

THE BRETHREN MOVEMENT WORLDWIDE

KEY INFORMATION

3rd Edition



Ken Newton & Andrew Chan, Editors

Ken Newton & Andrew Chan, editors

THE BRETHREN MOVEMENT WORLDWIDE

KEY INFORMATION 2011

3rd Edition

Ken Newton & Andrew Chan, editors

THE BRETHREN MOVEMENT WORLDWIDE

KEY INFORMATION 2011

3rd Edition



Copyright © Ken Newton and Andrew Chan

First published in 2007 by edition Wiedenest and Jota Publikationen GmbH
for the International Brethren Conference on Mission.

Second edition published 2009 by OPAL Trust, for Forum Wiedenest and
International Brethren Conference on Mission

This edition published 2011 by OPAL Trust, for International Brethren
Conference on Mission

1 Glenannan Park, Lockerbie, DG11 2FA, United Kingdom

Web: www.opaltrust.org

15 14 13 12 11 / 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

*The right of Ken Newton and Andrew Chan to be identified as the editors of this
work has been asserted by them in accordance with the Copyright,
Designs and Patents Act 1988.*

*All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a
retrieval system, or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic, mechanical,
photocopying, recording or otherwise, without the prior permission of the publisher
or a licence permitting restricted copying. In the UK such licences are issued by the
Copyright Licensing Agency, 90 Tottenham Court Road, London WC1P 9HE*

British Library Cataloguing in Publication Data

A catalogue record for this book is available from the British Library.

ISBN 978-1-907098-06-2

Typeset by projectluz.com

Printed and bound in the UK by the MPG Books Group, Bodmin and King's Lynn

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Introduction.....	vii
Tables 1-7.....	x
Albania.....	1
Andaman & Nicobar Islands (India).....	3
Angola.....	5
Antigua.....	7
Argentina.....	9
Australia	12
Austria.....	16
Bahamas.....	18
Barbados *	22
Belgium (Flanders) *	24
Belgium (Wallonia).....	26
Bermuda.....	29
Bolivia.....	31
Bosnia & Herzegovina *	35
Brazil.....	37
Bulgaria *	41
Burundi	42
Canada.....	45
Chad.....	50
Colombia.....	53
Congo, Democratic Republic Of * (North Katanga Area).....	55
Congo, Democratic Republic Of * (South Katanga Area).....	58
Congo, Democratic Republic Of (Second Community Of Brethren) ..	59
Congo, Republic Of *	60

Cuba.....	61
Czech Republic *	63
Denmark.....	66
Ethiopia *	68
Faroe Islands *	70
Fiji.....	73
France.....	75
Germany *	78
Greenland *	85
Grenada.....	86
Guyana	88
Hong Kong.....	90
Hungary.....	91
India *	93
Israel.....	98
Italy.....	100
Jamaica *	103
Japan.....	105
Jordan *	107
Kazakhstan.....	109
Kenya.....	110
Macedonia.....	112
Madagascar.....	113
Malawi *	115
Malaysia	117
Mexico.....	121
Moldova, Republic Of.....	123
Mongolia.....	124
Montenegro	126
Mozambique.....	127

Myanmar (Burma).....	129	Serbia	176
Nauru *	134	Singapore	178
The Netherlands	135	Slovakia	181
New Caledonia *	137	Slovenia.....	183
New Zealand.....	139	South Africa	185
Nigeria.....	143	Spain	188
Pakistan	145	Sri Lanka.....	192
Papua New Guinea.....	147	Sudan.....	194
Paraguay.....	152	Switzerland (French-Speaking).....	196
Peru	155	Taiwan.....	199
Philippines.....	158	Thailand	200
Poland	161	Tonga.....	202
Portugal	163	Trinidad And Tobago.....	204
Reunion Island.....	165	Turkey.....	206
Romania.....	167	Uganda.....	209
Russia.....	169	United Arab Emirates.....	211
Rwanda.....	170	United Kingdom.....	213
St Lucia.....	172	United States Of America.....	216
St Vincent & The Grenadines ...	173	Uruguay.....	219
Senegal.....	175	Zambia	223

INTRODUCTION TO THE THIRD EDITION

For the fourth International Brethren Conference on Mission (IBCM), which took place in 2007, Harold Rowdon masterminded a first edition of this volume. It continued efforts which he had made for the third IBCM conference, and through International Perspectives, to provide systematic summary information on the Brethren movement in different countries. The first volume contained entries for 61 countries. The IBCM4 conference generated information on further countries, and in 2009 a second edition was published with entries for 81 countries. As the fifth IBCM conference was approaching, Ken Newton and Andrew Chan of Australian Missionary Tidings volunteered to do the detailed editorial work on a revision for distribution at the conference in June 2011. This new edition is therefore the result of their work, for which we thank them warmly.

It has entries for 96 countries, implying that it has been possible to secure material from 15 further countries.

The 81 countries appearing in the second edition were asked to revise their entries. Not all were able to do this. So, in these cases, we have included their 2009 entry un-amended. Such un-amended entries are denoted by an asterisk (*) against the name of the country at the head of the entries concerned. In some cases, these entries are un-amended as between the edition of 2007 and this one, i.e., the entry is as it was in 2007 and was not amended for the 2009 edition.

While those entries which appeared in the second edition have simply been revised, in some cases substantially, countries without an entry in the earlier editions were asked to provide information on the basis of broadly the same questionnaire as was used for the first and second editions.

The main purpose of publishing information of this kind is to encourage prayer, networking and fellowship between churches and individuals with common church origins. Since the first edition was published, we have heard of a number of people in different countries who use the book daily or weekly in order to pray country by country for the work reported

on and the people and bodies mentioned. We encourage the use of this new edition for this purpose.

Information of this kind may well prompt some to ask questions about just how many churches there are in the Open Brethren movement across the world, and in how many countries they are to be found. With the help of Peter Brierley of Brierley Consultancy, we offer some answers to those questions in the tables which follow this introduction. They draw on the information in the reports and on other data available to him.

In summary, there are figures for churches connected with the Open Brethren in 130 countries in the world. There were in 2010 some 27,350 such congregations and preaching points, compared with about 25,300 in 2005, a growth in five years of about 8%. Worldwide, regular adult attenders in those congregations amounted to some 2.06 millions, compared with 1.7 millions in 2005. About 70% of these are baptised. If child attenders are included and assumed to be one-fifth of all attenders at the main meetings, the total number of attenders would be likely to be about 2.5 millions. Put another way, 1 in every 2,900 people in the world attends a Brethren fellowship.

The average size, worldwide, of adult congregations seems to be increasing and in 2010 stood at 75. Congregations are larger in Africa, and smaller in Asia and Oceania.

Globally, over 12,000 national workers (ie, excluding expatriate missionaries) serve these congregations full-time or part-time, an increase of about 1% since 2005. On average, there is one full-time worker to every 3 congregations and preaching points—a level which is perhaps not normally associated with Brethren practice.

The reports suggest that there has been very rapid growth indeed in the last 5 years in Angola and Argentina. This may be the result of better information as well as actual growth. If these two countries are left aside as likely to distort assessment of trends overall, the number of baptised believers has increased by 8% over the 5 years (the same increase as in congregations and preaching points) and the number of attenders has increased 13%.

There are variations between areas, of course. Overall, there has been a small decline between 2005 and 2010 in Europe. But that is not true almost everywhere else: rather, there is growth. This underlines that it is important that those in the home countries of the Brethren should be careful about seeing the movement through their own eyes, and careful about telling the movement as a whole what it should do and what its future is!

It can be seen from the tables that the figures are incomplete for quite a number of countries, and have had to be derived at least in part from other sources than the reports from individual countries. First-hand evidence is always preferable, and if you believe that you have more accurate information for your country than is given in the tables, we should be very happy to receive it.

And each of the countries for which there is no report in this volume is certainly welcome to send us one on the same lines as those printed here. Please send such new reports to Neil Summerton (neil.summerton@ruralinternet.co.uk).

One of the important functions of *The Brethren Movement Worldwide* is to facilitate networking worldwide. Key to that are contact details for key people and organisations in the different countries. These details do change from time to time, such is the nature of the movement. *We therefore plead with you to keep us up to date with changing contact details.*

We are grateful to IBCM and the Occold Trust for financial assistance; to the OPAL Trust and Paul Lewis of Luz Design, Atlanta, Ga. for facilitating design and production; and to Australian Missionary Tidings for the vast amount of voluntary effort which Ken Newton and Andrew Chan have given in producing this new edition.

The Brethren Movement Worldwide by **Continent**

Continent	Number of countries 2005	Number of countries 2010	2005 Pop in millions	2010 Pop in millions	No of congregations 2005	No of congregations 2010	Extra preaching pis 2005
Europe	30	30	666.95	661.43	3,562	3,554	444
Africa	25	27	557.07	679.60	6,211	7,228	2,646
North America	22	22	484.85	525.97	4,986	5,284	310
South America	12	12	365.64	387.46	2,216	2,854	442
Asia	24	27	3243.92	3495.37	3,191	3,467	302
Oceania	8	8	30.10	34.37	947	1,070	17
World TOTAL	121	126	5,348.53	5,784.20	21,113	23,457	4,161

Continent	Preaching points / congreg 2005	Preaching points / congreg 2010	Average adult congreg 2005	Average adult congreg 2010	Believers as % of attenders 2005	Believers as % of attenders 2010
Europe	0.12	0.12	51	56	77	69
Africa	0.42	0.30	86	111	57	61
North America	0.06	0.06	52	53	89	89
South America	0.20	0.22	95	78	50	60
Asia	0.09	0.11	45	48	121	118
Oceania	0.02	0.02	48	47	85	86
World Average	0.20	0.17	67	75	70%	71%
Percentages if Angola and Argentina are excluded						

New figures have been used whenever possible. If new figures quoted in the reports are the same as last time, those figures have been used except when no figure for “baptized believers” or “adult attenders” is given. In the latter case, an amendment has been made to the 2005 figure based on the nature of change stated in the report (for example, an increase of 1 or 2% (if change is slow), or 5% if more rapid). Where the figures are the same as given in 2009, that is indicated by “Prev” in final column. However, where the 2010 figure could be

Table 1

Extra preaching pts 2010	Baptized believers 2005	Baptized believers 2010	Adult attenders 2005	Adult attenders 2010	No of f.t workers 2005	No of f.t workers 2010	No of other workers 2005	No of other workers 2010
441	159,604	146,878	205,994	214,012	2,016	2,232	285	317
2,119	432,268	637,289	764,511	1,037,865	2,272	2,657	1,169	1,192
309	244,166	262,380	276,558	300,209	1,622	1,637	441	466
629	126,660	163,460	252,294	271,051	648	697	428	462
377	190,340	216,672	157,680	183,968	2,127	2,174	443	460
21	38,804	44,105	45,868	51,428	201	226	41	37
3,896	1,191,842	1,471,324	1,702,905	2,058,533	8,886	9,623	2,807	2,934

F.t workers / congreg 2005	F.t workers / congreg 2010	Other workers / f.t wker 2005	Other workers / f.t wker 2010	% growth in cong & preac-pts % 05-10	% growth baptized believers % 05-10	% growth adult attenders % 05-10
0.50	0.56	0.14	0.14	-0.3	-8.0	+3.9
0.26	0.28	0.51	0.45	+5.5 (+4.5)	+47.6 (+10.5)	+35.8 (+18.0)
0.31	0.32	0.27	0.28	+5.4	+7.2	+8.3
0.24	0.20	0.66	0.66	+31.0 (+11.1)	+9.1 (+14.6)	+7.4 (+13.4)
0.61	0.57	0.21	0.21	+10.0	+13.8	+16.7
0.21	0.21	0.20	0.16	+13.2	+13.7	+12.1
0.35	0.35	0.32	0.32	+8.2	+23.4	+20.9
				+5.7	+7.8	+13.3

amended from *World Christian Handbook* (WCH) or *World Christian Encyclopaedia* (WCE) that has been done, rather than merely repeating 2005 or 2007 figures. Where figures have been estimated from WCH or WCE, that is indicated in the final column. A ? mark indicates an estimated figure; ¹ indicates a revised 2005 figure in the light of 2010 data. Numbers are very dependent on large growths in Angola, Guatemala, Honduras and Argentina. Population figures for 2010 taken from Operation World.

The Brethren Movement **Europe**

European countries	Continent	2005 Pop in millions	2010 Pop in millions	Brethren work began	No of congregations in 2005	No of congregations in 2010	Extra preaching pts 2005	Extra preaching pts 2010
Albania	Eu	3.24	4.20	1991	12	14	20	10
Austria	Eu	8.21	8.30	c1900	50	58?	60	60
Belgium (Flanders)	Eu	5.62	6.25	1971	30	30	17?	24?
Belgium (Wallonia)	Eu	4.49 ¹	4.45	1855	20	20	3?	2?
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Eu	3.96 ¹	4.55	1993	3	3	0	0
Bulgaria	Eu	7.97	7.39	1900	5?	5?	0	0
Croatia	Eu	4.42	4.41	1905	2	2?	0	0?
Czech Republic	Eu	10.09	10.23	1909	25	25	24	24
Denmark	Eu	5.28	5.50	1890	6	5	0?	0?
Faroe Islands	Eu	0.04	0.05	1865	35	33?	1	1
France	Eu	59.59	62.64	1910	108	108	0	0
Germany	Eu	81.82	82.31	1853	459	459	0	0
Hungary	Eu	9.80	10.10	1900	20	20	10	10
Iceland	Eu	0.29	0.33	1911	1	1?	0	0?
Ireland	Eu	3.86	4.59	1827	17	17?	0	0?
Italy	Eu	56.04	52.70	1856	240	270?	0	0
Moldova	Eu	4.41	4.38	1992	12	12	2	8
Montenegro	Eu	0.70	0.75	1992	1	1	1	1
The Netherlands	Eu	15.79	16.60	1850	110	95	0	0
Poland	Eu	38.83	38.04	1909	39	42	15	15
Portugal	Eu	9.77	10.73	1870	95	100	30	25
Romania	Eu	21.83	21.79	1899	685	727?	214	214
Russia	Eu	145.09	140.37	1830	5?	5?	0	0
Serbia	Eu	7.81 ¹	7.77	c1900	12	12	2	2
Slovakia	Eu	5.39	5.40	1900	22	22	14	14
Slovenia	Eu	1.95	2.05	1905	2	2	0	0
Spain	Eu	39.02	45.45	1863	200	210?	25	25
Switzerland (French-speaking)	Eu	1.65	1.50	1820	48	48	0	0
Ukraine	Eu	49.46	46.20	2000	10	10	6	6
United Kingdom	Eu	60.53	62.13	1828	1,288	1198	0	0
Total Europe		666.95	661.43	--	3,562	3,554	444	441

Average preaching points per congregation: **0.12** (2005), **0.12** (2010)

Average adult attenders per congregation + preaching points: **51** (2005), **56** (2010)

Baptized believers as percentage of adult attenders across countries with data for both: **77%** (2005), **69%** (2010)

Number of full-time workers per congregation and preaching point: **0.50** (2005), **0.56** (2010)

Table 2

Baptized believers 2005	Baptized believers 2010	Adult attenders 2005	Adult attenders 2010	No of f.t workers 2005	No of f.t workers 2010	No of other workers 2005	No of other workers 2010	Source if WCE/ WCH
900	700	1,000	800	13	13	8	5	
10,000	10,000	17,500 ¹	19,000?	20	20	3?	3?	WCH
2,500	2,500	2,200?	2,500	5	5	10	10	WCH
500	500	1,150?	1,100	3	3	0	0	WCH
70'?	80?	40 ¹	45?	4	4	0	0	WCH
210?	200?	300?	290?	0?	0?	0?	0?	
50?' ¹	40?	70 ¹	65	1?	1?	0?	0?	WCE
1,200	1,200	1,400	1,500?	3	3	2	2	WCE
250?	300	360	375	3?	6	0?	0?	
7,000	7,000	7,000	6,500?	1	1	8	8	WCH
4,700?	4,500?	6,200?	5,900?	67	67?	0	0?	WCE
21,000?	22,000?	30,000	34,000	55	55	45	77	
800	800	1,000	900?	17?	17?	2?	2?	WCH
20?' ¹	14?	30 ¹	22	1?	1?	0?	0?	WCE
830?' ¹	690?	1,165 ¹	1,080	9?	9?	1?	1?	WCE
14,200?	14,500?	20,000	22,000?	20	20	36	36	WCH
224	224	350	350	3	6	3	6	Prev
25	35	30	40	2	1	0	0	
9,000	8,000	9,000	8,000	10	10	18	18	
1,600	1,600	3,000	2,500	20	20	5	5	
650	1,350	1,000	1,500	50?	50?	7?	7?	
28,794	29,500?	44,476	45,700?	c1,370	1,370?	48	48	WCH
210?	210?	300?	300?	0	0	0	0	Prev
<400	<400	400?	400?	2	4	0	0	Prev
650	650	800	800	4	3	1	1	
21	40	23	45	0	0	0	0	
8,500	8,900?	12,200?	12,800?	80	80	11?	11?	WCH
4,600	4,600	4,000	4,100?	48	48	7	7	WCH
700?	700?	1,000?	1,000?	0	0	0	0	Prev
40,000	40,000	40,000?	40,400?	205	415	70	70	
159,604	146,878	205,994	214,012	2,016	2,232	285	317	

Number of other workers per full-time worker: **0.14** (2005), **0.14** (2010)

% growth in congregations and preaching points 2005 to 2010: **-0.3%**

% growth in baptized believers 2005 to 2010: **-8.0%**

% growth in adult attenders 2005 to 2010: **+3.9%**

The Brethren Movement **Africa**

African Countries	Continent	2005 Pop in millions	2010 Pop in millions	Brethren work began	No of congregations in 2005	No of congregations in 2010	Extra preaching pts 2005	Extra preaching pts 2010
Angola	Af	14.72	18.99	1884	1,300	2,017	1,500	1,000?
Botswana	Af	1.73	1.98	1968	12	12?	5?	5?
Burundi	Af	7.47	8.52	1950	86	106	95	85
Chad	Af	8.62	11.51	1926	1,107	1,107	410	410
Congo, Republic of the	Af	3.36	3.76	2002	12	12	0	0
Congo, Dem Rep ² : N Katanga	Af	59.50	67.83	1886	260	260	0	0
Congo, Dem Rep ² : S Katanga	Af	59.50	67.83	1886	803	803?	36	36?
Congo, Dem Rep ² : 2nd Brethren	Af	59.50	67.83	1920	141	141	0	0?
Côte d'Ivoire	Af	16.20	21.57	1980	11	13	0	0?
Egypt	Af	73.20	84.47	1878	36	36?	0?	0?
Ethiopia	Af	70.71	84.98	1952	80	80	13	13
Kenya	Af	32.12	40.86	1955	50	100	50	30
Madagascar	Af	17.96	20.15	1989	50	64	0	0
Malawi	Af	12.32	15.69	1964	130	140?	0	0
Mauritius	Af	1.20	1.29	2008	0	0?	0	0?
Mozambique	Af	21.50	19.61	1999	50	60?	0	0
Nigeria	Af	123.13	158.26	1919	500	500	300	300
Reunion Island	Af	0.73	0.79	1971	6	6	85	85?
Rwanda	Af	8.50	10.28	1962	140	160?	0	0
Senegal	Af	10.62	12.86	1963	3	3	5	5
South Africa	Af	41.45	50.49	1883	120	140?	0	0
Sudan	Af	32.27	43.19	1926/71	5	5	5	5
Tanzania	Af	37.39	45.04	1957	145	145?	72? ¹	75?
Tunisia	Af	10.16	10.37	n/a	1?	0?	0	0?
Uganda	Af	25.12	33.80	1966	23	23	53	53
Zambia	Af	10.20	13.26	1898	1,100	1,255	0	0
Zimbabwe	Af	12.29	12.64	1903	40	40?	17?	17?
TOTAL Africa		557.07	679.60	--	6,211	7,228	2,646	2,119

2. Formerly called Zaire

Average preaching points per congregation: **0.42** (2005), **0.30** (2010)

Average adult attenders per congregation + preaching points: **86** (2005), **111** (2010)

Baptized believers as percentage of adult attenders: **57%** (2005), **61%** (2010)

Number of full-time workers per congregation and preaching point: **0.26** (2005), **0.28** (2010)

Number of other workers per full-time worker: **0.51** (2005), **0.45** (2010)

% growth in congregations and preaching points 2005 to 2010: **+5.5%** (**+4.5%** excluding Angola)

Table 3

Baptized believers 2005	Baptized believers 2010	Adult attenders 2005	Adult attenders 2010	No of f.t workers 2005	No of f.t workers 2010	No of other workers 2005	No of other workers 2010	Source if WCE/ WCH
180,000	359,000	190,000	360,000	260	260	120	120	
890?¹	1,050?	1,250¹	1,600	9?	9?	4?	4?	WCE
20,000	25,000	35,000	45,000	89	85	25	35	
56,395	56,400+	225,740	280,300	1,018	1,391	400?	400?	
575?	575?	1,000?	1,000?	0	0	0	0	Prev
12,500?	12,750?	22,000?	22,400?	1	1	0?	0?	Prev
30,800?	33,900?	57,000?	63,000?	0	0?	0?	0?	WCH
9,351	9,400?	12,851	13,000?	9	9	4?	4?	Prev
630?	820?	1,100	1,300	6?	6?	2?	2?	WCH
1,400?¹	1,500?	2,400¹	2,370	18?	18?	7?	7?	WCE
10,000	10,000	7,500?	8,000?	100	100	10	10	Prev
600	1,000	2,000	3,000?	30	6	12?	6?	
2,000	3,000	3,500	4,500	35	60	14?	25?	
6,000?	6,900?	23,700?	26,900?	10	10	4?	4?	WCH
0	0?	0	0?	0	0?	0	0?	?
2,300?	3,000?	4,050?	5,000?	12	12	42	42	Prev
2,500	3,500?	17,000?	24,000?	300	300	400	400	WCEH
200	200	200	210?	3	3	0	0?	Prev
15,000	16,000?	17,000	19,000?	6	6	6	6	Prev
4	4	200	200	0?	0?	0	0?	Prev
5,600?	6,500?	9,700?	10,300?	85	87	5	6	Prev
220	220	250	350	2	2	5	5	
21,000?¹	25,000?	37,000¹	39,000	104?	104?	40?	40?	WCE
3?	0?	5?	0	0	0?	0	0/	WCH
600	610?	425	435?	36	36	18	18	Prev
51,000?	58,000?	89,000?	101,500?	110?	123	40?	47?	
2,700?	3,500?	4,640	5,500	29?	29?	11?	11?	WCE
432,268	637,829	764,511	1,037,865	2,272	2,657	1,169	1,192	

% growth in baptized believers 2005 to 2010: **+47.6% (+10.5% excluding Angola)**

% growth in adult attenders 2005 to 2010: **+35.8% (+18.0% excluding Angola)**

All figures influenced by huge growth in Angola, perhaps due to revival after ending of civil war

The Brethren Movement **North America**

North America countries	Continent	2005 Pop in millions	2010 Pop in millions	Brethren work began	No of congregations in 2005	No of congregations in 2010	Extra preaching pts 2005	Extra preaching pts 2010
Antigua	AmN	0.07	0.09	1948	4	5?	1	1
The Bahamas	AmN	0.33	0.35	1875	32	34	0	0
Barbados	AmN	0.28	0.26	1860	40	40	8	8
Belize	AmN	0.26	0.31	1952	6	6?	0	0?
Bermuda	AmN	0.07	0.06	1874	7	8?	1	1
Canada	AmN	32.39	34.02	1860	453	482	0	0
Costa Rica	AmN	4.35	4.64	1968	9	9?	0	0?
Cuba	AmN	11.32	11.20	1935	21	29	9?	12
Dominican Republic	AmN	8.97	10.23	1925	201	275	12?	12?
El Salvador	AmN	6.75	6.19	n/a	33	41	2?	2?
Greenland	AmN	0.06	0.06	1970	1	1	1	1
Grenada	AmN	0.10	0.10	1960	10	8	1?	1?
Guatemala	AmN	12.72	14.38	1925	1,836	2,050	110?	110?
Honduras	AmN	7.16	7.62	1898	1,000	1,125	60?	60?
Jamaica	AmN	2.70	2.50	1923	84	92?	3	3
Mexico	AmN	104.47	110.65	1890	275	225	40	40
Puerto Rico	AmN	3.98	4.00	n/a	9	9?	1?	1?
St Kitts & Nevis	AmN	0.04	0.05	n/a	12	12?	1?	1?
St Lucia	AmN	0.16	0.17	1920	7	8?	0	0
St Vincent & the Grenadines	AmN	0.12	0.11	1890s?	13	13	3	3
Trinidad and Tobago	AmN	1.33	1.34	1910	44	32	3?	6
United States	AmN	287.22	317.64	1865	889	780	54?	47?
TOTAL North America		484.85	525.97	--	4,986	5,284	310	309

Average preaching points per congregation: **0.06** (2005), **0.06** (2010)

Average adult attenders per congregation + preaching points: **52** (2005), **54** (2010)

Baptized believers as percentage of adult attenders: **88%** (2005), **87%** (2010)

Number of full-time workers per congregation and preaching point: **0.31** (2005), **0.29** (2010)

Number of other workers per full-time worker: **0.27** (2005), **0.28** (2010)

% growth in congregations and preaching points 2005 to 2010: **+5.6%**

Table 4

Baptized believers 2005	Baptized believers 2010	Adult attenders 2005	Adult attenders 2010	No of f.t workers 2005	No of f.t workers 2010	No of other workers 2005	No of other workers 2010	Source if WCE/ WCH
130	130	240?	250?	2	2	1?	1?	WCH
1,500?	1,600?	1,650?	1,800?	30	31	6	6?	
1,500	1,500	1,500	1,440?	1	1	3	3	WCH
270?	270?	300	310	2?	2?	1?	1?	WCE
406	420?	520?	540?	1	2	4	10	WCH
21,100?	22,500?	23,400?	25,000?	90	90?	24?	24?	
420?	500?	466	580	3?	3?	1?	1?	WCE
635?	875	720	950	12?	17	2?	3?	
7,250?	9,900?	8,030	11,380	65?	65?	17?	17?	WCE
1,040?	1,300?	1,155	1,500	11?	11?	3?	3?	WCE
30	50?	45	75?	1	1	0	0	Prev
430?	250	476	300	3?	0	1?	0	
66,300?	75,000?	73,440	82,000	600?	600?	160?	160?	WCE
82,000?	92,000?	90,900	99,700	325?	325?	90?	90?	WCE
6,300	6,900?	9,500?	10,400?	30	30	10	10	WCH
2,000	2,750	3,000	3,000	140	90	30	30	
260?	270?	290	310	3?	3?	1?	1?	WCE
310?	300?	346	344	4?	4?	1?	1?	WCE
85?	90?	280?	300?	2	2	0	0	WCH
600	625?	700	730?	1	1	2	2	Prev
1,600?	1,150	2,400	1,300	6?	4	4?	4	
50,000?	44,000	57,200	58,000	290?	353	80?	99	
244,166	262380	276,558	300209	1,622	1,637	441	466	

% growth in baptized believers 2005 to 2010: **+7.5%**

% growth in adult attenders 2005 to 2010: **+8.6%**

The Brethren Movement **South America**

South American countries	Continent	2005 Pop in millions	2010 Pop in millions	Brethren work began	No of congregations in 2005	No of congregations in 2010	Extra preaching pts 2005	Extra preaching pts 2010
Argentina	AmS	38.86	40.67	1882	818	1,300	280?	450
Bolivia	AmS	9.12	9.50	1890s	192'?	212?	0	0
Brazil	AmS	178.75	190.73	1878	530'?	580?	0	0
Chile	AmS	15.99	17.13	1928	98	145	8?	8?
Colombia	AmS	45.34	46.30	1935	55	79	25	42
Ecuador	AmS	13.54	13.77	1935	26	30	2?	2/
French Guiana	AmS	0.21	0.23	1905	15	22	0?	0?
Guyana	AmS	0.90	0.76	1800s	30+	30	0	0
Paraguay	AmS	6.11	6.46	1906	113	122?	110?	110
Peru	AmS	27.39	29.50	1893	230	230	0	0
Uruguay	AmS	3.44	3.37	1882	32	32	10	10
Venezuela	AmS	25.99	29.04	1883	77	72	7?	7?
TOTAL South America		365.64	387.46	--	2,216	2,854	442	629

Average preaching points per congregation: **0.20** (2005), **0.22** (2010)

Average adult attenders per congregation + preaching points: **95** (2005), **78** (2010)

Baptized believers as percentage of adult attenders: **50%** (2005), **60%** (2010)

Number of full-time workers per congregation and preaching point: **0.24** (2005), **0.20** (2010)

Number of other workers per full-time worker: **0.66** (2005), **0.66** (2010)

% growth in congregations and preaching points 2005 to 2010: **+31.0%** (**+11.1%** if Argentina is excluded)

% growth in baptized believers 2005 to 2010: **+29.1%** (**+14.6%** if Argentina is excluded)

% growth in adult attenders 2005 to 2010: **+7.4%** (**+13.4%** if Argentina is excluded)

Table 5

Baptized believers 2005	Baptized believers 2010	Adult attenders 2005	Adult attenders 2010	No of f.t workers 2005	No of f.t workers 2010	No of other workers 2005	No of other workers 2010	Source if WCE/ WCH
42,500?	67,000	101,500	100,000	60?	97	50?	83	
7,900'?	8,700?	14,700?	16,200?	30	30	6	6	WCH
51,000?	57,000?	103,000?	114,000?	350?	350?	170?	170?	WCH
5,200?	7,700?	6,840	10,700	36?	36?	17?	17?	WCE
2,500	4,050	3,000	4,300?	30	32	15?	16?	
1,150?	1,330?	1,504	1,844	9?	9?	4?	4?	WCE
310?'	450?	530'	627	5?	5?	2?	2?	WCE
1,500?	1,700?	2,000?	2,200?	10	10	13	13	
3,000	3,300?	5,000	5,500?	60	60	120	120	Prev
4,500	5,500	4,500?	6,000?	16?	20	10?	10?	
1,200	1,200	2,000	2,000	14	20	7?	7	
5,900?	5,530?	7,720	7,680	28?	28?	14?	14?	WCE
126,660	163,460	252,294	271,051	648	697	428	462	

