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INTRODUCTION

Until rather recently, there has been little interest to track the fortunes of the Christian or Open Brethren¹ movement worldwide, and little effort to track the individuals and organisations from country to country who are seeking to encourage and support the congregations connected with the movement.

In the 1990s, however, Harold Rowdon began in a small way to compile some information in the context of both the recently-begun² International Brethren Conferences on Mission (IBCM), and Partnership conferences in the UK to which some people from abroad were invited. The countries represented at the IBCM3 conference in Romania in 2003 were asked to provide some profile information about themselves, and this was circulated to participants in photo-copied form. For the IBCM4 conference in 2007 in Germany, however, a standard questionnaire was circulated beforehand to key people in the movement in a wide range of countries. The resulting information was summarised in the first edition of *The Brethren Movement Worldwide: Key Information*. This was updated in a second edition in 2009, which included information supplied at or after the conferences in response to the questionnaire. The volume was revised for the IBCM5 conference in 2011, by inviting countries with existing entries to revise them as necessary, and collecting information for 13 new countries. There were entries for 94 states or distinct territories within states³, though in some cases the data provided were for 2007 or 2009 if a new or revised entry was not obtained.

The successive editions have been useful. It was therefore agreed that it would be valuable to have a further revision for the IBCM6 conference in 2015, and Ken and Jeanette Newton of Australia agreed to take on the difficult and time-consuming task of editing it.

1. Hereinafter, simply 'Brethren'.

2. The first was in Singapore in 1993.

3. Because of the character of the country, parts of the Democratic Republic of Congo had separate entries (as did the second branch of the Brethren in that country), as did the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (India), the two main provinces of Belgium, Hong Kong, and the French-speaking part of Switzerland (we did not succeed in getting information about the Brethren in the German-speaking part of Switzerland).

For this edition, all countries where there were thought to be congregations connected with the Brethren movement were asked to complete a fresh questionnaire which was largely the same as the one used in 2007 and 2011—though, in the latter stages of the work, some countries in fact provided revisions of their 2011 entries rather than new questionnaires.

The questionnaire was sent to specific contacts in 155 countries or territories where there were thought to be churches connected with the Brethren movement (this large number is in itself a tribute to scale and intensity of the still-vibrant missionary impulse among Brethren). Responses were received from 75 countries or territories and these have permitted revised or new entries. To these, have been added earlier entries for other countries or territories if no response was received. (The date of information from which these entries have been derived is stated in these cases; otherwise the information in the entries was provided in the latter part of 2014 and the beginning of 2015). The total number of countries or territories for which there are entries in this edition is therefore 101.

As in the case of the 2011 edition, we asked Peter Brierley of Brierley Research in the United Kingdom if he could take the statistics provided by the individual countries or territories and, making use of other relevant figures available to him, compile summary tables country by country (for, this time, 128 countries), continent by continent, and for the globe as a whole. These tables cover a few key measurements (numbers of congregations and other preaching points, numbers of baptized believers and adult attenders, and numbers of full-time and other workers). They appear immediately after this introduction, and we are immensely grateful to Peter Brierley for the work and knowledge which have gone into them.⁴

Measured only by congregations and adult attenders, the worldwide summary position is:

4. It should be noted that the overall estimates are only as reliable as the data on which they are based. The country-by-country estimates are provided by a wide variety of different people and there have probably been variations in the way in which they have approached their task. For some countries, especially over time, there appear to be anomalies which we have not been able to resolve.

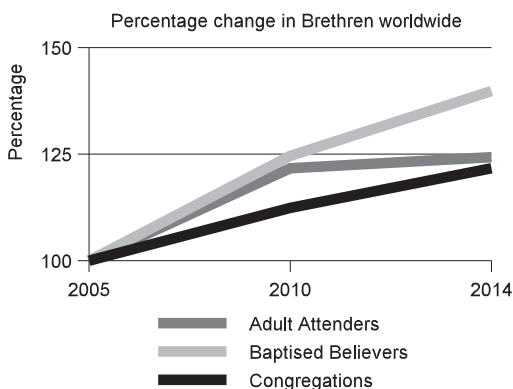
Continent	Congregations		Adult attendance		
	Number	% growth	Number	% growth	Per. cong.
Africa	12,200	+14	1.05 mn	+1	85
America, South	3,800	+8	0.26 mn	-3	70
Asia	4,300	+12	0.26 mn	+19	60
America, North	5,800	+3	0.30 mn	0	50
Europe	3,700	-2	0.20 mn	0	55
Oceania	1,000	-2	0.04 mn	-4	45
WORLD	30,800	+8	2.12 mn	+2	70

Thus, there were almost 31,000 congregations and preaching points in 2014, an increase of 8% since 2010. This bears out the perception from many countries that the Brethren are ‘increasing slowly’, by that measure at least. (An increase of approaching 10% in the number of congregations and preaching points over such a short period is no mean feat.)

For statistical reasons, the figure for preaching points in the preceding calculation leaves aside an estimated 4,000 preaching points in India, as returned in 2014 (whereas no figure was provided in 2005 and 2010). It seems probable that some, perhaps a large number, of these preaching points existed in both 2005 and 2010. But, including this figure, worldwide there were nearly 10,000 extra preaching points in 2014, compared with nearly 25,000 established congregations—that is, one extra preaching point for every 2.5 congregations on average. This suggests that in many places church-planting efforts are proceeding apace and that, even if only some of these preaching points mature into congregations, the number of established congregations will continue to grow—with perhaps further decline in congregational size unless there is significant growth in church attendance overall.

