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Newsletter

Elstal, in October, 2011

Dear brothers and sisters in our churches, dear contact persons, dear friends of EBM INTERNATIONAL,

Greetings in Jesus' name from the Mission House of EBM INTERNATIONAL in Elstal!

"The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and He knows those who trust in Him." (Nah 1:7 - Watchword for November)

It is good to know that the Lord knows us and takes care of us when we are anxious and worrying, when we feel helpless and at the mercy of others. The November Watchword is to give us encouragement and comfort. And it also reminds us that there are many people on this earth who are in distress, looking for protection and needing help. God wants us to be instrumental in providing help and protection for these.



EBM INTERNATIONAL

Writing this newsletter, we are sending you up-to-date information from our mission fields. We would be happy for you to share this information with your churches – to join us in joy and prayers.

Izmir/Turkey

The mission church in Izmir has had a cell group in Torbali (45 km from Izmir) for quite some years. For this group to become an affiliate church, the Izmir church would now like to commission a couple to go to Torbali in order to strengthen the work there.



In the run-up to the **Presidential elections in Cameroon** there was some turmoil, especially in the south. The elections have now taken place and we hope and pray that it will remain calm despite the discontent of the roughly 20 defeated candidates.

After their home furlough, our missionaries Lisa and Daniel Meisinger and their children Anna and Paul returned to Jui/Sierra Leone in early September.

On October 22, Laurence and Hervé Turquais will leave Douala for a four months' home furlough. This time, they will visit churches not only in France, but in Germany as well.

Many missionaries are ending their service. **The Dichristins** (January 2012), **the Streckers** (April 2012), **Szilvia Papp** (February 2012) and **the Meisingers** (summer 2012); they are many who have reached the end of their service. Let us pray for good reintegration in their countries of origin and for new missionaries, who can take up their work and also tackle new tasks. Two applications are currently being processed.



EBM MASA (Latin America)

After some problems a group of young **Argentinians** did get their visas to enter Cuba. They volunteered in the **Youth Sports Project in Havana**, which is managed by Daniel and Isabel Gonzalez, among others. They organized a soccer tournament with more than 200 young people. We have been informed about the event in a quick encoded email: "On the first day, there were two goals and nine goals during the extra time!" We share their joy at each soul saved!

Carlos Waldow is in Brazil and Argentina at present, visiting many MASA Projects. He takes the time to talk with the co-workers and to develop new prospects, together with the project coordinators and leaders. **From Patagonia/Argentina**, he has sent us this report: There are still big challenges in the work among the Mapuche. As reported earlier, several youths committed suicide, after getting ensnared in secret spiritist ceremonies and practices. MASA missionaries Noemi and Pedro Boretsky have gladly complied with the municipality's request to provide pastoral and spiritual care to the families concerned. They have also been able to help prevent other young people from doing likewise.

The mission work in Patagonia is growing and to be extended to further villages and cities. As soon as the Lord provides for the necessary means we will be very happy to do so. The first city to be reached is Jacobacci. On October 9, during a meeting with pastors working in this region, these dismissed us with this urgent request: "Tell our brothers and sisters in the churches that we need their prayer support. The challenges are big but we go on with hope in our hearts."



EBM INDIA

Dr. Judson Pothuraju started working as the new Regional Representative of EBM INTERNATIONAL in India in September. For many years, he worked together with Dr Herter and he knows the majority of the 15 partner organisations in India. His first big challenge will be organizing the third conference of the partners of EBM INDIA in January 2012, which is to take place in Orissa.

Given steadily decreasing numbers, we will stop the **feeding programme for the needy in Chennai** (formerly Madras) from January 2012, in agreement with the Salvation Army.

Instead, we will support a programme fighting hunger launched by our partner BLESS in Hyderabad, contributing 25,000 Euro from 2012. Destitute farm workers will be provided with micro credits, training, seeds, organic fertilizer and, above all, with storage facilities after the harvest.

With warmest greetings from Elstal,

Sincerely yours,



Pastor Christoph Haus



Pastor Carlos Waldow