The Brethren Movement **Asia**

Asian Countries	Continent	2005 Pop in millions	2010 Pop in millions	Brethren work began	No of congregations in 2005	No of congregations in 2010	Extra preaching pts 2005+	Extra preaching pts 2010
Bahrain	A	0.66	0.81	n/a	1	1?	0	0?
Bangladesh	A	137.83	164.43	1961	1	1?	0	0?
China	A	1,300.31	1,330.58	2000	10	10?	0	0?
China (Hong Kong)	A	6.78	7.07	1890	9	20	0	0
Cyprus	A	0.62	0.88	n/a	1	1?	0	0?
India	A	1,070.32	1,214.46	1836	2,060	2,230?	0	0
India: Andaman & Nicobar Islands	A	0.36	0.36	1968	4	5	8	8
Israel	A	6.84	7.29	1885	6?	6	2?	2
Japan	A	125.58	127.00	1881	208	145	6?	6?
Jordan	A	6.02'	6.47	1950s	16?	16?	8	8
Kazakhstan	A	15.29'	15.75	2001	1	1	0	0
Korea (South)	A	47.93	48.50	1895	152	200	4?	4?
Kuwait	A	2.14	3.05	n/a	2	2?	0	0?
Laos	A	6.09	6.44	1902	162	174	4?	4?
Lebanon	A	3.48	4.25	n/a	3	3?	0	0?
Malaysia	A	23.77	27.91	1855	150	168	5	5
Mongolia	A	2.57	2.70	1997	4?	4	4?	4
Myanmar	A	47.88	50.50	1884	60	70	15	20
Pakistan	A	173.61	184.75	1930s	100	100	200	200
Philippines	A	81.54	93.62	1918	165	215	20	65
Qatar	A	1.41'	1.51	1960	3	3?	0	0?
Singapore	A	3.68	5.08	1864	29	30	0	0
Sri Lanka	A	19.69	20.41	1902	1	8	3?	23
Taiwan	A	23.03	23.16	1949	10	15	10?	15?
Thailand	A	63.51	68.14	1885	8	11	3	3
Turkey	A	70.39	75.71	1961	8	8	10	10
United Arab Emirates	A	2.59	4.44	1959-90	17	20	0	0
TOTAL Asia		3243.92	3495.37	--	3,191	3,467	302	377

Average preaching points per congregation: **0.09** (2005), **0.11** (2010)

Average adult congregation: **45** (2005), **48** (2010)

Baptized believers as percentage of adult attenders: **121%** (2005), **118%** (2010)

Number of full-time workers per congregation and preaching point: **0.61** (2005), **0.57** (2005)

Table 6

Baptized believers 2005	Baptized believers 2010	Adult attenders 2005	Adult attenders 2010	No of f.t workers 2005	No of f.t workers 2010	No of other workers 2005	No of other workers 2010	Source if WCE/ WCH
128?	145?	132	150	1?	1?	0?	0?	WCE
52?	55?	53	60	1?	1?	0?	0?	WCE
360?	380?	370	400	6?	6?	1?	1?	WCH
340?	760?	350	780?	6?	6?	1?	1?	
40?	32?	42	35	1?	1?	0?	0?	WCE
130,000	140,000?	95,000	103,000?	1,354	1,354	250	250	Prev
139	180	290	320	6	7	4	4	
250?	265	450?	500	4?	4	0?	0	
6,900?	4,800	7,100	6,400	70?	49	27?	19?	
700	700	550	550	7	7	4	4	
13	12	13	25	0	0	0	0	
7,400?	10,000?	7,600	10,500	100?	100?	20?	20?	WCE
80	80?	100'	100	0	0?	0	0?	WCE
5,500?'	7,000?	6,000'	7,500	104?	104?	21?	21?	WCE
230?	220?	240	230	3?	3?	1?	1?	WCE
6,000	12,000	10,000	16,000	60	55	12?	12?	
100?	100	140?	140	3?	3	2?	2	
4,000	4,300	2,500	2,900	90	110	50	70	
6,000+	6,600?	3,000	3,300?	80	80	20	20	Prev
10,000	13,000	10,000	13,000?	60	95	20	25	
39?	37?	40	38	3?	3?	1?	1?	WCE
7,500	8,500	9,000	10,000	95	95	0?	0?	
104?	831	150?	1,200	1?	1?	0?	0?	
930?	1,100	960	1,200	6?	8	0?	0	
360	400	400	440?	8	23	0?	0?	
175	175	200?	200?	50	50	7	7	Prev
3,000	5,000	3,000?	5,000?	8?	8?	2?	2?	
190,340	216,672	157,680	183,968	2,127	2,174	443	460	

Number of other workers per full-time worker: **0.21** (2005), **0.21** (2010)

% growth in congregations and preaching points 2005 to 2010: **+10.0%**

% growth in baptized believers 2005 to 2010: **+13.8%**

% growth in adult attenders 2005 to 2010: **+16.7%**

The Brethren Movement **Oceania**

Countries In Oceania	Continent	2005 Pop In Millions	2010 Pop In Millions	Brethren Work Began	No Of Congregations In 2005	No Of Congregations In 2010	Extra Preaching Pts 2005	Extra Preaching Pts 2010
Australia	O	19.66	22.52	1850s	250	280?	0	0
Fiji	O	0.87	0.84	1934	20	24	7	6
Nauru	O	0.01	0.01	2004	1	1	0	0
New Caledonia	O	0.23	0.24	1960	4	4	10	10
New Zealand	O	4.02	4.18	1852	203	240?	0	0
Papua New Guinea	O	5.03	6.30	1951	460	510?	0	0
Samoa	O	0.18	0.18	n/a	6	7	0?	0?
Tonga	O	0.10	0.10	1973	3	4	0	5
TOTAL Oceania		30.10	34.37	--	947	1,070	17	21

Average preaching points per congregation: **0.02** (2005), **0.02** (2010)
 Average adult congregation: **48** (2005), **47** (2010)
 Baptized believers as percentage of adult attenders: **85%** (2005), **86%** (2010)
 Number of full-time workers per congregation and preaching point: **0.21** (2005), **0.21** (2005)
 Number of other workers per full-time worker: **0.20** (2005), **0.16** (2010)
 % growth in congregations and preaching points 2005 to 2010: **+13.2%**
 % growth in baptized believers 2005 to 2010: **+13.7%**
 % growth in adult attenders 2005 to 2010: **+12.1%**

Table 7

Baptized Believers 2005	Baptized Believers 2010	Adult Attenders 2005	Adult Attenders 2010	No Of F-T Workers 2005	No Of F-T Workers 2010	No Of Other Workers 2005	No Of Other Workers 2010	Source If Wce/Wch
15,000	16,500?	13,700	14,600?	30	60	6?	6?	WCH
820?	1,000?	970?	1,200?	10	24	10	4	
26	30?	5	5?	0	0	0	0	Prev
170?	200?	200?	240?	2	2	6	6?	Prev
10,458	12,800?	10,458?	12,800?	57	37	9	9	WCH
12,000	13,200?	20,000	22,000?	100	100	10+	10+	WCH
260?	285?	305	340	1?	1?	0?	0?	WCE
70?	90	230	243	1?	2	0?	2	
38,804	44,105	45,868	51,428	201	226	41	37	

ALBANIA

Population	4.2 million
Major religions	Muslim 55% (This figure doesn't mean they are practising.) / Roman Catholic 19.8% / Orthodox 10% / Bectash (Muslim) 15%, Evangelical 0.2%

Brethren work began in	1991
Number of congregations	14
Number of additional preaching points	10
Number of baptised believers	700
Number of adult attendees	800
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	13
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	2
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	3

INTERESTING FEATURES

Since 1999, we transmit through the radio at Tirana to about 2/3 of Albanian population using radio waves. We have two radio stations. Alfa and Omega is based in Tirana, the capital city, and the second, Radio Logos, is based in Pogradec, There are many converts through the radio ministry, and the contacts made through the people hearing are increasing every week.

We preach every week in prisons in Peqin, Tirana, FusheKruja and Lazha. We have more than 12 believers baptised as a result of this ministry and many others have come to faith.

Every year we organize one biblical camp in Korca to which nearly 150 believers from Albanian churches will come. We also organize a teenage camp and this year we are also planning a youth camp as well as a camp in Vlora in Southern Albania with other Brethren churches.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The gospel we have to preach.
- New believers in prison, and in the suburb of Tirana
- The radio ministry.
- The New Bible Version in Albanian (The Thomson Bible)
- The completion of the church building at Shkodra which will be used for many activities. The aim is to start in Autumn 2011 an Extension Bible School under the auspices of the Italian Evangelical Bible Institute (IBEI-Rome) at Shkodra in the premises of the local assembly.

PRAY FOR

- The growth of churches in quality as well as quantity. We are studying the doctrines of the Bible with the Church right now.
- Defence and consecration of the young people.
- More conversions in every part of Albania where local ministers preach the gospel.
- Help for the missionaries in Albania in their work and personal lives.
- Radio ministry, in order to have another point of transmission in south Albania.

Lefter Roko – lroko@lincoln.org.al

ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS (INDIA)

Population	356,265
Major religions	Hindu / Christian / Muslim / Sikh / Jain/ Buddhist

Brethren work began in	1968
Number of congregations	5
Number of additional preaching points	8
Number of baptised believers	180
Number of adult attendees	320
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	7
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	4
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	2

MISSION SERVICE AGENCIES

Evangelistic Missionary Fund - kpaulthomas@sathyam.net.in

General Gospel Fund - Philipvarghese@hotmail.com

Indian Evangelical Trust - iet@eth.net

The Gospel Fellowship Trust of India - mtffin@md4.vsnl.net.in

CHURCH LINKS

Association of Christ for Islands (Regd)

PO Box 101, Port Blair

Andamans, India - 744101

aci76@rediffmail.com

Evangelism through social action

BIBLE SCHOOL

Emmaus Correspondence School

Garacharma Post

Andamans, India - 744105

emmausandaman@yahoo.com

INTERESTING FEATURES

The Andaman and Nicobar Islands are an archipelago of 572 islands (39 inhabited) chosen by the British Government as a penal settlement. Famous for the aboriginal tribes that live in the forests, naked and often hostile. Subject to malaria and other diseases, medical facilities are very limited.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The assembly work in these islands expands to many islands like Mayabunder Island, Rangat Island, Diglipur Island, Baratang Island, Hut Bay Island, Nancowry Island and Katchal Island.
- New assembly buildings have been constructed in Nicobar Island group at Campbell Bay and in the Andaman Island group at Buniyadabad, Dairy Farm and Bathu Basi.
- Believers who are Tsunami victims obtained their permanent shelter through Andaman and Nicobar administration.
- Local Brethren are coming forward to work for the Lord.

PRAY FOR

- The steady growth of the assemblies in these islands.
- The local Brethren who have committed themselves to the Lord's work.
- The provision of assembly buildings at Joginder Nagar, Mayabunder and Bambooflat.
- The children's Bible clubs, youth gatherings and other Gospel activities in different parts, especially those held in temporary Tsunami shelters.
- The believers who were Tsunami victims, who need much prayer and practical help if they are to return to normality.

Mangadan Kuriakose Sunny - Sunnyfly_andaman@rediffmail.com

ANGOLA

Population 15 million

Major religions Christian 94% (Roman Catholic 60% / Protestant 34%) / Muslim 0.02% / Hindu 0.01% / Buddhist 0.01% / Animist 5.5% / Other Oriental 0.01%

Brethren work began in	1884
Number of congregations	2017
Number of preaching points	Several
Number of baptised believers	359,000
The number of committed believers is	growing slightly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	260
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	75
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	45

AGENCY SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

FAMON provides prayer and support for local churches.

CHURCH LINKS

GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF EVANGELICAL BRETHREN CHURCH in Angola (IEIA). This administrative body is required by the government to facilitate communication with the churches. Today, it also facilitates common Brethren projects in different regions. It does not interfere in local church matters which are the responsibility of the local leadership.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Peace in the country, reconstruction and economic growth.
- The first fruits of modular Bible training after 3 years.
- Improved infra-structure in the country, including roads.

PRAY FOR

- Political stability.
- The social development of all Angolans.
- Better distribution of the natural resources of the country.
- More well-grounded Bible teachers and elders.
- Local churches to send missionaries inside and outside of the country.
- Vision to reach the urban areas where the concentration of people now reside.
- The opening of the eyes of brethren in the field of business to work in Angola.
- A strong new generation of leaders in local assemblies.

José Neto – josenetotwr@netangola.com

ANTIGUA

Population	70,000
Major religions	Christian (95%) with a few Rastafarians / Bahai / Muslim / Hindu and non-religious

Brethren work began in	1948
Number of Brethren congregations	4
Number of additional preaching points	1
Number of baptised believers	130
Number of adult attendees	200
The number of baptised and other committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	2

INTERESTING FEATURES

Though few in numbers, the assemblies were able to host a convention for young people from assemblies throughout the Caribbean and beyond (see below).

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The impressive growth of the recently established assembly, Bethany Gospel Hall in New Winthorpes.
- The young people who worked so hard in the convention committee planning the YES 4 Christ 2007 Convention.
- The commendation of Nestor Campbell to full-time service by Bethel Gospel Hall. At the call of the Lord, Nestor resigned a lucrative position as unit manager with a leading insurance company, in order to better focus on the work of the Lord in Antigua and the Caribbean.
- The growth in attendance and membership at Bethel Gospel Hall that has virtually replaced the 22 persons who left to establish Bethany Gospel Hall.

PRAY FOR

- A major evangelistic outreach being held in the Golden Grove area. This includes a Happy Children's Hour on Saturdays, home Bible studies, and various forms of social service.
- A plan to establish a Caribbean magazine with a Brethren focus, to replace the 'Caribbean Global'.
- Two of the older Brethren churches in Antigua seem to be struggling. Pray for Dalmar Edwards as he faithfully visits and preaches in all four churches.

Nestor Campbell - nestorcampbell@gmail.com

ARGENTINA

Population	40 million
Major religions	Roman Catholics 76.5% / Evangelicals 9.1% / Muslims 1.5% / Jews 0.8%

Brethren work began in	year 1882
Number of congregations	1300+
Number of preaching points	450+
Number of baptised believers	67,000 (estimated)
Number of adult attendees	100,000 (estimated)
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	97
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	28+
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	55+

PUBLICATIONS

Campo Misionero

Av Honorio Pueyrredon 2825,
Casilla de Correo 161,
(1629) Pilar, Buenos Aires, ARGENTINA
campomisionero@funcrisev.com
www.funcrisev.com

FEMA-Publicacion Periodica

Avenida Callao 232, 8 Piso, Of 15
(C1022APP) Ciudad de Buenos Aires, ARGENTINA

La Lampare (for adult believers)

La Lamparita (for children)

Pasaje Bufano 160,
5600 San Rafael, Mendoza, ARGENTINA
lalamparaice@arnet.com.ar

AGENCIES SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

FICEA – Federacion de Instituciones e Iglesias Evangelicas Argentinas

Provides legal support to assemblies and legal representation before the Argentinean Government.

Avenida Callao 232, 8 piso, Oficina 15,

(C1022APP) Ciudad de Buenos Aires, ARGENTINA

crapaliliana@consejo.org.ar

Joseluispla@sion.com

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

FEMA Fundacion Evangelica Misionera Argentina

Mainly serving Argentine commended workers

Avenida Callao 232 Of 15

(C1022APP) Ciudad de Buenos Aires, ARGENTINA

misioneros@fema.com.ar

COMFE Comision Misionera Femenina

Serving families of FEMA missionaries

Address as above

BIBLE SCHOOLS

Instituto Biblico Jorge Mueller

Levels of study: Tertiary + continuing = Distance Education.

Maipu 466 Local 30,

Ciudad de Buenos Aires, ARGENTINA

Rochoa@ceceju.org.ar

Escuela Biblica Emaus (by correspondence)

Address as above

PUBLISHING HOUSE

LEC Libreria Editorial Cristana

Maipu 466, Local 30, Buenos Aires, ARGENTINA

lec@funcrisev.com

INTERESTING FEATURES

Brethren work in Argentina is considered to have been started by John Henry Ewen in 1882 who, due to ill-health, had a very short but effective service for God in the country. He inspired, and was followed by, a number of pioneer missionaries from the UK and other countries. The construction of the railroad network brought many skilled and spiritually gifted individuals who established testimonies in several regions of the country. From 1950 onwards the work mainly transitioned to national leadership.

The autonomy of the local church, coupled with the fellowship and interrelation among local congregations, were values initially instilled by those in leadership and which effectively continue to this day. Ministries such as schools (ranging from kindergarten to post-secondary education), children's homes, and support systems to families, have been important auxiliary arms of the assemblies to facilitate reaching into the community. Radio and TV have also been used extensively in the proclamation of the Gospel, especially in the last ten years.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Unity of the brethren throughout the country
- In spite of harsh economic conditions the work of God has prospered.
- Argentinean laws traditionally uphold freedom of religion
- Argentina is becoming a missionart sending country, currently with 18 overseas workers.

PRAY FOR

- Advancement of the gospel and increased missionary vision by Argentinean assemblies.
- Personal safety of believers, both in the country and workers serving overseas.
- Adequate provision of funds and equipment for missionary activities.
- Maintaining of positive relations with government.

Daniel Masuello – dmasuello@sympatico.ca

AUSTRALIA

Population 22,519,792

Major religions Roman Catholic 25% / Anglican 19% / Uniting 6% / Greek Orthodox 2%

Brethren work began in

the 1850s

Number of congregations

about 250

Number of baptised believers

about 15,000

Number of adult attendees

about 13,700

The number of committed believers

remains about the same

Number of full-time workers serving
local congregations

Approximately 60

PUBLICATIONS

Serving Together (AMT)

editor@amt.asn.au

PO Box 565,

Mt Gravatt, QLD 4122

Daily Prayer Guide

editor@amt.asn.au

List of cross-cultural missionaries linked with Australian Missionary Tidings.

Australian Workers Daily Prayer Guide

editor@amt.asn.au

Listing of full- and part-time workers commended by Brethren assemblies who minister in Australia.

Assemblies Outreach

aemcobs@ozemail.com.au

PO Box 640,

Burwood, NSW 2765

Spearhead

admin@glo-australia.com

PO Box 177,

Riverstone, NSW 2765

CBFM

gw@bhsc.vic.edu.au

PO Box 399,

Kilsyth, VIC 3137

AGENCIES SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

Christian Brethren Trust

robhurrell@renshawdawsonlang.com.au

232 Murrumbeena Rd,

Murrumbeena VIC 3163

Acts as trustee for many Brethren assemblies in Victoria.

Stewards Foundation

stewardsfoundation@bigpond.com

PO Box 131,

Burwood, NSW 1805

Financial body supporting Brethren assembly work in Australia and acts as trustee for many Brethren churches in Australia.

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

Australian Missionary Tidings

info@amt.asn.au

PO Box 565,

Mt Gravatt, QLD 4122

To facilitate the involvement of Australian Brethren in global missionary service. Currently lists 165 missionaries in the Daily Prayer Guide.

CHURCH LINKS

A national committee was formed in 2006, with representation from most states in Australia. In addition, most states have a coordinating

conference open to all assemblies in that state. These conferences, usually held quarterly, address legal requirements and coordinate joint activities.

BIBLE SCHOOLS

Emmaus Bible College

admin@emmaus.edu.au

PO Box 234,

Epping NSW 1710

Offering Bachelor of Theology, diploma and advanced diploma courses and correspondence courses. Offering higher education and vocation courses.

Gospel Literature Outreach (GLO)

admin@glo-australia.com

PO Box 177,

Riverstone, NSW 2765

Non-accredited one-year full-time course for mission work.

Mueller College of Ministries

mcm@mcm.qld.edu.au

PO Box 487,

Redcliffe, QLD 4020

Full- and part-time courses in Bible, theology and related subjects.

INTERESTING FEATURES

Over the last four years, there has developed a much greater desire for a national effort to see our churches grow and our mission expand. There is greater cooperation at state and national levels for this purpose. We have now held two national conferences which have been strongly supported and have been a great blessing.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- A greater sense of cooperation across assemblies and states, and greater encouragement and support of one another.
- An increase in the number of Christian schools and an expansion of this ministry.

- 100 years of service to overseas mission by AMT. Celebration services were held in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide.
- The successful hosting of a Service Providers' Consultation in Brisbane during October 2010 with delegates from ten counties.
- An increase in the number and size of multi-cultural Brethren churches
- Greater opportunities for theological training in Brethren institutions
- A greater sense of mission and reaching out to the community evident in an increasing number of our assemblies.
- Some new younger workers being supported in their work in universities and as pastors.
- An increasing desire to be more effective in our service for our Lord.

PRAY FOR

- Australian society to be more open to the Word of God.
- Even greater and more effective cross-cultural outreach to migrants.
- That there be no damage to our outreach from bad press confusing Christian Brethren with the Exclusive sect.
- Younger people with new ideas and a real heart for God's work not to be stifled by older ones not prepared to change. When this has happened, many have left to serve in other churches.

Ross Bunyon - rossbunyon@digisurf.net.au

AUSTRIA

Population 8 million

Major Religions Roman Catholic 72% / Lutheran 4% / Muslim 3% / Jehovah's Witnesses 0.5%

Brethren work began in	about 1900
Number of congregations	about 50
Number of additional preaching points	60
Number of baptised believers	10,000 (of whom about 2,500 are men)
Number of adult attendees	40,000
The number of baptised and other committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	20

PUBLICATIONS

Gemeinde und Mission

(Assembly and Mission)

email: eb.damsa@gmail.com (Esther Damsa)

Verein zur Förderung christlicher Gemeinden in Salzburg,
Strubergasse 45/4
A-5020 Salzburg

Gebets und Informationsbrief der EFG

(Prayer and Information Letter of the Evangelical Free Churches)

andreas.freudenberg@utanet.at

Andreas Freudenberg
Richard-Zach-Gasse 33
A-8045 Graz

CHURCH LINKS

Bund Evangelikaler Gemeinden In Österreich (BEG)

www.beg.or.at

BEG, Ispergasse 22

A-1110 Wien

The Bund, with a membership of around 40 evangelical churches, provides help with church growth and church planting. About 10 of these churches have Brethren links..

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The growth in the number of Austrian elders in the churches.
- A good relationship with the other evangelical churches.
- The growing desire for evangelism.

PRAY FOR

- People in Austria to come to know the Lord Jesus — it still takes a lot of time for someone to become a Christian.
- Encouragement, especially for the small assemblies.
- The full-time workers and elders, that they will not suffer burnout.

Wolfgang Bremicker – wbremicker@tele2.at

BAHAMAS

Population	326,057
Major religions	Christianity 96% / (Baptist 35% / Anglican 15% / Roman Catholic 14%) / Other (Muslim Rastafarian / Baha'i Faith / Christian Science / Jehovah's Witnesses / Mormon's and smaller groups) 4%

Brethren work began in	1875
Number of congregations	34
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	31
Number of itinerant evangelists/Bible teachers	6

PUBLICATIONS

Brethren News (newsletter)

PO Box SS-6345, Nassau

boduncanson@yahoo.com

Living Abundantly

Abundant Life Bible Church,

PO Box SS-6579, Nassau.

info@albcm.org

Christian Witness Magazine

Pastor David Cartwright,

Marsh Harbour Gospel Chapel, Abaco

drc@coralwave.com

AGENCIES SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

Association of Assemblies of Brethren in The Bahamas
PO Box SS-6345, Nassau, N P
wam7226@batelnet.bs
assembliesofbrethren@gmail.com
<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100001721903325>

Incorporated in 1954 as a legal entity to minimise difficulties in the administration of fellowshipping assemblies, it includes 21 of the 32 assemblies. Some of its objectives are:

- to hold in trust all properties vested in it (currently 27);
- to preach the gospel by establishing missions, churches, schools etc;
- to act as guarantor for the procurement of loans for member assemblies;
- to represent the assemblies at official functions of the country, as invited by The Bahamas Government.

United Missions Department

PO Box SS-6345,
Nassau N P

Formed to better support financially full-time workers, hold missionary meetings, and disseminate reports to assemblies.

Teen Scenes Camps

PO Box SS-52403, Nassau
jsandsjr@hotmail.com

A camp and retreat ministry situated on an outer island on 72 acres of land. Mostly used as summer camps for evangelism and discipleship.

Cat Island Children's Home

Old Bight Children's Home,
General Delivery, Old Bight, Cat Island.

A children's home for orphans, special needs children, etc.

Telephone 242-342-4103

CHURCH LINKS

Association of Assemblies of Brethren in The Bahamas

(address above)

COLLEGE

Hope College

PO Box SS-6345,
John F. Kennedy Drive,
Nassau, N.P. The Bahamas
kbain.hopecollege@gmail.com

BIBLE SCHOOL

Teleios Theological Training Institute

info@teleiosministries.org
PO Box SS-19612, 76 Mackey Street,
Nassau

INTERESTING FEATURES

The first Brethren churches were all Closed/Exclusive, but later became Open. Our Association of Assemblies is also unusual.

PRAISE GOD THAT

- We have historically been very successful in reaching people with the gospel.
- Many gifted Bahamians and non-Bahamians have served as pastor-teachers and evangelists over the years.
- Brethren pastors, evangelists, and members are widely respected in the Bahamian community.
- Many who have left the Brethren to become part of other evangelical churches are highly respected ministers who acknowledge with nostalgia their Brethren roots.

PRAY FOR

- More full-time resident pastors, and itinerant workers to regularly visit and assist struggling assemblies, particularly in the outer islands.
- Long- and short-term missionaries, supported financially from outside sources, to assist with Cat Island Children's Home.
- The revival of evangelism among our assemblies.
- Financial support to enable completion of the Christian Life Centre, a multi-purpose development with an auditorium and conference centre large enough for crusades, youth activities, a Bible college, and united functions, and other major outreach programmes.
- Greater fellowship between the assemblies, especially the outer island ones.

Augustus Moncur – augustusmoncur@yahoo.com,
augustmoncur@hotmail.com

BARBADOS *

Population	273,987
Major religions	Anglican 14.03% / Pentecostal 10.23% / Adventist 2.82% / Methodist 2.69%

Brethren work began in	1860, but our Gospel Hall assemblies not till 1889
Number of congregations	40, of which 13 are Gospel Hall assemblies
Number of additional preaching points	about 8
Number of baptised believers	about 1500 in 1994
Number of adult attendees	about 1500 in 1994
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	1
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	2
Number of full time itinerant Bible teachers	1

AGENCIES SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

Stewards Company (Bds) Ltd

c/o Mr Alfred Ince,

PO B 84, Brittons Hill Post Office,

St Michael

Holding land and titles in trust, and receiving gifts etc for the local assemblies.

Bethany Eventide Home

Dayrells Road, Christ Church

Offering care to 20 senior citizens.

Good News Prep School

Ellerton Gospel Hall, Niles Road,

St. George

Caring for/teaching about 40 pre-schoolers and infants

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

Stewards Company UK

INTERESTING FEATURES

See *The Brethren in Barbados - Gospel Hall Assemblies 1889-1994*, by Sylvan R Catwell, the centenary volume published in 1995.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Freedom of worship.
- The government's increasing recognition of the role and importance of the church in Barbados, and the church's increasing participation in national strategic planning.
- Increasing opportunities for church leaders to meet and consult with Government in reviewing sensitive national issues.
- Because of the intervention of the church, legislation legalising prostitution and adversely impacting morality and spirituality, was not passed.

PRAY FOR

- Recognition of the need for church leaders to be trained for their task, and means to be found of giving such training.
- Sustainable leadership and mobilising of young people into our assemblies.
- Unity, not mere unison, of our assemblies.
- Birthing of a passion for evangelism and sensing of the need for equipping members for this task.

Sylvan Catwell - catwells@hotmail.com

BELGIUM (FLANDERS) *

Population	6 million
Major religions	Roman Catholic 98% (mainly nominal) / Evangelical less than 1%

Brethren work began in	1971
Number of congregations	about 30
Number of baptised believers	about 2,500
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	about 5
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	about 5
Number of itinerant Bible teachers	about 5

PUBLICATION

Nieuwsbrief

koen.schelstraete@telenet.be

Koen Schelstraete,

Berchemlei 226,

Borgerhout 2140

INTERESTING FEATURES

When Richard Haverkamp came to Belgium in 1971, he and Herb Schindeelka started in Antwerp where they fellowshiped with an older assembly in Mechelen. The openness in the Roman Catholic Church after Vatican II provided opportunities which called for a new assembly.

By 1990 the number had grown to 27, though now, because of the need for buildings, lack of leadership and, perhaps, hiving off too soon, the number has decreased to 22.

PRAISE GOD THAT

- If all the missionaries left, the work would continue without us.
- There is a good camp work, including camps for children, young teens and older teens, weekends and young adult work.
- We have a group of full-time workers - three couples and one single lady from Canada, one single lady from Scotland, and six Flemish couples (also, one couple from USA live in Belgium, but have an international ministry).
- We are seeing slow growth - in one assembly, 21 people have been added during the last three years.

PRAY FOR

- A fine young couple (Raymond and Belinda Hausoul) who have recently joined us from the Netherlands and Germany and are anxious to plant a new assembly in Zonnebeke.
- More young leaders, and more young people.
- This year's camps and their leaders, especially Pete Gifford from Canada.
- The distribution of 750,000 tracts to every home in the province of Limburg.

Henk Gelling - henk.gelling@telenet.be

BELGIUM (WALLONIA)

Population	10,800,000 (4,500.000 French speaking).
Major religions	Catholics 47% / Islam 6-10% / Protestants 1.5%

Brethren work began in	c1855
Number of Brethren congregations	20
Number of additional preaching points	nil
Number of baptised believers	500
Number of adult attendees	1000
Number of baptised and other committed believers is	remaining the same
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	3
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	0

PUBLICATION

REFLET

C/- Claude Vilian,
Clos des Chenes 69.
1170 Bruxelles, Belgium
reflet@apeb.net

AGENCIES SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

SAPEB asbl

Ministry support (finance, employment).
C/- Eric Laurent,
Bois Pirart 127.
1132 Geneval Belgium
sapeb@apeb.net

Prevoyance Evangelique asbl

Seniors House, Youth Camp, Church Building ownership
Boris Pirart 127,
1132 Genval Belgium
prevoyance@apeb.net

Other organised ministries include
Youth ministry (Cap-Jeunes).
Formation ministry (CFM centre de formation au ministere)
Camp Ministry (Campus des Taillis)
Convention organisation

CHURCH LINKS

CERAB (Commission d'Etude et de Reference des Assemblies Belges)

Role: Spiritual eldership and leadership

NB Overall ultimate coordination between assemblies is done through the "Reunion de Delegates" – delegates assembly, that decides on the matters common to the assemblies.

C/- Claude Vilian,
Clos des Chenes 60,
1170 Bruxelles, Belgium
cerab@apeb.net

Bible school

See CFM ministry above

PUBLISHING HOUSE

Librairie chretienne Le Jardin (ex-ELB)
Rue de Bascoup 87
7170 Fayt-Lez-Manage (Manage),
Belgium
Info.librairie@gmail.com

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The gospel still being preached and conversions still a daily reality
- New assembly start-up project in Seneffe + evangelisation work in Mons Aera (les Honnelles)
- A young man entering bible school to further engage in ministry
- The faithfulness of God experienced by assemblies

PRAY FOR

- Real encouragement of brothers and sisters in a world of materialism and comfort
- Generation renewal as elders become older and the younger members are sometimes reluctant to take over.
- Good knowledge of the Bible as the basis of an enthusiastic Christian life.
- Effective communication of the gospel to children and young people.