For growth in adult attendance has not kept pace with the increase in the number of congregations. Adult attendance increased by only 2% in the period. Since 2010, compared with the period 2005-10, growth in adult attendance in Africa has slowed and growth of that measure is now more focussed in Asia—though half of adult attendance in Brethren congregations is in Africa.

This trend in adult attendance needs to be pondered, as there has been significant reduction in the rate of growth in the last 4 years compared with previous 5 years, as this diagram shows:



According to Peter Brierley, this marked slackening in the rate of growth of church attendance mirrors the experience of many other Christian groups across the world in the new century. There is nothing unique about the Brethren: growth rates in church attendance in the majority world are slackening generally. It may suggest that Western secularism and consumerism are beginning to have an impact there, as might be expected as elites and the middle classes in the majority world aspire to the lifestyles and attitudes of the West and are influenced by its culture, entertainments and communications opportunities. The mission of the Church may be getting more difficult worldwide now.

Perhaps partly as a result of the balance between growth of the number of congregations and the much smaller growth in the number of attenders, average congregational size worldwide has fallen in the period, from 80 in 2010 to 70 in 2014. Congregational size is lowest in Europe and Oceania and highest in Africa. If the data are to be believed, there has been a sharp reduction in congregational size in South America since 2005—by about a third (the number of congregations there has increased by nearly 50% since 2005).

In 2010-14, the number of baptized believers increased by 12% worldwide (2005-2010: 25%). This may suggest that a good deal of discipling is being done by Brethren across the world.

Looking across the world as a whole, the numbers of full-time congregational workers and itinerant workers remain comparatively low—only one congregational worker for every three congregations, little changed from 2005 and 2010. So the historic Brethren pattern of ministry, with much congregational leadership being unpaid, seems largely to remain in place, though, as was pointed out in the third edition, the ratio of one full-time congregational worker to every three congregations is higher than the usual stereotype allows.

As for previous editions, we request two actions on the part of readers:

- if there are errors in the information in this volume, or information which can be improved, please let us know
- if your country is not represented in the volume, please be in touch with us to request the questionnaire so that you can complete it as a step towards inclusion in a future edition.

In either case, please be in touch with Neil Summerton (neil.summerton@btinternet.com).

We warmly thank Ken and Jeanette Newton for all the work that they have done in editing this edition, and Peter Brierley for his summary analysis. We are grateful to OPAL Trust for joining with IBCM in publishing it, and to Paul Lewis of Luz Design, Atlanta Ga., for designing the volume.

Neil Summerton
2 May 2015

The Brethren Movement **Europe**

European countries (Eu)	Pop in millions			No of congregations			Extra preaching points		
	2005	2010	2014	2005	2010	2014	2005	2010	2014
Albania	3.24	2.86 ¹	3.19	12	14	14	20	10	10
Austria	8.21	8.30	8.50	50	50 ² ?	50	60	60	20
Belgium (Flanders)	5.62	6.25	6.35 ²	30	30	30	17 ²	20 ² ?	24 ²
Belgium (Wallonia)	4.49 ¹	4.45	4.50	20	20	20	3 ²	2 ²	0
Bosnia & Herzegovina	3.96 ¹	4.55	3.87	3	3	2	0	0	1
Bulgaria	7.97	7.39	7.16	5 ²	5 ²	5 ²	0	0	0
Croatia	4.42	4.41	4.25 ²	2	2 ²	2 ²	0	0 ²	0 ²
Czech Republic	10.09	10.23	10.70	25	25	25	24	24	24
Denmark	5.28	5.50	5.66 ²	6	5	5	0 ²	0 ²	0
Faroe Islands	0.04	0.05	0.05	35	35 ²	35	1	1	1
France	59.59	62.64	66.30	108	108	100	0	28 ² ?	50
Germany	81.82	82.31	82.61	459	459	459	0	0	0 ²
Hungary	9.80	10.10	9.87 ²	20	20	20	10	10	10
Iceland	0.29	0.33	0.33	1	1 ²	1 ²	0	0 ²	0 ²
Ireland	3.86	4.59	4.68 ²	17	17 ²	17 ²	0	0 ²	0 ²
Italy	56.04	52.70	50.03 ²	240	270 ²	270	0	0	0
Moldova	4.41	4.38	3.58	12	12	12	2	5 ² ?	8
Montenegro	0.62 ¹	0.62 ²	0.61	1	1	1	1	1	1 ²
The Netherlands	15.79	16.60	16.90	110	95	85	0	0	0
Poland	38.83	38.04	38.53	39	42	40	15	15	20
Portugal	9.77	10.73	10.81	95	100	100	30	25	25
Romania	21.83	21.79	20.12	685	727 ²	716	214	162 ² ?	120
Russia	145.09	140.37	148.30	5 ²	5 ²	5 ²	0	0	0 ²
Serbia	7.81 ¹	7.77	7.15	12	12	11	2	2	1
Slovakia	5.39	5.40	5.44	22	22	21	14	14	12
Slovenia	1.95	2.05 ²	6	2	2	2	0	0	0
Spain	39.02	45.45	46.51	200	190 ² ?	179	25	19 ² ?	14
Switzerland (French-speaking)	1.65	1.50	1.50	48	48	48	0	0	0
Ukraine	49.46	46.20	44.29	10	10	10	6	6	6
United Kingdom	60.53	62.13	64.50	1,288	1075 ²	1,097	0	0	0
TOTAL Europe	666.87	659.96	678.35	3,562	3,405	3,382	444	404	347

