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## Dear reader,

*“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” Hebrews 13:16*

When we ask for donations for our mission work, it is an invitation to share. God has given us his gifts. Whatever we have, we owe to Him. And our giving and sharing with others is pleasing to Him. During the service of the Baptist Church in Tallarevu/Southeast India, an offering is collected every Sunday (just as in our churches). There are those who give money, and there are others who have no money at all. These bring a bowl of rice or some vegetables and put them on the communion table – for the street children. Nobody has everything. But everybody has something. And we learn from the people in India when sharing becomes sacrificing.

Please, read the reports from the mission fields. And be inspired to share with the people in one of the projects. It will give you joy, and it will be pleasing to God.

Yours,

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A beggar in the streets of Nellore/India

## God does good

At the 2014 Mission Council in Orsay/France, we heard very encouraging reports from many of the 120 delegates and guests from over 20 countries on what God is doing and moving in His mission. In stark contrast was the report of our treasurer: a decline in donations by more than 300,000 euro in 2013, and another 150,000 Euro during the first six months of 2014.

We find it difficult to handle this discrepancy: If we were to realize that the projects we support were ineffective, showed no results and were bad, we would have no right

to ask for donations. But quite the contrary is true: Our Baptist schools are Christian beacons in Africa and India, in an increasingly radicalized Muslim and Hindu context. We are witnessing revivals and spiritual awakenings in Cuba and India. Hundreds of new churches are arising. In our medical facilities, destitute people have access to treatment that they would otherwise be denied. In many children's homes and the MANNA and PEPE Projects, children are provided a home and prospects for their future, and they get to know Jesus. In our schools and vocational centres, more than 25,000

children and young people receive education and access to the Gospel. In ten theological seminaries and bible schools, we support the training of future pastors. And through our food security programmes, we keep people from starvation and ensure sustainable food security.

We would like to report on the good God is doing in future also. To make this possible, we need and hope for the support, prayers and donations from many churches and friends.

*Anniversary in Zurich on March 16, 2014*

## 60 Years of European Baptist Mission

With much love, time and effort, the Church in Zurich organized a celebration on this occasion. The effort was worth it, as many Baptist churches from Switzerland and a great number of guests, many among them from Germany, were attending. All of us celebrated in the full church, with the Gospel Band "The Kuziem Singers" providing the captivating African sound.

Christoph Haus told the extraordinary background story (1878) of the Cameroonian Prince in Berlin, and how it came that EBM was founded in Zurich by the Baptist Unions of France, Germany and Switzerland. In his sermon on psalm 146, Christoph Haus encouraged us to look for people near our homes who need Jesus, for mission starts at our doorstep. During lunch in the canteen of the

nearby secondary school, we had the opportunity to meet former missionaries and brothers and sisters that we do not often come across.

In the afternoon there was room for greetings by our guests, and nostalgic pictures of former missionaries were shown. In a presentation, Christoph Haus explained the reorientation of EBM INTERNATIONAL to us, which can be summed up as promoting local responsibility.

After Annabeth and Markus Maag's retirement from mission service due to the political unrest in the Central African Republic, EBM Switzerland finds itself, for the first time, with no active missionaries. The Maags were able to hand some areas of work



The Kuziem Singers

over to Africans. However, our support will still be desperately needed.

*Esther Fröhlich*

# First Baptist Union in Turkey

On April 4, 2014, the mission churches in Izmir, Adana (southeastern Turkey), Samsun (on the Black Sea), and Istanbul founded the first Baptist Union in Turkey. From July 5 to 11, 2014, the Annual Gathering of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) was held in Turkey for the first time. It was a great encouragement for the small Baptist churches that 350 delegates from 120 countries of the world's biggest Protestant church came to Izmir for their annual Conference. There was very positive coverage in the press. Everywhere, there were security agents for fear that anti-Christian radicals might

demonstrate or carry out an attack. In June, I had already visited the new churches. In the megacity of Samsun, the 25 members make up the only Protestant church. In Adana, 20 brothers and sisters gather in a vacant shop. Especially the 300,000 Syrian refugees are a challenge to the small Baptist church. Most of them are taken care of in UN Camps. But time and again, Syrian Christians come looking for help. In Istanbul, the church with its 22 members no longer has an assembly room and they meet in the pastor's flat. When they are singing and during the sermon,



The congregation in Istanbul in the pastor's living-room

the windows are closed so that the neighbours will not fetch the police. In Izmir, there are now already 10 baptized Iranian refugees, who belong to the church. Every Sunday, there are two services – one in Turkish and one in Persian (Farsi).