Eric Laurent

Rue Chapelle Emmanuel, 8,
B 1435 Mt-St-Guibert,
Belgium

Eric.laurent@apeb.net

BERMUDA

Population 67,837

Major religions Christian 56% (Anglican 23% / Roman Catholic 15% / African Methodist Episcopal / 11% Seventh Day Adventist 7%) Other 44% (including small groups of Muslims / Bahai and Mormons)

Brethren work began in	1874 (first hall built in 1903)
Number of congregations	7
Number of additional preaching points	1
Number of baptised believers	about 406
The number of congregations	remains the same
The number of committed believers is	about the same
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	2
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	1 commended + 4 others
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	1 commended + 4 others

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

Bermuda Mission Trust

ejrich@logic.bm

PO Box PG 254, Paget PG BX

CHURCH LINKS

Conferences are held twice a year for Bible teaching, and monthly meetings are held for prayer and for Bible teaching.

Several assemblies are visited by ministering brethren from overseas.

Informal meetings are held for elders (to promote general communication and support), for brothers (primarily for leadership training) and sisters (for prayer, encouragement and mission).

Hope Ministries conducts an annual summer camp and similar ministries.

Several assemblies conduct Vacation Bible Schools in the summer.

INTERESTING FEATURES

Summer camps, open to all children, have been held continuously since 1969. Prison ministry and after-school Bible clubs are held.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The measure of unity experienced by the assemblies.
- The missionary thrust of the assemblies (especially in Africa and the Caribbean).
- The active participation of local missionaries in several countries overseas.

PRAY FOR

- Ministry among the young.
- Vision for leaders and future ministries.
- Innovative and successful evangelistic approaches.
- Growth and discipleship.
- Young gifted believers to assume active leadership roles.

<http://bermudamissions.com>

Edward Richardson – ejrich@ibl.bm

BOLIVIA

Population	9,500,000
Major religions	Roman Catholic 80% / Evangelical denominations 15% / Ancestral belief practitioners 3% / Others 2%

Brethren work began in	the last decade of the 19th century
Number of congregations	about 500 (90% rural)
Number of baptised believers	about 7,500
Number of adult attendees	about 10,000
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers	30 (80% foreign missionaries)
Number of full-time evangelists (mostly in local areas, though one who is a foreign evangelist travels throughout the country and internationally.)	4
Number of itinerant Bible teachers (who travel all over the country, visit a broad spectrum of assemblies, and are regular speakers in established Bible conferences. In rural areas, gifted men teach their own congregations and rarely invite itinerant teachers. Most missionaries and a small group of Bible teachers restrict their teaching ministry to churches aligned with their own particular ecclesiastical and doctrinal views.)	2

PUBLICATION

Pueblo Mio (*My People*)
pueblomio@yahoo.com
Founder and editor Ruben Ayala
arq_raf_05@yahoo.es

AGENCIES SERVING THE CHURCHES

Compassion International
Cochabamba, CBBA
Child care and development

Child Evangelism

Santa Cruz, SCZ

Outreach to children

Awana Clubs

Santa Cruz, SCZ

Discipling children and young people

Bolivian Community Project

Casilla 235,

Trinidad-Beni

bcpfield@gmail.com

Wholistic evangelism and community development

CHURCH LINKS

Misiones Cristianas en Bolivia (Christian Missions in Bolivia)

Casilla 14277, La Paz

encargadogeneral@mcbolivia.org

web: misionescristianasbolivia.org

Asambleas Ruinidas en el Nombre del Señor

(Assemblies gathered in the Lord's Name)

Potosí

Asociacion de Hermanos Libres (Free Brethren Association)

Yacuiba, Tarija

The above are representative legal bodies registered with the Minister of Religious Affairs.

BIBLE SCHOOLS AND OTHER TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

Facultad Biblica de Camiri

mattix@cidis.scbbs-bo.com

Camiri, Santa Cruz

One-year diploma course

Centro Bíblico y Escuela por Correspondence Emaus

(Bible Centre and Emmaus Correspondence Bible School)

Calle Amirante Grau,

La Paz, LPZ

One- two- and four- year courses at diploma and baccalaureate levels.

Seminario Bíblico Evangélico

Calle Almirante Grau, 115

Casilla 4436

La Paz, LPZ

Web: asbebo.org

Escuela Cristiana Camirena (Christian Private School of Camiri)

mattix@cidis.scbbs-bo.com

Camiri, Santa Cruz

Primary and secondary education (12 grades)

Escuela Cristiana Genesis (Christian School Genesis of Potosi)

sumajorko@gmail.com

Casilla 305, Potosi

Primary and secondary education (12 grades)

Escuela Cristiana de Portachuelo

(Christian Private School of Portachuelo)

Merlyn Schultz, Portachuelo, Santa Cruz

Primary and secondary education (12 grades)

Unidad Educativa de Convenio La Palmera

(La Palmera Public Christian School)

lucho.velez@gmail.com

Casilla 235, Trinidad-Beni

Pre-school, primary and secondary education (14 grades)

INTERESTING FEATURES

Brethren congregations in Bolivia reflect the cultural background of their founding missionaries, mainly from Australia and New Zealand,

Scotland, and USA. They have been strongly influenced by Christian workers from Argentina who have introduced a divisive spirit of leadership that has polarised the development of the work, allowing it little or no interaction with other denominational groups. However, a few urban congregations are developing a contemporary expression of church life with an independent and progressive vision of evangelism.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Faithfulness and commitment to their own particular work of most believers throughout the country.
- Fellowship and evangelical creativity of most regional churches within their area of influence.
- Soundness of doctrine in all churches in the country.

PRAY FOR

- A collective understanding to reach out to complete families in the community and expand Christian fellowship to the wider body of Christ.
- A collective strategy to encourage young leaders in the decision-making process in congregations, and to get involved in community ministries.
- A collective commitment to engage our churches in action for justice for the poor and the marginalised, as a necessary component of evangelism.
- A collective reflection on a biblical path of obedience relevant to Bolivia's own spiritual and social needs.

Eliseo Zuniga – Doulos_74@hotmail.com

Lucho Velez – velelucho@gmail.com

BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA *

Population 4,552,198

Major religions Muslim 40% / Orthodox 31% /
Roman Catholic 15% / Other 14%

Brethren work began

before the war

(1991-95)

One small church was planted in Sarajevo, but its members fled during the war. Missionaries returned after the war.

Number of congregations

about 3

Number of adult attendees

about 30

The number of committed believers is

decreasing slowly

Number of full-time workers
serving local congregations

**about 3-5 including
some working with
other mission
agencies**

BIBLE SCHOOL

We use the **Emmaus Bible correspondence course**, which is printed in Croatia.

INTERESTING FEATURES

Because of the proximity to Serbia, some Brethren missionaries came to Bosnia to work in the Serbian part, but most did not succeed, and left Bosnia. The Gospel has found most response in the Muslim and Catholic part. Brethren from France have helped with humanitarian aid and service to the poor which opened doors for missionaries. Today, as humanitarian aid is coming to an end, many believers who came because of it are leaving the small churches.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The doors that opened to the Gospel after the end of the war in 1995.
- The door that is still open for those who want to serve.

PRAY FOR

- Missionaries with an evangelistic vision and boldness to preach the Gospel.
- Openness for the Gospel in the small cities.
- Unity among the churches and missionaries in coordinating the work and uniting efforts to evangelise Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Walter Gonçalves - gotim@hotmail.com

BRAZIL

Population 190,732,694

Major religions Christian 88.9% (Roman Catholic 73.5% / Protestant 15.4%)
/ No religion 7.3% / Spiritualist 1.6% / Other 1.3%
/ Eastern religion 0.21% / Not determined 0.21% /
Jewish 0.48%

Brethren work began in

Number of congregations

The number of committed believers is

Number of full-time workers

1878

about 700

increasing slowly

**not known (most are
itinerant and both
preach and teach)**

PUBLICATIONS

Servas (*Servants*), a magazine for women

Caixa Postal 44,

35001-970 Governador Valadares – MG

Senda do Cristão (*Christian Patch*)

Travessa Municipal, 86 - apt°11,

Ed. Granada - Centro, 09710-210,

São Bernardo do Campo - SP

arrazmaz@directnet.com.br

Boletim dos Obreiros (*Bulletin of the Workers*)

Caixa Postal 70073,

22422-970 Rio de Janeiro - RJ

boletim@obreiros.net

AGENCIES SERVING THE CHURCHES

União Missionária de Evangelização e Assistência Social (UMEAS)

(Missionary Union for Evangelisation and Social Assistance)

Estrada Padre José de Anchieta, 820

Jaqueira, Queimados - RJ

umeasleq@terra.com.br

Arranges meetings for workers, collects funds to distribute to workers, and keeps a home for old people at Rio de Janeiro city. It also edits an annual magazine containing some articles, addresses of the workers, and addresses of the assemblies in Rio de Janeiro.

Associação de Obreiros Cristãos (AOC)

(Christian Workers Association)

Av. Santo Antonio, 71

Centro, 29025-000 - Vitória-ES

casadeoracao@ig.com.br

Arranges meetings for workers, collects funds to distribute to workers, and manages two homes for old people at Espírito Santo.

Instituição Distribuidora Evangélica (IDE)

(Evangelical Distributor Institution)

Rua Borges Lagoa, 1050

Vila Clementino 04038-002 São Paulo - SP

Jayrogo@uol.com.br

Arranges an annual meeting for workers, and collects funds to distribute to workers. It also edits an annual magazine containing some articles, photos and addresses of the workers.

Missão Evangélica Luz (MEL) (Evangelical Light Mission)

Caixa Postal 01.0271

29001-970 - Vitória-ES

jabesmar@terra.com.br

Arranges an annual missionary meeting for young people. It intends to acquire an area to build a camp and a Bible institute. It also issues a publication called *Infomel* seeking to reach young people.

Besides the above, there are five other entities that do basically the same thing as the first three.

CHURCH LINKS

An attempt is being made, against much opposition, to establish links through Comunhão Nacional dos Irmãos (CONAI) (National Brethren Partnership)

(provisional address) Caixa Postal 02.241

Vila Velha - ES 29102-220

jabesmar@terra.com.br

Its aim is to promote practical partnership among the churches about projects, such as missionary ventures, not only in Brazil but also around the world.

BIBLE SCHOOL

Escola Bíblica da CONAI (CONAI Bible School)

Caixa Postal 02.241

Vila Velha - ES 29102-220

jabesmar@terra.com.br

The CONAI Bible school is not registered by the government (few are). It functions by means of evening classes. This year, we started a distance learning scheme in association with a college in Minas Gerais. The basic course lasts one year, the advanced course three. Other schools operate at local churches in Rio de Janeiro, Belo Horizonte, São Paulo, and elsewhere.

AOC (Christian Workers Association) Bible School aims at churches from inner cities of Espírito Santo State. It works with face-to-face classes one day a month which the student must attend. Students are given study guides which contain the course study material one month in advance and on the fourth Saturday a teacher provides a lecture and assists the students with any questions they might have. The school board will then evaluate each student and those who pass are able to go to the next course. The process takes three years.

IBAP Bible School (Apostle Paul Bible Institute) works in an inner city of Minas Gerais State and has students from several areas of the country. It works with classes held once in six months.

PRAY FOR

- The removal of government restrictions on work among Brazilian Indians and for an interdenominational Bible school that is training Indian people to preach (something the government cannot prevent).
- Revival among the assemblies so that they will gain a wider missionary vision.
- The awakening of the great number of young people in Brethren assemblies, so that this 'sleeping' potential will become a powerful force for the Lord and his work.

Jabesmar Guimarães – jabesmar@terra.com.br

BULGARIA *

Population 7,385,367

Major religions Christian 89% / (Orthodox 86% / Protestant 3% / mostly charismatic and Pentecostal) / Muslim 13%

Brethren work began in

about 1900

Number of congregations

unknown, but very small

The number of committed believers is

decreasing slowly

PUBLICATION

Spiritual Word

rassovsky@gmail.com

26 Dimitar Dimov Str., Sofia-1164

PUBLISHING HOUSE

Rassovsky Ltd. Spiritual Word

rassovsky@gmail.com

Christo Georgiiev Rassovsky

26 Dimitar Dimov Str.

Sofia-1164

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The magazine, *Spiritual Word*, which is distributed free of charge and reaches many people all over Bulgaria.
- Making it possible to print a Christian calendar every year since 2003.
- The repair of the windows of the church, using PVC, and the possibility of more repair work inside.

PRAY FOR

- The Christian calendar.

Christo Rassovsky – chris_rass@yahoo.com

BURUNDI

Population	8 million
Major religions	Christian 87.8% / Muslim 12% / Hindu 0.08% / Traditional / Ethnic 0.12%

Brethren work began in	1950
Number of congregations	106
Number of additional preaching points	85
Number of baptised believers	25,000
Number of adult attendees	45,000
The number of baptised and other committed believers is	increasing quickly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	85
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	20
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	15

BIBLE SCHOOL

Bible Training School

PO Box 122

Bujumbura

3 months' course, leading to a certificate

INTERESTING FEATURES

Christians are putting their trust in the truth of the Bible as their guide and their light. Existing churches are being rebuilt and new ones planted from local church members' resources. This unique development needs to be applauded, especially as we are just recovering from civil war. This is not to be taken for granted, to see indigenous determination to rebuild the church in the midst of challenges.

After 12 years of war, heavy rains have destroyed crops and brought famine in many parts of the country. UN WFP helped is limited to humanitarian assistance, making richer those who implement the

programs than those who are to be assisted. The poverty line and pain of suffering remains the same, even aggravates despite the bigger budget UN reports. Churches are still in need of material assistance, varying from relief to development projects. Burundi ranks among the poorest countries of the world. But, despite poverty, we are experiencing tremendous church growth both qualitatively and quantitatively. In times of war, our Brethren churches saw the quantitative growth of 34 new churches planted in just nine years. We pray that the Lord will continue to strengthen His church even now as we live in time of peace. This is the time our Brethren churches strive to train our leadership and members to different services.

PRAISE GOD THAT

- Peace is coming back to Burundi. It is a grace period for the church to aggressively evangelize, teach and equip for every service to the community.
- All our churches are now open and rebuilding infrastructure. Members are showing tremendous zeal to renovate their churches throughout the country.
- Churches are planting more churches in strategic places.
- There is unity among our churches. The elders met and decided to hold a national conference every 5 years. The conference comprises workshops and seminars to impact different groups of leaders varying from elders, women, youth and other specialised groups. The conference is also an opportunity to hold large crusades to reach out to different districts around our headquarters in the capital city. This year we are inviting our Brethren churches from Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Uganda and Democratic Republic of Congo. Every year, we also have regional outreach programs organised by our Brethren churches in the countryside. The Brethren movement in Burundi has very strong Sunday school forums and youth programs. We believe that the future of our churches relies on the youth and children. But we must equip them now.

PRAY FOR

- God's provision to enable us rebuild ruined churches in remote

and urban places, and to enlarge different sanctuaries due to rapid growth we are experiencing. Our churches in urban areas strive to adapt their services and ministry to the needs required by urban populations. These require heavier financial means than our churches can afford.

- God's help to strengthen our existing Bible school. We are aiming to develop it into our first Brethren Christian University in the country. Times of peace do not mean necessarily growth. Please pray that leaders will be well grounded in the Word so that they are equipped to minister to the challenges of modernism. There cannot be a better way to equip our leadership than through good Bible and theological school training.
- God's assistance to put up more clinics / health centres in the country. Burundi is ranked at the bottom of the list of the poorest countries of the world. Health deterioration, many deaths, and child mortality are largely caused by preventable diseases. Our only existing clinic in Bujumbura receives at least 200 patients a day. We need at least four more clinics in four well identified places to respond to this need.
- God's inspiration to help each local church to develop sustainable projects in their communities. We are encouraging each church to start thinking about sustainable projects to respond to the community's needs. Please pray that the Lord will bring to us charity ministries that can assist our churches in development programs.

Simeon Havyarimana – sh@iconnect.co.ke

CANADA

Population 34,019,000

Major religions Roman Catholic 44% / Protestant 20% (United Church 9% / Anglican 6% / Baptist 3% /Lutheran 2%) / Other Christian groups 4% /Muslim 2% / Other unspecified religions 12% /No religion 16%.

Religious attendance rates between the late 1940s and the late 1990s have declined significantly while then percentage of people reporting no religious affiliation has increased.

Between 1985 and 2004 the share of Canadians aged 15 and older reporting no religious affiliation increased by seven percentage points from 12% to 19%.

Around 32% of adult Canadians attend religious services at least monthly.

Brethren work began in

1860

Number of congregations

482 Broadly:
Gospel Halls **156**,
Conservative Chapels **175**,
Adaptive Chapels and Churches **151**

Number of full-time workers serving local congregations:

Gospel Halls:

unknown

Conservative Chapels:

perhaps **10%** have full-time personnel

Adaptive Chapels and Churches: about **80%** have full-time workers/pastors.

PUBLICATIONS

Thinking Ahead

145 Lincoln Rd,
Waterloo ON N2J 2NB
www.vision-ministries.org

News of Quebec

Editor: Richard E Strout

Phone 819 820-1693

PO Box 1054,

Sherbrooke QC J1H 5L3

Trimestrial missionary news publication and agency for distributing funds to Christian assembly workers.

Uplook

(based in USA) Uplook Ministries,

PO Box 4089, St Catharine's ON L2R 7S3

Produces a magazine that is read by more conservative groups, arranges conferences and facilitates outreach efforts.

www.uplook.org

AGENCIES SERVING THE CHURCHES

Stewards Ministries

18-3 East Dundee Road Suite 100, Barrington IL 60010

Financial support for workers and ministry projects.

info@stewardsministries.com

www.stewardsministries.com

Stewards Canada

85 Parkside Dr, Guelph ON N1G 4X7

Ministry of financial help, primarily to the assemblies.

d.b@stewardscanada.org

www.stewardscanada.org

Stewards Foundation

14285 Midway Rd, Suite 330,

Addison TX 75001

Assists with mortgages for church buildings.

www.stewardsfoundation.org

Vision Ministries Canada

145 Lincoln Road,

Waterloo ON N2J 2N8

Plants new churches and helps existing churches by encouraging leaders and developing a supportive network of churches and church leaders.

info@vision-ministries.org

www.vision-ministries.org

MSC Canada Service

Agency for cross-cultural mission

509-3950 14th Avenue,

Markham, Ontario L3R 0A9

msc@msc.on.ca

www.msccanada.org

Quebec Reseau

www.groupereseau.org

CHURCH LINKS

Vision Ministries

info@vision-ministries.org

145 Lincoln Rd,

Waterloo ON N2L 2N8

Facilitates church extension, church planting and leadership development among the more adaptive groups, arranges conferences, and facilitates outreach efforts.

BIBLE SCHOOLS

Kawartha Lakes Bible College

Box 1101 Peterborough

ON K9J 7H4

One- and two-year Bible study/discipleship programme.

mail@klbc.ca

www.klbc.ca

Mount Carmel Bible School

4725 106th Ave,

Edmonton AB T6A 1E7

One-year discipleship-making programme.

mail@mountcarmel.net

www.mountcarmel.net

PUBLISHING HOUSE

Everyday Publications Inc.

310 Killaly St West,

Port Colborne ON L3K 6A6

Dedicated to serving commended missionaries and national workers.

everyday@everyday.on.ca

www.everydaypublications.org

OTHER MINISTRIES

See <http://www.vision-ministries.org/pdf/MinistryResourceGuide.pdf>

For a listing of camp sites (p350), Organisations (p39) and Retirement/
Nursing Homes (p41).

INTERESTING FEATURES

Church planting among New Canadians.

We are encouraged with the planting of new churches among new Canadians. The Mandarin Chinese churches and the Iranians are seeing some real evangelistic fruit which is most encouraging. Work is progressing more slowly among Afghans, Pakistanis and Nepalese. Churches have also begun among Eritreans, Ethiopians, Congolese and Burmese. We are having great opportunities to show the love of Christ to these new refugee arrivals in Canada, many of whom came to faith in their country of origin.

Incarnational ministry initiatives

Younger people (but not always younger ones) are starting ministries by moving into neighbourhoods (sometimes very poor ones) to seek the general welfare of the people who live there. They bring the good news of Jesus with them and find ways to apply it to everyday life. We expect new churches to emerge in some of these neighbourhoods. See www.movein.to for an example.

Celebrate Recovery

This ministry was started by Saddleback Community Church to reach out to people with “hurts, habits and hang-ups”. See www.celebraterecovery.com. Quite a number of churches are now using this program or similar ones like www.findingfreedom.ca to reach out to “high needs” people in

their churches and neighbourhoods. Some great stories of conversion and transformation are flowing from these ministries.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- New congregations that are taking shape and reaching out effectively.
- New leadership development events for elders, pastors, and volunteer leaders which are emerging in Ontario.
- Increasing numbers of large congregations (600-1200) which influence their communities and help other, smaller congregations.
- His work among Chinese immigrants, many of whom are coming to faith, and establishing vigorous congregations.

PRAY FOR

- Quebec Resau, which is beginning to make a difference in the neediest part of our country.
- The protection and fruitfulness of the few gifted ethnic leaders who are able to provide leadership for a mini-network of their own.
- The elders and pastors who are vulnerable, and several have had serious failures in their marriages, which has a very negative influence on their congregations.

Gord Martin – Gord@vision-ministries.org

CHAD

Population	11 million
Major religions	Muslim 51% / Christian 35% / Traditional ethnic 7% / Other 7%

Brethren work began in	1926
Number of congregations	1107
Number of additional preaching points	410
Number of baptised believers	56,400+
Number of adult attendees	280,300+
The number of committed believers is	increasing quickly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	1391+

PUBLICATIONS

Pres de Toi

act.ndjamena@intnet.td
PO Box 1111, Ndjaména

La Parole

pauldjideti@yahoo.fr
(provisional)
PO Box 1111, Ndjaména

CHURCH LINKS

National Committee of Christian Assemblies in Chad

act.ndjamena@intnet.td
PO Box 1111, Ndjaména

Promotes evangelism, unity, mission work, and social work among Brethren. Local Christian Assemblies have been working together through Regional and Sub-regional committees.

BIBLE SCHOOLS

One Bible Institute at Doba recruits students from BEPC level (first cycle of secondary school diploma). It runs a three-year training programme and delivers a Diploma.

Two 'Higher Bible schools' at Backtana. It recruits students from Primary School Certificate to the end of the first cycle of secondary school, without diploma. Its three-year training programme leads to a Higher Bible School Diploma.

Sixteen Bible schools train servants of the Lord in local languages, at primary school level, for three years.

Shalom Higher Evangelical School of Theology (an interdenominational faculty of theology) runs a three-year course leading to a degree.

eemet@intnet.td

PO Box 2006,

Ndjaména

Evening Bible Course Centres are open in main cities like Ndjaména, Moundou Doba and Sarh.

INTERESTING FEATURES

Many ACT members have expressed desire to know about the origins and distinctive practices of the Brethren. The recent General Conference brought to light deviation from cardinal truths (doctrinal and ecclesiastical).

A three-part booklet entitled *Bien Connaître les Assemblées Chrétiennes pour Mieux server en leur Sein* (Knowing Christian Assemblies Well to Better Serve Among Them), has been published, which includes *Knowing Christian Assemblies in Chad* by René Daidanso, *'Principles for an Effective and Efficient Association'* by Djidéti Paul, and *'The Strengths and Weaknesses of Christian Assemblies'* by Monelmbaye Doumkel Obed.

The desire to remain true to distinctive Brethren principles remains strong and needs to be fulfilled through the writing of a full history of Christian Assemblies in Chad.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The increasing number of believers and local churches.
- The encouraging involvement of assemblies in the 'Chad for Christ' programme, an annual evangelistic campaign designed to cover the whole country with the gospel.
- The increasing number of trained young leaders, after 81 years of Brethren witness (pray that they will really feed the Lord's sheep). Three Christian Assemblies students at Bangui Faculty of Evangelical Theology have completed their Master Degree during 2010 respectively in the fields of Systematic Theology, Missiology and New Testament.
- The noticeable hunger for Bible studies among Christians.
- The effective enforcement of 37 missionaries (tent makers included) in unreached parts of the country.
- The setting up of a permanent Theological Commission within Christian Assemblies in Chad
- The mobilisation of the Church in the country in prayer for peace has been great during 2010.
- The relative peace experienced in the country since 2009 is encouraging.

PRAY FOR

- The continual settling of missionary posts in the Northern and Eastern areas of the country which are unreached and hostile – pray for the missionaries and their families.
- The destructive effects of the Darfur war on Chadian populations, and the subsequent political instability of the country.
- Pray that the profits from the Chadian oil industry will be used to alleviate poverty.
- The students in general, especially three who are registered in postgraduate study, that the resources will be available to enable them to complete their studies (Ngarsouledé Abel in Bangui, Esaie Mournia in Pretoria and Mardochée Nadoumngar (semi-resident training at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Boston) in USA).

Paul Djideti – PaulDjideti@yahoo.fr

COLOMBIA

Population	45.5 million
Major religions	Roman Catholic 80% / Evangelical 10% / Other 8% / No religion 2%

Brethren work began in	1935
Number of congregations	79 (30 central region, 28 western, 13 northern, 5 north-eastern, 3 southern)
Number of additional preaching points	42
Number of baptised believers	4,050 (2,500 central region, 650 western, 600 northern, 250 north-eastern, 50 southern)
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	32

BIBLE SCHOOLS

Central region: One Bible school (www.wtl.org/emaus/),
one Emmaus office (www.wscuelaemmaus.com/bogota/)

Instituto Biblico Hermanos En Cristo

Bugalagrande, Valle Ph 57 22265247 a 10 month diploma.

Western region: One Bible school, one Emmaus office (Pereira)

Northern region: One Emmaus office (Barranquilla)

North-Eastern region: One Emmaus office (Bucaramanga)

INTERESTING FEATURES

We respect the Bible and enjoy good teaching and doctrine, but the unity between the churches in different regions is not so good.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Improved safety in much of the country, and full religious freedom after political change.
- Growth in missionary vision.
- Very fruitful times in some assemblies.
- Faithfully sustaining His work in Colombia.

PRAY FOR

- Faster growth rate in assemblies.
- More committed men to serve in the assemblies, as in many assemblies the most committed people are the women.
- Safety in particular regions where it is still dangerous to evangelise.
- Financial resources for missions inside and outside the country.
- Increase of unity between assemblies among the different regions.
- God's strength for the elders and full-time workers, some of whom are a bit tired after many years of service.
- God's guidance regarding identification and rejection of legalism, which causes division. We desire unity without any sacrifice of truth.
- Spiritual maturation and growth of believers.
- More and more open doors, and prepared hearts, to spread the Gospel.

Hanz Ramirez - hanzryg@hotmail.com

CONGO, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF *

(NORTH KATANGA AREA)

Population	60 million
Major religions	Roman Catholic 50% / Protestant (the most numerous group are Pentecostal) 20% / Kimbanguist 10% / Muslim 10% / Other 10%

Brethren work began in	1886
Number of Brethren congregations	at least 260
Number of baptised believers and attendees	not known precisely
The number of baptised and other committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	1
(who works by faith, serving the whole community, teaching and writing for publishing)	

MAGAZINE

One is being planned.

CHURCH LINKS

The executive committee of Communauté Frères en Christ, Garenganze, administers the schools, medical works and Bible schools, gathers and disseminates information, reports common decisions, shares commitment and arranges biennial general assemblies of representative members of the community.

kalondamulenda@yahoo.fr
c/o Bethany Kapezya,
PO Box 20241
Kitwe
ZAMBIA

TRAINING INSTITUTIONS CONNECTED WITH BRETHREN

Institut Superior Theologique de Manone (ISTM)

B.P. 291, Manono (not operational)

3 years degree/diploma course

Institut Biblique de Mulongo (IBM) & Institut Biblique Evangelique de Muyumba (IBEMU)

4 years college course

Institut Biblique Agape, Katchambuyu; Institut Biblique Kyolo; Institut Biblique Evangelique de Nyunzu (Ibenzu); Institut Biblique Kabumbulu (IBK); Institut Biblique Kalemie

High schools 3-4 years part time

Mini Bible school

runs for 3 weeks every year in one area

PUBLISHING HOUSE

Belea Edition de Litteratures Chretiennes (projected)

kalondamulenda@yahoo.fr

c/o Bethany Kapezya,

PO Box 20241

Kitwe

ZAMBIA

INTERESTING FEATURES

Poverty and sacrifice: Brethren in our country live in deep poverty but are totally committed to the work.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Peace in the country after years of war and anarchy.
- Missionary assistance in building, medical work, Bible schools, distribution of Bibles, teaching and training.
- Perseverance of Christians during difficult times since the war.

PRAY FOR

- The establishment of the projected publishing house.
- The setting up of small Bible reading and study groups in all our assemblies.
- More help to rebuild after the war.

Bethany Saxby Kapeza, with the help of Kalonde Mulenda Shaledja Pierre and Mwenga Wa Muyombi - kapezya@lub.gbs.cd

CONGO, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF * **(SOUTH KATANGA AREA)**

There are 36 stations in the southern part of Katanga, with 803 churches, hospital, school, Bible school, care of widows and orphans, prison visiting etc.

The elders lack education, oppose change, and don't like to see young people take the lead. So young people don't want to study in Bible school because they will not be given responsibilities in the church when they come back. Sometimes they leave their assembly and go elsewhere. Some of our brethren want to break away and start another church, and so we are not going to have our big annual conference in South Katanga this year, in case it leads to division. Some of the missionaries have not done much to prepare for the time when they have to go back to their own country. Please pray for us in this sad situation.

Dieudonné Kayombo Kahangu – drdieudonnekayombo@yahoo.fr

CONGO, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF

(SECOND COMMUNITY OF BRETHREN)

Population	60 million
Major religions	Roman Catholic 50% / Protestant 20% / Kimbanguist 10% / Muslim 10% / Other 10%

Work began in	1920 (James Anton)
Number of congregations	141
Number of baptised believers	9,351
Number of adult attenders	12,851
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	9

UNUSUAL OR INTERESTING FEATURES

We are involved in charitable activities, Christian education, Youth for Christ, and Christian schools, as well as dealing with occasional problems, such as division, leadership crises, pride among certain of God's servants, love of money.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The military and security situation which allows us to serve our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
- The opening-up of reconciliation with the Garenganze Brethren in Christ.
- The establishment of the 2nd Community of Assemblies of Brethren churches of Katanga across the different provinces of the country.

PRAY FOR

- Leadership training in theology.
- The supply of finance needed for the work of evangelisation, mission and church life.
- Working in cooperation with the Brethren churches worldwide.