Average preaching points per congregation: 0.12 (2005), 0.12 (2010), 0.10 (2014)

Average adult attenders per (ongregation + preaching points): 51 (2005), 53 (2010), 55 (2014)

Baptized believers as percentage of adult attenders across countries with data for both:

77% (2005), 82% (2010), 85% (2014)

Number of full-time workers per congregation and preaching point: 0.50 (2005), 0.35 (2010), 0.21 (2014)

Number of other workers per full-time worker: 0.14 (2005), 0.24 (2010), 0.41 (2014)

% growth in congregations and preaching points: -5% (2005 to 2010), -2% (2010 to 2014)

% growth in baptized believers: +4% (2005 to 2010), +4% (2010 to 2014)

% growth in adult attenders: -2% (2005 to 2010), +0.3% (2010 to 2014)

Table 1

Baptized believers			Adult attenders			No of f-t workers			No of other workers			Source if WCE/ WCH
2005	2010	2014	2005	2010	2014	2005	2010	2014	2005	2010	2014	
900	700	405	1,000	800	520	13	13	4	8	5	3	
10,000	7,000 ²	4,000	17,500 ¹	10,500 ²	5,000	20	20	20	3?	3?	3?	WCH
2,500	2,500	2,500	2,200?	2,500	2,500?	5	5	5	10	10	10	WCH
500	500	500	1,150?	1,100	1,000	3	3	3	0	0	0	WCH
70 ¹	40 ²	18	40 ¹	45?	45	4	4	6	0	0	0	WCH
210?	200?	190?	300?	700 ²	1,000	0?	0?	0?	0?	0?	0?	
50 ² ¹	40?	32?	70 ¹	65	61?	1?	1?	1?	0?	0?	0?	WCE
1,200	1,200	1,200	1,400	1,400 ²	1,400	3	3	3	2	2	2	WCE
250?	300	300	360	375	400	3?	6	6	0?	0?	0	
7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	6,500?	6,100?	1	1	5	8	8	18	WCH
4,700?	4,500?	5,000	6,200?	5,900?	6,000	67	74 ²	80	0	6 ²	10	WCE
21,000?	22,000?	22,800?	30,000	34,000	40,000	55	55	68	45	77	89	
800	800	800	1,000	900?	1,000	17?	17?	17?	2?	2?	2?	WCH
20 ² ¹	14?	9?	30 ¹	22	16?	1?	1?	1?	0?	0?	0?	WCE
830 ² ¹	690?	580?	1,165 ¹	1,080	1,012	9?	9?	9?	1?	1?	1?	WCE
14,200?	17,400 ²	20,000	20,000	20,000 ²	20,000	20	20	22	36	36	36	WCH
224	224	224	350	350	350	3	6	6	3	6	6	Prev
25	35	35	30	40	45	2	1	4	0	0	1	
9,000	8,000	7,000	9,000	8,000	7,000	10	10	5	18	18	9	
1,600	1,600	1,600	3,000	2,500	3,000	20	20	10	5	5	5	
650	1,050 ²	1,350	1,000	1,500	1,500	50?	50?	50?	7?	7?	7?	
28,794	29,500?	30,927	44,476	45,700?	47,850?	c1,370	670 ²	120	48	48	30	WCH
210?	210?	210?	300?	300?	300?	0	0	0	0	0	0	Prev
<400	<400	<400	400?	400?	400?	2	4	4	0	0	0	Prev
650	650	650	800	800	800	4	3	2	1	1	1	
21	40	36	23	45	45	0	0	3	0	0	0	
8,500	8,700 ²	8,847	12,200?	11,800 ²	11,544	80	80	76	11?	11?	11?	WCH
4,600	4,600	4,600	4,000	4,000 ²	4,000	48	48	48	7	7	7	WCH
700?	700?	700?	1,000?	1,000?	1,000?	0	0	0	0	0	0	Prev
40,000	45,000 ²	50,000	40,000?	40,400?	40,400	205	210 ²	213	70	70	70	
159,604	165,593	171,913	205,994	202,722	203,289	2,016	1,334	791	285	323	321	

The Brethren Movement **Africa**

African countries (Af)	Pop in millions			No of congregations			Extra preaching points		
	2005	2010	2014	2005	2010	2014	2005	2010	2014
Angola	14.72	18.99	21.47	1,300	2,017	2,024	1,500	2,000 ??	2,500
Botswana	1.73	1.98	2.02	12	12?	12?	5?	5?	5?
Burundi	7.47	8.52	10.40	86	106	131	95	85	136
Chad	8.62	11.51	12.83	1,107	1,107	1,107	410	410	500
Congo, Republic of the	3.36	3.76	3.80	12	12	12	0	0	0
Congo, Dem Rep ^a : N Katanga	59.50	67.83	67.51	260	260	366	0	0	0?
Congo, Dem Rep ^a : S Katanga				803	803?	803	36	36?	36
Congo, Dem Rep ^a : 2nd Brethren				141	141	141	0	0?	0?
Côte d'Ivoire	16.20	21.57	22.70	11	13	13?	0	0?	0?
Egypt	73.20	84.47	82.06	36	35?*	33	0?	0?	0
Ethiopia	70.71	84.98	96.51	80	80	80?	13	13	13?
Kenya	32.12	40.86	46.45	50	100	100+	50	30	65
Madagascar	17.96	20.15	22.92	50	64	64	0	0	36
Malawi	12.32	15.69	16.36	130	130?*	130	0	0	0?
Mauritius	1.20	1.29	1.30	0	0?	0?	0	0?	0?
Mozambique	21.50	19.61	24.08	50	140?*	212	0	0	0?
Nigeria	123.13	158.26	173.62	500	800?*	1,000	300	300	600
Reunion Island	0.73	0.79	0.84	6	6	7	85	85?	85?
Rwanda	8.50	10.28	11.78	140	140?*	140	0	0	0?
Senegal	10.62	12.86	14.09	3	3	6	5	5	6
South Africa	41.45	50.49	53.10	120	120?*	120	0	0	30
South Sudan	32.27	43.19	8.26	55		0?	55		0?
Sudan			37.96			5			5
Tanzania	37.39	45.04	50.76	145	145?	145?	72?*	75?	75?
Tunisia	10.16	10.37	11.10	1?	0?	0?	0	0?	0?
Uganda	25.12	33.80	34.76	23	23	40	53	53	53?
Zambia	10.20	13.26	14.54	1,100	1,255	1,300	0	0	0?
Zimbabwe	12.29	12.64	16.25	40	40?	40?	17?	17?	17?
TOTAL Europe	557.07	679.60	739.44	6,211	7,567	8,031	2,646	3,119	4,162

