

## Newsletter

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To the  
Liaison persons,  
Church leaders and pastors  
In churches linked with  
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Dear brothers and sisters in our churches, dear liaison persons,  
dear friends of EBM INTERNATIONAL,

Missions cannot do without faces! We feel it is a privilege that our partners have trust in our EBM INTERNATIONAL missionaries and invite people to join them in building God's Kingdom. **The Baptist Convention of Sierra Leone** has asked us to send new missionaries. Please spread the attached information in your churches; you will find more detailed information at [www.ebm-international.org](http://www.ebm-international.org). **Some of you received this information twice – we apologize for the inconvenience.**



Since following the **financial setback in 2011**, we asked so insistently for donations at the beginning of the year, we feel obliged, of course, to give some up-to-date information to our churches and their people in charge. All in all, the balance sheet total has increased by 536,000 €, compared to the same period last year. However, this does not mean that donations have increased by this amount. In many instances, we still cannot disburse sums set forth in the budget, as there are no reserves to draw on nor do we receive enough earmarked donations, respectively. As to donations, we have received an additional amount of 188,000 €, and we would, indeed, like to say a heartfelt thank you to you, our churches and individual donors, for this. On the other hand, we have had to withhold budgeted subsidies in the amount of 348,000 €. So, together with our partners and missionaries, we hope and pray that many churches and individual donors will support our projects particularly in the upcoming Advent season. If you would like to receive any specific proposals, please don't hesitate to contact us.

## Turkey

Here is a short excerpt from **Ertan Cevik's** latest newsletter:

Thank you for all your prayers for Torbali Church. After its inauguration in early June, the situation had somewhat calmed down. But then, a few weeks later, we realized that the brothers and sisters in **Torbali** wished to be on their own and to become independent. Our brother Ihsan (church leader in Torbali) informed us of their separation a few days later (in late July); he now cooperates with Brother Jared, from an Independent Church in Virginia (U.S.), whom we sent to Torbali along with him to assist him. This brother now secures the finances of the church.

For weeks, we had been praying, as it is so difficult to plant any churches here, and as a result, we had been so very happy about this new church plant. Following some discussions involving a brother from EBF, the brothers and sisters from Torbali and ourselves, we have now blessed them and couldn't but let them go.



**Dr P Judson, our Regional Representative in India**, writes:

In July, I could visit the Christian Hospital in **Pithapuram**. With the eye hospital operating very well and effectively, the General Hospital has tackled a new project. They now have a **leper colony**, whose patients are treated at the hospital free of charge. The colony has 150 people. The hospital will now train their family members on site so these can better care for the lepers and bandage their wounds. This hospital is a significant place, where people serve God, conveying love and care to other people.

Moreover, I could be present in **Vuyyuru** when the new **Food Security Programme** was being launched; this programme aims at freeing poor peasants in 18 villages around Vuyyuru from dependency on their suppliers of seeds and fertilizers. Mutually independent sources show that several thousand farmers in India commit suicide because they do not see any way out of their debts. The new Food Security Programme will break this dependency by providing a way out to appr. 540 farmers in 18 villages. The farmers will be trained in conservation agricultural practices and in growing vegetables and fruits for their own households, with the aim of counteracting the malnutrition of many children in this region.

In addition, they will receive seeds on a micro-credit basis at fair prices. Our partner will also establish pre-schools for younger children to give them access to education and protection, as otherwise they would spend the whole day in the fields with their parents.



The Meyer couple arrived safely in **South Africa** in early October and they now live in Johannesburg. At present, they are taking up work at the **Thusong Vocational Training Centre** (near Soweto) run by the Baptist Convention of South Africa.

After their home leave, **Markus and Annabeth Maag** are back in **Bangui/Central African Republic**. Here, the new semester in theological education has started. Particularly when it comes to theological education, our financial options are still very limited. Any further support will be gladly welcome.

In **Equatorial Guinea**, the Church in **Malabo** has again been given government approbation to run its church-owned school. This approbation is always linked to bureaucratic challenges, and we are pleased that the efforts by our missionaries **Julio Cháfer and Damaris Suarez** have been successful, resulting in this renewal.

Also during these days, **Aisha and Hans-Willem Oosterloo** are resuming work again in **Sierra Leone** after visiting many churches in the Netherlands and Germany.



**Adrián Campero** reports with great joy that construction of the **church building in Yanaoca**, in the Peruvian Andes, is about to start. Plans also include erecting rooms for the training of missionaries and mission co-workers in the mission churches of the region. At present, mission work has been going on in 15 villages already. We are very thankful for the donations from Germany and Switzerland which facilitated the purchase of the site and which will contribute towards construction.

**Pedro Boretzky**, director of the mission work among the **Mapuche in Patagonia**, Argentina, had a serious car accident on his way to work in Gan Gan. Apart from great damage to the car, nothing serious happened to him, nor to his co-driver. We thank the Lord for protection. Pedro and his wife Noemi coordinate the mission work in seven places with great joy and passion; partly these places are at a distance of up to 400 km from one another. Pedro and Noemi live in Esquel, where they also lead the "mother church". Missionary couples serve on site in Cholila and in Gan Gan,

The plan to purchase chairs for the new churches in Cuba is being implemented. We have managed to buy them right in Cuba. This is very positive because it allows us to contribute for Cubans to find work. Every chair costs 10 €, and we would like to buy 2,500 chairs. Some churches in Argentina and one in Germany have launched the campaign "**A Chair for Cuba**" and are inviting to join this campaign hoping to reach the goal.

**José Reinaldo Pinheiro**, director of the **Children's Home in Ijuí**, Brazil, has received a call into the pastoral ministry again and will end service in the Children's Home at the end of 2012. His ministry has been a very good one and we are very thankful for it. We now pray that God will provide for someone who is able to lead in this important ministry with vision and know-how, with love and with passion.

With warmest greetings from Elstal,

Sincerely yours,



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Pastor Christoph Haus



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carlos Waldow'.

Pastor Carlos Waldow



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthias Dichristin'.

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