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*Jesus said to them, „Come with me, and I will teach you to catch people“*

*Matthew 4:19*

#### Dear Friends of EBM INTERNATIONAL,

„Come with me!“ These words mark the beginning of the history of our Lord's Church. God is at the beginning. He calls people into His service. The fishermen called on the shores of the Sea of Galilee became the apostles who took the gospel to the whole world, reaching also future generations including ours. „Come with me!“ What matters is, today still, whether we respond to this invitation. The disciples left everything behind: their nets, their relatives, their villages, in order to follow Jesus' call. They followed him because he had called them. We are so very thankful for our missionary workers who have followed Jesus' call in Europe, in Latin America, in Africa and in India. In word and deed, they share the message of hope in Christ Jesus with countless people.

Our heartfelt thanks go to those also who have followed Jesus' call and made the numerous projects possible through prayer and donations. So please enjoy reading the following short information from the mission fields.

#### EBM MASA (Latin America)



In **Bolivia** we will soon launch a new project in **El Alto**, a big city neighbouring on La Paz with its more than 1 million inhabitants. Poverty, occultism, alcoholism and crime determine the lives of the people living here. We want to focus on three areas: training of missionary workers for church planting work, evangelism, and social ministries. We are praying for a director of missions. We are very pleased with the projects in **the slums of Havana, Cuba**, where **Frank San Juan** works as our missionary. In 2010, a second church was founded, and a third one is being planned. The gospel is being taken to twelve slums with passion. On the **Isle of Youth**, 20 out of 60 villages have already been reached by our mission work, and by 2015, they want to have reached all of them. It is our pleasure to support these missionaries. More than 200 workers in over 30 mission churches in the **Apurímac/Cusco Region, Peru**, benefit from the missionary training coordinated by **Adrián Campero**. He prepares the materials and trains the groups of workers who assist him in the various regions. The concept is a very successful one. **Hugo Mondoñedo** is very thrilled with the progress of the missionary work in **Jimbe and the surrounding region**, 450 km north of Lima. In February 2011, **Christoph Haus** could attend the **pastors' retreat** and the **jubilee conference of AGA** (our member union in **Argentina**), having also the opportunity of reporting on the other areas of EBM work. The brothers and sisters in Argentina were impressed to learn what a big, worldwide family they belong to. **Christoph Haus** congratulated them on supporting mission projects not only in their own country but also in Peru, Cuba and Mozambique.

The Baptist Convention of South Africa (BCSA) held its annual convention in Hammanskraal near Pretoria in December. Over the coming months, they will have to look for a new General Secretary, since after his official farewell at the convention, **Rev Paul Mzisa** will serve in the interim till mid-year only. We'd like to ask your prayers for this. Results of the Presidential elections in the **Central African Republic**, held on January 23, were officially announced on February 2, 2011. The incumbent, President **Bozize**, was elected with over 60% of the vote in the first round. **Markus Maag**, our missionary, writes in an e-mail: "This means there will be no run-off, and calm has returned to the city. This clear result, however, is a positive surprise. It was certainly the best choice, for the incumbent was able to restore peace and security in many parts of the country. We are very pleased with this outcome. Thus, we hope the President will set a good course the more so as he is now starting a new term. Let us pray also for him – may the Lord give him the necessary wisdom." On February 18, **Ursula Greuter** will return to her native Switzerland after more than twenty years of missionary service in **Cameroon**. We are very grateful to our Lord for her fruitful ministry and wish her a great deal of patience, strength and also serenity for the first phase of her reintegration. On March 20, 2011, there will be another parallel worship service in the **churches of Freiburg/Germany** and **Dagai/Cameroon**. We are glad to see that this partnership of many years has gone beyond support for a project and has now found its spiritual expression at the grass-roots.

From January 11-13, the directors of the 15 partners of EBM INDIA met in **Nellore/Southeast India** for their second joint conference. There, they founded the informal **Association of EBM INDIA Partners**, in order to have a working structure in line with the EBM Articles of Association. In addition, EBM General Secretary **Christoph Haus** and EBM President **Arild Harvik (Norway)** had an opportunity to inform the partners on recent developments within EBM. There was also time for the partners to share strategies in the various areas (children's homes, eye-saving, feeding programmes for the poor, church planting projects, schools and vocational training centres), benefitting from one another's experience.


As they were doing so, they very clearly came to see the importance and positive impact of the projects developed or initiated there by the former **INDIENHILFE**, when **Dr Walter Herter** still had responsibility.

The Children's Home **Akkagaripeta ("Angel Children's Home")** was opened in a festive ceremony by **Christoph Haus** on 10/01/2011. It has become a beautiful, well-spaced children's home where 40 children from the slums have found a home so far, with capacity to be increased to 60 later on.

**Dr Anil Benjamin**, President of **Bridge of Hope** (which runs a children's home, a vocational training centre, an eye hospital and a church in **Gotlam**) will be a delegate to the **EBM Mission Council in Herford (Germany)**, as will **Dr Swain** from the "**Serango Christian Hospital**" in the Federal State of **Orissa**. Both will be available to churches for visits prior to the Council. EBM is still looking for a regional representative for our work in **India** in order to coordinate the work there. Will you share this important prayer concern with us?

With very warm greetings from the Mission Office,

Yours sincerely,

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