^a Formerly called Zaire

Some of these figures appear over-inflated and dubious

Average preaching points per congregation: 0.42 (2005), 0.41 (2010), 0.52 (2014)

Average adult attenders per congregation + preaching points: 86 (2005), 97 (2010), 86 (2014)

Baptized believers as percentage of adult attenders: 56% (2005), 62% (2010), 76% (2014)

Number of full-time workers per congregation and preaching point: 0.26 (2005), 0.25 (2010), 0.40 (2014)

Number of other workers per full-time worker: 0.36 (2005), 0.31 (2010), 0.45 (2014)

% growth in congregations and preaching points: +21% (2005 to 2010), +14% (2010 to 2014)

% growth in baptized believers: +47% (2005 to 2010), +25% (2010 to 2014)

% growth in adult attenders: +35% (2005 to 2010), +1% (2010 to 2014)

Table 2

Baptized believers			Adult attenders			No of f-t workers			No of other workers			Source if WCE/ WCH
2005	2010	2014	2005	2010	2014	2005	2010	2014	2005	2010	2014	
180,000	359,000	500,000	190,000	360,000	350,000	260	260	1,500	120	120	1,050	
890?¹	1,050?	1,050?	1,250¹	1,600	1,600?	9?	9?	9?	4?	4?	4?	WCE
20,000	25,000	32,000	35,000	45,000	40,000	89	85	10	25	35	15	
56,395	56,400+	56,400	225,740	280,300	307,000	1,018	1,391	2,044	40?²	40?²	40	
575?	575?	575?	1,000?	1,000?	1,000?	0	0	0	0	0	0	Prev
12,500?	12,750?	13,000?	22,000?	22,400?	22,800?	1	1	1	0?	0?	0?	Prev
30,800?	33,900?	35,000?	57,000?	63,000?	63,000?	0	0?	0?	0?	0?	0?	Prev
9,351	9,351?²	9,351	12,851	12,851?²	12,851	9	9	9	4?	4?	4?	Prev
630?	820?	820?	1,100	1,300	1,300	6?	6?	6?	2?	2?	2?	WCH
1,400?¹	1,500?	3,500	2,400¹	2,370	5,000	18?	18?	7	7?²	?	3	
10,000	10,000	10,000?	7,500?	8,000?	8,000?	100	100	100?	10	10	10?	Prev
600	1,000	1,000+	2,000	2,000?²	2,000+	30	6	6	12?	6?	30	
2,000	3,000	3,500	3,500	4,500	5,500	35	60	80	14?	25?	25?	
6,000?	6,900?	6,900?	23,700?	26,900?	26,900?	10	10	10	4?	4?	4?	WCH
0	0?	0?	0	0?	0?	0	0?	0?	0	0?	0?	
2,300?	3,000?	3,000?	4,050?	5,000?	5,000?	12	12	12?	42	42	42	Prev
2,500	3,500?	5,000	17,000?	24,000?	15,000	300	300	700	400	400	800	WCH
200	200	500	200	210?	220?	3	3	2	0	0?	0?	Prev
15,000	15,000?²	15,000	17,000	17,000?²	17,000	6	6	6	6	6	6	Prev
400?²	400?²	450	200	200	1,200	0?	0?	0?	0	0?	0?	Prev
5,600?	6,500?	10,000	9,700?	10,300?	15,000	85	87	85?	5	6	7?	Prev
220	220	0?	250	350	0?	2	2	0?	5	5	0?	
		220			350			2			5	
21,000?¹	25,000?	25,000?	37,000¹	39,000	39,000?	104?	104?	104?	40?	40?	40?	WCE
3?	0?	0?	5?	0	0?	0	0?	0?	0	0?	0?	WCH
600	670?²	1,200	425	1,300?²	2,000	36	36	15	18	18	25	Prev
51,000?	58,000?	58,000?	89,000?	101,500?	101,500?	110?	123	123	40?	47?	50?	
2,700?	3,500?	3,500?	4,640	5,500	5,300?	29?	29?	29?	11?	11?	11?	WCE
432,664	637,236	794,966	764,511	1,035,581	1,048,521	2,272	2,657	4,860	809	832	2,173	