The mission work is growing and getting stronger. We depend on prayers and donations.

*Christoph Haus*



Ertan Cevik in the Adana church



Churches were turned into mosques.

Report from our partner CREAM/India

## Origins of the Church in Tallarevu

### History of the village prior to 1952

Tallarevu is a coastal village near the Bay of Bengal and is situated in the Godavari river basin. Agriculture and fishing are the main occupations of the people living here. The native people are Hindus, dogmatic, ritualistic idol worshippers with many gods and goddesses. The caste system prevailed here; few higher caste Hindus dominated the lower caste people. Untouchability was practiced. Few landlords owned the lands, and the majority of the people were labourers. Many canals and

rivers around the village are well-suited for fishing, which also creates income and provides food.

### Arrival of the Gospel in 1952

In 1952, God sent Canadian Baptist missionaries to this place to reach the people with the Gospel. Some families, who worked as teachers and nurses, started a small group of about ten believers. They purchased a plot in the centre of the village (at the site of the present church) and built a small church accommodating 100 believers. The building was

inaugurated on December 25, 1952 – in loving memory of Miss McLaren, who was heavily involved in spreading the Gospel in this area.

### EBM INDIA (formerly Hans-Herter-Indienhilfe)

In 1974, Pastor D. Vasantharao, the present director of CREAM, came to this church with its then 40 members. He laboured a lot, preaching, visiting the sick, and caring for the poor, etc. As he was witnessing to the Christian faith, he was faced with much humiliation from the rich

native Hindus of the higher castes, for they were ashamed. In 1986, he started a voluntary organization in order to help the poor. Thanks to the compassion and help of Dr. Walter Herter and the German Baptists, he was able to reach the poorest of the poor with Jesus' love and practical help. By 1998, the congregation grew to 300 members.

### Building the present church in 1995:

With the kind support of Hans-Herter-Indienhilfe, the present church building was built and dedicated by Mr Gerhard Körner on January 29, 1995. It was named the Baptist Church of Resurrection.



Christmas service

### Present condition: 2014

I was appointed the pastor of this church on May 1st., 1998 I am very thankful to God for this ministry and for the Congregation's present 700 members. Last year, 78 people were baptized in this church (which includes four branches).

Our thanks go to the many donors and to EBM INDIA for their precious support.

*Pastor D. G. Samuel Sagar*

*Pastor Rufus Kamalakar shares the following:*

## Outcasts, yet loved...

At this year's Mission Council in Orsay (France), Pastor Rufus Kamalakar, director of the EBM INDIA partner organization ALMA, gave us some small insight into his work and shared the following story:

Martha, a pastor, was walking to a new village, reaching out to the people there. On the way, she happened to see a man and a woman with a small boy under a tree. They were very sick, lying on the ground

with their belongings next to them. Martha approached them to ask why they were there. The man answered that after being diagnosed with HIV they were expelled from their village and had been there, under that tree, for quite some time. Obviously, they were in very bad condition. Seeing the pathetic situation of the family, Martha was very sad. When she asked the family to go along with her, they said in tears that they did not have the strength to go with

her as they had not eaten anything for a long time. They mentioned their elder boy had left them to work and fetch some food. Martha promised to get her husband and some

believers to help. At home, Martha told the story to her husband, who is also a pastor, and some Christians who lived nearby. They all went back to the family and carried them back to the village under cover of darkness, for in daylight, the community would have protested. They took them into the church building, gave them a bath and food and bedding, and then they began to share the love of Jesus. The family heard about Jesus and saw HIM in action. They began to give their lives to the Lord. They got baptized and took on Christian names. Jonah and Elizabeth, and Daniel and Samuel for the boys. >>



Congregation in Nellore District



Daniel and Samuel

The church took them to the hospital, where they got treatment. Thus they were able to survive for several months. Before he breathed his last,

the man called the church, especially Martha, whom he asked to pray for him. He said: "The Lord is calling me to heaven. Please take care of my boys; I would like them to grow up as God's children under the protection of the church. They are your children. As I am leaving this world, I would like you to be praying for me." And that is what happened: While Martha was praying, he went into glory.

