will return all the properties "stolen" during the Communist area (or offer financial compensation). We are free to accept this offer or to refuse it. At the same time, the government will slowly decrease its financial support for pastors, of which some of our churches avail themselves. This

means that our decision is going to have far-reaching consequences for our work: There is an incalculable risk as to the number of pastors and specific mission projects we may still be able to finance.

Via EBM INTERNATIONAL, Anna Kulháňková volunteered for a short-term mission assignment in South Africa. She worked in a Baptist Church in Soweto/Johannesburg from August 2005 to April 2006, being involved in prevention work in the HIV/AIDS Project Imikateko. She also visited many schools and gave lectures on HIV/AIDS and sexual abuse.

Many Baptist churches in the Czech Republic have their own mission project, such as child sponsorships in Nepal or Ethiopia. This kind of

support provides for food, clothing, school fees, health care and Christian education in these poor countries. Other mission projects include support of Czech missionaries working in Nepal and a Czech family in Southeast Asia, who are translating the Bible into a local language.

Pavel Novosad



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