The Brethren Movement **North America**

North American countries (AmN)	Pop in millions			No of congregations			Extra preaching points		
	2005	2010	2014	2005	2010	2014	2005	2010	2014
Anguilla	0.01	0.01	0.01	1	1	1	1	1	1
Antigua	0.07	0.09	0.08	4	5?	5	1	1	1
The Bahamas	0.330	0.35	0.38	32	34	33	0	0	0
Barbados	0.28	0.26	0.28	40	40	39	8	8	3
Belize	0.26	0.31	0.36	6	6?	7	0	1?	2
Bermuda	0.07	0.06	0.07	7	7?	6	1	1	1
Canada	32.39	34.02	35.68	453	482	482	0	0	0?
Costa Rica	4.35	4.64	4.89	9	8?	6	0	1?	2
Cuba	11.32	11.20	11.20	21	29	29	9?	12	12
Dominican Republic	8.97	10.23	10.42	201	275	375?	12?	12?	12?
El Salvador	6.75	6.19	6.36	33	41	41?	2?	2?	2?
Greenland	0.06	0.06	0.06	1	1	1	1	1	1
Grenada	0.10	0.10	0.11	10	8	8	1?	1?	1?
Guatemala	12.72	14.38	15.47	1,836	2,050	2,050?	110?	110?	110?
Honduras	7.16	7.62	8.39	1,000	1,125	1,125?	60?	60?	60?
Jamaica	2.70	2.50	2.93	84	84?	84	3	3	6
Mexico	104.47	110.65	123.80	275	225	250	40	40	50
Puerto Rico	3.98	4.00	3.71	9	9?	9?	1?	1?	1?
St Kitts & Nevis	0.04	0.05	0.06	12	12?	11	1?	1?	1?
St Lucia	0.16	0.17	0.17	7	7?	7	0	0	0?
St Vincent & the Grenadines	0.12	0.11	0.11	13	13	14	3	3	3
Trinidad and Tobago	1.33	1.34	1.34	44	32	32	3?	6	10
United States	287.22	317.64	320.48	889	780	836	54?	47?	47?
TOTAL North America	484.86	525.97	546.36	4,987	5,274	5,451	311	312	326

With so many of the larger countries unable to give firm figures it would be too hazardous to estimate changes to regional figures in their absence, so 2014 figures simply repeat 2011 estimates for the most part

Average preaching points per congregation: 0.06 (2005), 0.06 (2010), 0.06 (2014)

Average adult attenders per congregation + preaching points: 52 (2005), 54 (2010), 52 (2014)

Baptized believers as percentage of adult attenders: 88% (2005), 87% (2010), 87% (2014)

Number of full-time workers per congregation and preaching point: 0.31 (2005), 0.30 (2010), 0.25 (2014)

Number of other workers per full-time worker: 0.27 (2005), 0.27 (2010), 0.32 (2014)

% growth in congregations and preaching points: +5% (2005 to 2010), +3% (2010 to 2014)

% growth in baptized believers: +7% (2005 to 2010), 0% (2010 to 2014)

% growth in adult attenders: +9% (2005 to 2010), 0% (2010 to 2014)

Table 3

Baptized believers			Adult attenders			No of f-t workers			No of other workers			Source if WCE/ WCH
2005	2010	2014	2005	2010	2014	2005	2010	2014	2005	2010	2014	
30	30	30	35	35	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	
130	130	200	240?	250?	300	2	2	1	1?	1?	0	WCH
1,500?	1,600?	1,600?	1,650?	1,800?	1,800?	30	31	30	6	6?	7	
1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,440?	1,440?	1	1	1	3	3	1	WCH
270?	270?	300	300	310	350	2?	2?	1	1?	1?	1	WCE
406	406*?	406	520?	540?	540?	1	2	3	4	10	10	WCH
21,100?	22,500?	22,500?	23,400?	25,000?	25,000?	90	150*?	217	24?	24?	24?	
420?	250*?	90	466	580	150	3?	3?	0	1?	1?	0	
635?	875	875	720	950	950	12?	17	17	2?	3?	3?	
7,250?	9,900?	9,900?	8,030	11,380	11,380?	65?	65?	65?	17?	17?	17?	WCE
1,040?	1,300?	1,300?	1,155	1,500	1,500?	11?	11?	11?	3?	3?	3?	WCE
30	30*?	30	45	45*?	45	1	1	1	0	0	0	
430?	250	250	476	300	350	3?	0	1	1?	0	4	
66,300?	75,000?	75,000?	73,440	82,000	82,000?	600?	600?	600?	160?	160?	160?	WCE
82,000?	92,000?	92,000?	90,900	99,700	99,700?	325?	325?	325?	90?	90?	90?	WCE
6,300	6,900?	6,400	9,500?	10,400?	10,400?	30	30	80	10	10	22	WCH
2,000	2,750	3,500	3,000	3,000	3,000	140	90	50	30	30	50	
260?	270?	270?	290	310	310?	3?	3?	3?	1?	1?	1?	WCE
310?	305*?	300	346	344	344?	4?	4?	4?	1?	1?	1?	WCE
85?	90?	90?	280?	300?	300?	2	2	2	0	0	0?	WCH
600	600*?	600	700	700*?	700	1	1	3	2	2	2	Prev
1,600?	1,150	650	2,400	1,300	1,300?	6?	4	6	4?	4	6	
50,000?	44,000	44,000?	57,200	58,000	58,000?	290?	353	50	80?	99	70	
244,196	262,106	261,791	276,593	300,184	299,894	1,622	1,697	1,471	441	466	472	