Few days later, his dear wife Elizabeth also died. Just before her death, she, too, asked Martha to care for her children. Her last words were: "I wish we had known this Jesus earlier, but we are glad it was not too late. We will see you again in Paradise."

Today, the church is caring for Daniel and Samuel. They are keeping up with their promise, and the two boys will now live in the children's home.

*Pastor Rufus Kamalakar,  
Director of ALMA*

*Trip to India*

## Thirsting for righteousness

My memory is taking me back. I am there, not on the Island of Bliss, but in India: the Bay of Bengal, white sandy beaches, huge waves, a couple of boats, tiny like nutshells, waiting for some poor fisherman to venture out into the open sea again. The people who live here have other concerns than enjoying the panorama view. In the village, we were being expected.

A little girl is bringing me a flower garland, which she has made herself. She doesn't speak any English, I don't

speak any Telugu, but we can tell each other our names. Hers is Mathilda. Maybe told to me only. Mathilda has very short hair and a saffron yellow shirt. Her white teeth sparkle and shine when she is laughing. She drags me here and there, past a small pool, between mud huts and along some trees to the village church. A simple mud building with a palm leaf roof. In front of it, under a tree, some children with their mothers have sat down. The drum is rounding up the others as well. Milk and eggs are being dispensed. At the very beginning of the queue, there is a small boy with nothing on but a flower garland. Until a short time ago, he had not been able to walk because his bones were too weak. The milk has helped him get on his feet.

Why am I here? It is because of the children. The children of my church in Hamburg. On Sunday, they dealt with the topic "Children in other Countries". Children have a very simple perspective on fairness. It is fair when everyone has got what he or she needs to live. And when someone does not have

Mathilda with a flower garland



what he needs to live, then we must give it to him or her.

Unfortunately, I am an adult. I have other questions, such as: Why do they give eggs and milk to the children, instead of giving the parents buffaloes and hens?

Pastor Rufus Kamalakar explained to me that they had tried to do that, but that it didn't work. For keeping animals requires know-how, and in order to know, you have to learn something. In order to learn, you have to have a certain basic nutritional status. Satisfying hunger and thirst sustainably is a difficult endeavor.

In one village, it has worked. There, the teacher always came when they were all sitting together and eating. He has managed to influence his pupils to the extent that they work and earn money for the whole community. This village no longer depends on given milk or given eggs. One village.

*„We cannot do everything.  
There is a sense of liberation  
In realizing that.  
It enables us to do something,  
And to do it very well.“* Oscar Romero

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.  
Matthew 5:6

As a farewell present, Mathilda gives me her barrette. Obviously, I need it – how am I to fix the flower in my hair otherwise?

Anja Neu-Illg, Pastor of  
Hamburg-Eimsbüttel Baptist Church

Anja Neu-Illg stayed in India in February, with EBMI General Secretary Christoph Haus and six other fellow travellers in order to visit some projects of EBM INDIA. Mathilda's village is supported by ALMA, the organization led by Rufus Kamalakar. The Eimsbüttel Church supports the "Milk & Egg" Project and the ministry Rufus carries out among the Yanadi, in India. The above text was broadcast by radio as a devotion on June 13, 2014, by DRadioKultur.



Pastor Rufus with the pastoral couple from a village church

ALMA = Abundant Life for Ministerial Associates	Church association uniting more than 300 local churches
"Milk & Egg" Project (Project Number 81101)	Daily dispensation of milk and, twice a week, an egg, to 800 under- and malnourished Adivasi children, as well as to 100 malnourished mothers. The feeding takes place in 15 different villages around Nellore.
Children's Home in Chittatoor (Project Number 81102)	60 Adivasi children have found a home here.