Elie Lwanga – lwanga.e@cd.celtel.com

CONGO, REPUBLIC OF *

Population 3,800, 610

Major religions Christian 50% / Ethnic traditional 48% / Muslim 2%

Brethren work began in **2002**

Number of Brethren congregations **4 in Pointe-Noire, 3 in Brazzaville, 3 in the north of the country, 1 in Dolisie, 1 in Nkayi**

INTERESTING FEATURES

When Pastor Nkouka Alphone returned from France, where he knew Brethren assemblies, he was joined, a few months after, by the Angolan Pastor Lenda Puna, who also knew assemblies. They worked well together and planted several assemblies in the Congo.

CHURCH LINKS

La Communauté des Assemblées de Frères du Congo

Samba Dieudonne – sambadieudonne@yahoo.fr

CUBA

Population	11,200,000
Major religions	60% Catholic, 5% Protestant

Brethren work began in	1935 by Tom Smith of Scotland
Number of Brethren congregations	29
Number of additional preaching points	12
Number of baptised believers	875
Number of adult attendees	950
Number of baptised and other committed believers is	increasing quickly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	17

CHURCH LINKS

There is a monthly gathering of leading brethren

BIBLE SCHOOL

Programs are held in four different locations and use the chapel buildings as their locations for delivery of lectures.

INTERESTING FEATURES

One of the more interesting items in the last five years has been that in the very eastern part of the island there has been more growth than in the more populated cities and towns of the central or western areas. Most of the original missionaries from the 30's, 40's and 50's were not resident in this area. This is a very poor area and a mountainous region. The Lord has in the last few years enabled the assemblies to start two camps. One is in the extreme east end of the island and one is in the extreme west end of the island.

PRAY

- That the Lord will enable the purchase and construction of new buildings for the new fellowships that are forming.
- That the priorities of the believers will always remain first and foremost to honour the Lord and not be for personal gain
- That the Lord will send fellow-believers from other countries to encourage but not to interfere.

Al Adams – adams@feedwater.com

CZECH REPUBLIC *

Population	10,234,092
Major religions	No religion 6,039,991 / Roman Catholic 2,500,000 / Not specified (includes Brethren / Pentecostal) 901,981 / Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren 117,212 / Czech Hussite Church 80,000

Brethren work began in	1909
Number of Brethren congregations	25
Number of preaching points	24
Number of committed believers	1200
Number of adult attendees	1400
The number of committed believers is	decreasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	3
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	2 (including one for youth)

PUBLICATION

Zive slovo (Living Word)

ja.andrysek@volny.cz

Okrajová 3, 737 01, Cesky Těšín

Published quarterly, with articles in Czech and Slovak.

AGENCIES SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

‘DEN’ (charitable body)

info@osden.cz

Chrpová 9, 641 00 Brno

Street children, youth work, low-threshold facility, library, Bible training, lecturing, children’s clubs, camps for children, children’s missions, literature, audio and video cassettes, cooperation with schools, holding concerts and sports events, cooperation with Trans World Radio.

KVZ (Krestanske vyučovani a život: Christian training and life)

kzv@brno.comp.cz

Hlinky 128, 603 00 Brno

Discipleship for individuals, ministry for churches, work among students.

Mezioborov rada (Council of Brethren Churches)

jan.vopalecky@seznam.cz

Links Brethren assemblies and encourages cooperation in common projects.

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

None as yet, but we have one couple working with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Asia.

BIBLE SCHOOLS

SBV, o.p.s.

(Bible school providing biblical education for church ministers)

ja.andrysek@volny.cz

Alsova 7, 737 01 Český Těšín

400 hours of study at weekends over 3 years.

Emmaus Bible courses

Kurzy.emaus@seznam.cz

E. Krásnohorské 12, 736 01 Havířov

Distance learning.

PUBLISHING HOUSE

A-ALEF

alef@ova.inetnet.cz

A-Alef, Borivojova 620/29 Ostrava

Publishes Christian books and other material.

INTERESTING FEATURES

We have formed a civil association, Lavina, which runs a low threshold facility for young Romany people and children. We have a Christian programme on the main radio station (Praha, Vltava).

PRAISE GOD FOR

- A Christian TV programme for youth (TV is governed by public law).
- Forty workers who are involved in para-church associations.
- The freedom we enjoy, as never before, to spread the Gospel (in prisons, schools, hospitals, public places, etc).
- Conferences held for young people with the aim of encouraging the younger generation.

PRAY FOR

- New co-workers for the new TV series for youth.
- Good cooperation with other churches and para-church associations, and good communication between the different generations.
- Good use of the opportunities we have for sharing the Gospel.
- Enthusiasm for the young generation and their desire for biblical education.

Jaromir Andrysek - ja.andrysek@volny.cz

DENMARK

Population	5.5 million
Major religions	Christian 85%

Brethren work began in	1890
Number of Brethren congregations	5
Number of baptised believers	300
Number of adult attendees	375
Number of baptised and other committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	6

PUBLICATION

Menighedsbladet for Skovlunde Frikirke

Høstbuen 27

DK 2750 Ballerup

arnet@webspeed.dk

INTERESTING FEATURES

A brother called Thomas English started the movement in Denmark in 1890. While staying in London, one day he entered a gospel hall, where there was a gospel meeting. Here he was saved and left the hall as a completely changed person.

Throughout the 20th century, many visiting preachers from Scotland and England blessed the movement in Denmark. Some of them even stayed here for many years, and the movement grew. Specifically, the Faroe Islands - an independent part of Denmark - should be mentioned. Today the movement comprises at least 10% of the population.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- more local churches to be established in recent years.
- liberty to preach and to witness.

PRAY FOR

- the Lord to raise up more full-time evangelists and teachers.
- the newly-established churches to gain a foothold in the local communities.
- the work among children and young people to be strengthened and expanded.

Niels Pauli Nónstein – nonstein@gmail.com

ETHIOPIA *

Population	About 75 million
Major religions	Christian 60.8% (Orthodox 50.6% / Protestant 10.2%) / Muslim 32.8% / Traditional 4.6% / Other 1.8%

Brethren work began in	1952
Number of Brethren congregations	80
Number of additional preaching points	13
Number of baptised believers	10,000
Number of committed believers is	increasing quickly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	100
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	7
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	3

BIBLE SCHOOL

Chobi Bible School

PO Box 12993,
Addis Ababa
Lower level

INTERESTING FEATURE

There is a strong emphasis on prayer in our churches (and in all evangelical churches in our country).

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The doors opened for us to serve the Lord.
- The committed full-time workers who are serving the Lord in spite of difficult situations.
- The committed elders who are willing to sacrifice their time.
- Those who are working with children and youth work in all our churches.

PRAY FOR

- Those who are working with youth and children.
- The full-time workers who are willing to serve Christ.
- Chobi Bible School teachers and students who are serving the Lord.
- The committed elders who are faithfully serving the Lord.

Mulugeta Ashagre Endeshaw - muller_a@ethionet.et

FAROE ISLANDS *

Population	47,511
Major religions	Christian 98% (Protestant 99.99% / Roman Catholic 0.01%)

Brethren work began in	1865
Number of congregations	35
Number of additional preaching points	1
Number of baptised believers	7,000
The number of committed believers is	growing slightly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	1
Number of itinerant evangelists	5
Number of itinerant Bible teachers	3

PUBLICATIONS

Leirkerið

zachz@kallnet.fo

FO-512 Norðragøta

Sendibodid

sunergos@kallnet.fo

Lambagerði 2, FO-100 Torshavn

MISSION SERVICE AGENCIES

Akurin

akurin@post.olivant.fo

A Drekkarsa 1, FO-700 Klasvik

Kristniboossambandid

prayer@markirnar.fo

Landavegur 90, FO-100 Torshavn

CHURCH LINKS

Zarepta is a church, youth, and family camp that links the Brethren churches together. All are responsible to maintain and expand the work there. It has been a great blessing for the Brethren churches, linking them together in a very special way and protecting their unity.

Annual church conferences. Every year, in November, April and May, all the Brethren churches in the islands come together for a weekend of meetings. Preachers, singers and helpers from all the churches share in the conferences, which have linked all the churches together in a very special way.

Informal prayer groups. Leaders from different churches attend informal prayer groups regularly. The full-time workers also share in times of informal fellowship.

INTERESTING FEATURES

Many of the churches practise an 'open platform' (speakers are not prearranged) but some are beginning to structure their teaching/preaching programme.

Many missionaries have been sent out to other countries, and the Faroe Islands must be one of the largest sending nations in the world (in proportion to population).

We are starting to see more progressive churches - yet there is great unity between progressive and traditional churches.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Many young people are saved every year in Zarepta, the youth camp.
- We are beginning to see more systematic teaching/preaching in the churches.
- Lívðin, the youngest church in the Faroe Islands, is a progressive church that stands as an example for the other churches to follow. Jógvan Zachariassen is the pastor of that church.
- Many young people are interested in short-term mission. People serve with NTM, OM, Jesus Revolution, YWAM and GLO.

PRAY FOR

- More structured and spiritual leadership in the churches.
- More systematic teaching that is based on Scripture.
- More people going into ministry where they use and develop their gifts.
- More courage among Christians to share Jesus Christ by the way they live and speak.
- More planned and organized pastoral care within the churches, specially in premarital and marital counselling.

Jógvan Zachariassen – jogvanz@post.olivant.fo

FIJI

Population	837,271
Major religions	Christian 64% (Methodist 54% / Roman Catholic 14% / Anglican 12%, Pentecostal 9%, SDA 6%, other 16%) / Hindu 28% / Muslim 6% / Sikh 0.3% / Other 0.26% / none 0.8%

Brethren work began in	1934
Number of congregations	24
Number of additional preaching points	6 [Gospel Schools (2 preschools and primary schools, 1 secondary school, 1 school for the deaf), Emmaus Bible School, prison ministry]
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	on average one per congregation
Number of itinerant Bible teachers	4

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

Fiji Brethren Assemblies Missions Committee

PO Box 5295

Raiwaqa, Suva

Acts as a coordinating, administrative, representative service provider.

BIBLE SCHOOLS

Fiji Gospel Bible College

gospel@connect.com.fj

PO Box 3735

Samabula, Suva

Agents for the TEE courses

Emmaus Bible School

Emmaus.Bible.School.Fiji@gmail.com

PO Box 3936

Samabula, Suva

Laso manages the Mailbox Club courses

INTERESTING FEATURES

We enjoy the services of very knowledgeable and sound Bible teachers. We stand apart from other churches in that we are Bible-based, and our doctrines are derived from biblical, not man-made, tradition.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Reviving interest in sound and systematic Bible-based teaching.
- The mission field provided in the Gospel Schools.
- The increasing number of assemblies and the outreach to the Pacific Islands (Nauru, Tuvalu, Solomon Islands).

PRAY FOR

- Biblically qualified elders who are truly 'apt to teach'.
- Mission-mindedness and a concerted effort in church-planting.
- Evangelistic fervour and more evangelists in our assemblies.
- Men and women hungering for the Word and for biblical scholarship in the assemblies.
- Deliverance from liberal theology and Pentecostalism that has crept into the assemblies.
- More effective work in joint ministry opportunities (schools, camps).

Nilesh Goundar - ngoundar@gmail.com

FRANCE

Population 66 million

Major religions Roman Catholicism 70% / Muslim 10% /
Protestantism 1.6% / Evangelical 0.8%

Brethren work began in **the early 20th century**

Number of congregations **108**

The number of committed believers is **increasing slowly**

Number of full-time workers **67**

PUBLICATION

Servir en L'Attendant

servir@caef.net

2 rue des Magasins,

6700 Strasbourg

(admin address: 471 avenue Victor Hugo, 26000 Valence)

AGENCIES SERVING THE BRETHREN CHURCHES

Entente Évangélique des CAEF

eecaef@free.fr

2 rue des Magasins,

67000 Strasbourg

Coordination and administration for assemblies and workers, national conference, etc.

Entraide Evangelique

471 Victor Hugo, 26000 Valence

Coordinates production of assembly publications, youth work, camps, retirement home.

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

ASMAF

asmaf@caef.net
2 rue des Magasins,
67000 Strasbourg

CHURCH LINKS

Entente Évangélique des CAEF

eecaef@free.fr
2 rue des Magasins,
67000 Strasbourg
Coordination and administration for assemblies and workers, national conference, etc.

Commission de Service et de Reference

eecaef@free.fr
2 rue des Magasins,
67000 Strasbourg
An advisory group of elders.

BIBLE SCHOOL

We have a special link with the **Geneva Bible Institute**, which has one-, three- and four-year courses at college level.
<http://www.ibg.cc>

Another link is with:

Faculté libre de théologie évangélique de Vaux-sur-Seine
<http://flte.fr/>

PRAISE GOD FOR

- A steadily growing sense of unity in the Brethren family.
- A growing number of young assemblies.
- A growing Bible training program for young people.
- Considerable missionary help from USA, Canada, UK, Germany and Switzerland.

PRAY FOR

- More French workers, and finance to support them.
- Help and growth for a few very small, struggling assemblies.
- Stronger structure of eldership in a number of assemblies.
- Further development of inter-assembly relationships.

Pierre Bariteau, National secretary – pierrebariteau@caef.net

Reynald Kozycki, chairman – reykozy@gmail.com

GERMANY *

Population	82,310,000
Major religions	None 32.50% / Roman Catholic 31.47% / Protestant 30.84% / Muslim 4.00% / Evangelicals and others 1.19%

Brethren work began in	1853
Brethren are more or less linked in three ways: Free Brethren (FB) reported by Lothar Jung; Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Brüdergemeinden (AGB) reported by Reinhard Lorenz; Neue Versammlungen (NV) reported by Hans-Jochen Timmerbeil	
Number of congregations	265 (FB), 138 (AGB), 56 (NV)
Number of adult attendees	19,000 (FB), 9,000, (AGB), 5,000 (NV)
The number of committed believers is	slowly increasing over all
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	5 (FB), 50 (AGB), 0 (NV)
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	23 [(FB), 5 (AGB), 3 (NV), 14 (Wiedenest, including full-time workers in children's and youth ministry)]
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	10 (FB), 1 (AGB), 3 (NV), 18 (Wiedenest)

PUBLICATIONS

Offene Türen

clemm@wiedenest.de

Das Wiedenester Magazin, Missionshaus Bibelschule,
Wiedenest, Olper Str. 10,
51702 Bergneustadt

Perspektive

perspektive@christ-online.de

Christliche Verlagsgesellschaft,
Moltkestr. 1,
D-35683 Dillenburg
A magazine for adult believers.

Zeit+Schrift

mail@zs-online.de

komm!

info@kommline.de
www.kommline.de
Christliche Verlagsgesellschaft
Moltkestr. 1,
D-35683 Dillenburg
A magazine for young believers.

christ-online MAGAZIN

L.Jung@christ-online.de
www.christ-online.de/magazin
Christliche Jugendpflege e. V. CJ-Büro Manderbach,
Kirchstr. 4
D-35685 Dillenburg
A magazine for youth workers.

EINS in Christus - EINS im Auftrag

L.Jung@christ-online.de
Christliche Jugendpflege e. V. CJ-Büro Manderbach,
Kirchstr. 4
D-35685 Dillenburg
A little prayer-magazine for world mission.

AGENCIES SERVING THE CHURCHES

Missionshaus Bibelschule Wiedenest

Schroeder@wiedenest.de
Olper Str. 10
51702 Bergneustadt

Bible school, theological seminary, Mission house, Ministries for churches nationwide (ministry for children, kids, teenies, youth, women, men; leadership, church counselling).

Arbeitskreis Kinderarbeit

c.volkmann@cv-dillenburg.de

AK Kinderarbeit, c/o Christiane Volkmann,

Moltkestr. 1

D-35683 Dillenburg

Ministry for children nationwide.

Arbeitskreis Jungschar

jungschar@christ-online.de

www.arbeitskreis-jungschar.de AKJS, c/o Ralf Kausemann,

Halbenmorgen 20

D-51427 Bergisch-Gladbach

Ministry for children nationwide.

Evangelium für Kinder

www.efk-ev.com

Burkersdorfer Str. 34

09217 Burgstädt

Ministry for children in eastern Germany.

Barmer Zeltmission

info@leben-ist-mehr.de

www.leben-ist-mehr.de

www.life-is-more.de

Barmer Zeltmission c/o Christoph Wittenburg,

Dortmunder Str. 38

D-51145 Köln

Tent mission with three tents, one bus as a missionary coffee bar, one bus as an action mobile for teenagers.

Neulandmission Plettenberg

www.neulandmissionplettenberg.de

Tent mission.

Christliche Jugendpflege e. V.

info@christ-online.de

www.christ-online.de

www.jugendarbeit-mit-plan.de

Hundesegen 2

D-27432 Basdahl

Youth ministry nationwide.

CRG Reisen GmbH Jugendpflege e. V

info@crg-reisen.de

www.crg-reisen.de

Hundesegen 2

D-27432 Basdahl

Tourist party for camps and holidays for all ages.

Stiftung der Brüergemeinden In Deutschland

info@stiftung-derbruedergemeinden.de

www.stiftung-der-bruedergemeinden.de

Stiftung der Brüdergemeinden in Deutschland, c/o Günther Kausemann
Halbenmorgen 20

D-51427 Bergisch-Gladbach.

Supporting Brethren churches with credits for financing of church buildings, consulting on questions of finances and taxes for the churches.

Arbeitskreis Wachstum

www.bruedergemeinde.de

Church growth and church planting.

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY**Missionshaus Bibelschule Wiedenest**

Schroeder@wiedenest.de

Olper Str. 10

51702 Bergneustadt

Arbeitskreis für Außenmission in freien

Brüdergemeindeinfo@stiftung-der-bruedergemeinden.de

Stiftung der Brüdergemeinden in Deutschland c/o Günther Kausemann

Halbenmorgen 20

D-51427 Bergisch-Gladbach

BIBLE SCHOOLS

Missionshaus Bibelschule Wiedenest

Bibelschule@wiedenest.de

Olper Str. 10

51702 Bergneustadt

Up to Master degree level.

Bibelschule Burgstädt e. V.

BSBurgstaedt@gmx.de

www.bibelburg.de

Bibelschule Burgstädt,

Kirchplatz 2,

D-09217 Burgstädt

3 months' course.

PUBLISHING HOUSES

Christliche Verlagsgesellschaft Dillenburg

info@cv-dillenburg.de

www.cv-dillenburg.de

Moltkestr. 1,

D-35683 Dillenburg

Christliche Bucherstuben GmbH

info@cb-buchshop.de

www.cb-buchshop.de

Moltkestr. 1,

D-35683 Dillenburg

Bookshop/Organisation with 29 shops nationwide.

Jota

info@jota-publikationen.de
Friedrichsgrüner Str. 83,
08269 Hammerbrücke

Daniel-Verlag

info@daniel-verlag.de

Christliche Literaturverbreitung (CLV)

info@clv.de

INTERESTING FEATURES**El Berganti** – Apartment-Hotel at Rosas/Spain

www.fewokatalog

Dillenburg Konferenz

Each year, early in October, there is a nationwide Bible conference of the Free Brethren congregations for three days in the town hall in D-35683 Dillenburg.

400 - 700 attend.

We enjoy having international visitors.

www.dillenburg-konferenz.de

Dillenburg Jugendtage

Each year, early in May, there is a big nationwide youth conference for two days in the town hall in D-35683 Dillenburg. 1,200 visitors attend.

We enjoy having international visitors.

www.dillenburg-jugendtage.de

Pfingst-Jugendkonferenz

An event at Pentecost for young people at Wiedenest, with more than 2,000 participants.

www.pfijuko.de

Wiedenester Konferenz

A meeting at Wiedenest at the beginning of July for missionaries and their families.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- A very dynamic ministry among children and youth, with great openness for children's and youth ministry in the assemblies.
- The realisation that each congregation needs a biblical eldership.
- Good contacts among the different groups of Brethren in Germany, except the Exclusive Brethren.
- Good cooperation among the different agencies (see above) that work nationwide, which is very important for the cohesion of the independent local Brethren churches.
- Increasing concern for world mission among the younger generation.
- Many initiatives and new visions for church planting in different areas.
- A new evangelistic branch at Wiedenest Bible School, and new ways of using exhibitions (about the Bible, religions of the world) in evangelism.

PRAY FOR

- A greater desire for church growth in the Brethren churches.
- Older assemblies, which are decreasing and dying.
- Greater desire to learn more about how to bring people to Jesus.
- More to be done to help elders be better leaders.
- Freedom from quarrels and separation.

Gerd Goldman – goldman@wiedenest.de

GREENLAND *

Population 56,000

Major religions Lutheran 97% / Pentecostal / Brethren / Jehovah's Witnesses / Bahai and other small groups 3%

Brethren work began in	1970
Number of Brethren congregations	1
Number of additional preaching points	1
Number of baptised believers	30
Number of adult attendees	40-50
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	1

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Greenlandic believers who remain faithful.
- A new translation of the Bible.
- Those raised up in the assembly who are active in the work.

PRAY FOR

- The believers to persevere in spite of disappointments.
- God to raise up faithful Greenlanders who can teach others.
- A hunger among the people to know God.

Hans Sivertsen – hans@greennet.gl

GRENADA

Population	110,000
Major Religions	Roman Catholic 60% / Anglican 15% / Methodists 10% / Evangelicals 15%

Brethren Work began in	1890
Number of Brethren congregations	8
The number of baptised believers	250
Total number of adult attendees	300
Number of full-time workers	Nil
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	Nil

HISTORY

The first Brethren assembly in Grenada was planted in 1906 by Mr and Mrs Weston, a missionary couple from Guyana. Around 1910 an assembly was established at Calivigny and soon after an assembly was established at Laura. That assembly meeting place was destroyed by a hurricane in 1955 and subsequently rebuilt.

Assemblies in La Digue, Gouyave and Crriacou were established in the 1930s.

An assembly was commenced at Beaulieu around 1950 but the building was destroyed by hurricane Janet in 1955. This brought about the end of assembly testimony in that place.

There are currently assemblies at St George, Calivigny, Laura, La Digue, Gouyave, Carriacou, Crochu and Perdmontemps.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- A prison ministry
- A radio ministry
- A youth program
- Unity amongst the Brethren

PRAY FOR

- Our program of evangelism and the ministries outlined above

Ronnie Simon

Woburn P.O., St Georges,
Grenada, West Indies

ronsimon50@yahoo.com

Brian S James

Laura Gospel Hall,
Lauraland, St David,
Grenada, West Indies

GUYANA

Population	750,000
Major religions	Christian 50% / Hindu 35% / Muslim 10% / Other 5%

Brethren work began in the	1800s
Number of Brethren congregations	in excess of 30
The number of baptised and other committed believers is	increasing quickly (in some areas)
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	above 10
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	above 5
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	above 8

CHURCH LINKS

A board of elders, comprising the elders of all assemblies, 192 Camp Street South, Cummingsburg, Georgetown, Guyana discusses matters, makes decisions, offers support etc.

BIBLE SCHOOL

We are served by the **Guyana Bible School**, run by the Bible Society.

INTERESTING FEATURES

We hold yearly conventions, youth camps, men's conference, women's conferences, inter-Sunday school activities.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Increase in assemblies in areas with an Indian (Hindu) culture on the west coast of the Demerara..
- Rehabilitation of assemblies that were in need of repair.
- More young men who are entering Bible School and are being used in the ministering of the Word of God.

- The strengthening of fellowship through the unification of the young people.

PRAY FOR

- God to send more labourers into the field.
- The country of Guyana and the elections being held this year.
- The Indian brothers and sisters who carry out the work at the new assembly on the west coast of Demerara.
- Elder Loris Heywood of Bethel Gospel Hall whom God has been using to create a positive impact at a national level.

Rodwell Grant – rodann30@hotmail.com

HONG KONG

Population	7,500,000 (95% Chinese)
Major religions	90% Buddhist or other Chinese religion / 10% Christian

Brethren work began in	1890
Number of Brethren congregations	20

Assemblies seem fairly stable without much numerical growth. There are 6-8 foreign Brethren missionaries working in Hong Kong. Some of these have outreach to mainland China.

PUBLISHING

Christian Book Room

Units a and B 12/F, Shield Industrial Centre,
84-92 Chai Wan Kok Street,
Tsuen Wan N.T. Hong Kong, S.A.R. of China
John Short cbrhk@netvigator.com

INTERESTING FEATURES

Hong Kong is a special administrative region of China since 1997. It has a total land area of just over 1100 sq miles. Since reverting to Chinese Sovereignty in 1997 there has been no change to religious freedom in Hong Kong. Hong Kong belongs to China but has separate law, currency, police, etc.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The outreach of many assemblies into mainland China.

Sheldon Crutchfield – shelnisa@yahoo.com

HUNGARY

Population 10 million

Major religions Roman Catholic 65% / Reformed (Calvinistic) 20% / Lutheran 5%

Brethren work began in	about 1900 (first as free churches)
Number of congregations	about 20
Number of additional preaching points	about 10
Number of baptised believers	about 800
Number of adult attendees	about 1,000
The number of committed believers	remains about the same

PUBLICATION

***Elő Gyülekezetek** (Living Churches)*

maszazoli@gmail.com

Editor: Zoltán Maszárovics

AGENCY SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

Biblia Centrum Alapítvány

info@bice.hu

2027 Dömös, Kossuth L. u. 173

Hungary

Study and Camp Centre.

CHURCH LINKS

Church leaders meet once a year.

BIBLE SCHOOL

We plan to start one in 2008.

Nagy@bice.hu

PUBLISHING HOUSE

Evangéliumi Kiadó és Iratmisszió

rendeles@evangeliumikiado.hu

1066 Budapest, Ó utca 16

Hungary

PRAY FOR

- Unity among the assemblies - some positive steps have been taken.
- Leaders with a vision for the assemblies - and the desire to grow.
- Concern over a government proposal to limit denominational recognition, and thus the opportunity to obtain some financial benefits, to organisations that are over 100 years old or which have a membership of over 10,000 members. This would exclude the Brethren from such recognition and would see them regarded as a sect.

Ernoe Nagy – nagy@bice.hu

INDIA *

Population	over 1 billion
Major religions	Hindu 82% / Muslim 12.12% / Christian 2.34% (Catholic 29.2% / Protestant 39% / Orthodox 3.8% / Independent 27.6% / Marginal 0.4%) / Sikhs 1.94% / Buddhist 0.76% / Jains 0.40% / Others 0.44%

Brethren work began in **1836**
(**Anthony Norris Groves in Andhra Pradesh**). In **1899**, an indigenous Brethren movement was started in Kerala

Number of Brethren congregations	2060
Number of baptised believers	130,000
Number of adult attendees	95,000
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	1354
Number of cross-cultural missionaries	250

PUBLICATIONS IN ENGLISH

Steward

mrffin@md4.vsnl.net.in

Attn Koshy, Bethesda Centre, RV Nagar,
Kodungaiyur PO Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600 118

Insight India

insightIndia@yahoo.com

Operation Barnabas, Benaiah, Palm Peak Layout, 421 Kalkeri Road,
Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore 560 016

Harvest Times

glsindia@vsnl.com

Gospel Literature Service Udyog Bhavan, 250 D, Worli colony,
Mumbai 400030

There are several other magazines in different local languages.

AGENCIES SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

KEM Fund

kptktm@hotmail.com

Veloor, Kottayam Kerala 686 003

Supports missionaries and workers.

The Gospel Fellowship Trust of India

mrffin@md4.vsnl.net.in

Bethesda Centre, R.V Nagar, Kodungaiyur,

Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600 118

Provides financial support for evangelists and missionaries, widows, the poor, and parents who find it difficult to educate their children.

General Gospel Fund

philipvarghese@hotmail.com

General Gospel Fund, Thamarasseril, Angamaly, Kerala 683 572

Supports evangelists and missionaries.

Indian Evangelical Trust

50/309-A, Gilgal-2, Prasanti Nagar, Edappally, Kochi-682024

Supports evangelists and missionaries.

Operation Barnabas

insightIndia@yahoo.com

Benaiah, Palm Peak layout, 421 Kalkeri Road, Ramamurthy Nagar,

Bangalore 560 016

Publishes missionary news and prayer handbook, and channels support for missionaries.

Stewards Association of India

stewards@blr.vsnl.net.in

4, John Armstrong Road, Richards Town,

Bangalore, Karnataka 560 005

Maintains the properties of assemblies in India, and provides financial support for building assembly halls and other institutions.

Workers Together

wtind@vsnl.com

5, John Armstrong Road, Bangalore 560 005

Serves as vision and action stimulators, responds to assembly needs
redisciplines training, literature and outreach.

BIBLE SCHOOLS

Brethren Bible Institute

www.bbpta.com

PO Box 46, Pathanamthitta, Kerala,

India 689 645

BTh, MBS, M.Div and M.Th courses are offered

Stewards Bible College

1, Bethesda Centre, R V Nagar Kodungaiyur

PO Chennai-600 118, Tamil Nadu

BTh courses

Rehoboth Theological Institute

Rehoboth Girls Orphanage, Nellikunnu Thrissur-680005

BTh courses

North India Bible Institute

nibi_awr@msn.com

148 Lajpat Nagar, Alwar 301001

BTh courses

Sathyam Theological Seminary

Opp. St John's Hospital, Kattapana

PO Idukki Dist, Pin 685508

BTh and DipTh courses

Gospel Training Centre

Iringole PO Perumbavoor

Kerala- 689648

DipTh course (2 years)

Short-term and one-year courses are offered in these institutions:

Bengal Bible Training Institute

PB 1, Jamtara, Jharkand 815 351

Madurai Bible School

jonescherian@india.com

Bible Bhavan,

Post Box 32, Bye Pass Road,

Madurai 625 016

V Nagal Bible Institute

vnbi@nagelministries.org

Post Box 45, Kunnamkulam,

Kerala - 680 503

Bethany Bible School

Kumbanad,

Kerala- 689 547.

Gujarat Brethren Bible Institute

Plot No: 147, Sector 7,

Gandhidham-370201 Kutch Gujarat

PUBLISHING HOUSES

Gospel Literature Service

Udyog Bhavan, 250 D, Worli colony,

Mumbai 400030

glsindia@vsnl.com web: www.glsindia.com

Sathyam Ministries

Thottabhagom PO,

Thiruvalla,

Kerala-689541

satyam_india@yahoo.com / web: www.satyam.org

Jeevan Jyothi Press & Publishers

15.1.3, MH School Rd

Narsapur 534 275

Tel: 08814-74607 K Wilson MD

INTERESTING FEATURES

The majority of cross-cultural missionaries and evangelists are from the South Indian state, Kerala, and most are first-generation believers. More than 100 organisations or institutions are involved in evangelism and social work - they have played a vital role in assembly growth.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The increase (though slow) of assemblies in new areas.
- Raising more local evangelists and missionaries in new places.
- Increasing support of evangelists and missionaries from within the country and from Indians abroad.
- The few missionaries who have started to go to other countries.

PRAY FOR

- Revival in the assemblies in South India.
- More godly Bible teachers and elders to be raised up in local assemblies.
- Protection against the Anti-Conversion Bills being passed by more and more states, which restrict evangelism and make evangelists liable to be punished for evangelizing.
- God to raise more assemblies in North Indian states, and for increased church-planting efforts in pioneering areas.

