



This is what  
we stand for!





# Our team in Elstal

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# A window to the world

What you're holding in your hands right now is a wonderful glimpse of our diverse and beneficial work in Africa, Latin America, India, Turkey and Europe.

If you read this brochure, you'll know what EBM INTERNATIONAL stands for. You'll get an idea of the people we work for with passion and dedication.

**Let yourself be inspired!**

Yours Christoph Haus  
General Secretary EBM INTERNATIONAL

A photograph of a church congregation singing. In the foreground, a young man with glasses and a wide-open mouth is clapping his hands. Behind him, a woman in a blue patterned dress is singing with her arms raised. Other people are visible in the background.

# our vision

Sharing God's transforming love  
that people live in hope



# our values

equality  
CHURCH BASED  
INTEGRAL MISSION  
sustainability  
partnership



# our mission

Partnering with local Baptist churches globally, we share Christ to bring justice, restoration and hope to our communities.

We are committed to do so on a basis of equality through sharing and learning, giving and receiving.

# what's important to us

equality

CHURCH BASED

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sustainability

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- ◆ EQUALITY for all, and in all we do.
- ◆ We PROMOTE the service of women on all leadership levels.
- ◆ In PARTNERSHIP we work together and depend on each other.
- ◆ All of our projects are CHURCH-BASED.
- ◆ INTEGRAL MISSION addresses every aspect of human life.
- ◆ SUSTAINABILITY CAN be achieved through local ownership and capacity-building.



# our history

**EBM INTERNATIONAL** currently works with 30 Baptist member unions and partners on four continents. Founded in 1954, the European Baptist Mission (**EBM**) initially worked exclusively in Africa. In 1979 MASA ("Missionary Actions in South America"), founded by the German pastor Horst Borkowski in 1969, became part of the **EBM**. At the beginning of 2009 another area of work was added with the "Hans-Herter-INDIENHILFE" (Hans Herter India Aid), which had at the time been in existence for 50 years. This led to the new name, **EBM INTERNATIONAL**. Since July 2011, **EBM INTERNATIONAL** has also included work in Turkey, with the missionaries Ertan and Marlene Cevik. The Alliance of Baptist Churches in Turkey has arisen from this work.

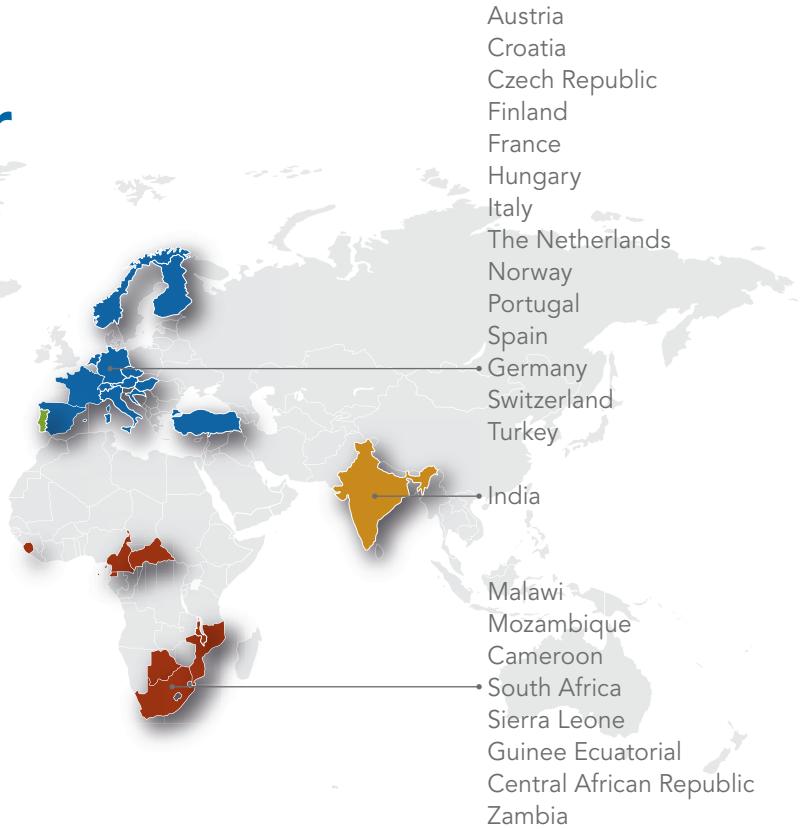
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active all over  
the world**



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# how we work

## Sharing God's transforming love that people live in hope



Based on our vision, mission statement, core areas and values, the following points describe how working together takes place in practice:

We work through partnerships, in which member Unions become partners of EBM INTERNATIONAL, committing themselves to the vision and mission of our fellowship. Within this partnership, we work together in projects for which agreements have been initiated.