## PRAYING AND DONATING

### ALMA – Milk and Egg Programme in Nellore District

Project Number: MAG 81101  
Financial need: € 14000

### CREAM –Church ministry in Tallarevu

Project Number: MAG 81401  
Financial need: € 8700

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## Sharing life – sharing the faith

Within the context of the „Without Borders“ Programme, our church in Heidelberg invited Funwayo and Victory Mafuleka, a pastoral couple from Malawi. During their eight weeks stay, the Mafulekas were not only the guests in the various groups of our congregation but they also got actively involved themselves. This gave us an insight into how they live with God and His word.

On the Sunday of Pentecost, the Mafulekas said farewell with these words:  
*„It has been a joy being among you. We appreciate every encounter we have had with you; this has been a time of sharing our lives. And it has inspired our lives... Please, do get an idea of how other people live by inviting them into your lives!“*

To these words of farewell, they added an encouragement: not only to share our lives,



The Mafuleka family

but also to share our faith with others with more courage. Already now, a short time after our African friends left, we can say that their openness and their remarkable integrity of life and faith have deeply moved and encouraged us. We are very thankful and cannot but recommend other churches to participate in the “Without Borders” programme!

*Dr. Helmut Rabenau,  
Iglesia Bautista de  
Heidelberg*

Mission at eye level

## Pastor Samuel Kamara staying in Lüneburg

„Missions at eye level“ – This motto is taken at face value by the Friedenskirche Lüneburg and the Baptist Convention of Sierra Leone. For many years, the Church has been financing the ministry of a youth pastor in Sierra Leone. Now, Pastor Samuel Kamara and the Baptists in Lüneburg have met face to face for the first time: Mr Kamara spent two weeks in Lüneburg, getting to know the people, the country and the church ministries.

There were plenty of opportunities to meet: Mr Kamara gave sermons in the service, led an evening devoted to missions, visited the children’s service and was invited almost every day, by different families. It was not only the first-hand reports from one of the poorest countries of the earth that will be remembered: “Samuel Kamara has a great passion in his heart to share the Gospel,” said Pastor Udo Rehmann. “Moreover, we have been impressed by the commitment with which the Baptists in Sierra Leone go about training their youth workers, developing quality programmes for this purpose.”

The youth pastor preceding Mr Kamara, Paul Conteh, had already visited the congregation in Lüneburg in 2008, in the context of the EBM Programme “Without Borders”; he stayed there for three months, together with Pastor Joseph Fornah.



Pastor Samuel Kamara  
with Pastor Jürgen  
Bohle

*Ute Klingberg-Stunk*

# Sierra Leone, Cameroon and Mozambique



The Sikorski family

## The Sikorski

are a cheerful family – most of the time. They are Maike Telkamp, 41, Renatus Sikorski, 44, the twins Micha and Martha, 7, and Manu, 4. From autumn they will work as EBM INTERNATIONAL representatives in Sierra Leone and coordinate and support the projects of the Baptist Convention of Sierra Leone (BCSL) that are supported by EBM INTERNATIONAL. (Their departure, however, will only be possible when the Ebola epidemic is under control). One of these projects, e.g., is the Eye Hospital in Lunsar, several mobile out-patient units as well as 30 primary and secondary schools. In addition, they will be involved in training national staff. They will live in Freetown, the country's capital, at the Kingdom mission station, which also includes a guesthouse. From here, they will also take care of the EBM INTERNATIONAL's volunteers and promote the manifold relationships between churches in Germany and Sierra Leone.

## Else Miklavcic,

65, a former teacher with theological training, will be involved in the Macia/Mozambique Social Centre from September 2014. She will contribute to the continuation training of staff and will develop training and education materials in the area of administration and organization. The educational opportunities of the Centre are geared towards disadvantaged groups, for example to women, young people and people with disabilities.