Shibu K Mathew - mathew.shibuk@gmail.com

ISRAEL

Population	7.5 million
Major religions	Jewish (76%), Muslim (16.6%), Christian (2.1%), Druze (1.7%)

Brethren work began in	1885
Number of congregations	6
Number of preaching points	2
Number of baptised believers	about 225-300
Number of adult attendees	about 500
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	4

HISTORY OF THE BRETHREN IN ISRAEL

It started with travellers who came to the Holy Land to visit the sights and who spoke to the locals about the Lord, from which an assembly started in the city of Haifa at the end of the 19th century. In the early 20th century it developed the work, multiply the number of people and some were reached in Nazareth, Kfar Yasef, Ramlah, Lod, Jaffa and Jerusalem. In all these towns there were meetings. In 1948 the result of the war of independence of the state of Israel and because of deportation of many Arabic speaking people of the country, including believers, many of the believers have been deported to Lebanon and Jordan where they also started new assemblies. The only work left in the country was Nazareth, Kfar Yasef, Haifa and Jaffa. In the 1980s another two Arabic speaking assembly started in Haifa and in Ibileen village. Just in the last two years a third Arabic speaking assembly also started in Haifa. Emmaus Bible School started in 1975, we registered officially in 1979. For more information visit the website www.emmausnazareth.net.

BIBLE SCHOOL

Emmaus Bible School

PO Box 51240

Nazareth 16100 ISRAEL

info@emmausnazareth.net

Level of study – diploma, non-academic

Length of course – open school, no time limit

PUBLISHING HOUSE

Emmaus Bible Ministry as above

INTERESTING FEATURES

The Brethren Church is the only church in Israel that publishes books and tracts, and doing Bible distribution. Evangelistic website ministry in Arabic that reaches Arabic speaking people all over the world. We conduct (volunteer) outreach teams that goes to towns and villages around the country. We are the only corresponding school in the country that sends Bible courses, books and Bibles.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Growth in number of assemblies in the past years.
- The many who came to faith by evangelism and literature distribution.
- The many books that we published and distributed among Christians.

PRAY FOR

- Strong leadership, especially in the Arabic speaking assemblies (and Bible teachers).
- The Bible courses to reach more people, especially in Israel.
- The youth work and a youth centre to be built in the coming two years and the ministry that will go from there.

George Khalil – gkhalil@gmail.com

ITALY

Population	60 million
Major religions	Roman Catholic 96% (many nominal) / Jehovah's Witnesses 2% / Muslim 1.18% / Protestant / Evangelicals 0.8%

Brethren work began	in 1830s but in 1856 (effectively)
Number of congregations and preaching points	about 240
Number of adult attendees	about 20,000
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	about 20 (including some foreign workers)
Number of itinerant evangelists	about 30 (including some foreign workers)
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	about 6 (including some foreign workers)

PUBLICATIONS

Il Cristiano

il.cristiano@alice.it

Il Cristiano

Via del Campo della Fiera, 16

52031 Anghiari (AR)

Il Fraguado (for teenagers and youth)

ass.uceb@tiscali.it

UCEB - Via Giorgio de Chirico 16, C.P. 45

04022 Fondi (LT)

AGENCIES SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

Amministrazione delle Offerte

mongiovetto.daniele@alice.it

Amministrazione Offerte c/o Baratto Felice

Via Novello, 1

10010 Piverone (TO)

Provides various kinds of help for full-time workers not supported directly by local assemblies.

Opera Delle Chiese Cristiane dei Fratelli (ente morale)

Via della Vigna Vecchia

15-50124 Firenze

Advises on matters relating to the holding of properties.

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

Opera Missionaria Evangelica dei Fratelli Italiana (OMEFI)

c/- Carlo Bisceglia

Via T.Nuvolari, 247,

00143 Roma

bisceglia.carlo@fastwebnet.it

Supports work in the Balkans, especially Albania and Kosovo; sends gifts for nationals and social work.

CHURCH LINKS

A national gathering of elders and full-time workers takes place (normally even if not always) in the main Brethren centre near Florence, once a year, for three days. In this conference, there are Bible studies, and decisions are taken – though each church is recognised as fully independent. Only one-third of the churches are represented at this conference.

BIBLE SCHOOL

Istituto Biblico Evangelico Italiano (IBEI)

IBEI, Via del Casale Corvio, 50

00132 Rome

istituto.biblico@tiscalinet.it

One- or three-year courses to diploma level. Even though the College is non-denominational the Brethren presence is high.

PUBLISHING HOUSE

UCEB

Via Giorgio de Chirico, 16, C P 45

0422 Fondi (LT)

ass.uceb@tiscali.it

PRAISE GOD FOR

- New conversions, especially in some places in the south.
- A good number of young people.
- A growing desire, in a number of places, to be more open and involved in evangelistic activities.
- As the result of good fellowship in the recent national gatherings as refereed to above there seems to be better inter assembly relationships and one result is to have some joint common activities. This year, 2011, the 150th anniversary of the Unity of the country will see several gatherings at the interregional level.

PRAY FOR

- Those assemblies that are very conservative in practice.
- A greater desire to study the word of God.
- More full-time workers ministering in local churches.
- The Lord to raise up gifted evangelists to reach people in unreached areas and also the many immigrants that are now living in Italy.

Fares Marzone – preside@ibei.it

JAMAICA *

Population	2.5 million
Major religions	Christian 86% (Protestant 69.8% / Roman Catholic 11.3% / Other 4.7%) / Spiritualist/Cultist 9.5% / Hindu 0.3% / Muslim 0.2% / None 3.8%

Brethren work began in	1923
Number of congregations	84
Number of additional preaching points	3
Number of baptised believers	about 6,300
The number of committed believers is	about the same
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	about 30
Number of itinerant evangelists	6
Number of itinerant Bible teachers	4

AGENCY SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

Christian Missions

cmissions@cwjamaica.com
1G Hagley Park Plaza, Kingston 10
A legal entity and administration office.

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

Christian Missions

Address as above

CHURCH LINKS

We have a regional structure with five regions. The stronger assemblies help the weaker ones, especially with sharing human resources and management/leadership.

BIBLE SCHOOL

Midland Bible Institute

MBI@cwjamaica.com

Curatoe Hill,

PO Box 400,

May Pen, Clarendon

One-year foundation course, Four-year degree courses in theology and counselling and three-year diploma courses (awaiting validation by the University of Jamaica).

INTERESTING FEATURES

The churches enjoy a good degree of autonomy and unity, diversity and cooperation. Music and musical instruments are widely used, both in praise and worship and in evangelistic Gospel concerts. We have annual National Easter Conventions and National Children's Conventions.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Our ongoing unity.
- Conversions sufficient to replace the gaps left by those who go to be with the Lord.
- The involvement of young people in the Rural Assemblies.
- Programme of evangelism and the flourishing camp work.
- The mentoring programme being followed by an increasing number of assemblies to encourage the development of future leaders.

PRAY FOR

- Successful validation of the degree courses of Midland Bible Institute.
- The emergence of spiritual and capable leaders, particularly in the rural assemblies.
- More full-time workers and more growth.
- Financial provision for our needs, including support of needy saints.

Dr Winstone G Litchmore - wlitchmore@cwjamaica.com

JAPAN

Population 127,000,000

Major religions Buddhist./Shinto/Confucian 99% / Christian 1%

Brethren work began in **1881. First assembly in 1910**

Number of Brethren congregations **130-160**

Number of baptised believers **4800**

Number of adult attendees **6400**

Number of baptised and other committed believers is **increasing slowly**

Number of full-time workers serving local congregations including itinerants **49**

PUBLICATIONS

Mikotoba (The Word)

Michi-Shirube (Sign Post)

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

Christian Overseas Mission (COMO)

C/- Maebashi Christian Assembly,

2-10-10 Kouncho,

Maebashi Shi, Gumma Kea,

Japan 371 0025

como@maebashi-gc.com

PUBLISHING HOUSE

Evangelical Publishing Depot (EPD)

2-8-9 Kotobuki Cho,

Fuchu Shi,

Tokyo To, Japan 1830056

Phone 81 42 366 7790

Gospel Folio Press, Japan

2-21-9 Sakura,

Setagaya Ku,

Tokyo 156 0053

naoto@gfpjapan.com

<http://www.gfpjapan.com>

PRAISE GOD FOR

- the smooth transition to Japanese leadership in the assemblies in general
- a vigorous in-house training for the younger men in Osaka area with good results
- openings for English speakers to come as short-term missionaries
- a Christian school commenced around ten years ago

PRAY FOR

- an evangelistic radio ministry which has carried on for forty years in Osaka area
- Emmaus bible study courses some in simplified English
- pioneering efforts to get new assemblies commenced

Peter Clift,

2578 – Oaza Iiyama,

Iiyama Nagano,

Japan 389 2253

PandMClift@aol.com

JORDAN *

Population	over 5 million
Major religions	Sunni Muslim 92% / Christian 6% / Druze or Shi'a Muslim 2%

Brethren work began in	the early 1950s by Mr. Howell
Number of congregations	a few
Number of additional preaching points	7 or 8
Number of baptised believers	700
Number of adult attendees	500-600
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	7
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	a few
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	4

PUBLISHING HOUSE

(Please keep these details highly confidential)

Manara Ministries

info@manaraministries.org

PO Box 6855 Amman,

11118 Jordan

INTERESTING FEATURES

We are waiting on the Lord for a major breakthrough in the region.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The large amount of literature being distributed.
- Young people coming to the Lord through Camp Gilead.
- The vision we have been given to expand.

PRAY FOR

- Protection.
- Boldness/Removal of fear.
- Daily living.

Isam Ghattas - info@manaraministries.org

KAZAKHSTAN

Population 17 Million

Major religions Islam 65% / Russian Orthodox 30% / other 5%

Brethren work began in **2001**

Number of congregations **1**

Number of baptised believers **10-15**

Number of committed believers is **decreasing slowly**

Number of attendees **about 25**

are regularly attending our underground assembly worship.

Recently we had 32 in attendance.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The provision of a full-time evangelist.
- The commitment of all the members of the assembly.
- The God-given gifts to the assembly which allows us to manage our own services.

PRAY FOR

- God's protection as we operate underground with much risk. This inhibits our possibilities for growth.
- A national family who are working full-time with the small assembly.
- Financial challenges, although recently there is much improvement on this front.
- The need to find a place to worship and in which to hold a range of activities. Renting a place from locals is dangerous.

Thippuraja – thippu@go.mailsvc.com

KENYA

Population	40 million
Major religions	Christianity 78% / Muslim 3% (& growing) / Other religions 15%

Brethren work began in	the 1950s
Number of congregations	100 plus
Number of additional preaching points	30
Number of baptised believers	1000
Number of full-time workers	6 (plus several foreign missionaries)

AGENCY SERVING THE CHURCHES

Kenya Brethren Mission Fund

Handles finances for commended workers and various inter-church projects including relief projects. It is managed by very able board members from Kenyan assemblies.

INTERESTING FEATURES

Nairobi Chapel, which was started in the 1950s by expats largely for expats, enjoyed a renaissance in the 1990s when it was renamed Mamlaka Chapel and developed under African leadership into a growing church-planting initiative. Meanwhile, in 1972, missionaries fleeing the civil war in Congo commenced Kimathi Chapel (in fellowship with Nairobi Chapel). During the last few years, work has spread to other parts of Kenya, and holistic mission has developed.

KEY AREAS OF MINISTRY

- Preaching
- Literature distribution, Emmaus Bible correspondence courses.
- Evangelism including prison ministry, use of the Jesus film.
- Christian education/medical work.

- Micro-finance to enable those in need to set up small-scale businesses, using some local finance.
- Youth camps, conferences

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Continuing unity among Brethren assemblies
- Mature partnership we are having with our brethren abroad.
- Renewed vision among the brethren in evangelism and church planting.
- The production of volume 2 of our assembly magazine and calendar.
- The many who are being saved and baptised amongst us.

PRAY FOR

- A residential discipleship training centre by 2012.
- The empowerment of full-time workers through sustainable support.
- For clear vision and focus for all church leaders.
- Renewed and close working relationships with missionaries and local leaders.
- The orphanage and feeding programmes, institutions e.g. kindergartens, primary schools and secondary schools and our two medical dispensaries.

Muthai Kisau – muthai_kisau@yahoo.com

MACEDONIA

Population	2,042,000
Major religions	Macedonian Orthodox 64% / Muslim 33% / Protestant 3%

Brethren work began in	1996
Number of Brethren congregations	1
Number of baptised believers	16
Number of adult attendees	22
Number of baptised and other committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	4

INTERESTING FEATURES

The assembly was started when German believers distributed literature and then sent Alexander Gleiss to Bitola to continue the work. Three students from Bitola were saved while studying in Zagreb and came back to live and work in Bitola. A Bible study group was started and then the assembly moved into a building ten years ago.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Increased interest in accepting New Testaments and Bible calendars.
- That personal work is easy as the people love to talk and are hospitable.
- God's protection as the gospel is shared

PRAY FOR

- Building up of trust. The people often consider us as a sect.
- God's blessing on the free distribution of Christian literature and Bibles from our shop.
- That the Macedonian believers would take more responsibility in the assembly
- Harmony and spiritual growth in the assembly.

Olive Wilson – Oli_Wilson@yahoo.co.uk

MADAGASCAR

Population	20 Million (under 15 – 9 Million)
Major religions	Christianity 41% / Animist 52% / Muslim 7% Christian groups Protestant 48.1% / Roman Catholic 37.6% / Independent 4.1% / Anglican 2.8% / Other 7.4%

Brethren work began in	1989
Number of Congregations:	64
Number of baptised believers:	about 3,000
Number of adult attendees:	about 4,500
Number of full-time workers serving:	60

DISCIPLESHIP

3-6 months training courses

Person in charge: Barijaona Rakotomamonjisoa

PO BOX 97 – Tuléar 601

barirose@moov.mg

BIBLE SCHOOL

1-3 years training courses

CEFOI (Evangelical Training Centre in the Indian Ocean)

Commenced in 1991; has already trained around 300 people

*The Manager: Mamifeno Ratahinarivelo

PO BOX 8611 – Antananarivo 101

ratanita@moov.mg

*The Chairman of the Board: Aga Andrianarijaona

aa.elec.plus@moov.mg

PUBLICATIONS

Cahier du CEFOI: a booklet published once a year in 2010 and hopefully twice a year in 2011 (reflexion on Christian faith ,ethics)

Project: a series of booklets about the history of our assemblies.

SOCIAL AND DEVELOPMENT

MEIM (Independent Evangelical Mission in Madagascar)

The President: Barijaona Rakotomamonjisoa

PO BOX 97 – Tuléar 601

barirose@moov.mg

AGENCY SERVING THE CHURCH

CEIM (Independent Evangelical Community of Madagascar)

The Chairman of the Board: Serge Razafintsambaina

IVB 2A Andravoahangy – Antananarivo, Madagascar

sergerazaf4@gmail.com (new email address)

INTERESTING FEATURES

Praise the Lord for the opportunity we yet have to preach the Gospel

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The church which is growing up, and for the Leaders and Christians who are standing firm.
- Recently, there have been meetings to express forgiveness between the leaders of the Evangelical churches and the leaders of Traditional Churches, especially the Reform Church.
- Good collaboration between CEIM Churches and the Bible Society, Scripture Union and other Christian movements.

PRAY FOR

- The difficult political situation in Madagascar, with the crisis since 2009.
- This situation creates a division in family, in church, even among the Christian people, so, sometimes there is coldness in the relationship.
- The rulers and government; may God lead them in their decisions.
- 2011 is the year of the election for the Board.

Serge Razafintsambaina – sergerazaf4@gmail.com

MALAWI *

Population	13 million
Major religions	Christian 79.9% / Muslim 12.8% / Other 3% / None 4.3%

Brethren work began in	1964
Number of congregations	about 130
The number of committed believers is	probably increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers	2 Malawians and 8 expatriates (4 from UK, 4 from Zambia)

AGENCIES SERVING THE CHURCHES

Christian Missions in Many Lands

CMML Malawi

PO Box 688, Blantyre

A body representing the churches, registered with the Malawian government, with a committee composed of Malawian believers which meets regularly.

Titus Trust, Malawi

PO Box 31621,

Chichiri, Blantyre 3

A trust about to be registered with the government, intended to offer assistance to the churches by holding assets and property, as well as by generally encouraging the work to develop in new areas and new ways in the future. It will also assist with the coordination and implementation of practical support to believers in times of food shortages, flooding and other crises.

CHURCH LINKS

These are provided by CMML Malawi (see above)

INTERESTING FEATURES

The main challenge facing the work is that it is almost entirely ruralbased and situated in the poorest and most remote areas of the country. The more intelligent and better educated believers tend to move to the towns where they are unlikely to find any Brethren congregations. We therefore need to concentrate on urban evangelism and discipleship.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The Zambian missionaries who began coming in early 2005 and are currently working in Blantyre, the largest city, and also among the Muslim Yao ethnic group. A new couple hopes to come to Lilongwe (the capital city) this July.
- Malawian elders and evangelists have worked hard across the border in Mozambique, and there are now a good number of Brethren fellowships there.
- Emerging links with Zambia, and especially GLO and Pro Cristo training colleges. The first Malawian students are currently at GLO and others plan to study there in the future. Zambian short-termers are starting to do outreach in Lilongwe.
- A new work among ‘street children’ that started in Zomba last year.

PRAY FOR

- Successful evangelism in the cities of Blantyre, Zomba and Lilongwe that will lead to the emergence of strong urban fellowships.
- The establishment of a discipleship training centre in Blantyre that will train men and women to help rural congregations. The entire Body of Christ in Malawi urgently needs genuine disciples.
- Expansion of Emmaus Bible correspondence work and new literature work (*Pilgrim's Progress* is being adapted and translated, and a new series of children's books is in production).
- The emergence of agricultural research and assistance for communities that will not only offer practical Christian love, but also provide opportunities for evangelism and discipleship.

Jonathan Newell - jnewell@globemw.net

MALAYSIA

Population	26 million
Major religions	Muslim 60% / Buddhism 19 % / Christian 9.1% / Hinduism 6%

Brethren work began in	1855
Number of congregations about (English-speaking, Bahasa Malaysia, Chinese speaking, and a few Tamil-speaking congregations)	168
Number of additional preaching points	5
Number of baptised believers	about 12,000
Number of adult attendees	below 16,000 (estimated)
The number of baptised believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	55

PUBLICATIONS

Diakonia

cbsm0709@gmail.com

Christian Brethren Secretariat Malaysia, Unit 697-2-2, Desa Kiara Condo, Jalan Damansara, 60000 Kuala Lumpur

Challenger (stopped publication temporarily)

mms_goye@tm.net.my

55 Jalan PJS11/9

46150 Petaling Jaya

The Echoes

kenowm@gmail.com

31 Medan Lim Cheng Teik

10250 Penang

AGENCIES SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

Christian Brethren of Malaysia Property Trust

Unit 679-2-2, Desa Kiara Condo, Jalan Damansara
60000 Kuala Lumpur

Holds in trust the various assembly properties in order to safeguard Brethren church land and property.

Malaysia Missionary Services

mmstrusthq@yahoo.co.uk

Unit 679-2-2, Desa Kiara Condo, Jalan Damansara
60000 Kuala Lumpur

Facilitates financial and prayer support for national commended workers, as well as mission workers sent overseas.

Emmaus Bible Correspondence Courses

154 Jalan Imbi

55100 Kuala Lumpur

Promotes the use of Bible correspondence courses by believers as well as non-believers.

GLO Training School

glom@streamyx.com

200 Jalan Taming Sari,
34000 Taiping Perak

Prepares and equips workers for cross-cultural mission.

Orang Asli (Native) Committee

onghockchye@yahoo.com

20, Jalan SS2/103

47300 Petaling Jaya

Coordinates the ministry to the natives in West Malaysia, provides support for the native workers, and organises a bi-annual OA Conference.

Inter-Brethren Assembly Youth Development (IBA Youth)

Unit 679-2-2, Desa Kiara Condo, Jalan Damansara

60000 Kuala Lumpur

Aids the assemblies in reaching out to youth through sports evangelism, coordinates inter-assembly youth activities, and supports assemblies in equipping youth leaders.

CHURCH LINKS

Christian Brethren Secretariat Malaysia

cbsm0709@gmail.com

Unit 679-2-2, Desa Kiara Condo, Jalan Damansara

60000 Kuala Lumpur

Helps assemblies to work closer with one another, and to facilitate church growth together for the common good. Is responsible for organising the bi-annual Assembly Leaders' Conference.

BIBLE SCHOOL

Residential Bible School

A one-month long residential Bible School where 40-50 youths (17-23yrs) from all over the country come together for intensive Bible teaching and spiritual formation, and are then sent out in teams to serve in smaller assemblies over the weekend before they can graduate.

INTERESTING FEATURES

COPA IBA – An annual sports evangelistic event that draws 700-800 youth (primarily unchurched youth) to hear the Gospel.

Outreach to migrant workers – Some assemblies are involved in reaching out to migrant workers and international students (especially from China). In particular, the Malaysian Myanmar Ministry (MMM) was set up to look into the needs of this ethnic group. At least seven weekly gatherings for the Myanmar are held in different parts of Kuala Lumpur and Cameron Highlands.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Increased mission involvement overseas and in our own country.
- Project Paul – a church-planting movement in small towns
- Steady church-planting especially in the bigger cities/towns.
- Positive steps being taken to be intentional about discipleship, leadership development and succession.
- Greater sense of unity among leaders as well as inter-assembly cooperative efforts through the various agencies and inter-assembly activities.

PRAY ABOUT

- The rise of Islamic fundamentalism that threatens the stability of this country.
- The rural assemblies which are adversely affected by the migration of their younger members because of higher study and employment opportunities in the big cities. (The urban population had increased from 50.7% in 1991 to 62% in 2000). There is, therefore, often a lack of leaders in these rural assemblies.
- The need for more intentional and coordinated effort in church planting - sharing of vision, strategy and resources.
- The median age of the assemblies which is rising slowly - this means that a number of assemblies are growing older and the gap between the generations is widening. Some assemblies are not able to hold on to their young people. Some are struggling to attract the young. Pray for renewal to take place.

Wong Sai Weng – cbsm0709@gmail.com

Chris Leong – bueagle@gmail.com

MEXICO

Population	113 million (52% women 49% men)
Major religions	Roman Catholic 85% / Protestant 10% / Other 5%

Brethren work began in	1890
Number of churches	200-250
Number of additional preaching points	40
Number of baptised believers	2,500 - 3,000
Number of adult attendees	3,000
The number of believers is	increasing very slowly
Number of fulltime workers	30 Nationals and 60 foreigners
Number of fulltime itinerant evangelists	10
Number of fulltime itinerant Bible teachers	20

CHURCH LINKS

No official links, only camps and some open missionaries

AGENCY FOR CROSS-CULTURAL MISSION

Operation Mobilisation

INTERESTING FEATURE

A desire to teach more solid biblical principles and to share what the Bible says about Sin, Grace, Mercy, Sanctity, Abortion, Same sex laws, Humanism, Social Networks etc.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The fruit of the first missionaries
- The Biblical Foundation
- The Lord's Supper
- The new electronic tools (Internet, Face book, etc.)

PRAY FOR

- The promotion of Bible study and the reading of good books.
- The desire to pray, and pray seriously.
- Evangelism, without denominational parochialism.
- The next generation to be given the opportunity to become the next generation of elders.

Paco Díaz – diazharris@yahoo.com.mx

MOLDOVA, REPUBLIC OF

Population 4,380,000

Major religions Christian 95.39% / (Orthodox 70.26% / Roman Catholic 5.78% / Protestant 3.22% / Non-affiliated 15.18%)

Brethren work began in	1992
Number of congregations	12
Number of additional preaching points	8
Number of baptised believers	224
Number of adult attendees	350
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	6
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	3 (Romanian brothers do most of the evangelism)
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	3

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The great liberty and open doors after the Communist regime in Eastern Europe collapsed in 1989, which enabled Romanian brothers to cross the border into Moldova and plant churches.
- The Romanian brothers who seized the opportunity.
- The open hearts of people across the country.

PRAY FOR

- More godly teachers, evangelists, and missionaries to be raised up among the nationals.
- The supply of the materials needed for the building of church halls.
- More long-term workers willing to minister in poor conditions in order to help local assemblies and to pioneer in other areas.
- Growth of unity and cooperation among the assemblies.

Valentin Hrihorciuc – kairosagency@gmail.com or
valentin_ro_2001@yahoo.com

MONGOLIA

Population 3 million

Major religions Buddhist / Shamanism 54% / Muslim 4% / Christian .7%

Brethren work began in **1997**

Number of congregations **4**

Number of preaching points **4**

Number of baptised believers **100**

Number of adult attendees **140**

Number of full-time workers serving local congregations **3**

Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers **2**

CHURCH LINKS

GLO Australia

INTERESTING FEATURES

The first Brethren assembly started in a little town called Ondurkhan 350km from Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. That assembly started a daughter church in Ulaanbaatar which, since 2009, is the capital city of Mongolia. Both of these assemblies have been commenced by Korean missionaries.

The Brethren outreach grew with the arrival, in 2003, of a doctor from New Zealand. This believer is a friend of GLO Ministries. GLO ministries sent Laurie Cowell to assist us. Today there is a good core of two Brethren churches of about 40 members in addition to the two churches run by Korean missionaries.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- the growing number of new Christians.
- being able to share the gospel freely.
- the Lord's protection during a very cold hard winter.

PRAY FOR

- existing Christians to plant new churches.
- Bayarsaikhan as he starts a new church in 2011 and disciples new Christians.
- Plans to establish a Bible School.

Bayarsaikhan – bajra.ax@hotmail.com

Kwang Won Jung - jungkw@gmail.com

MONTENEGRO

Population 750,000

Major religions Orthodox 70% / Muslim 20% / Roman Catholic 4%

Brethren work began in	1992
Number of congregations	1
Number of additional preaching points	1
Number of baptised believers	35
Number of adult attendees	40
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	1

PRAISE GOD FOR

- His mercy in establishing the church.
- Slight growth of the church.
- The peace and freedom we enjoy.

PRAY FOR

- Families to be saved.
- Different ministries to be developed

Vladimir Cizmanski – cizvim@gmail.com

MOZAMBIQUE

Population	19,607,519 Life Expectancy 48 years
Major languages	Portuguese 9%, Emakhuwa 26%, Xichangana 11%,
Major religions	African traditional 40% / Nominal Christian 42% / Muslim 13% / Evangelical 8.9% / None 5%

Brethren work began (officially) in	1999
Number of congregations	50
The number of committed believers is	increasing quickly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	12
Number of full-time evangelists	42

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

Rand Gospel Mission
rgm@rgm.org.za

BIBLE SCHOOL

Portuguese Emmaus Bible Correspondence courses are being distributed in three prisons around Maputo.

INTERESTING FEATURES

Most of the 50 assemblies are in central Mozambique, that is in the Tete and Zambesia provinces. The work in Maputo and Cabo del Gado provinces is stable and growing. Maputo is in southern Mozambique and Cabo del Gado is to the north bordering the Indian ocean. Church planting and discipleship is the main task in the North and South of the country. Many assemblies need Bible teachers because assemblies are under threat from false teaching. The need for Bible teachers is very great.

In Maputo, the assembly hosted a workshop in 2002 out of which came the Hone Based Care (HBC) project designed to help AIDS victims and increase AIDS awareness. Headed up by Patrick and Grace

Mulenga, HBC is structured so that members of the assembly operate autonomously in the day-to-day decisions that have to be made.

20 volunteers from the assembly began weekly training in home care, and in the first month made 300 visits. By December 2003, 371 patients and 226 orphans were being cared for.

Services provided include: help with domestic tasks; referring patients to local clinics or hospitals; providing food; training family members to support the patient better; providing basic nursing care, and spiritual support by counselling and, where appropriate, praying. The objective has been to bring the community to a full knowledge of Christ as Saviour and Lord by providing, in his name, emotional support by

- offering an environment which is friendly and non-judgmental,
- ensuring patient support by providing quality nursing care,
- fostering family support by educating the community about the effects of HIV/AIDS and prevention methods,
- empowering the believers to care for orphans and children-in-need by ensuring that they are provided with adequate food, shelter, clothing and schooling, and protected from abuse through reporting cases of abuse to the relevant authorities,
- providing life-skills to equip them better for the future.

PRAISE GOD THAT

- People are coming to know the Lord.
- The people come to us for help.
- Grade one to grade four classes are being run at our mission centre.

PRAY FOR

- provision of foster parents for the orphans.
- Life-skills training programmes for orphans when they leave school (e.g. gardening, raising chickens, carpentry, teaching).

Patrick and Grace Mulenga – mulenga@teledata.mz

MYANMAR (BURMA)

Population	54 million Burmese (Bama) 57.5%, Other Burmese (ethnic) 19.8%, Tai 8.5%, Chinese 3.5%, Mon Khamar 5.7%, Other 5%
Major religions	Buddhist 82.90% (annual growth +0.9%) Christian 8.7% (+3.8%) Muslim 3.8% (+1.2%) /Chinese 3.0% (+9.8%) / Traditional ethnic 0.8% (+3.2%) / Hindu 0.5% (+1.2%) / No religion 0.3% (+1.2%)

Brethren work began in	1884 , but there was only one assembly till 1978
Number of churches	70
Number of preaching points	about 20
Number of baptised believers	about 4,300
Number of adult attendees	about 2,900
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	about 110
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	about 45
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	about 25

PUBLICATIONS

A periodical (once in two months) *Myanmar Churches Fellowship News* (MBCF)

No 2, Kaba Aye Pagada Road, 8 Mile,
Mayangone Township, Yangon

BIBLE SCHOOLS

South East Asia Bible College

seabcthang@gmail.com

GPO Box 1237

Yangon

Four-year degree course

Pastors Training College

Hmawbi, Yangon Division

One-year course

Christian Training College

N. Dagon, Yangon

Three-year degree course

Harvest Mission School

Pyin Oo Lwin, Mandalay Division

Three-year course

Gideon Bible College

Kale myo, Sagaing Division

Three-year diploma course

New Life Training & Bible Camps: A New Life Training was conducted by bro. Kap and some other co-workers at Kyundawyeshein (Tuikhaal) village from March 22 to 24, 2010. The training was attended by over 140 people (90 young/adults and over 50 Sunday School children). By the grace of God, over 85 people of them (including 35 Sunday school children) accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and Lord. We also had gospel meetings every night from March 22 to 24, 2010. By God's grace, 24 new converts took believer's baptism on March 28, 2010. To God be the glory!

A camp for young believers in Yangon was held from December 21 to 23, 2010 and attended by about 85 who were taught by four believers from Singapore, and another camp was held in Pyin Oo Lwin from December 26 to 28, 2010 and attended by over 100 who were taught by the same four believers from Singapore.