Partnering may include working together in projects and initiatives, which are locally owned and fit within the overall mission of EBM INTERNATIONAL and the Member Union. Decisions are made by all our members at the Mission Council, based on equality. Our Executive Committee is made up of members from

Africa, India, Latin America and Europe. Members are elected by the Mission Council. The five regions, in which most of the projects are implemented, are represented by regional representatives, who act as key persons in these regions and who are themselves native to the region.

In terms of financial resources, we believe that good stewardship and learning trust requires transparency and accountability to each other. Therefore, we strive towards clear guidelines and agreements on how we want to deal with financial resources.



# our core areas of work

In unserer GLOBALEN ZUSAMMENARBEIT mit Baptistengemeinden vor Ort berufen wir uns gemeinsam auf CHRISTUS, um der Welt GERECHTIGKEIT, ERNEUERUNG UND HOFFNUNG zu schenken.

Wir verpflichten uns, dieses Ziel auf der Grundlage der GLEICHBERECHTIGUNG DURCH TEILEN UND LERNEN, GEBEN UND NEHMEN zu erreichen.



Church development



Children at risk



Available health care



Capacity Building



Relief work



## Church Development

**Church Development**  
Local churches engage their context with the message of the gospel. We support projects that empower them to do so, such as theological training and education, evangelisation and church planting.

The development of churches and congregations is a core component of the work of EBM INTERNATIONAL. Many of our projects ensure that congregations grow and are relevant to their cities and communities. For some time now, there's been a real revival taking place in Cuba. Many people are coming to the faith, and hundreds of Baptist churches have formed. EBM INTERNATIONAL contributes to this by training church planters;

at the same time it supports many social services offering people help in their everyday lives. The strategic vision for the next few years is to found new missionary initiatives and churches in Cuba's 20 largest towns as well.

In the countries we work with in Africa, we always support the Bible schools of the local churches. We firmly believe that education is the key to healthy church de-



velopment – especially in the African context, where the clergy play an important advisory role in all questions of village life. As well as training, we invest in local church planters, with financial support from EBM INTERNATIONAL allowing them to concentrate on their wonderful work. In India we support evangelization with Bible translations into tribal languages, and help with the construction of churches.

One of the most recent examples in this area of work is the small Baptist Union which has formed

in Turkey. Thanks to the mission work of the Turkish pastor Ertan Cevik in Izmir, who studied theology in Germany, seven churches have been founded, all of them led by local pastors. This is a special achievement in a country where 99.5 % of the population is Muslim, and where there are often only international churches. Since the refugee crisis began, our churches have provided an impressive level of support for people who have fled to Turkey from countries such as Syria and Iran..



Providing love, care, safety, home and education for them.

In India we support various children's homes, in which children at risk find a home – such as the children's home Asha Kiran ("Ray of Hope") in Gotlam. Children whose backgrounds offer few prospects for the future are cared for, and are able to go to school, then undertake vocational training. MANNA projects in Latin America are led by church members, who give love and care to children from poor, broken families. Here these children receive help in their everyday life, experience what it is like to be appreciated, and feel that God is putting people at their side. In the PEPE projects in Latin America, children are given pre-school education, enabling them to start life with better prospects. Social centres provide children and young people with a wide range of care services, and teach them important social skills.

## Children at risk





# Available health care

Making sure appropriate healthcare is available especially to exposed groups.

The most significant medical work supported by EBM INTERNATIONAL is the medical service in North Cameroon. This network of facilities includes three medical centres, an eye clinic, two hospitals and a pharmacy. This work is one of the last projects to have been completely handed over to local staff in 2012. Today all our projects are managed locally. This allows the work begun by missionaries in Africa to

be continued in a sustainable way. In India too, medical aid for the poor has always been a core element of the work in the projects. The spectrum now ranges from mobile eye camps, in which people are examined and treated in their villages, to ultramodern hospitals. A common feature of all the projects is that funds are used to provide free treatment for the poorest of the poor.





# Capacity building



**Empowering people to build sustainable lives, to positively influence their communities and to address social and ecological issues**

Developing the skills of local staff and leaders is at the heart of our mission, and a common element of all our areas of work – from church development to humanitarian work. Education brings lasting changes in people's lives, and fosters holistic development and equality. It is a reflection of our values, and we believe that it is a

great force in the kingdom of God. In Latin America, many staff and missionaries are trained for church work in keeping with their culture. In Peru, for example, this is done in the "Quechua way". Here many people are also given the opportunity to learn a trade or receive training in the area of agriculture, so that they can provide for their families.