Else Miklavcic

## Nathan Minard,

26, agricultural machinery mechanic, grew up in Cameroon and worked there as a volunteer during the past two years. Now, in November 2014, he will return there as a missionary. Nathan's assignment will be at the Vocational Centre (CTG) and at the Collège Polyvalent Baptiste La Grace, both in Garoua. His tasks will be taking care of the technical facilities and the training of staff.



Nathan Minard

## Vanessa Cavalier,

31, loves being a nurse and will serve God and people in the area of health care in Cameroon. A staff member of the hospital in Garoua, Vanessa is to develop in-house continuation training for the medical personnel and to provide health education for the population. Vanessa is aware that the challenges awaiting her in Garoua are manifold, but she sticks to God's promise that He will always be at her side.



Vanessa Cavalier

# Marta Nombela and Sara Marcos sharing news



Marta Nombela



Movum Church

Founding mission churches (branch churches) is among the goals of our main church in Evinayong, the small congregation who love God and are investing a lot of work into the various projects of the school and into the agricultural project. We are particularly touched by the commitment of the church members who preach in the unreached villages, planting new churches. Every Sunday, our church leaders, together with the young people, travel in groups of two to the mission churches, which are in very remote places. As they do not have a car, they have to walk or rent a car. Our church has only one bicycle to go from one village to another. A large share of the church budget is spent on transportation for these evangelists.

We have three branch churches: Movum, Asogabo and Eboafang. The evangelists go there every Sunday to preach, and sometimes also on weekdays to teach discipleship training courses.

Movum is a mountain village with the church at the top of the mountain. Although the village is small, its inhabitants were the first to hear the Gospel, and many of our present leaders originally come from there. There is a worship there every Sunday, and the church is full, especially with children, who come without being told. We ask God for leaders who will answer the call to come to this church, and we pray that many of the people who were converted in the past might come back.



Baptism with Sara Marcos

Asogabo is the youngest branch church, which was founded by some brothers of our main church. It is still a very small house church, but they have already purchased a piece of land to build a chapel on it. The church is teeming with young people, who attend every Sunday.

The Eboafan church is currently building a chapel. The work is being hampered by some village chiefs who live next to it. As soon as they see us coming they turn on loud music in their bars in order to disturb our service. So we ask God to provide solutions. The same chiefs gave us the land to build the chapel some time ago. We thank God for the brothers and sisters who do not give up but who are trying to find solutions with the Lord's guidance.

Sara Marcos and Marta Nombela

Baptist Eye Hospital Lunsar / Sierra Leone

## A new operating table for the eye hospital

We are most pleased that thanks to a donation of 6,000 Euro we could order an operating table and a suitable chair. Meanwhile, both have arrived at the Eye Hospital. They serve to improve the quality of medical interventions considerably, shortening the time needed for surgery and increasing the level of convenience for the surgeon and the patients as well.



Operating-table improving the quality of interventions

Dr. John Mattia

# We cannot change the world...



Preparation Course for volunteers 2014/15

A good team spirit – that is what we experienced in our two weeks preparation course:

It all began – in sunny weather – with our arrival on July 14 in Elstal – we were bringing along lots of sweets, high spirits, high expectations and lots of questions. Will all the uncertainties regarding my assignment be cleared up here? What about the other volunteers? Will we all get along well?

A time of very intense living was ahead of us, the 15 volunteers – it meant thinking a lot about ourselves, having inspiring talks, and, last but not least, having lots of fun together. We have realized that living in a foreign culture demands

observing – we should avoid rash judgements!

The outing to Berlin left a special impression on us. We set out in groups of two, with just a little to drink, a one-way ticket and the daily wages of a labourer in the country of our assignment. We then spent some eight hours

in various districts of Berlin. There, we had many captivating talks and experienced first-hand what it is like when you cannot just buy something to eat at the nearest baker's when you are hungry. With regard to our volunteering, this day taught us that it is worth trying deliberately to approach people and that being rebuffed has nothing to do with personal guilt.