The Brethren Movement **South America**

North American countries (AmS)	Pop in millions			No of congregations			Extra preaching points		
	2005	2010	2014	2005	2010	2014	2005	2010	2014
Argentina	38.86	40.67	42.11	818	1,300	1,325	280?	450	360
Bolivia	9.12	9.50	10.39	192'?	212?	520	0	0	20
Brazil	178.75	190.73	202.03	530'?	580?	700	0	0	0
Chile	15.99	17.13	17.62	98	145	51	8?	8?	40
Colombia	45.34	46.30	48.51	55	79	79	25	42	42
Ecuador	13.54	13.77	15.74	26	30	30?	2?	2?	2?
French Guiana	0.21	0.23	0.25	15	22	22?	0?	0?	0?
Guyana	0.90	0.76	0.75	30+	30	30+	0	0	0?
Paraguay	6.11	6.46	6.80	113	109??	105	110?	110	100
Peru	27.39	29.50	30.20	230	230	230	0	0	0
Uruguay	3.44	3.37	3.41	32	32	32	10	10	10
Venezuela	25.99	29.04	30.41	77	72	72?	7?	7?	7?
TOTAL South America	365.64	387.46	408.22	2,216	2,841	3,196	442	629	581

Average preaching points per congregation: 0.20 (2005), 0.22 (2010), 0.18 (2014)

Average adult attenders per congregation + preaching points: 95 (2005), 78 (2010), 63 (2014)

Baptized believers as percentage of adult attenders: 50% (2005), 60% (2010), 62% (2014)

Number of full-time workers per congregation and preaching point: 0.24 (2005), 0.20 (2010), 0.18 (2014)

Number of other workers per full-time worker: 0.66 (2005), 0.66 (2010), 0.68 (2014)

% growth in congregations and preaching points: +31% (2005 to 2010), +9% (2010 to 2014)

% growth in baptized believers: 29% (2005 to 2010), -1% (2010 to 2014)

% growth in adult attenders: +7% (2005 to 2010), -3% (2010 to 2014)

Table 4

Baptized believers			Adult attenders			No of f-t workers			No of other workers			Source if WCE/ WCH
2005	2010	2014	2005	2010	2014	2005	2010	2014	2005	2010	2014	
42,500?	67,000	69,000	101,500	100,000	100,000	60?	97	92	50?	83	82	
7,900?	8,700?	8,600	14,700?	16,200?	10,500	30	30	35	6	6	9	WCH
51,000?	57,000?	57,000?	103,000?	114,000?	114,000?	350?	350?	350?	170?	170?	170?	WCH
5,200?	7,700?	1,700	6,840	10,700	2,600	36?	36?	16	17?	17?	17?	WCE
2,500	4,050	4,050	3,000	4,300?	4,050	30	32	32	15?	16?	16?	
1,150?	1,330?	1,330?	1,504	1,844	1,844?	9?	9?	9?	4?	4?	4?	WCE
310?¹	450?	450?	530¹	627	627?	5?	5?	5?	2?	2?	2?	WCE
1,500?	1,700?	1,700?	2,000?	2,200?	2,200?	10	10	10	13	13	13	
3,000	3,300?	4,000	5,000	5,500?	6,000	60	60	60	120	120	120	Prev
4,500	5,500	8,000	4,500?	6,000?	12,000	16?	20	20	10?	10?	10?	
1,200	1,200	1,200	2,000	2,000	2,000	14	20	23	7?	7	7?	
5,900?	5,530?	5,530?	7,720	7,680	7,680?	28?	28?	28?	14?	14?	14?	WCE
126,660	163,460	162,560	252,294	271,051	263,501	648	697	680	428	462	464	

The Brethren Movement **Asia**

Asian (As)	Pop in millions			No of congregations			Extra preaching points		
	2005	2010	2014	2005	2010	2014	2005	2010	2014
Bahrain	0.66	0.81	1.33	1	1?	1?	0	0?	0?
Bangladesh	137.83	150.45 ²	158.51	1	1?	1?	0	0?	0?
China	1,300.31	1,330.58	1,393.78	10	10?	10?	0	0?	0?
China (Hong Kong)	6.78	7.07	7.19	9	20	30	0	0	0?
Cyprus	0.62	0.88	1.13	1	1?	1?	0	0?	0?
India	1,070.32	1,214.46	1,267.40	2,060	2,230 ?	2,450	0	0	4,000
India: Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0.36	0.36	0.38	4	5	10	8	8	12
Israel	6.84	7.29	8.30	6?	6	6	2?	2	2
Japan	125.58	127.73 ²	127.00	208	145	145	6?	6?	6?
Jordan	6.02 ¹	6.47	6.74	16?	16?	16?	8	8	8
Kazakhstan	15.29 ¹	15.75	16.66	1	1	1	0	0	0
Korea (South)	47.93	48.50	50.22	152	200	200?	4?	4?	4?
Kuwait	2.14	3.05	3.37	2	2?	2?	0	0?	0?
Laos	6.09	6.44	6.89	162	174	174?	4?	4?	4?
Lebanon	3.48	4.25	4.47	3	3?	3?	0	0?	0?
Malaysia	23.77	27.91	30.65	150	168	168	5	5	6
Mongolia	2.57	2.70	2.84	4?	4	6	4?	4	2
Myanmar	47.88	50.50	59.76	60	70	107	15	20	40
Pakistan	173.61	184.75	185.13	100	100	108	200	200	320
Philippines	81.54	93.62	100.10	165	215	250	20	65	70
Qatar	1.41 ¹	1.51	2.05	3	3?	3?	0	0?	0?
Singapore	3.68	5.08	5.47	29	30	19	0	0	0
Sri Lanka	19.69	20.41	21.42	1	8	9	3?	23	26
Taiwan	23.03	23.16	24.42	10	15	15	10?	15?	15
Thailand	63.51	68.14	68.23	8	11	11+	3	3	3
Turkey	70.39	75.71	77.70	8	8	8	10	10	10
United Arab Emirates	4.11 ²	8.26 ²	9.30	17	20	20	0	0	0?
TOTAL Asia	3,245.44	3,485.84	3,640.44	3,191	3,467	3,774	302	377	4,528

The huge jump in the number of extra preaching points between 2010 and 2014 is due to India's statement of 4,000, up from zero in 2010.