Elders' Seminar: The Elders' Seminar of assemblies in Northern Chin State and Sagaing Division was held in the same village (Kyundawyeshein) while we were conducting New Life Training. By God's grace, we all had a very meaningful time of evaluating the Lord's ministries that we do and the Lord enabled us to set some new mission goals.

The Sixth Conference of Myanmar Brethren Churches Fellowship:

This conference was held at Kyudawyeshin, Tamu township, Sagaing Division from March 25 to 28, 2010. Due to inconvenient transportation, only around 400 Elders/leaders and believers of the assemblies from different parts of Myanmar were able to attend the conference. We held gospel meetings every night and over 800 people attended the meetings. Over a hundred people accepted Jesus Christ and rededicated their lives to the Lord.

Thank you very much for all your prayers, especially for the New Life training and open-air gospel meeting. The Lord graciously answered our earnest prayers that over a hundred lost souls came to faith in Christ. We all know that only eternity will reveal the true results of our labour of love for the Lord.

EVANGELISM AND CHURCH-PLANTING

Pyapon (Delta Area): When the Cyclone Nargis severely hit especially the Delta area of Myanmar in May, 2008, the Lord opened doors for us to start Evangelism and Church Planting mission especially to Irrawaddy Division (Delta area). We sent a missionary namely Bro. Kap Do Nang to Pyapon, Irrawaddy Division in July 2008. Believers, especially from three assemblies (Canaan Gospel Chapel, Dagon Christian Assembly, and Dagon Believers Assembly) in Yangon, went to several villages and towns in the Delta area and shared the Gospel message, distributing Gospel tracts, Bibles, some other Christian books, and conducted New Life Training during the last two years (May 2008 – September 2010). As a result, thousands of unbelievers came to know that they can get salvation not by works but through faith in Christ alone and hundreds of them accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and Lord.

By the grace of God, we started a new church (assembly) in Pyapon town in January 2009 with around ten new converts. The Lord graciously blessed our labour of love for Him in that more unbelievers have been won for Christ and have joined the church. There are over 30 believers attending Sunday worship service. The worship service is held at an apartment we rented in Pyapon. As there are over a hundred Sunday School kids, we need more Sunday school teachers and class rooms. We have bought land (120ft x 60ft) in August 2010 and are praying and planning to build a

house (40ft x 20ft) for worship place, Sunday School classes, and residence of our missionary. We need your prayers for this project.

Yangon Area & Southern Chin State: We Myanmar Mission Committee sent brother Sein Tun, who is an alumni of SEA Bible College, to do evangelism and church planting ministry in last March at 17 Wards, Tharkitah township, Yangon. As the Lord guides him, he has been reaching especially non-Christians with the gospel of Jesus Christ. By His grace, he has visited a Karen family who are animists, and over 30 Bamar people who are non-Christians, and clearly shared with them the salvation message of the Lord Jesus Christ. Out of those people, the Karen family members accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and Lord. The others still need to clearly know about the Living God and His salvation for all people through the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sunday school teacher of Canaan Gospel Chapel also helped the Sunday school program on every Saturday for 21 non-Christian children in that area. Bro. Sein Tun told us that "though he has been facing through some difficulties and hardships during the last four months, the Lord has been leading him through them all."

And we also sent bro. Thang Bu Naing to South Dagon Seikkan township; bro. Thang Za Let to Hlaingtharyar; bro. Mana Hung to Matupi, Southern Chin Hills; and bro. Hung Naing to Hoam village, Paletwa township, Southern Chin Hills in last March 2010 to do evangelism and church planting ministry. Let us earnestly pray for the effectiveness of these five missionaries.

Volunteers for Christ Ministry (VFC): Elder Kham Khen Thang and three other fulltime workers from assemblies in Kabaw valley went to five different villages in northern Chin hills, close to India last July. As they preached the Gospel message, 19 nominal Christians came to know that salvation by faith in Christ alone and accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and Lord. Out of them, 12 new converts were baptized.

Kayah Mission: There are three assemblies in Kayah State. Bro. Saw Daniel from Mount Olive Brethren Assembly is reaching unbelievers with the Gospel in different parts of his area and also teaching the Word of God at home. Some unbelievers got saved through his labour of love for the Lord.

Church Building Project: The assembly at Dae Mo Soe town in Kayah State does not have a permanent worship place. So the believers from this assembly indeed need a Church building. The Lord has provided a land, and they still need funds to build a church building. They need our prayers.

ECS (Tedim): Emmaus Correspondence Courses (in Tedim Chin language) have been introduced especially to Tedim language speaking people in Myanmar since 2009. More people are very interested and taking the courses. We pray and hope that more people will know the Lord and will grow in the grace and the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ by studying ECS courses in the days to come.

PRAY FOR

- the assemblies in Myanmar can send more inland missionaries especially to the unreached people groups such as Intha, Dainet, Rohingya, Lashi, etc. (We asked some Bible students from the South East Asia Bible College to search out those unreached people groups and reach them with the Gospel).
- effectiveness of the evangelism and church-planting ministry
- the Lord to meet the needs for the Church building projects of Pyapon (Delta) mission field and of the assembly in Dae Mo Soe, Kayah State.
- continuing blessing on the ministry of the Emmaus Correspondence courses (in Tedim Chin & Burmese) and the training ministry of the Bible schools.

Kap Cin Thang - seabcthang@gmail.com (or) nemcing@gmail.com

NAURU *

Population	about 9,000
Major religions	Congregational 40% / Roman Catholic 30% / Assemblies of God 10% / Independent Church (similar to AOG) 10% / Brethren a few / Baptist a few / Seventh Day Adventist a few / Christian Mission Fellowship (similar to AOG) a few

Brethren work began in	2004
Number of congregations	1
Number of baptised believers	26
Number of adult attendees	5
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly

INTERESTING FEATURES

The country has suffered economic collapse, and the believers are very poor. The church currently meets in Pastor Grundler's home, but needs a building of its own, which could be built on the pastor's land - at an estimated cost of \$50,000.

Current ministries are preaching, teaching, visitation, evangelism and Sunday school, but additional ministries (e.g. youth work) are needed.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The progress that has been made so far.
- The emergence of another potential church leader, Ned Atsime, who is being mentored.

PRAY FOR

- Funds to enable a church building to be built.
- Numerical growth of the church, which would enable it to be registered with the government (which requires 100 members).

Bernard Grundler - almigrundler@yahoo.com.au

THE NETHERLANDS

Population 16,600,000

Major religions Roman Catholic 27% / Protestant Church in the Netherlands 12% / Muslim 6.1% / Other Christian churches 5.5%

Brethren work began in	1850
Number of congregations	95
Number of baptised believers	8,000
Number of adult attendees	8,000
The number of baptised believers is	decreasing
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	10
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	9
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	9

PUBLICATIONS

De Band

redactie.deband@filadelfia-zending.nl

Laura Koster

Toermalijn 1

3162 TL Rhoon

Uithet Woordder Waarheid

info@uhwdw.nl

St. Uit het Woord der Waarheid

Postbus 260

NL-7120 AG Aalten

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

Filadelfia Zending

secretariaat@filadelfia-zending.nl

Kamerlingh Onneslaan 36

NL-8024 CN Zwolle

Nehemia

admin.nehemia@solcon.nl

Tolhuis 1

NL-7447 XH Hellendoorn

PUBLISHING HOUSE

Stichting Uit het Woord der Waarheid

info@uhwdw.nl

St. Uit het Woord der Waarheid

Postbus 260

NL-7120 AG Aalten

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Increasing activity in the Gospel.
- More fellowship with other Christians.
- Cooperation with other Christian organisations.

PRAY FOR

- Unity and tolerance.
- Increasing awareness of missionary tasks.

Henk Medema (assisted by **Lex Klein Haneveld**) – henk@medema.nl

NEW CALEDONIA *

Population 240,000

Major religions (estimated practising members) / Roman Catholic about 4% / Evangelical Church of New Caledonia (founded in 1840 by LMS) about 2% / Free Evangelical Church about 2% / Assemblies of God about 2% / House churches about 1%

Brethren work began in

about 1960

Number of Brethren congregations

4 (Also about 10 house churches which are very similar)

The number of committed believers is

increasing fairly quickly

Number of full-time workers serving local congregations

An expatriate couple (Also several local couples working with house churches)

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

Our first full-time missionary was sent out in August 2007 under the auspices of **Crossroads** (see below).

BIBLE SCHOOL

Since 2000 we have been running **Crossroads Training Centre** for men and women of any age and any church background. Most are at high school level. The length of course is at least one semester.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The general sense of growth and progress, despite many obstacles and considerable opposition.
- The start made on the construction of a building, and the provision of about half the cost.

- The Lord's faithfulness in providing and guiding (many times in spite of us!), and for sending the people of his choice for training.
- The faithful few who take the Word of God seriously, and seek to live their lives under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

PRAY FOR

- Revival! We recognise that nothing of any serious and lasting value will be accomplished without the direct intervention of the Holy Spirit in our churches and also in our society.
- Greater obedience to the Word of God. The influence of traditional animism, and the legalism of traditional churches are very strong. Christians are easily distracted to follow ways which are not founded on the Word.
- The provision of funds and workers to complete our building. The house churches we are in contact with have no building at all, so meet in homes or the open air. The Bible School at present functions in our home.

Stephen Schooling - sandj@lagoon.nc

NEW ZEALAND

Population 4, 176,000

Major religions Anglican 14.9% / Roman Catholic 12.4% / Presbyterian 10.9% / Methodist 2.9% / Pentecostal 1.7% / Baptist 1.3% / Other Christian 9.4% / Unspecified 17.2% (there are 63,540 Hindus / 35,856 Muslims / 43,536 Mormons) / No religion 26%

Brethren work began in **1852**

Number of congregations **203**

Number of baptised believers **10,458**
(according to the 2006 national census, which included an additional 6666, described as 'Brethren, unspecified')

The number of baptised and other committed believers is **increasing slowly**
(there is life and growth in a number of churches and areas)

Number of full-time workers serving local congregations **57**

Number of full-time itinerant evangelists **3**

Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers **6**

MAGAZINES PUBLISHED

The Treasury

admin@gph.co.nz

PO Box 74

Palmerston North

New Zealand

The combined missionary/ministry/homeworkers/news magazine which has been published for over 100 years.

Nexus (published twice a year)

assist@gcim.org.nz

PO Box 744,

Palmerston North

New Zealand

AGENCY SERVING THE CHURCHES

Stewards Trust of New Zealand

Mainly serves in property and legal issues, taxation advice etc. Contact

David Burt

PO Box 91345

Auckland Mail Centre 1030

Auckland.

AGENCY FOR MISSION OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY

Global Connections in Mission

executivedirector@gcim.org.nz

PO Box 744

Palmerston North

Facilitates mission by serving churches in ways such as the receiving and sending of funds, promoting best practice for the sending and care of mission partners, and providing opportunities for churches and people of all ages to be involved in cross-cultural mission.

CHURCH LINKS

No organisation links Brethren churches though, on an ongoing basis, GciM, Pathways, and GPH fill a linking role. Every two years a conference is held ('Strength and Unity') which seeks to bring unity and challenge to the Brethren churches in the network.

BIBLE SCHOOL

Pathways College of Bible and Mission

info@pathways.co.nz

PO Box 26669,

Epsom, Auckland

Now non-residential, it provides a range of one-year courses leading to certificates and diplomas. A key focus is providing an Internship programme serving the needs of local churches (27 interns were involved in 2007).

PUBLISHING HOUSE

Gospel Publishing House

admin@gph.co.nz

PO Box 74,

Palmerston North

Sells Christian books, magazines and music.

Publishes the monthly magazine *The Treasury* (11 copies a year) which includes missionary reports and articles.

UNUSUAL OR INTERESTING FEATURES

Brethren churches in New Zealand are characterised by diversity. While all hold to a core of fundamental beliefs, each church in the network is setting out to meet the needs of this present generation. Some churches are large (over 500) and are conducting a range of services to reach out into the community and disciple those who attend. Other churches are small and struggling, as they cling more tightly to a style of the past. Many Brethren churches now have a pastor and are looking to be more self-contained in the way in which they conduct church. There is still a commitment to evangelism and cross-cultural mission across our network of churches.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The relevancy of many churches in their communities, which is seen in new life and reaching out into the community.
- A sense of unity among churches in the Brethren network. Despite considerable diversity in leadership and style, there continues to be a great degree of unity. Global Connections in Mission, Pathways College of Bible and Mission, and Strength and Unity Conferences all help to build this unity.
- Renewed vision for mission, especially in building partnerships with our national church leaders in places where we have had a

considerable presence in the past. We have still some way to go but we are making advances in this area.

- The growth that is now evident in many Brethren churches. There is evidence that people are moving back to those churches that look to be meeting the needs of the community for this generation.

PRAY FOR

- Greater understanding of what it means to be involved in cross-cultural mission, and for churches to get the vision of international partnership and become involved with churches and their work in other parts of the world.
- The vision many churches already have to reach into their communities to continue and grow, and be taken up by those churches that need renewal.
- Our churches to continue to work in unity with each other. For the things that unite us to be strong, and for us to have a common vision of evangelism and cross-cultural mission.

John Hodgkinson – manageroperations@gcim.org.nz

NIGERIA

Population	about 150 million
Major religions	Christianity 45% / Muslim 40% / African traditional religion 15%

Brethren work began in	1919
Number of congregations	about 500
Number of additional preaching points	about 300
Number of baptised believers	about 2,500
Number of attenders	about 10,000
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	300
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	about 300
Number of full-time Bible teachers	about 100

BIBLE SCHOOLS

Ika Bible School

Box 85, Ankpa, Kogi State

1-year course

Trinity Bible College

Anyigba, Kogi State

CEFNI Theological College

Anyigba, Kogi State

PUBLISHING HOUSE

Ika Christian Press

Box 85, Ankpa,

Kogi State

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The conclusion of the translation work.
- The recent general elections.
- The spirit of unity among Brethren churches.

PRAY FOR

- Corruption to come to an end in Nigeria.
- The Bible translation project (Thieves have stolen our computers – pray for their replacement).
- The Sharia issue never to surface again.
- More labourers in the field.

Sunday Edo – edosunny@yahoo.com

PAKISTAN

Population 160 million

Major religions Muslim 97% / Christian 2.5% / Hindu 0.2% / Sikh 0.1%

Brethren work began in	the 1930s
Number of congregations	100
Number of preaching points	200
Number of baptised believers	more than 6,000
Number of adult attenders	3,000
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	80
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	10
Number of itinerant Bible teachers	10

AGENCIES SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

Fellowship of Brethren Churches of Pakistan Trust

yunis_laaldin@hotmail.com

Women's Christian Hospital, 85 Nusrat Road,
Multan Cantt. Pakistan

Church planting, support of churches, medical/educational work.

CHURCH LINKS

Fellowship of Brethren Churches of Pakistan Trust

(address as above)

A national body which plans programmes like national conferences and retreats for full-time workers and elders, invites Bible teachers/speakers from abroad, coordinates ministries in the country, arranges support for full-time workers, and helps in local matters when requested.

BIBLE SCHOOL

Bible Training Centre

roneela@wol.net.pk

Modren Colony, Kotlakhpat, Lahore

Organises short courses, and a church planting programme. Holds weekend camps, two-week-long study camps, four-week-long church planting courses, and six- to eight-week-long courses.

PUBLISHING HOUSE

Christian Publishing House (MIK)

peterc@wol.net.pk

36 Ferozepur Road, Lahore

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Full-time workers, despite meagre resources.
- Support from abroad in terms of finance, personnel, visiting speakers.
- Younger leaders.
- The growth of Sunday school ministry all over the country.

PRAY FOR

- More workers and resources.
- A quarterly conference for full-time workers and elders.
- The ministry of the Bible Training Centre, church planting ministry, and Christian Publishing House.
- Medical work in Punjab and northern areas.

Yunis Lal Din – yunis_laaldin@hotmail.com

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Population 6.300,000

Major religions Christian 96% (Roman Catholic 27% / Lutheran 19.5% / United Church 11.5% / Seventh Day Adventist 10% / Pentecostal 8.6% / all Evangelicals 24.3%) / Other religions 1.6% / No religion 0.6% / Not stated 2.1% Muslims have now built 2 mosques in the country

Brethren work began in	1951
Number of Brethren congregations more than	460
Number of baptised believers	about 12,000
Number of attendees	about 20,000
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	more than 100
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	several
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	about 10

PUBLICATIONS

Tok Save BilongYumi

(prayer/news letter 3 times a year)

cbpng@dg.com.pg

PO Box 64,

Wewak, ESP, Papua New Guinea 531

AGENCIES SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

CBC National Office

cbcpng@online.net.pg

www.cbcpng.org.pg

PO Box 64,

Wewak, ESP, Papua New Guinea 531

Coordinates and facilitates inter-church related activities e.g. Bible schools, mission, youth, women, conferences, education, health HIV/AIDS

awareness and community development; relations with other bodies (e.g. government departments for missionary visas and work permits).

CBC of PNG Property Trust

cbcpngptl@online.net.pg

PO Box 477,

Wewak ESP, Papua New Guinea

Property-holding trust company.

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

CBC National Office

address as above

CHURCH LINKS

Coordinating Committee of the Christian Brethren Churches

cbcpng@dg.com.pg

PO Box 64,

Wewak, ESP, Papua New Guinea 531

To facilitate inter-church consultation and joint action; to oversee the CBC National Office; to promote the growth and strength of local Brethren congregations. Representatives from different regions of the country and different ministries meet once a year for spiritual uplift, discussion and prayer. The office has a servant role and, unless invited, does not interfere with local church affairs. The secretariat is the interface of the church with Christian Brethren internationally, Government and other mission and secular agencies.

BIBLE SCHOOLS

Christian Leaders Training College (CLTC)

registrar@cltc.ac.pg

PO Box 382,

Mt Hagen WHP

CLTC is an interdenominational college serving mainly the Evangelical Alliance denominations, of which the Brethren were a founding member. We have had students sponsored there continuously since the early years

of the college. Two- to five- year courses at certificate, diploma and bachelor degree level. This will change soon as CLTC concentrates on Higher Level of Education and CBCPNG is working to develop its own Bible School with Certificate and Diploma level programs.

English Language Bible School (ELBS)

graeme@rds.ro

ELBS, Anguganak, c/- CBC National Office,

PO Box 64,

Wewak ESP

Men are taught in English, wives in Melanesian Pidgin. Basic primary education is a requirement for entry, but higher education is preferred. ELBS operates for the first six months of each year on a cycle of four-year courses, with practical experience between each block of study. This will likely change when the Church establishes its Certificate and Diploma Level Bible School to a higher level from its current level.

Young Women's Bible School

cbcpng@online.net.pg

Girls Bible School, Anguganak, c/- CBC National Office,

PO Box 64,

Wewak, ESP

This Bible school operates for single women. Two six-month courses, taught in Melanesian Pidgin, at certificate level.

The following smaller Bible schools operate in the Melanesian Pidgin language:

Yimbrasi Bible School, Nuku, Sandaun Province, 3 x 6 month courses at certificate level;

Bible Teacher Training School, Amanab, Sandaun Province, 3 x 4 month courses;

Bulwo Bible School, Lumi, Sandaun Province, 2 x 4 month courses;

Kwatim Bible School, Yebil, Sandaun Province;

Guriaso Bible School, Guriaso, via Amananb;

Green River Bible School, Siman Bible School in Green River, via Vanimo, Sandaun Province;

Highlands Girls Bible School, Arou, c/- MAF Mt Hagen;

Kelabo Bible School, Kelabo, c/- MAF Mt Hagen;

Ambassador Bible College (formerly Guala Bible School), Guala, via Tari, c/- MAF Mt Hagen; Southern Highlands Province. This along with ELBS at Anguganak could possibly change in the near future as leaders review the needs and roles of current Bible Schools

Porgera Bible School, PO Box 6, Porgera, Enga Province. 1 year course, also conducting evening and night classes for those who can't do the full year course.

PUBLISHING HOUSE

Christian Books Melanesia Inc

cbmpng@online.net.pg

PO Box 488,

Wewak, ESP

INTERESTING FEATURES

Missionaries first went to unevangelised parts of the country. Most local churches are therefore rural, but recently, expansion has taken place in plantation areas such as Western Highlands (coffee & tea), East New Britain (oil palm); and in some cities, notably Port Moresby, Lae, Mt Hagen, Wewak, Aitape and Vanimo. The number of churches has continued to grow, despite declining numbers of overseas missionaries. The Christian Brethren Churches of PNG have formed a registered association to facilitate mutual cooperation and encouragement. The Brethren operate about 50 primary schools with related elementary schools, one high school, and three vocational centres. They also run about ten rural health centres operating under the auspices of the Churches Medical Council. Christian Books Melanesia, the publishing company, has nine bookstores in urban areas with two more to start soon.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The freedom to preach and evangelise in this country.
- The work of Mission Aviation Fellowship and Christian Radio Missionary Fellowship that facilitates movement and inter-church communication and cooperation.
- Growing concern for outreach and mission beyond our borders

- Current negotiations with SIM (Serving in Missions) about a possible partner to work overseas. Continuing concern for our Pacific neighbor countries also.
- Big opportunities exist for Christian witness in our schools and health centers. An arrangement for a Chaplain will be trialed for one year in 2011.
- The appointment in September 16 2010 of Paul Simaure as the new Church Health Secretary for the Christian Brethren Churches in the West Sepik Province.
- A very positive new partnership in Missions discussion with majority world Service Agencies following a Service Providers' Consultation held in Brisbane Australia in October 2010.

PRAY FOR

- Political stability and peaceful elections which are being held in 2012 for the national parliament.
- A reversal in the general decline in the spiritual values of the people in the face of major economic developments in gas, oil and minerals, and that mammon would not become the god of the nation
- The national Brethren Coordinating Committee leadership as they review the roles/curriculum of Bible Schools and the plan to establish a new National English Diploma level Bible School. Pray that there will be unity in decisions relating to this
- Pray for the National Office Team as they face and deal with many issues of the churches with very limited resources.
- Good and reliable leaderships in all local churches
- The huge challenge from HIV/AIDS which is reaching pandemic proportions. The churches need to face this challenge with compassionate love.
- Youth and children's ministry are big challenges: 50% of the population is under 19 years of age.
- CBCPNG Coordinating Committee is seeking ways to strengthen partnerships with overseas churches and individuals in key roles and ministries, Bible teaching, administration, community development and income generation.

Kos Union – cbcpng@online.net.pg

PARAGUAY

Population	6 million
Major religions	Christian 89% / (Roman Catholic 78% / Protestant 6% / Orthodox 5%) / Muslim 2.5% / Buddhist 1.5% / Hindu 1% / Animist 2% / Other 2%

Brethren work began in	1906
Number of congregations	110-115
Number of preaching points	110
Number of baptised believers	about 3,000
Number of attenders	about 5,000
The number of committed believers is	growing slightly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	about 60
Number of itinerant evangelists	about 50
Number of itinerant Bible teachers	about 70

MAGAZINES PUBLISHED

La Cosecha (newsletter about mission work of local churches)
femipa@card.net.py
Avolas 1444 e/da. Y 3era. Proyectadas – Asunción

AGENCIES SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

Misiones Cristianas en el Paraguay
Mission & church support
miguelm@highway.com.py
Medicos del Chaco 2198 c/ Eusebio Ayala – Asunción

Word of Life Paraguay
Provides youth groups, Bible clubs, camps, etc.

CHURCH LINKS

Fundación Evangélica Misionera del Paraguay (FEMIPA)

femipa@card.net.py

Ayolas 1444 e/ 2da. Y 3era. Proyectadas – Asunción

Encourages working together in mission.

BIBLE SCHOOLS

Campamento y Escuela Bíblica Maranatha,

Hernandarias City

campamento_maranatha@hotmail.com

Camp and Bible school

One-month course (December)

Campamento y Escuela Bíblica Ñu Poí,

San Estanislao City

Camp and Bible school

Six-week course (June - July)

UNUSUAL OR INTERESTING FEATURES

Many local churches and leaders have begun to understand that they are not independent but rather interdependent, and are discovering ways to work together, while preserving their local autonomy. In the last eight years, churches have conducted many joint missionary conferences, some have become involved in foreign evangelistic institutions (e.g. The Global Mission, Billy Graham), have developed a vision for church outgrowth and church-planting strategies, and have conducted serious and fruitful evangelisation, resulting in many new local churches being planted.

The need of financial support for local elders, evangelists and missionaries is being realised, and recently an understanding that churches may run non-profit-making organisations or activities (e.g. Christian schools) to obtain funds for church growth and ministries.

Some churches have been involved in running radio programmes in both secular and Christian AM and FM radio stations.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- His provision and care for his people and church in Paraguay.
- The strong biblical teaching and sound doctrine still given by the assemblies.
- Many men and women, past and present, who serve as full - or part-time missionaries, teachers or elders and deacons serving in many churches.
- FEMIPA's years of ministry since 1988 serving missionaries and local workers, and developing a church network, stimulating churches to work together towards a missionary vision and passion.

PRAY FOR

- Spiritual wisdom and vision to accomplish the Great Commission, with love and passion to evangelise lost people.
- Churches and leaders to learn to work together for fellowship, evangelism, mission and church growth.
- Spiritual and practical support (literature, medicine, tools, vehicles, clothes, financial, etc.) for full- or part-time workers, missionaries, Bible teachers, elders and deacons.
- God's provision for the ministry of FEMIPA and other Brethren organisations supporting churches and missionaries.
- Provision of medical insurance and retirement benefits for local full- or part-time missionaries, elders, workers.

Fidencio R. Sanabria Villagra – fidencio.sanabria@interfisa.com.py

PERU

Population	29,500,000
Major Religions	Roman Catholic - 81.5%, Evangelical Christian - 12.5%, Other - 6%

Brethren Work Began	1893 - Charles Bright from the UK
Number of Congregations	about 230
Number of Attendees	about 11,500
Number of Baptised	uncertain but maybe 5,000-6,000
Number of committed believers is	still increasing
Number of workers serving local congregations	20 commended Peruvian workers/couples serving in Peru 1 commended worker is also serving in Ecuador; at least 2 Argentinean workers are also serving in Peru. An unknown but greater number are serving their churches but are not formally commended.

PUBLICATION

Olor Fragrante

published by SEMIPE

info@semipe.org

Av Larco 1069

Trujillo

AGENCIES SERVING THE BRETHREN CHURCHES

Redes de Misión

redesdemision@gmail.com

Av Larco 1069

Trujillo

Training, printing and publication, seeking to promote mission amongst the churches

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

Servicio Misionero del Perú (SEMIPE)

info@semipe.org

Av Larco 1069

Trujillo

BIBLE SCHOOLS

Capacitación Bíblica

cbt_89@hotmail.com

Av Larco 1069

Trujillo

High School Level

Two week course each January for 4 years

INSTITUTO BÍBLICO DE ENTRENAMIENTO MISIONERO (IBEM)

redesdemision@gmail.com

Av Larco 1069

Trujillo

College Level

The complete course is 7 modules. Each one consists of 4 weeks of full-time study. 3 modules are taught per year. The course can also be studied at night school - 3 hours every Monday evening Feb-Dec.

Christian Service Preparation Institute

wake.peru@hotmail.com

Av Puerto Rico 4111

San Martin de Porres,

Lima 311

High school/college level

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The continued growth in the churches over the past years.
- The many faithful workers who are committed to the growth of the kingdom.
- So many changed lives, especially from difficult backgrounds.
- The recent commendation of the first Peruvian worker to formally serve outside Peru.
- The successful 3rd national conference of elders and church leaders.

PRAY FOR

- Training and discipleship.
- Churches to be established and built up.
- The national believers to take increasing responsibility for the development of the Brethren church in Peru

Richard Harknett – rich.pam@gmail.com

PHILIPPINES

Population	92 million
Major religions	Roman Catholic 80% / Protestant 10% / Muslim 10%

Brethren work began in	1918
Number of congregations	215
Number of additional preaching points	65
Number of adult attendees	13,000
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	95
Number of itinerant evangelists	5
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	20

PUBLICATION

BINHI

PO Box 490 Greenhills,
San Juan, Metro Manila 0420
brownrace48@yahoo.com

AGENCIES SERVING THE CHURCHES

Emmaus Church Planting Ministry, Inc

148 Natividad St., Hulo, Morong 1960 Rizal
elvintb@yahoo.com

CHURCH PLANTING

Philippine Faith Mission, Inc

office@pfmonline.org
www.pfmonline.org
Magsaysay, Castillejos 2208 Zambales
Tribal church planting, orphanage and school.

Mission Links and Partnership, Inc

c/o Sumapa Christian Church,
Sumapa Matanda, Malolos City
office@pfmonline.org (temporary)

A service organization which

1. assists Christian workers with child care (e.g. educational assistance), health care (e.g. medical check-up and medicines in cooperation with Christian medical groups), retirement plans (advice re social security and pension benefits), assistance with books and attending seminars, obtaining employment for members of their family
2. arranges and coordinates training conferences and seminars
3. serves as a coordinating agency in the promotion of cross-cultural mission, including short-term mission activities.

CHURCH LINKS

Christian Missions in the Philippines, Inc

A service organization which helps foreign missionaries obtain visas, etc; acts as trustee of the properties of assemblies not yet registered with the government; manages the Emmaus campsite, Bible school and correspondence courses; and channels financial assistance from overseas to local ministries.

P.O.Box 490, Greenhills,
San Juan, Metro Manila 0420
bsal@pacific.net.ph

BIBLE SCHOOL

Emmaus Bible School
Four years at certificate level
P O Box 490, Greenhills,
San Juan, Metro Manila 0420
bsal@pacific.net.ph

PRAISE GOD THAT

- The Philippines is still open to the gospel.
- The assemblies are growing spiritually and numerically.
- Young leaders are taking an active role in assembly work.
- More assembly full-time workers are taking further studies, in order to be better equipped.

PRAY FOR

- More workers.
- More involvement in missions.
- Unity and fellowship without barriers created by either traditions or innovations.
- Financial support for national workers and their families.

Joel Alviar – office@pfmonline.org

POLAND

Population 38 million

Major religions Roman Catholic 92% / Protestant 0.5%

Brethren work began in	1909
Number of congregations	42
Number of additional preaching points	15
Number of baptised believers	1,600
Number of adult attendees	about 2,500
The number of committed believers	remains about the same
Number of full-time workers serving local churches	about 20 (they also serve other missions)
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	3
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	2

PUBLICATION

Laska I Pokój (*Grace and Peace*)

biuro@kwch.pl

Wydawnictwo *Laska I Pokój*

ul. Franciszkanska 19, 40-708 Katowice

AGENCIES SERVING THE CHURCHES

Council of the Free Christian Church

biuro@kwch.pl

ul. Franciszkanska 19, 40-708 Katowice

Co-ordinates mission work, evangelism, youth and children's work, etc.

Christian Association of Care for Children

Janina Janylek, ul. Grzybowska 3/9, 41-808 Zabrze

Tel +32/2749037

Conducts work among Polish and Gipsy children.