During these two weeks, it was most fascinating to see that young people who hardly knew one another before could grow into such a strong fellowship. And it was a pleasure for all of us to integrate into our group the guests who joined us later and who answered our questions with patience and gave us some insight into the countries that were still unknown to us. We would like to say thank you to all the speakers, interlocutors and organizers who made this captivating time possible.

Even if the schedule was crammed full, we always found time to reflect on what we had heard and to come to rest. There was also ample time for fellowship with the volunteers. We had praise singing, played volleyball and even watched a film – there was time for everything, and we laughed a lot together!

Our anticipation has very much grown. Many of us would like nothing more than to board their plane to India, South Africa, Argentina, Malawi, Cameroon or Sierra Leone right away. We have now become aware that we will probably rather be learners than teachers. We cannot change the world, but our mere presence may inspire the people in all those countries. Our assignment will definitely also bring about hard times, but whatever our situation will be, the Lord will be at our side. We will still be His beloved children. This is why we are happy to have the privilege of immersing into another culture and we are looking forward to experiencing God's majesty anew.

*Miriam Rödder and Julia Sauer*

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### Volunteer Programme

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Baptism of 65 brothers and sisters

Mission field trip to Peru

## In the land of the Quechua

The High Andes: a vast land – mountains as far as you can see. In spite of the altitude (4,000 m), small trees grow up here, there are fields and arable lands which are cultivated in terraces on steep slopes. We can see alpacas, llamas and sheep grazing; every now and then, we can see some horses and cows, which are attached to a peg on harvested maize fields. And in the middle of all of this, some women or children are sitting there, holding a spindle in their hands and quite casually spinning wool. A pure idyll – that's what you might think. But life for the peasants here is very hard. They live in simple small houses made from clay bricks, which they make themselves. They are a very assiduous people. Day in, day out, they work hard in order to extract, from meagre

soil, everything they need to subsist. But they need not go hungry – at least not as long as there are no natural disasters that destroy their livelihood. Unfortunately, this is what happens year after year.

Impressive and fascinating – this is how we characterize the country we have visited. We, that is a party of 15 people from Germany, Switzerland, and Austria, accompanied by Carlos Waldow, the EBM MASA Mission Secretary. On our mission field trip, we were also accompanied by Adrián Campero, missionary in the far-reaching area of Apurímac.

At first, the programme featured some tourist attractions. We visited many Inca ruins, including Machu Picchu, to be sure, this well preserved city of ruins with its ancient Inca temple complex in the midst of the high mountains. We learned something about ancient Inca cultures, and we were given an insight into how Catholicism, introduced to the country by the colonial power Spain, mingled with the primitive religions of the indigenous population. This is still the case today and has consequences for mission work in the country.

The second part of our journey was even much more impressive. We travelled long distances across lonely regions, visiting Baptist churches and mission stations there. Often we felt like being at the end of the earth, and yet: There are people living there, and there are even Baptist churches there! Everywhere, we were given a warm welcome, and the brothers and sisters thanked us with great emotion for all the help they have received from EBM MASA, which deeply touched our hearts.

*"Tuesday: For hours, we have been driving along a very sinuous mountain pass*

With the brothers and sisters from Lambrama



road leading up to an altitude of 4,000 m. Shortly before arriving there – a melon field! It is really strange to realize what crops are possible at this altitude, how manifold the vegetation here is. A moment of enjoying the magnificent panorama view at the top – which is then followed by endless bends down into the next valley and to our destination: Lambrama, with its about 1,000 inhabitants. Out of the door of the Baptist church, a small clay house, small people are oozing out, 18-20 people of all ages. They have come specially to meet us, among them Sister Timotea, a tiny woman of Methusalem's age – who has been able to walk again since Carlos prayed for her two years ago. The brothers and sisters have prepared a meal for us – delicious roast fish, blue potatoes and holluco, a cabbage variety. We pray for their missionary, laying hands also on two young people, before we say good-bye. The answer to our question what we could give them: Education, help with how to do things. And on we go. Further down the valley in countless bends to the city of Abancay, to our hotel. In the evening: a meal and worship in the church. What a contrast to the church this morning in Lambrama! Instead of the Quechua songs we heard there, the congregation, clad in modern clothes, are singing Western style praise songs."