Average preaching points per congregation: 0.09 (2005), 0.11 (2010), 1.20 or 0.14 if the extra preaching points in India are ignored (2014)

Average adult congregation: 45 (2005), 56 (2010), 31 or 68 if the extra preaching points in India are ignored (2014)

Baptized believers as percentage of adult attenders: 121% (2005), 102% (2010), 92% (2014)

% growth in adult attenders: +37% (2005 to 2010), +19% (2010 to 2014)

Number of full-time workers per congregation and preaching point: 0.61 (2005), 0.57 (2010), 0.41 (2014)

Number of other workers per full-time worker: 0.21 (2005), 0.21 (2010), 0.26 (2014)

% growth in congregations and preaching points: +10% (2005 to 2010), +116% or 40% (2010 to 2014)

Table 5

Baptized believers			Adult attenders			No of f-t workers			No of other workers			Source if WCE/ WCH
2005	2010	2014	2005	2010	2014	2005	2010	2014	2005	2010	2014	
128?	145?	145?	132	150	150?	1?	1?	1?	0?	0?	0?	WCE
52?	55?	55?	53	60	60?	1?	1?	1?	0?	0?	0?	WCE
360?	380?	380?	370	400	400?	6?	6?	6?	1?	1?	1?	WCH
340?	760?	760?	350	780?	1,500?	6?	6?	14	1?	1?	12	
40?	32?	32?	42	35	35?	1?	1?	1?	0?	0?	0?	WCE
130,000	140,000 ?	145,000	95,000	125,000 ² ?	155,000	1,354	1,354	2,500	250	250	600	Prev
139	180	196	290	320	415	6	7	8	4	4	7	
250?	265	265	450?	500	500	4?	4	4	0?	0	0	
6,900?	4,800	4,800	7,100	6,400	6,400	70?	49	49	27?	19?	19?	
700	700	700	550	550	550	7	7	7	4	4	4	
13	12	12	13	25	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	
7,400?	10,000?	10,000?	7,600	10,500	10,500?	100?	100?	100?	20?	20?	20?	WCE
80	80?	80?	100 ¹	100	100?	0	0?	0?	0	0?	0?	WCE
5,500? ¹	7,000?	7,000?	6,000 ¹	7,500	7,500?	104?	104?	104?	21?	21?	21?	WCE
230?	220?	220?	240	230	230?	3?	3?	3?	1?	1?	1?	WCE
6,000	12,000	16,500	10,000	16,000	13,000	60	55	47	12?	12?	16	
100?	100	135	140?	140	150	3?	3	6	2?	2	3	
4,000	4,300	4,550	2,500	2,900	5,100	90	110	186	50	70	100	
6,000+	10,000 ² ?	15,000	3,000	14,000 ² ?	25,000	80	80	95	20	20	20	Prev
10,000	13,000	15,000	10,000	13,000?	13,000?	60	95	100	20	25	37	
39?	37?	37?	40	38	38?	3?	3?	3?	1?	1?	1?	WCE
7,500	8,500	8,124	9,000	10,000	9,026	95	95	80	0?	0?	0?	
104?	831	900	150?	1,200	1,200	1?	1?	9	0?	0?	8	
930?	1,100	1,155	960	1,200	1,260	6?	8	8	0?	0	0	
360	400	400	400	440?	440?	8	23	23	0?	0?	0?	
175	175	225	200?	200?	200?	50	50	32	7	7	2	Prev
3,000	5,000	5,000	3,000?	5,000?	5,000?	8?	8?	8?	2?	2?	2?	
190,340	220,072	236,671	157,680	216,668	256,779	2,127	2,174	3,395	443	460	874	

% growth in baptized believers: 16% (2005 to 2010), +8% (2010 to 2014)

The Brethren Movement **Oceania**

Oceania (O)	Pop in millions			No of congregations			Extra preaching points		
	2005	2010	2014	2005	2010	2014	2005	2010	2014
Australia	19.66	22.52	23.77	250	280?	260	0	0	0?
Fiji	0.87	0.84	0.84	20	24	24	7	6	6
Nauru	0.01	0.01	0.01	1	1	1	0	0	0?
New Caledonia	0.23	0.24	0.24	4	4	4	10	10	10
New Zealand	4.02	4.18	4.60	203	200? ?	198	0	0	0?
Papua New Guinea	5.03	6.30	7.32	460	460? ?	460	0	0	0?
Samoa	0.18	0.18	0.19	6	7	7?	0?	0?	0?
Tonga	0.10	0.10	0.12	3	4	4	0	5	5
TOTAL Oceania	30.10	34.37	37.09	947	980	958	17	21	21

Average preaching points per congregation: 0.02 (2005), 0.02 (2010), 0.02 (2014)

Average adult congregation: 48 (2005), 47 (2010), 46 (2014)