CHURCH LINKS

All the churches belong to a union, which is recognised by the state as the Free Christian Church of Poland. Its council, consisting of 7 persons, coordinates the work of the churches which cooperate well in evangelism and work closely together in other ways. Regular meetings are held for children, teenagers, and young people, as well as general meetings. We have 3 holiday centres, a camping site, and a Bible school.

BIBLE SCHOOL

www.areopagus.org.pl (click on 'seminarium')
Tel. 32/4714055

Seminarium Bibline, ul. Cieszyńska 30, 44-337 Jastzebie Zdró
Led by Henryk Turkanik, this school offers open lectures one Saturday each month to prepare brothers for ministry in the assemblies. Till 2005 it was able to offer 2- and 4- year courses leading to a diploma qualifying for entry to the Christian Academy of Theology in Wrocław, an interdenominational evangelical seminary where some of our young people study.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Calling Polish believers to work as missionaries within Poland. The first one was called 15 years ago, and we now have 8 working.
- Mission weeks organised by a few of our churches, together with groups from N. Ireland during holidays.
- Good relations and cooperation among the churches.
- Work among Gipsies.

PRAY FOR

- Further development of the mission work.
- Preparing the teachers to work in the Bible school.
- Work among youth and children.
- The open door to continue as at present.
- Mission work among Poles who have emigrated to other countries in Western Europe.

Jerzy Karzelek – jkarzelek@gmail.com

PORTUGAL

Population	10 million
Major religions	Roman Catholic 95%

Brethren work began in	1870
Number of congregations	about 100
Number of additional preaching points	about 25
Number of baptised believers	1300-1400
Number of attendees	more than 1500
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly

PUBLICATION

REFRIGERIO

www.refrigerio.net
geral@refrigerio.net
Rua 43 - 200 4500-195
Espinho, PORTUGAL

CHURCH LINKS

CIIP – Comunhão de Igrejas de Irmãos em Portugal

geral@ciip.net
www.ciip.net

A civil association that exists for legal purposes and also promotes periodic events for fellowship. Twice a year there is a meeting to discuss the work of God in the churches, and every two years a national weekend conference is arranged for church elders. Has departments for mission, communication and youth work.

www.irmaos.net
www.ie-silvalde.net
<http://blog.evangelicaolarias.org/>
www.ie-matadomaxial.pt.vu/
www.luznet.no-ip.com/aieas/
www.ielp.eu/

www.g21sintra.pt/cu/
www.ietorcatas.com/
www.igreja-alumiara.blogspot.com/
www.igevalgeriz.com/
www.igrejaevangelicacucujaes.net/
www.iefountainhas.org/

PUBLISHING HOUSES

Livraria ‘Nova Canção’

novacancao@gmail.com
Rua Infante D. Henrique, 44-3º,
Sala AH, 3700-135-S.João da Madeira

Livraria ‘CLC’

clcportugal.coimbra@gmail.com
Av. Emidio Navarra, 89
3000-151 Coimbra

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The social and religious freedom we enjoy in Portugal.
- The hospitable people we are.
- The contribution of many foreign workers who gave us biblical teaching.

PRAY FOR

- More Portuguese workers with gifts for shepherding the churches.
- Workers for towns that do not have an evangelical church.
- Unity of doctrine and fellowship between the churches, leading to a livelier testimony.

Samuel Pereira – jsrprof@gmail.com

REUNION ISLAND

Population	785,000
Major religions	Christian 92% (Roman Catholic 87.5% / Protestant 2.5%) / Tamil / (Hindu/syncretistic Catholic) 15% / Muslim 6% / Chinese 3%

Brethren work began in	1971
Number of congregations	6
Number of additional preaching points	80/90 (mainly Pentecostal)
Number of baptised believers	About 100 for 3 of the 6 assemblies
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	3

AGENCY SERVING THE CHURCHES

Agence de Service pour la Mission

cifem@wanadoo.fr

André Tabailoux, 23 rue du Lagon, Saint Leu, 87436 Réunion

Annual meeting of assemblies on 15th, specially for information and contribution to mission.

BOOKSHOP

No publishing house, but a bookshop in the south is functioning very well.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Three conferences each year for our assemblies, one for evangelism, one for teaching and fellowship, and one for mission matters.

PRAY FOR

- The as-yet unreached Muslim minority.
- The planting of an assembly on Mauritius. Ronald Modeley, a Mauritian brother, supported from Réunion, has started evangelism. He needs funds to open a bookshop to spread Christian literature, and Bible correspondence courses, and as a base for evangelisation and church planting. For basic stock, various equipment and rent for the first year, he will need 3,700 Euros.

André Tabailoux – cifem@wanadoo.fr

ROMANIA

Population	21,794,793
Major religions	Orthodox 85% / Roman Catholic 4.6% / Reformed / 3.1% Pentecostals 1.7%

Brethren work began in	1899
Number of congregations	685
Number of additional preaching points	214
Number of baptised believers	28,794
Number of attenders	44,476
The number of committed believers is	decreasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	1-3 per church
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	48

MAGAZINE PUBLISHED

The Way of Faith

caleacredintei@ccev.ro

Sos. Andronache 60A, sector 2,
Bucuresti

LINKS BETWEEN CHURCHES

Union of Brethren Churches

secretariat@ccev.ro

Andronache 60A, sector 2,
Bucuresti

The organisation represents the general interests of the churches in relationships with the Romanian government, with other cults and organisations.

BIBLE SCHOOLS

Timotheus

timotheus@rdslink.ro

Str Episcop Radu 53-55, sector 2,
Bucuresti

4 years' course at high school level

Golgota-Talmaciu, Sibiu

amc.golgota@gmail.com

Str Mihai Viteazu 13,
Sibiu, Talmaciu

2 years' course at degree/diploma levels

Pacea-Selimbar, Sibiu

pacea@clicknet.ro

Str 1 Decembrie 8,
Selimbar, Sibiu, cod 557260

3 years' course at degree/diploma levels

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The freedom we have to spread the Gospel, including by radio and television.
- The unity between the churches.
- The new generation of church leaders.
- The more than 210 church buildings which have been built since 1990.

PRAY FOR

- The spreading of the Gospel in Romania in complete freedom.
- More active involvement of the believers in personal evangelisation.
- Keeping the identity of the Brethren churches and for an active promoting of the values of the Brethren movement in Romanian society.
- Increasing spread of the Gospel by 'Vocea Evangheliei' radio station, which belongs to the Romanian Evangelical Alliance.
- The evangelisation of the three million Romanians who work in Western Europe, especially in Italy and Spain.

Gabriel Serban – gabi_serban@yahoo.com

RUSSIA

Population 140 million

Major religions Practising Christians 17-22% / Russian Orthodox 15-20% / Other Christians 2% / Muslim 10-15%

Brethren work began in
Number of congregations

early 19th century
few and scattered

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Those assemblies that have been planted since Russia was open to the Gospel, as a result of various missionary activities.
- All the Bibles, New Testaments and other literature given to Russians free of charge.
- The humanitarian aid distributed to the needy in hospitals, orphanages, prisons etc.

PRAY FOR

- Understanding and cooperation among the Brethren, in spite of differences in nationality, status, etc, within each assembly and between different assemblies. Also joint efforts in planting, watering and harvesting in the Lord's field.
- Russian workers, recognised as such, and commended for local ministry.
- Gifted brothers raised up and empowered by the Holy Spirit, with knowledge of the Scriptures and the Lord's vision, fit for the furthering of the Gospel in Russia.
- Responsible brothers able to give oversight and care, and leading by example for the benefit of all the saints in the assemblies.
- Supply of funds to enable exercised believers to come up with new ministries in different areas, as the Lord leads them, and continued prayer support for those already involved in such ministries.

Igor Kasatkin – checkmeout@mail.ru

RWANDA

Population	9 million
Major religions	Christian 95% (Roman Catholic 65% / Protestant 30%) / Muslim 5%

Brethren work began in	1962
Number of congregations	140
Number of baptised believers	15,000
Number of adult attenders	17,000
The number of committed believers is	increasing quickly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	6
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	2
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	4

BIBLE SCHOOL

Gihogwe Leaders Training Centre

muralihesbey@yahoo.co.uk

PO Box 105, Kigali

Three-week course at high school level (attended by about 200 each year).

PUBLISHING HOUSE

Emmaus Bible School

PO Box 105, Kigali

INTERESTING FEATURES

We have a project for the care of orphans which supports about 500 children in the community through a sponsorship scheme with nearly 300 sponsors.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Good church growth.
- The development of an orthopaedic hospital for disabled children.
- The success of the Emmaus Bible School.
- The training of church leaders over the last four years.

PRAY FOR

- The completion of the secondary school which is under construction.
- The building of a church in town.
- High level places in Bible school.
- Ability to build all the churches we need.

Hesbey Murali – muralihesbey@yahoo.co.uk

ST LUCIA

Population 150,000

Major religions Christian 96.10% / Spiritualist 1.70% / Hindu 0.90% / Muslim 0.50%

Brethren work began in **1920**

Number of congregations **7**

The number of committed believers is **increasing slowly**

Number of full-time workers **2**

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Two new assemblies – Micoud and Laborie.
- Ministry to government schools in St. Lucia.
- Good number of young believers.

PRAY FOR

- Unity among the assemblies.
- More committed believers.
- Revival in the assemblies.

John Honore – john_honores@hotmail.com

ST VINCENT & THE GRENADINES

Population 110,000

Major religions Christianity 81.8% (Anglican 18.1%, Methodist 10.6%, Roman Catholic 5.9%, Baptist 11.4%, Pentecostal 16.8%, Seventh Day Adventist 11.5%, Church of God 4.0%, Wesleyan Holiness 1.6%, Evangelical 1.9%) / Rastafarian 1.0% / No Religion 4.3% / Other, Not Stated 12.9%

Brethren work began in	the late 1800s
Number of congregations	13
Number of additional preaching points	3
Number of baptised believers	600
Number of adult attendees	700
The number of committed believers	remains about the same
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	1
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	1
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	1

AGENCIES SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

Glad Tidings Bible Camp

PO Box 90, St Vincent,

West Indies

Organises summer camps and other activities for young people.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Help with building at Queen's Drive provided by work team from Canada
- New interactive radio programme
- Partnership with believers in New York in ministering to the needy.

PRAY FOR

- The outreach project at Queen's Drive.
- Glad Tidings Pre-School, which is in need of expansion.
- Summer camps.

Hadyn Marshall – hadynmarshall@yahoo.com

SENEGAL

Population 11 million

Major religions Muslim 94% / Christian 5% / Traditional religions 1%

Brethren work began in	1963
Number of congregations	3
Number of preaching points	5
Number of baptised believers	4
Number of adult attenders	200 (members)
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The opportunities we have to preach the Gospel.
- Two small groups that have begun in Diohine and Kochor.
- The love of the brothers and sisters in the assemblies.

PRAY FOR

- The spiritual and numerical growth of members.
- The action plan to establish five assemblies of 50 members by the year 2015.
- The purchase of ground in Dakar to build a place of worship.
- Missionary work in the areas of Senegal.

Sylvestre Sah – sahsylvestre@gmail.com

SERBIA

Population 10.5 million

Major religions Serbian Orthodox 62% / Muslim (in Kosovo) 16% / Roman Catholic 5% / Protestant 1% (including 10,000 Evangelicals - Pentecostal / Baptist / Methodist / Independent / Brethren)

Brethren work began

**about the turn of
19th to 20th Century**

Number of congregations

12

Number of additional preaching points

2

Number of baptised believers

less than 400

The number of committed believers is

decreasing slowly

Number of full-time workers serving
local congregations

4

PUBLICATION

Vecny Zivot

cizmanski@stcable.net; mirocizmanski@gmail.com

Martina Hrubika 29

321470 Backi Petrovac

BIBLE SCHOOL

Hrišćansko udruženje Beograd

info@hub.org.yu

Zrenjaninski put bb

11213 Japanski Cvet - Beograd

2-year course

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Increasing interest in foreign mission to Serbia (A family from the States came to serve with us. Students from a Bible school in Italy

came to help during evangelistic outreach. We have an annual mission conference where foreign missionaries come to share).

- Printing of 20,000 copies of the book “Jesus Our Destiny” (10,000 in Cyrillic, 10,000 in Latin alphabet)
- Distribution of Christian literature, especially for Emmaus Bible Correspondence School courses.

PRAY FOR

- Unity among the assemblies (there is an unofficial division between the ‘loose’ and the ‘tight’ — in practice, not theology).
- Intensive youth work to counteract the decreasing number of youth.
- Removal of the existing spirit of sectarianism, which is harming the testimony.
- Revival in the assemblies with emphasis on holy living and evangelism.

Miroslav Cizmanski – cizmanski@stcable.net

SINGAPORE

Population 5.08 million

Major religions Christianity 14.6% (Roman Catholics 4.8% / Evangelicals 9.8%) / Buddhism 42.5% / Taoism 8.6% / Muslim 14.9% / Hinduism 4.0% / Others 0.7% / No religion 14.7%

Brethren work began in

1864

Number of congregations

30 (18 English, 9 Mandarin, 3 other dialects)

Number of baptised believers

about 8, 500

Number of adult attendees

about 10,000

The number of committed believers is

increasing slowly

Number of full-time workers serving local congregations

95

PUBLICATIONS

Bethesda Bell

17 Pennefather Road
Singapore 424441
bkc17p@singnet.com.sg

The Frankelite

4 La Salle Street
Singapore 456930
bfec@bfec.org.sg

Bethesda Newsletter

601 Ang Mo Kio Ave 4
Singapore 569898
Bethesda@pacific.net.sg

Most Brethren churches produce weekly bulletins, rather than magazines.

WEBSITES OF BRETHREN CHURCHES IN SINGAPORE

Angora Brethren Chapel - www.angora.org.sg
Bethesda (Bedok-Tampines) Church - www.bbtc.com.sg
Bethesda Chapel - www.bethesdachapel.org
Bethesda Christian Centre - www.bethesda.sgc
Bethesda Church Bukit Arang - www.bcba.com.sg
Bethesda Community - www.bethesda.org.sg
Bethesda (Frankel Estate) Church - www.bfec.org.sg
Bethesda Hall (Ang Mo Kio) - www.bethesdahall.com
Bethesda (Katong) Church - www.bethesdakatong.org
Bukit Panjang Gospel Chapel - www.bpgospel.org.sg
Living Sanctuary Brethren Church - www.lsbcc.org.sg
Pasir Panjang Hill Brethren Church - www.pphbc.org
Yio Chu Kang Chape - www.yckc.org.sg

CHURCH LINKS

Brethren Networking Fellowship, Singapore
bfec@bfec.org.sg

INTERESTING FEATURES

Many Brethren leaders serve alongside other evangelical Christians in para-church organisations in the areas of Bible training, discipleship, missions and community welfare. The organisations where Brethren leaders are involved include Singapore Bible College, Biblical Graduate School of Theology, Discipleship Training Centre, SIM, Evangelical Fellowship of Singapore, Bible Society and St Luke's Hospital.

Over the past decade with the influx of more foreigners coming to Singapore for work or studies, many Brethren churches have been actively engaged in 'Missions-at-our-doorstep' ministries, reaching out to people from The Philippines, Indonesia, People's Republic of China and India.

The number of missionaries sent out from Brethren churches has also increased gradually. Churches work closely with mission agencies in sending out workers serving in various parts of the world, with emphasis in Asia.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Community outreach work in the residential ‘heartlands’ through provision of pre-school education, and various kinds of social services.
- ‘Missions-at-our-doorstep’ opportunities. With growing numbers of foreign workers and students in Singapore, churches are actively engaged in reaching out to various people groups. We rejoice in seeing many coming to the Lord, and for new fellowships or congregations of special language groups being established.
- Growth in the number of missionaries being sent out and supported by churches. Some of these missionaries serve in restricted access nations and some go as professionals.

PRAY FOR

- The ongoing challenge of leadership development. Over the last few years, several churches were pleased to see younger people responding to the call of leadership. Join us in praying that more younger leaders will step forward to be equipped and to serve.
- Singaporeans are facing increasing demands on their career and business, with the constant emphasis in the country on economic growth, work productivity, and international competition. Christians are caught in the same environment. Pray that believers will be clear on their priorities, and at the same time be faithful witnesses in the market place.
- Churches in Singapore to have bolder vision in cross-cultural mission. They have potential to equip and send out more workers, either as traditional missionaries or for ‘tent-making’ ministries, and there are many opportunities in neighbouring countries.

David Yap – davidyap@yckc.com.sg

Home address:

78 Hougang Avenue 7

#09-32

Singapore 53469

SLOVAKIA

Population 5,400, 000

Major religions Roman Catholic 68.9% / Lutheran Evangelical 6.9% / Orthodox 4.1% / Reformed (Calvinist) 2% / All other evangelicals less than 0.5%

Brethren work began in **1900**

Number of Brethren congregations **22**

Number of additional preaching points **14**

Number of baptised believers **about 650**

Number of adult attendees **about 800**

Number of baptised and other committed believers is **remaining about the same**

Number of full-time workers serving local congregations **3**

Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers **1**

PUBLICATIONS

Zive slovo – pkozar@berea.sk

Perspektiva – berea@berea.sk

Krestan – m.vyhnaneck@zoznam.sk

AGENCIES SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

The Christian Centre BEREА (CC Bereа)

berea@berea.sk

Alstrova 38,

831 06 Bratislava, Slovakia

www.berea.sk

Christian education, mission, youth camps, publishing.

BIBLE SCHOOL

A monthly training course for church workers is run by CC BEREА (BTCL)

PUBLISHING HOUSE

The Christian Centre BEREА

berea@berea.sk

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The efforts being made by some local churches to bring the gospel to their neighbours.
- Systematic biblical education through the BTCL course.
- Brothers and sisters serving in their local churches and in the ministries of interdenominational organisations (Gideons, TWR, CEF and others).

PRAY FOR

- Clear vision and unity for the leaders.
- Deep awareness of our responsibility for evangelism, worldwide mission and social work.

Lubomir Vyhnanek – lubomir.vyhnanek@gmail.com

web page **www.krestanskezbory.sk**

SLOVENIA

Population 2,049,000

Major religions Roman Catholic 57.80% / Atheist 10.10% / Muslim 2.4% / Orthodox 2.3% / Evangelical 0.80%

Number of congregations **2** (in Maribor & Smartno ob Paki)

Number of baptised believers **about 40** (in Maribor)

Number of adult attendees **about 45** (in Maribor)

The number of committed believers is **slowly increasing**

INTERESTING FEATURES

Brethren churches in Slovenia began when a Slovenian doctor who had attended a large Brethren church when studying in Croatia, started a church in Smartno ob Paki after his return. It has developed mainly out of his work as a doctor, and is largely composed of women. The church in Maribor was led for some time by a German missionary, but is now led by a team of locals who feel under-equipped for the task and struggle to balance ministry, work and family.

PRAISE GOD THAT

- God's Word is at the centre of church activities.
- Salvation by faith alone is still central to people's convictions.
- People have survived the loss of a key leader (due to sexual sin), and have grown stronger in their faith, as a result.
- Local leadership is present.
- People are evangelising their friends, workmates and relatives.

PRAY THAT

- The Bible will remain central to everything that happens in the church.
- Local leadership will be trained in the Word of God, and will make it a priority to train others.

- People will be willing to do what Jesus says, not just listen to his words.
- God will bring some families to faith and involvement in the Smartno ob Paki congregation.

Kingsley Box – kingsley.box@triera.net

SOUTH AFRICA

Population 48 million

Major religions Christian 75.64% (Protestants 23.14% / Independent 36.99% / Anglican 4.05% / Catholic 7.91% / Orthodox 0.14% / Marginal 0.76% / Unaffiliated 2.65%) / Traditional Ethnic 13.68% / Muslim 1.72% / Hindu 1.13% / Jewish 0.17% / Other 7.66%)

Brethren work began in	1883
Number of Brethren congregations	120
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	about 87
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	2
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	4

PUBLICATION

Bridge

rgmnews@yebo.co.za
PO Box 1597,
Ferndale 2160
Gauteng

AGENCIES SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

Rand Gospel Mission

rgmnews@yebo.co.za
PO Box 1597
Ferndale 2160
Gauteng

Serves missionaries. Negotiates with government for residential permits and/or entry permits for missionaries. Distributes clothes and food to the needy. Organises Christian literature for missionaries and assemblies. Runs a missionary guest house. Prints and distributes mission newsletters and the *Bridge* magazine.

South African Evangelisation & Missionary Trust (SAEMT)

brian@connx.co.za

PO Box 280

Westville 3630

Kwa-Zulu Natal

A body which exists solely to service missionaries and assemblies. Trustees are chosen from various assemblies for their skill or specialised experience. The trust acquires, holds, and administers land and buildings for assembly and mission use. Negotiates with government on matters, e.g., land acquisition and marriage licenses.

Christian Brethren Company (CBC)

lawrence@credotechnologies.co.za

PO Box 52

Plumstead 7801

Cape Town

Administers funds and properties by gift or bequest, and assists assemblies in holding of title deeds. Negotiates with government on matters of marriage licenses etc.

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

Brethren Missionary Trust of Zambia (BMTZ)

panafrica@musenga.org

PO Box 11228

Chingola

ZAMBIA

BIBLE SCHOOL

Emmaus Bible Correspondence

rgmnews@yebo.co.za

PO Box 1597

Ferndale 2160

Gauteng

INTERESTING FEATURES

Desire for a formal, systematic study of the Word.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The reality of the PABC2 held in Zambia, August 2009.
- The spirit of flexibility by many who may be termed 'conservative' a few years back.

PRAY FOR

- A closer working and networking of assemblies and leaders.
- An institute of learning, biblical studies.
- Interaction, networking and partnership.
- A body to orchestrate the desired synergy.

Enoch Reuben Muniah – Adonai1@bigfoot.com

SPAIN

Population	44 million
Major religions	Roman Catholic 90% / Muslim 6% / Evangelical 1.2% / Undefined 2.8%

Brethren work began in	1863
Number of congregations	about 200
Number of additional preaching points	20-30
Number of baptised believers	about 8-9,000
The number of baptised believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers	80

PUBLICATIONS

Edificación Cristiana

c/Trafalgar 32, 28010 Madrid

Caminenemos Juntas (for women)

cjuntas@interbook.net

c/Castilla 63, 3º, 41010 Sevilla

Boletín de Oración de las Asambleas (BOA)

boletin@asambleasdehermanos.org.es

c/Almená 3, E. 09007 Burgos

AGENCIES SERVING THE CHURCHES

Evangelism in Action

eea.malago@evangelismoenaccion.com

c/Alonso de Palencia 16, 4º, Málaga

Pioneer outreach, leadership and discipling, local churches, radio.

Fondevan

fondevan@ano.com

c/Trafalgar 32, 28010 Madrid

Service agency for channelling funds to full-time workers.

Fe Y Ministerio

c/Trafalgar 32, 28010 Madrid

Protection of properties and their improvement. Bursary fund for theological students.

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

Mision Pionero Internacional (MPI)

esterode@eremas.net

CHURCH LINKS

Coordinadura de Asambleas de Hermanos

Coordinates and stimulates joint efforts in evangelism, youth work and Bible teaching.

BIBLE SCHOOLS

Escuela Biblica Evangelica (IBSTE)

Apdo.48 and Ramal de la Raconada 5, 08860 CASTELDEFELS,
Barcelona

Two- or three-year courses at college level.

Proyecto Efeso

leon@arsys.es

isidoro@leontoral.org

Centro de Conferencias y Campamentos

‘Eduardo Turall’,

24237 Torral de los Guzmanes, León

Two-year courses at college level.

Also a number of regional or local schools which are smaller, sometimes interdenominational, but Brethren-based and staffed.

PUBLISHING HOUSES

Centro Ev. de Formacion Biblica en Madrid

c/Trafalgar 32, 28010 Madrid

Editorial Discipulo

Apartado 202, 22080 Huesca

Archives with reference to the Brethren movement.

Formally constituted

AGDE in Barcelona

Centro Ev. de Formación Bíblica en Madrid

Toral de los Guzmanes y otros en manos particulares.

For more information: **Ken Barrett** – plaininspain@gmail.com

PRAISE GOD THAT

- He has not only helped his people to maintain a testimony in the midst of tremendous upheavals in Spanish history, but that he has blessed it and caused it to bear much fruit.
- The stirring of interest in historical investigation among a few of the Spanish Brethren can do a great deal for missiology and cultural reflection. Also the old argument against the Gospel that it is something from outside Spain and Spanish culture can be vigorously refuted by such evidences.
- Though the leadership of the work during the period 1863 - 1936 was almost entirely in the hands of foreign missionaries, it is now mainly in the hands of very competent Spanish nationals.
- We are seeing the rise of a new generation of younger workers with a vision not only for evangelising Spain, but for using churches here as a springboard for missionary work abroad, in Morocco, Turkey and other countries.

PRAY FOR

- Unity in fellowship, cooperation and priorities. There are still great differences between a majority of conservative churches and a vigorous minority of more open ones on matters such as the

ministry of women and types of leadership.

- An increase in missionary and evangelistic vision in all the churches, many of which are just 'ticking over'.
- Wisdom and discernment among leaders and congregations so that they may be able to understand and come to terms with a society that is fast moving into 'post-modernity', but without having passed through 'modernity', due to the stranglehold of a very hardline traditional Roman Catholic Church.
- Short-term missionary projects in Peru and other South American countries.

Terry Wickham – tpwickham@ya.com

SRI LANKA

Population	21,000,000
Religions	Buddhist 72% Hindu 11% Muslim 8% Catholic 6%

Brethren work began in	1902
Number of Brethren congregations	8
Number of Brethren preaching points	23
Number of baptised believers	831
Number of attendees	1,200
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	6
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	2
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	2

AGENCIES SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

Bethesda

21 Dickmans Rd, Colombo 5, SRI LANKA

sbsmahen@yahoo.com

Forwarding literature and gifts to non-English speaking assemblies in remote rural areas.

CHURCH LINKS

Emmaus Correspondence School

21 Dickmans Rd, Colombo 5, SRI LANKA

Sri-Lanka@Emmaus.Name

Distributing correspondence courses to students in English, Sinhala and Tamil languages across the island.

HISTORICAL DETAILS

The first full-time worker was Arthur F Whitty of New Zealand who started serving the Lord in Colombo in 1902. In 1910 he was joined by Charles Rolls from Napier, New Zealand. Others who helped were Handley Bird, A.C. Rose, Silas Fox and J.M. Davies. Arthur Whitty commenced a work

in Bambalapitiya a residential quarter at the southern end of the rapidly growing city of Colombo. In 1919 Bethesda Hall was built and many expatriate civil servants and naval officers joined the assembly. Following independence in 1948, many expatriates left the country which resulted in the closure of all assemblies except Bethesda Hall. In 1971, the last remaining elder, Fred Collette emigrated to Australia. George Nicholas, an architect, was saved in Aberdeen and returned to Sri Lanka in 1972 and started serving the Lord at Bethesda. Gradually the work started to grow again and in 1979 Emmaus Correspondence courses were distributed. This resulted in contacts in many remote areas and assemblies began to be planted on the island. In the 1990's Sinhala and Tamil language meetings were begun at Bethesda. Today there are eight large assemblies on the island and many more assemblies in the making.

PRAISE GOD

- That peace has returned to the island after 30 years of civil war.
- That many have been receptive to the gospel following the 2005 tsunami.
- That many groups of believers are meeting in rural locations across the island.

PRAY

- That groups of believers gathering in rural locations will become functioning assemblies.
- That the Lord will raise up suitable translators so that more literature can be produced in local languages.
- That the anti-conversion bill that has been presented in parliament will not become law.
- That God would raise up more brothers and sisters to serve the Lord in Sri Lanka.
- That the thousands of orphans and widows occasioned by the civil war will find a secure place in the unified Sri Lanka.

Rajeev Nicholas

296 Park Road,

Colomba 5 Sri Lanka

rajeevnicholas@yahoo.co.uk

SUDAN

Population	40 million
Major religions	Muslim (Sunni) 70% / Christian 25% / Traditional 5%

Brethren work began in	1926 (and resumed in 1971)
Number of congregations	5
Number of additional preaching points	5
Number of baptised believers	220
Number of adult attenders	250 (350 for special events)
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	2
Number of full-time evangelists	2
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	2 (and 1 half-time)

SERVICE AGENCY FOR CROSS-CULTURAL MISSION

Fund for Christian Services

pegsawires@verizon.net

BIBLE SCHOOL

No Bible school, but we do have classes for teaching basic Christian doctrine.

PUBLISHING HOUSE

No publishing house in Sudan, but we are connected to the Brethren publishing house in Egypt.

Brethren_pub@writeme.com

3 Anga Hanim st, Shoubra, Cairo, Egypt

UNUSUAL OR INTERESTING FEATURES

Evangelistic outreach; Basic Christian facts courses; Christian literature (booklets, books and tracts); revision and editing of the curriculum of the Christian teaching of the schools in Sudan; youth conferences; junior conferences; teenagers conferences; book table fair; Bible study groups; Christian curriculum teaching; printing and distributing free tracts; free outpatient clinic; supporting the poor, handicapped and students; prison and (occasional) TV ministry.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Evangelistic meetings and conferences.
- Outreach to the Nuba Mountains.
- The Lord's work in Rumbek.
- The Lord's care and protection of the work and the workers.

PRAY FOR

- The medical work, including the outpatient clinic.
- The Lord's work in Rumbek and the Nuba Mountains.
- The book table exhibitions.
- Those who attend the classes in basic Christian doctrine, that they may join us in fellowship and testimony.

Hani Isaac – hany7@msn.com

SWITZERLAND (FRENCH-SPEAKING, WESTERN PART)

Population	7,230,000 in Switzerland (of whom 1,500,000 speak French)
Major religions	Christian 77% (Roman / Catholic 41.8% / Protestant 33% / Evangelical 2.2%)

Brethren work began in	1817 (Geneva) 1824 (Vaud canton)
Number of Brethren congregations	48
Number of baptised believers	4,600
Number of adult attenders	4,000
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	48
Number of itinerant evangelists	3
Number of itinerant Bible teachers	4

MAGAZINE PUBLISHED

Vivre

vivre@bluewin.ch

Secrétariat de la FREE, En Glapin, CH 1162 St Prex

AGENCY SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

Secrétariat de la FREE

secretariat@lafree.ch

En Glapin, CH 1162, St Prex

Maintains relationships between the churches and ministries.

Serves missionary activities within and outside Switzerland.

SERVICE AGENCY FOR CROSS-CULTURAL MISSION

Service Missionnaire Evangélique

secretariat@lafree.ch

Secrétariat de la FREE, En Glapin, CH 1162 St Prex

CHURCH LINKS

Fédération romande d'Eglises évangélique

www.lafree.ch

secretariat@lafree.ch

En Glapin, CH 1162 St Prex

Mutual encouragement, common missionary projects in Switzerland and abroad, solidarity, pastoral training, youth work, Bible camps, etc.