The last highlight of our journey was the mission conference of the Quechua Churches in Abancay Province. It is in this area that Adrián Campero started mission work 28 years ago – when there were no churches here. Today, the annual festivities of the Mission Conference are among the highlights of the Baptists in this area, who come from meanwhile 40 churches or mission stations, respectively.

A big tent had been put up, wooden benches from all the nearby mission stations had been transported there. We were wondering where those attending were to come from, in this lonely region. But come they did: up to 1,000 Quechua people, many of whom took it upon themselves to walk for several hours on arduous mountain paths in order to be present at the four days celebration. The programme featured: Bible teaching, competitions in sports and Bible knowledge, cooking and eating together plus a baptism.



Mission Conference of the Quechua churches

*"Saturday: The group starts again to join the Mission Conference. There, we arrive at around 9 o'clock. Everything still seems to be quiet, but to our astonishment, we notice that the big tent is already filled with people. We are looking forward to the great baptism celebration. The 65 candidates are each called by name, they go forward to join their pastors. Then, the ceremony starts in the open: Every on-looker tries to find a place from where to have a good view. The water has been led into the former trout pool in the previous days – cold water from melted glaciers. Seven pastors, who go into the water. Now, in groups of seven and one group after the other, the candidates step down the ladder into the pool, till all of the 65 have been baptized. There is clapping and singing. After the baptism service, everyone gathers in the tent again, for the blessing of the new converts."*

At noon, we, as a group, get an extraordinary invitation: Specially for us, cuy – guinea pig – has been grilled. A first! All of us look somewhat skeptically, yet curiously at what we are being served. The meat covers the whole plate, under it, there are broad beans. We taste it carefully: It tastes like chicken, not bad, really. A baptism and a guinea pig meal: two highlights during our journey around Peru in one single day!

*"Sunday: The crazy traffic in Cusco is proof that we have left the "quiet" world of the mountains around Curahuasi. At the airport, we say good-bye to the five missionaries who have spent the last days with us, and also to Carlos – they are now having a two-day retreat."*

A part of our hearts will definitely stay with the people in Peru!

Gabi Neubauer et al.

## The dream of my life

Being thankful for what God has put inside me and sharing my gifts with others: This was my motivation for doing a short-term assignment in the Children's Home in Alem/Argentina.

The Children's Home is situated in



The house mother, Virginia, and Ruth distributing food

wonderful surroundings: six houses on a stone pine plot of about 22 acres. There, 47 children are currently cared for by the home parents or single mothers, respectively. We had the privilege of experiencing how happy the children are and

how well they are taken care of by their house parents as well as by the directors, Elfy and Sergio Ibarra. In some houses, I could replace the house mother and cook for about 15 people, hang up the laundry and do a lot of sewing. We also sewed Christmas hats, which were sold by the Children's Home at the Christmas market in order to buy presents for the children from the proceeds.

My dream of being a house mother some day

did not only fall victim to the sweltering heat; but there was simply far too much to be done. Here, I realized that I would have liked to relieve these mothers. How wonderful would it be if there were enough donations to pay for a replacement so that the house mothers could be relieved! Now, we have been back for a couple of months already, but my soul has not arrived here yet. The dream of my life – I could live it for three months in the Children's Home, and I would not want to miss that time. The children, the families, the directors, the brothers and sisters in the church, Arturo Köbernick (EBM Regional Representative for the Spanish-speaking countries) and his family – all of them have found a place deep in our hearts, and we would very much like to see them again.

Sincerely yours, in HIM,

Ruth and Bernhard Kondziolka

Mission work in Bolivia

## Launching two new projects

**El Alto** is a neighbouring city of the capital La Paz and is among the poorest cities of the world. More than 70% of the population live below the poverty line. Many of them don't have access to water, sewage, or power. The city being situated at a high altitude, it is mainly Aymara or Quechua people who live here.

