

Newsletter to the
Liaison persons,
Church leaders and pastors
In churches linked with
EBM INTERNATIONAL

Elstal, in July 2011

Dear Friends of EBM INTERNATIONAL,

„Sharing life, giving hope“ – this is the motto of EBM INTERNATIONAL.

This motto defines our goal and our mission: Living with Christ Jesus – Hope made possible through God's love.

EBM INTERNATIONAL 

New Mission Secretary for Africa: During the first weekend in September, the Executive Committee of EBM INTERNATIONAL will meet in Elstal. An important point on the agenda will be the appointment of a new mission secretary in charge of the areas Africa/promotion/volunteer programme. We'd like to ask for your prayer support.

Volunteer programme: From July 10-24, the preparation course will be held in Elstal; there will be 24 new volunteers going to Africa or Latin America, leaving from August for 6-12 months.

Church-to-church partnerships: As a new option for European Baptist churches who want to have more contact with the mission fields and be directly involved in mission work, the Mission Council has adopted a concept for bilateral church partnerships. With some such partnerships functioning already and serving as examples, any local congregation in Europe is given the opportunity of establishing a direct partnership with a congregation in India, Africa or Latin America.

Izmir: From August 1, 2011, Marlene and Ertan Cevik will work in Izmir as missionaries of EBM INTERNATIONAL. In July and August, Ertan Cevik will be visiting churches in Germany. His supporters from "Aktion Smyrna" are ready to further back this church growth work in Turkey. It is our wish that this mission work will be made known and supported in our churches. Donations may be made directly to EBM INTERNATIONAL or via your Union.


EBM INDIA

New leadership of the Nellore Baptist Field Association: In future, Silpa Crystal (34), daughter of the late President Dr Lalitha Voola (deceased in May) will preside over the work, which comprises a children's home, five sewing schools, one mobile sight-saving project as well as a leprosy colony. This association numbers 25 Baptist congregations.

New chapel for the Church in Gudapadu: The Association of Free Evangelical Baptist Churches in the Indian State of Andra Pradesh numbers some 100 churches. One of them is the Church in Gudapadu with its 80 members. With their own means, they have bought the plot for their chapel and also raised the money to pay for the foundation and the walls. Through a subsidy of 9,000 € EBM INDIA allows for completion of the building. The missionary church work there is a living testimony to faith in a Hindu setting.

Missionaries' home furlough: Daniel and Lisa Meisinger have been on home furlough in Germany since June 15 and will stay till September 5. We wish them the Lord's protection as they are travelling to visit churches as well as a good rest during their well-deserved holidays.

Damages caused by severe storms in the Central African Republic: The first thunderstorms have left their marks. The whole roof of the **Kaga-Bandoro Bible School** blew off. Thanks to immediate aid from EBM AFRICA, Markus Maag, our missionary from Switzerland, was able to provide for the most urgent repairs so that courses can continue. Several churches and private homes were affected as well. The churches have started clean-up and repair work.

Sierra Leone: Pastor Francis Kamara involved in serious accident: He is the pastor of the dynamic church in Makeni. On May 19, he had a serious car accident. For quite some time, the brothers and sisters feared he would not survive. But now, his health is improving, which all of his friends consider a miracle and a great answer to prayer. His church had started building a chapel some years ago. Without Pastor Kamara's verve and commitment, completing it would definitely have become difficult. Let us go on praying for his complete recovery.



EBM MASA (Latin America)

Peru: In the Andes, winter has set in very early and very hard this year. The people, particularly the elderly and children, are suffering greatly. The cattle (alpacas, llamas, sheep), the main source of income for the Andean population, badly need vaccinations in order to get through the winter. In some Quechua villages where people know them, our missionaries, Adrián Campero and Modesto Puñal, are handing out warm clothing and medicine funded by EBM MASA. This aid reaches some 700 children and 100 old people, as well as the "pets" of many hundreds of families.

Cuba: The mission training for church planting, led by missionary Marcos Rivero, has been so successful during the past two years that 32 churches have been founded. Since May of this year, these two-year training courses, which prepare future church planters for their ministry, have also been held all over the eastern part of Cuba, e.g. in Guantánamo. The goal is for the 200 workers participating in the training to plant a total of 200 new churches within two years. We are very pleased that these recently trained missionaries are taking the Gospel to so many people.

MASA Children's Homes – our children's homes are still the only chance for many orphaned children and for children whose lives are at risk because of abject poverty, abuse or violence. However, social legislation related to the care for such children has been considerably modified in **Brazil** and **Argentina**, which is detrimental to the children's stay in our homes. The idea is to keep children from remaining too long in an „institution“; thus they are sent back to their families as soon as possible. This, however, very often means that the children fall back into their misery. Here, we struggle with the authorities, looking for ways which prioritize the children's well-being. The fact that the children stay in our homes for shorter periods also compels us to develop additional new models of sponsorship.

With warmest greetings from Elstal,

Sincerely yours,




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