In Africa and India the training centres have become a key element of our work. Young people learn a job, usually a trade, which will secure the livelihood of a small family.

Training is given, for example, in the areas of:  
**textiles, car mechanics, computer technology or metalworking.**

Here we make a conscious effort to promote equality by ensuring that women in particular are given training.



## relief work

In Katastrophenfällen versorgen wir mit Lebensmitteln, Wasser, Kleidung, Soforthilfe und stellen Unterkünfte, ordentliche sanitäre Einrichtungen und Hygienemittel zur Verfügung.

In the last few years we've been able to provide relief in many disasters. Here it has become especially clear how important our worldwide networks are: we have reliable partners in the disaster areas, who can accurately assess emergencies and ensure rapid relief, avoiding red tape but maintaining transparency. In the help we provide we work closely with the Union of Evangelical Free Church Congregations in Germany and the Baptist Relief and Development Network (Bread).

During the Ebola epidemic in Sierra Leone this enabled us to provide considerable sums of money for prevention programmes, provide

rapid assistance, and support the reconstruction of vital resources. In Turkey, these networks allow EBM INTERNATIONAL to give longer-term assistance to refugees, especially from the neighbouring state of Syria. The aid provided by the small Turkish churches is perceived as a strong example of Christian witness, and ensures wide interest among the public. In India, we frequently help with reconstructive measures after natural disasters. In Peru we've supplied more than 3500 Quechua families with seed potatoes and corn seed after severe climate-related disasters in recent years, thus securing their livelihood.

You'll find some of our important partners, especially in the area of humanitarian work, inside the back cover of this brochure. As well as aid, the main concern here is to think strategically, to be connected, and to know about and learn from each another. These collaborations often inspire ideas and provide opportunities for training, in order to carry out preventive work and avoid disasters in the long term. Here experts act as multipliers in the countries affected.





## SERVE

... isn't an adventure holiday. But with SERVE you can get to know other cultures and people within a relatively small space of time, and put your time, strength and creativity at the service of God and humanity.

# Volunteering programme

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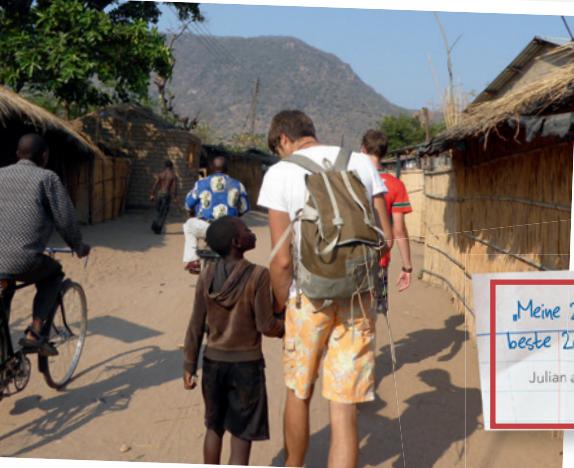
## SERVE

In intercultural exchange, service is expressed by humanitarian aid, combined with appreciation, enjoyment of and curiosity about different cultures. The voluntary service offers young people the opportunity to get to know their distant neighbours in different situations in life, and to engage with and learn from one another.

SERVE needs people who would like to commit on a voluntary basis for a few months or up to a year: in church congregations, kindergartens and children's homes, in work with children and young people, in the IT area, or in medical support.



# SHARING GOD'S transforming love that people live in hope



„Meine Zeit in Malawi war weder die schönste noch die beste Zeit in meinem Leben, aber vielleicht die wichtigste.“

Julian aus Kirchheim hat von September 2012 bis Juli 2013 in Malawi an einer Schule unterrichtet.

If you want to share your life with others for a while, you should:  
... have an intense interest in people and in development work  
... have good foreign language skills – depending on the country of deployment – and be physically and mentally robust  
... be a team player

## BY THE WAY

SERVE is not just suitable for young people. Anyone who is young at heart, having a career break, seeking new orientation, taking a sabbatical, or retired but not ready to sit back and relax – and anyone with a passionate desire to help – can make a meaningful contribution with SERVE, or can be background helpers, financially supporting a volunteer. For information go to [www.ebm-international.org](http://www.ebm-international.org) or pick up the phone: +49(0)33234-74142 and -143.

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# Help us with your donation

"What inspires us to work with EBM INTERNATIONAL is that their principles and values are deeply rooted in the scriptures."

Rufus Kamalakar



"Within EBM INTERNATIONAL everybody can share their gifts for God's mission."

Marlene and Ertan Cevik

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"We are glad to be part of the big EBM INTERNATIONAL family, which is focused on the kingdom of God"

Ana Isabel and Daniel Gonzalez



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