Children at the PEPE Pre-School Project



No wonder then that the children hardly have any chance of getting quality education. Since February, a PEPE pre-school Project for 15 children has been in place. It is managed by two ladies who have been trained by a Brazilian staff member. These two are assisted by brothers and sisters from the local Baptist Church, who take care of the parents' social needs in an honorary capacity. We are glad that these people are given help and that the Gospel is being proclaimed to them!

In **Sucre/Yotala** a new church-planting project could be launched with missionary Sebastián Jancko Rojas. He has started his ministry with



Sebastián Jancko Rojas with his family

great passion. Now, a motorbike is being purchased for him so he can better reach the surrounding villages. This project includes fighting the Chagas disease, which is transmitted by the Chagas beetles. It is spreading widely in Bolivia, and it is incurable.

## 2AR – 2 People Travelling

In late March, Mirko Nagler and Carlos Waldow, Mission Secretary of EBM MASA, met in order to finalize preparations for the 2AR Project (AR standing for "Auf Reisen", i.e. travelling). Mirko and his wife Claudia were planning to go on an evangelistic journey across America on their bike, putting the concept "God's beloved people" into practice with their camera and giving meditations. Their first stops would be in the U.S. and Canada, and they will end their journey in Latin America. "Having a large South America map before us, we followed the planned route, and Carlos gave me helpful information on many countries and also elucidated the situation of the missionaries and projects in the respective countries", said Mirko Nagler. In April, the couple were sent out in Wetzlar, starting for the first Baptist motorbike rally ever.

With several months of travelling behind them, Claudia and Mirko have reported on their experience: Our tour started in New York on

May 12, 2014, and continued via Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, and South Dakota across the United States. The journey is also supported by the German Baptist Union. Carsten Hokema (Mission Department), accompanied us for the first ten days. We put the project "God's beloved people" into practice in public places, at a school and also, spontaneously, in churches that were on our way. It is great to give those who have come a photo and see their thrilled faces. In late May, we reached Fort Thompson in South Dakota – after long roads, past huge green fields... a vast, endlessly vast countryside. We arrived at a Christian charity for Indian children and stayed there, in the poorest Indian reservation of the US, for four days, celebrating worships, joyously fellowshiping with the children and taking pictures of the staff. It really got under our skin – realizing God at work and seeing



Mirko and Claudia Nagler on tour

how close the people came to God and what impact a life with God may have on them.

The hospitality of (North)Americans is overwhelming, the interest in our journey impressive. At every service station, every camping site or in front of the supermarket, we have talks, sometimes pray with the people and convey God's message. Some people gave us money for the projects of EBM MASA after short meetings only.

We will go on like this, travelling, talking about God and looking for God's beloved people... We are fine, but we need your prayers. With warmest greetings,

*Claudia and Mirko Nagler*  
For further and more detailed information, please access [www.2ar.eu](http://www.2ar.eu)

Supporting children by giving away stamps

## Everyone can join in

For more than ten years, Horst Liedtke has processed and sold collected stamps, envelopes, picture postcards, phone cards, coins and bank notes in order to support EBM MASA, and in particular the children's homes in Latin America. In 2013, he could process about 800 mail items, ranging from an envelope with a handful of stamps to heavy parcels containing several albums. He also set up a stand at the meetings of (German) area

associations and at the annual Assembly of German Baptists in Kassel; he was present at a Christmas market and attended several stamp exchange days. Thus a total of 9,000 euro could be transferred to EBM MASA. This result has been possible thanks to many faithful stamp donors, to whom we would like to express our sincere thanks. Our special thanks go to Horst Liedtke for his outstanding work. His faithful support and tireless commitment over

10 years have been extraordinary. We will be glad if you, too, send collected stamps, etc. to Horst Liedtke.

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# A creative idea for a gift



A new creative idea for gifts in support of mission work has been presented, appropriately for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of EBM INTERNATIONAL. Instead of making a present in the traditional way, you may support one of six projects in the countries where EBM is operating. After making your donation, you will automatically receive a nicely designed postcard, which you may then give to a person dear to you with your personal greetings.



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