BIBLE SCHOOLS

The following are closest to our churches, but are independent of them.

Institute Biblique et Missionnaire Emmaus

www.institut-emmaus.ch

Route de Fenil 40, CH 1806 St-Légier

4-year course at post-secondary level

Faculté Libre de Théologie Evangélique

www.flte.free.fr

infoscom@flte.fr

85 avenue de Cherbourg, F78740 Vaux-sur-Seine

University level

PUBLISHING HOUSE

Edition Je sème

c/o Charles-Abel Piguet

Rue de Lyon 53, CH 1203 Genève

INTERESTING OR UNUSUAL FEATURES

Our federation, FREE, is not the only family of churches in the Brethren movement in west Switzerland. There are other assemblies with whom we have only a few personal contacts.

FREE came into existence in January 2007, when 36 assemblies of Brethren origin (Assemblées d'Eglises Evangélique en Suisse Romande) joined with 12 evangelical churches (Fédération d'Eglises Evangéliques

Libres) mainly in the canton of Neuchâtel (their historical beginnings were contemporary with those of AESR).

Our Brethren heritage is well expressed in the confession of faith and statutes (available on the web at www.lafree.ch) Far from dividing the local church into clergy and laity, we try to promote the responsibilities, gifts, and participation in worship, of the largest number of brothers and sisters.

The assemblies were deeply influenced by the teachings of J N Darby. In order to be faithful to Scripture, we had to reconsider several points of doctrine, such as the dispensationalist approach to Scripture and eschatology; ecclesiology, including ministry and gifts; participation of both men and women in ministry, etc.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The peaceful way in which two families of churches came together to form FREE.
- Missionary vocations.
- The richness of spiritual sensitivities which respect each other.
- Fruitful local and regional collaboration with other Christians in witness to the Gospel.

PRAY ABOUT

- The defective biblical understanding, the individualism, and materialism of so many in Switzerland.
- The financial support of all the ministries in Switzerland and abroad.
- The varying views of ecclesiology which can be a weakness, as well as a richness.
- The involvement of young brothers and sisters in local and regional ministries.

René Monot – mrmonot@gmail.com

TAIWAN

Population 23,157,178

Major religions Buddhism 35.1%, Taoism 33.0% Yi Guan Dao 3.5%, Protestantism 2.6% Catholicism 2.6%

Brethren work began in	1949
Number of Brethren congregations	15
Number of additional preaching points	15
Number of baptised believers	1100
Number of adult attendees	1200
Number of baptised and other committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	8
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	0

PUBLICATION

Taiwan Brethren Assemblies Quarterly

No 39, Nanhai Rd., Zhongzheng Dist.,
Taipei City, 100, Taiwan

PUBLISHING HOUSE

Ling Chuan Bookstore

2 Aly 1, Ln 352, Jianzing Rd., North District,
Taichung City 404, Taiwan

PRAY FOR

- the people of Taiwan that they may open their hearts to the Lord.
- government officials that they may honour justice and be fearful of God.
- Brethren assemblies in Taiwan that they may be in unity with regard to mission projects.
- a heavenly vision which will generate motivation for cross-cultural mission for the glory of God.

Steven Lin – Slin@igus.com.tw

THAILAND

Population	about 65 million
Major religions	Buddhist 94% / Muslim 4.5% / Christian 1.5% (less than half evangelical)

Brethren work began in	about 1885
Number of congregations (plus 3 planted by a Korean missionary which have no links with the 11)	11
Additional preaching points	3
Number of baptised believers	about 400
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers and wives serving local congregations	23

AGENCY SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

Christian Brethren Missionary Group

CMBG, 126/48 Soi 24 Ramkhamhaeng Rd

Huamark, Bangkok 10240

Mainly liaison with the Thai Government.

CHURCH LINKS

Christian Brethren Assembly Church Association, CBA

24 Thalang Road, Talart Yea, Muang, Phuket 8300

Promotes fellowship and sharing of ministry, liaises and interacts with the Thai Government and society, encourages mission.

BIBLE SCHOOL

Emmaus Bible Correspondence Courses

Address as above

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The growth of local believers and an increasing number of local full-time workers.
- The sense of oneness between the different groups.
- The steady expansion of the work during the past 19 years.

PRAY FOR

- Korean missionaries starting church planting in the North East at Khon Kaen.
- The local full-time workers in the North West whose support is very marginal.
- The relationship between the expatriate missionaries (presently all Korean) and local full-time workers.
- The building project for the Bangkok church.
- The completion of the Phuket assembly building project (mainly campsite facilities).

Russell Keanalley - russruth@pray4thailand.com

TONGA

Population	119,009
Major religions	Free Wesleyan 37% / Mormons 17% / Roman Catholics 16% / Free Church of Tonga 11%

Brethren work began in	1973
Number of congregations	4
Number of preaching points	5
Number of baptised believers	90
Number of adult attendees	243
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	2
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	1
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	1

INTERESTING FEATURES

The autonomous churches are not governed by a president, but by a governing body of elders. Leaders are not set apart from the congregations, but they mingle so that they learn to know the members and get known by the members.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- the clear-cut teaching of salvation by grace that was brought by the Brethren missionaries which broke off the hold of salvation by works that has been taught by the traditional churches.
- His enablement, so that we get more opportunity to air freely the gospel to all parts of the country through the national radio. This privilege is only given to the mainline churches.

PRAY THAT

- three local believers will volunteer as full-time workers to the churches. Pray that believers may entrust their lives to God and take up this challenge.
- the political transformation in our Government may not bring divisiveness among the churches and among the people in the churches in different states.
- the Brethren churches in Tonga will be able to link with Brethren from other countries so that we can partake in spiritual riches that they obtain in their faithfulness to Christ as churches.

Naisa Ngalu – naisan@kalianet.to

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Population 1.3 million

Major religions Full Gospel 33.2% / Roman Catholic 26% / Hindu 25.8% / Anglican 10% / Islam 5.8%

Brethren work began in	1910
Number of congregations	32
Number of preaching points	6
Number of baptised believers	1,150
Number of adult attendees	about 1,300
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	4
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	1
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	3

AGENCIES SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

Stewards Christian Brethren Company Trinidad and Tobago Ltd.

#45 Erthig Road

Belmont, Port-of-Spain

Trinidad and Tobago WI

Trust company overseeing church properties, etc.

INTERESTING FEATURES

The Christian Brethren Movement of Trinidad and Tobago began on 27 February 1910 at Belmont, Port-of-Spain. John W. Mc Lachlan and his wife Alice laboured there with local believers in the early days where the first gospel hall was established. It has grown to 32 churches over its one hundred year history. The vision over this period has been the salvation of the souls of men and women who were held in spiritual darkness, and the transformation of these precious souls into disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ.

As we join with the community of believers present today to celebrate the wonderful goodness and mercy of our Great God for one hundred years, may we each experience the call of our Lord Jesus Christ for unity as recorded in His prayer in John 17 and respond with wholehearted commitment to ensure growth and fruitfulness of the Movement until His glorious return.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Missionaries from the United Kingdom who came to establish the work.
- Preservation of the testimony throughout one hundred years.
- Blessings received during the centenary year 2010.
- Opportunity to preach the gospel without fear or persecution.

PRAY FOR

- The Lord to raise up labourers, both young and old into His harvest field.
- Unity among the local churches.
- A clear vision for the future.
- A greater thrust in evangelism in our communities.

Alva Corbin via Cordelia Stewart – stewartcordelia@hotmail.com

TURKEY

Population	72 million
Major religions	Muslim 99% (78% Sunni 21% Shi'a) / Christian 0.164% (Orthodox 0.12% / Roman Catholic 0.04% / Evangelicals 0.004%) / Jewish 0.03% / Other 0.8%

Brethren work began in	1961
Number of congregations	8
Number of baptised believers	150-200
Number of additional preaching points	about 10
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers (This includes Turkish men and women married to foreign missionaries, and other full-time Turkish workers primarily associated with foreign workers from Brethren background.)	50
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	3
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	4

AGENCY SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

Silas, a non-denominational organisation, serves practical needs of the churches.

CHURCH LINKS

No uniquely Brethren organisation, but several Brethren background churches are members of TEK (an interdenominational organisation for evangelical churches, recognised by the Evangelical Alliance).

BIBLE SCHOOLS

Missionaries from Brethren background or supported by Brethren funds have a significant role in several Bible training enterprises.

George Bristow – george.bristow@wheaton.edu

David Malcolm – derekmalcolm@mac.com (currently living in UK)

PUBLICATIONS

About 90 titles have been published so far, including Bible study books, a commentary, and evangelistic books which sell in secular shops.

PUBLISHING HOUSE

Haberci (www.habercibilgi.com/index.html) have published William McDonald's commentaries, Bible study books, classic Christian books, books on practical discipleship issues, evangelistic books for adults and youth.

A 'Bible School in a Briefcase', containing Bible teaching material on DVD which will eventually cover the whole Bible, is being produced, as well as evangelistic DVDs.

Roger Malstead – rogerhm@attglobal.net

INTERESTING FEATURES

Turkey is the longest-lasting democracy in a Muslim-majority nation in the world (since 1923). In 1960 there were only 2 known believers from a Muslim background. There is great freedom for the gospel, yet oppression in many forms. The attitude of the workers who came first (from OM and WEC, some of whom were from Brethren background) is probably a key factor in maintaining a high level of cooperation and communication between evangelicals of all kinds. As a result, there does not seem to be a specific sense of a distinct group of Brethren assemblies, with their own conferences, publishing or other ministries. Rather, the ideas and biblical principles commonly understood and practised in Brethren circles have had an influence on the wider body of Christian groups.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The greater boldness, unity, and holiness that have resulted from the murder of three brothers (two Turks and one German) in April 2007 has resulted in greater boldness, unity and holiness among the believers.
- The outstanding witness of the two widows who have spoken powerfully to millions on the media about the forgiveness and power of Christ.

- The level of unity in the body of Christ in Turkey.
- The Turkish and foreign believers who have been willing to move into areas where there is no church yet nor a witness there.
- The radiant love, joy, peace, and hope that Christ has given to his little flock in Turkey.

PRAY FOR

- The calling and training of consecrated labourers (evangelists, pioneers in new cities, pastors and teachers) both Turkish and foreign.
- Many of the 45 million under the age of 25 to turn to Christ.
- Humility, love for one another and all the people, deep dependence on God (not on human resources), and persevering intercessory prayer among the believers in Turkey.
- Boldness and wisdom in preaching the gospel.
- Fruit in camp work, internet evangelism, radio outreach, apologetic through books, seminars and Bible correspondence courses.
- Marriage and family ministry to build up Turkish believers and as a means of evangelism.
- Evangelism through arts, drama, music and literature, etc. Pray for more Turkish believers to be called to engage in these ministries.
- Fruitful outreach via “tentmakers” and business ventures.

Dennis McGee - rom15v20@gmail.com

Roger Malstead - rogerhm@attglobal.net

UGANDA

Population	28 million
Major religions	Protestant 33% / Roman Catholic 33% / Muslim 16% / Traditional ethnic 18%

Brethren work began in	1966
Number of congregations	23
Number of additional preaching points	53
Number of baptised believers	600
Number of adult attenders	425
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	36
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	6
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	12

BIBLE SCHOOL

Emmaus Bible Correspondence School
PO Box 698, Kabale

UNUSUAL OR INTERESTING FEATURES

Independence and balanced biblical teaching.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Freedom of worship.
- Great opportunities for ministry, especially in Kampala.
- Brethren partnership.
- Bridgeway publications.

PRAY FOR

- Training of leaders/elders, youth and Sunday school teachers.
- Bibles for new believers.
- A van for missions.
- Shelters for new chapels.

Wilson Niwamanya – niwamanyawilson2004@yahoo.co.uk

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Population	4,444,011
Major religions	Muslim 96% (Shi'a 16%) / Other (including Christian / Hindu) 4%

Brethren work began	1959 (Dubai) 1970 (Abu Dhabi), 1975 (Sharjah), 1977 (Diera), 1979 (Farairah), 1980 (Alain) 1990 (Ras Al Khaimah)
Number of congregations	20
Number of baptised believers	about 5,000 (85% from Kerala state in India)

INTERESTING FEATURES

The discovery of oil and the fast development of the country brought many believers seeking employment. Though a strongly Muslim country (formed in 1971 from seven once independent sheikhdoms), freedom of worship is granted.

CHURCH LINKS

Since 1984, united conferences have been held (currently every two years), a conference for sisters and a teens camp are held every year, and conferences for youth Sunday school teachers and young people are held every two years.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The freedom and facilities we enjoy.
- The active fellowship, good spiritual standard and regular meetings for worship, prayer, Bible study, Sunday school, youth meetings, sisters' meetings and gospel meetings we are able to hold.
- The help we are able to send to Brethren ministries in India.

PRAY THAT

- We will stay peacefully in this part of the world as useful and fruitful vessels for our Lord till his second coming.

C M Jacob – vairamon@eim.ae

UNITED KINGDOM

Population 60 million

Major religions Christian 71.6% / Muslim 2.7% / Hindu 1% / Other 1.6% / None 23.1%

Brethren work began in

the late 1820s

Number of congregations

about 1,000

Number of baptised believers

about 40,000

The number of committed believers is

probably decreasing slowly

Number of full-time workers serving local congregations

about 200

Number of full-time itinerant evangelists

about 50

Number of itinerant Bible teachers

about 20

PUBLICATIONS

Believers Magazine

sales@johnritchie.co.uk

40 Beansburn, Kilmarnock KA3 1RH

Echoes

echoes@echoes.org.uk

124 Wells Road, Bath BA2 3AH

Partnership Perspectives

neil.summerton@ruralinternet.co.uk

Abbey Court, Cove, Tiverton, Devon EX16 7RT

Precious Seed

info@preciousseed.org

5 Turnham Green, Penylan, Cardiff CF23 9DL

AGENCIES SERVING THE CHURCHES

Counties

office@countiesuk.org

30 Haynes Road, Westbury BA13 3HD

Supports the work of evangelists, organises Bible exhibitions etc.

Gospel Literature Outreach (GLO)

admin@gloeurope.org

78 Muir Street, Motherwell ML1 1BN

Mobilises and trains young people for evangelism.

Partnership

partnership-plus@xalt.co.uk

2 Blenheim Close, Cambridge CB1 4DU

Resources and encourages local churches for change and growth.

Publishes magazines and books. Arranges international, national, and regional conferences.

Stewardship

enquiries@stewardship.org.uk

PO Box 99, Loughton IG10 3QJ

Provides advice and services on financial, property, trust and legal matters.

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

Echoes of Service

echoes@echoes.org.uk

124 Wells Road, Bath BA2 3AH

BIBLE SCHOOL

Tilsley College

college@gloeurope.org

78 Muir Street, Motherwell ML1 1BN

One-year accredited courses with a possible second year entailing placements.

INTERESTING FEATURES

There has been a steady decline in the number of churches since 1960, largely due to rigid adherence to a tradition that has inhibited changes required by the changing British culture. There is, however, evidence of growth (some churches have several hundreds of members) and some church planting is taking place. Despite the decline, involvement in foreign mission remains high (though many serve with non-Brethren societies).

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Churches that are growing and new churches being planted.
- Continuing involvement in world mission.
- Effective ministry of many who have become leaders in non-Brethren churches.

PRAY FOR

- Willingness to make changes where these are clearly required if the work is to continue to bear fruit.
- Wise and courageous leadership.
- More church planting.

Neil Summerton – neil.summerton@ruralinternet.co.uk

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Population 310 million

Major religions Christian 78.4% / Jewish 1.7% / Buddhist 0.7% / Muslim 0.6%

Brethren work began in	1860s
Number of Brethren congregations	780
Number of baptised believers	44,000
Number of adult attendees	58,000
Number of baptised and other committed believers is	decreasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	353
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	20
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	55 + 24 Bible college teachers

PUBLICATIONS

Uplook

uplook@uplook.org

12064 Linden Dr., Marne, MI 49435

Missions

cmml@cmmlusa.org

P.O. Box 13, Spring Lake, NJ 07762

Journey

jlange@emmaus.edu

2570 Asbury Road, Dubuque, IA 52001

AGENCIES SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

Christian Workers Fellowship Fund

P.O. Box 1117, Lawrence, KS 66044

Funds distribution

Stewards Ministries

info@stewardsministries.com

1101 Perimeter Drive, Suite 600, Schaumburg, IL 60173

SUPPORT

Believers Stewardship Services

info@believerstewardship.org

2250 Chaney Rd., Dubuque, IA 52001

Planned giving

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

Christian Missions in Many Lands

cmml@cmmlusa.org

P.O. Box 13, Spring Lake, NJ 07762

CHURCH LINKS

Assembly Care Ministries

info@assemblycare.org

11928 Sheldon Rd., Suite 101, Tampa, FL 33626

Networking

BIBLE SCHOOL

Emmaus Bible College

info@emmaus.edu

2570 Asbury Road, Dubuque, IA 52001

4-year bachelor degree

PUBLISHING HOUSE

ECS Ministries

ecsorders@ecsministries.org

P.O. Box 1028, Dubuque, IA 52001

Bible Truth Publishers

btporders@cs.com

P.O. Box 649, Addison, IL 60101

INTERESTING FEATURES

The Open Assemblies can be divided into three types. The Gospel Halls are in decline. The Bible Chapels are merely maintaining. The progressive assemblies function more like independent Bible churches and are growing.

PRAISE GOD THAT

- Missionary interest is alive and well.
- Camp ministry is very active.
- Emmaus Bible College is fully accredited to offer bachelor's degrees.

PRAY FOR

- More successful evangelism.
- More skilled leadership.

Ken Daughters – kdaughters@gmail.com

URUGUAY

Population 3,200,000

Major religions Roman Catholic 60% / Spiritualism more than 20% / Evangelicals 5% / Other 5% / None 10%

Brethren work began in **1882**

Number of congregations **32**

Number of additional preaching points **10**

Number of baptised believers about **1,200**

Number of adult attendees **about 2,000**
(plus about 4,000 children and young people)

The number of committed believers is **increasing slowly**

Number of full-time workers serving local congregations **20 nationals and 7 foreign**

(mostly under 40 years of age, ministering to new congregations)

Number of itinerant evangelists and Bible teachers **several**

Several visit assemblies regularly and others regularly serve in two or more cities

PUBLICATIONS

None at present, but **Caminando Juntos** (Walking Together) was published for about eight years until publication ceased for the time being, mainly due to lack of finance.

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

If Uruguayans were commended to service abroad, CAMU (see below) would assume responsibility.

CHURCH LINKS

Consejo y Administracion Misionera del Uruguay (CAMU)

Guadalupe 1605 c/p 11,800 Montevideo

camdelu@adinet.com.uy

Distributes funds from assemblies to missionaries, organises joint assembly functions, Easter and missionary conferences, elders' retreats. CAMU is so far, an unregistered body which links the assemblies through a monthly meeting open to all elders and their helpers. About half the country's assemblies are represented regularly: the others are not ostracized, nor in conflict, and only a couple remain apart due to principle. The general feature is of working together, and the assemblies are well represented at the Easter general conference, a yearly missionary conference in August, a yearly retreat for elders and helpers with their wives, as well as a picnic in May. This year's Day for Elders and Deacons drew an attendance of 72 leaders and represented 23 of the 32 churches.

Asociacion Cristiana de Ayuda Integral (ACAI)

infoacai@adinet.com.uy

Guadalupe 1605

c/p 11,800 Montevideo

ACAI is the legal representative originally initiated for the setting up a home for elderly Christians. It opened its doors with three elderly sisters, but this year had to close the doors due to some important changes - from taxes to personal and the sisters themselves. But the project remains a priority. The association also takes into account other social activities (e.g. a children's home, Christian schools) if and when these are undertaken.

There are another 4 committees with legal status which basically hold the title deeds of buildings and vehicles, and has been useful for importing vehicles and equipment.

Eventos Juveniles

eventosjuveniles@gmail.com

This Youth committee organises youth camps, yearly united events such as a 3 day retreat, an evangelistic effort, and a bi-monthly youth prayer meeting.

Women's Committee

camdelu@adinet.com.uy

Organises a yearly united retreat for women.

BIBLE SCHOOL

Instituto Biblico Berea

ibiceuy@adinet.com.uy

Guadalupe 1605

c/p 11,800 Montevideo

Holds a weekly three-hour session, eight months a year, for three years.

High school level, leading to a certificate.

PUBLISHING HOUSE

Emmaus - ECS Ministries

camdelu@adinet.com.uy

Guadalupe 1605

11,800 Montevideo

Most materials are imported, but recent exorbitant increase in shipping costs has required some local copying.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The general cooperation among assemblies, noted above, seen also in other areas such as Bible camps and evangelistic efforts.
- A turning away from the traditional and official agnosticism, to more people looking for spiritual reality. Most assemblies have seen attendance and conversions increase in the past five years.
- For the recent passing of a law which officially permits non-commercial, community radio stations for the next five years.
- Many churches are taking advantage of this, three assemblies among them.
- For encouraging growth, seen especially among teen and youth groups. Example: A recent youth retreat in Rosario drew 300 young people from all the country. Ten years ago, the same activity in the same city drew 180.

PRAY FOR

- A more organised approach to establishing assemblies in areas where there aren't any, not only in cities and towns around the country, but also in important locations in the capital city of Montevideo.
- Building additions which are urgently needed in several assembly buildings, Bible camps, and especially the home for elderly people in Montevideo.
- Badly needed increase in output power for some of the Community FM stations operated by the assemblies - such as Radio Resplendor FM 99.5.
- Continued growth in the unity and cooperation which exists among the assemblies.

Enrique Vazquez y Alejandro Huerto and Ken Russell –

keneun@adinet.com.uy

ZAMBIA

Population	13 million
Major religions	Nominal Christian 75% / (including Protestant 27% / Roman Catholic 32%) / Traditional African beliefs 23% / Muslim 1.0% / Other 1.0%

Brethren work began in	1898
Number of congregations	1,255
Number of full-time workers	123 listed with BMTZ
105 serving in Zambia and 18 Serving outside Zambia	
The number of committed believers is	increasing

PUBLICATION

BMTZ (newsletter twice a year)

PO Box 11228

Chingola , Zambia

Phone 260 212 313357

bmtz@zamnet.com

SERVICE AGENCY FOR CROSS-CULTURAL MISSION

BMTZ (address as above)

The Brethren Missionary Trust of Zambia (BMTZ) serves Christian Brethren Assemblies within Zambia and Christian workers commended by them to full-time service for Christ. These commended workers (missionaries) go forth with faith in God “to the uttermost parts of the earth”, for the sole purpose of fulfilling Christ’s great commission. BMTZ is an important avenue of communication between the Christian worker on the field and Christians in the Zambian assemblies. As a service agency, BMTZ does not send, support, or superintend Christian workers, but serves them. The challenge for the Church in Zambia is that it rise up and take this mission work on board in prayer and also in giving financially.

BIBLE SCHOOLS

GLO Zambia

PO Box 73087 Ndola

Nine-months course at high school level

Samfya Bible School

samfyabs@zamtel.zm

PO Box 720014 Samfya

Nine-months course at primary level in the vernacular

Nyangombe Bible School

gmckillop@musenga.org

PO Box 1600019 Mwinilunga

Nine-months course at primary level

PUBLISHING HOUSES

Christian Literature Press

prove@musenga.org

PO Box 10182 Chingola

African Christian Books

apark@zamnet.zm

PO Box 0376 Luanshya

Lunda Ndembu Publications

marilyn@cmmlflightservice.com

PO Box 10 Ikilenge

INTERESTING FEATURES

We are noticing a new a very encouraging trend whereby the Lord is mobilising missionaries from South Africa to come and work in Zambia This has a lot of potential for the development of church planting in new areas.

Zambia is still essentially a “field ripe unto harvest”. There is complete freedom to preach the Gospel and there is often a ready response to the Gospel. We are seeing new churches planted and established within six months to one year. There is therefore a massive need for good discipling

work and church based teaching programs the key being the rapid development of local leadership within the groups of new believers.

HOSPITALS, HEALTH CENTRES, ORPHANAGES AND AVIATION

Christian Missions in Many Lands, and the Brethren churches which it has planted, is one of the largest Christian missions in Zambia. Currently it manages the following hospitals and rural health centres.

Chavuma Mission Hospital
Chitokoloki Mission Hospital
Dipalata Mission RHC
Ipusukilo Children's centre
Isubilo Community Resource Centre
Kalene Hill Mission Hospital
Kasama Community Care Centre
Loloma Mission Hospital
Lwela Mission RHC
Mambilima Mission Hospital
Mambilima School for the Handicapped
Musenga Mission RHC

There are also ten other smaller institutions , Rural Health Centres, AIDS Hospice and Care centre, Vocational Training Centre and Refugee Care Groups spread across the country from Nchelenge to Chavuma, Nangweshi to Monze. As much as possible supplies are purchased from local sources in Zambia, but inevitably, some supplies are imported either from overseas or South Africa.

TRANSPORT

There is also the need for utility motor vehicles for us in ministry. Four aircraft are in use, one stationed at Chitokoloki Mission and another at Kalene Mission and two at Musenga Mission in Chingola on the copper belt. These aircraft are used to ferry sick patients as well as to transport supplies and personnel between the mission stations. With very bad roads in some of the rural areas, it is sometimes the only way to get to some of our distant stations, especially in the wet season.

PRAY FOR

- The strengthening and encouragement of the over 1200 Christian Brethren churches in the country..
- The instilling of MISSIONARY VISION into the local churches and for them to get more fully involved in outreach and church planting within and beyond the Zambian borders.
- The teaching and training of Zambian believers to carry on all aspects of the work currently being done by missionaries. This includes the management of the hospitals, schools, Bible training centres, Sunday school and youth work, in addition to various forms of teaching and preaching ministries.
- Help to enable the church members to rise to their responsibilities to support the work going on in the country both materially and in prayer. The first stage is that they should provide the material support of the growing number of their own full-time workers and eventually be able to provide the financial resource needed to manage the many institutions which have been established, most of which are financed from sources outside the country.
- The national full-time workers commended by Brethren churches in Zambia..
- Christian Literature work including the writing of suitable material, its publication and distribution.
- The Christian Press at Chingola and the effective management of many Christian bookshops together with the plans to expand this ministry.
- Zambian believers who have been called by God and commended from Brethren churches in Zambia into a cross-cultural ministry.

Kelvin Samwata - sgmzam@zamnet.zm

IBCM (INTERNATIONAL BRETHREN CONFERENCES ON MISSION)

IBCM conferences are held every four years. They have their origins in a side meeting at the Lausanne II conference in Manila in 1989 and a summer workshop on the Brethren held at Regent College in Vancouver in 1990. The first IBCM conference was held in Singapore in 1993. There have been subsequent conferences in Rome, Italy (1996), Sibui, Romania (2003), Wiedenest, Germany (2007), and Strasbourg, France (2011). Over 500 people from about 90 countries are expected at the 2011 conference.

The aim of the conferences is to bring together national leaders in the Brethren movement from as many countries in the world as possible, for mutual encouragement, networking, strategic thought, prayer and hearing from God. The conferences have given birth to similar conferences in a number of different regions of the world, and have stimulated renewed fellowship and action in a number of individual countries. They have also facilitated international activities such as the Brethren Educational Network (see www.benrff.org) and have supported the related International Training Consultations held at Dubuque, Iowa, USA in 2005 and 2010.

The IBCM conferences are organised by a small international planning group (in 2011, comprising Fares Marzone (Italy – Chairman), Reynald Kozycki (France), Kevin Samwata (Zambia), Paul Joshua (India) and Neil Summerton (United Kingdom – Secretary). The international planning group consults electronically a wider advisory group whose members are drawn from the various parts of the world. It works with national preparatory groups to arrange the individual IBCM conferences. For the IBCM5 conference in 2011, the preparatory group has comprised: Fares Marzone (Chairman), Reynald Kozycki, Claude Grandjean (France), Marcel Reutenauer (France), Francois-Jean Martin (France), Matthew Glock (France), Annette Nickel (Germany – Conference Administrator) and Neil Summerton (Secretary).

The IBCM website is at www.ibcm.net, where information on past conferences and downloadable material can be found. Contact: neil.summerton@ruralinternet.co.uk

THE OPAL TRUST

OPAL Trust has its roots within the Christian Brethren Assemblies movement – a group of local autonomous churches which over its relatively short history of less than two centuries, has made a major impact on world evangelism out of all proportion to its size. This evangelistic zeal continues unabated, and there are many missionaries who continue to further the cause of evangelism across the world in various capacities, especially church planting, training and discipleship.

Significant numbers work in the Majority World where there is a dearth of literature resources available. Additionally there are large numbers of national workers working hard to impact their own people groups. However their effectiveness is often blunted by the lack of affordable Bibles and other good Christian literature and OPAL Trust Ltd (Overseas Publishing And Literature) was incorporated in August 2003 to help address these needs.

Using our various contacts within the Christian book world to obtain Bibles and suitable material at advantageous prices, the Trust has now sent literature resources to 70 countries worldwide. A book depot has also been established in Zambia. From feed back received, it is clear that with the help of our God the literature ministry we undertake is both helpful and rewarding

Visit www.opaltrust.org for more information.

PARTNERSHIP

Partnership is a UK body which emerged from the Christian Brethren Research Fellowship late in the 1980s. Its ministry is to seek to encourage and stimulate the spiritual life and well-being of local church fellowships which are in sympathy with its ethos, which reflects that of the Brethren movement. It also seeks to encourage international networking between individuals, bodies and local churches which are in sympathy with that ethos. In the UK, it has a little over 150 member churches. The main ways in which Partnership works are through networking local church leaders in the different areas of the UK, training and developing leaders through workshops and local training courses, assisting local fellowships to find staff workers, assisting local churches with governance and trust matters, advising local churches and their leaderships on strategic issues, and publishing a periodical (Partnership Perspectives) three times a year and 1 – 2 books per year which are relevant to local church leadership. It seeks to work as closely as possible with the other main bodies which serve Brethren and Brethren-heritage churches in the UK.

More information can be found on the Partnership website (www.partnershipuk.org). The annual fee for individual membership is £27. Membership fees for churches and other organisations are detailed on the website. To apply for membership and for further information, contact neil.summerton@ruralinternet.co.uk

THE BRETHREN MOVEMENT WORLDWIDE

KEY INFORMATION

3rd Edition

This volume brings together information on Christian work associated with the Brethren movement in 81 different countries in the world. The information was collected in association with the fourth International Brethren Conference on Mission (IBCM). The IBCM conferences aim to bring together for mutual encouragement leaders in the Brethren movement from as many as possible of the countries in which there are local churches associated with the movement.

The reports provide information country by country, for interest, prayer and contact as necessary.

The compilers and publishers welcome further information, whether by way of correction or addition, and also information on similar lines for countries which are not included in this volume.



ISBN 978-1-907098-06-2



9 781907 098062 >