Baptized believers as percentage of adult attenders: 85% (2005), 80% (2010), 87% (2014)

Number of full-time workers per congregation and preaching point: 0.21 (2005), 0.23 (2010), 0.24 (2014)

Number of other workers per full-time worker: 0.20 (2005), 0.16 (2010), 0.18 (2014)

% growth in congregations and preaching points: +4% (2005 to 2010), -2% (2010 to 2014)

% growth in baptized believers: -4% (2005 to 2010), +5% (2010 to 2014)

% growth in adult attenders: +2% (2005 to 2010), -4% (2010 to 2014)

Table 6

Baptized believers			Adult attenders			No of f-t workers			No of other workers			Source if WCE/ WCH
2005	2010	2014	2005	2010	2014	2005	2010	2014	2005	2010	2014	
15,000	11,000 ² ?	7,000	13,700	12,000 ² ?	10,000	30	60	49	6?	6?	6?	WCH
820?	1,000?	1,000?	970?	1,200?	1,200?	10	24	24?	10	4	10	
26	26 ² ?	26	5	18 ² ?	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	Prev
170?	200?	200?	200?	240?	240?	2	2	2?	6	6?	6?	Prev
10,458	12,800?	18,642	10,458?	12,800?	12,800?	57	37	60	9	9	9	WCH
12,000	12,000 ² ?	12,000	20,000	20,000 ² ?	20,000	100	100	100	10+	10+	10+	WCH
260?	285?	285?	305	340	340?	1?	1?	1?	0?	0?	0?	WCE
70?	90	90	230	243	243	1?	2	2	0?	2	2	
38,804	37,401	39,243	45,868	46,841	44,854	201	226	238	41	37	43	

The Brethren Movement **Worldwide by Continent**

Continent	Number of countries			Pop in millions		
	2005	2010	2014	2005	2010	2014
Europe	30	30	30	666.87	659.96	678.35
Africa	25	27	28	557.07	679.60	739.44
North America	22	22	23	484.86	525.97	546.36
South America	12	12	12	365.64	387.46	408.22
Asia	24	27	27	3,245.44	3,485.84	3,640.44
Oceania	8	8	8	30.10	34.37	37.09
World TOTAL	121	126	128	5,349.98	5,773.20	6,049.90

Continent	Baptized believers			Adult attenders		
	2005	2010	2014	2005	2010	2014
Europe	159,604	165,593	171,913	205,994	202,722	203,289
Africa	432,664	637,236	794,966	764,511	1,035,581	1,048,521
North America	244,196	262,106	261,791	276,593	300,184	299,894
South America	126,660	163,460	162,560	252,294	271,051	263,501
Asia	190,340	220,072	236,671	157,680	216,668	256,779
Oceania	38,804	37,401	39,243	45,868	46,841	44,854
World TOTAL	1,192,268	1,485,868	1,667,144	1,702,940	2,073,047	2,116,838

Table 7

No of congregations			Extra preaching pts		
2005	2010	2014	2005	2010	2014
3,562	3,405	3,382	444	404	347
6,211	7,567	8,031	2,646	3,119	4,162
4,987	5,274	5,451	311	312	326
2,216	2,854	3,196	442	629	581
3,191	3,467	3,774	302	377	4,528
947	980	958	17	21	21
21,114	23,547	24,792	4,162	4,862	9,965

No of f-t workers			No of other workers		
2005	2010	2014	2005	2010	2014
2,016	1,334	791	285	323	321
2,272	2,657	4,860	809	832	2,173
1,622	1,697	1,471	441	466	472
648	697	680	428	462	464
2,127	2,174	3,395	443	460	874
201	226	238	41	37	43
8,886	8,785	11,435	2,447	2,580	4,347

The Brethren Movement **Worldwide by Continent**

Continent	Preaching points / congreg		
	2005	2010	2014
Europe	0.12	0.12	0.10
Africa	0.42	0.41	0.52
North America	0.06	0.06	0.06
South America	0.20	0.22	0.18
Asia	0.09	0.11	1.20/0.14
Oceania	0.02	0.02	0.02
World Average	0.20	0.21	0.24

Continent	F-t workers / congreg			Other workers / f-t wker		
	2005	2010	2014	2005	2010	2014
Europe	0.50	0.35	0.21	0.14	0.24	0.41
Africa	0.26	0.25	0.40	0.36	0.31	0.45
North America	0.31	0.30	0.25	0.27	0.27	0.32
South America	0.24	0.20	0.18	0.66	0.66	0.68
Asia	0.61	0.57	0.41	0.21	0.21	0.26
Oceania	0.21	0.23	0.24	0.20	0.16	0.18
World Average	0.35	0.31	0.37	0.28	0.29	0.38

The second figure in some of the Asia columns is if the extra preaching points in India are omitted; these latter figures have been used to estimate world averages.

New figures inserted whenever possible. Not all countries provided new figures; some seemed to repeat earlier figures. If the 2010 figure was an estimate and the 2014 figure was firm the estimate for 2010 would sometimes be modified to fit in with the new figure. If no figure was given the 2010 figure was repeated but with a “?” added to indicate it was an estimate. A revision to the 2010 figure (and occasionally 2005 figure) is indicated by the footnote “2”. It is assumed that normally the figures will go in some kind of sequence between 2005, 2010 and 2014, either increasing or decreasing; where estimated data conflicts with such, it is revised (and shown by 2). Population figures for 2014 (and occasionally modified for 2010) are taken from the web via Google.

Table 7

Average adult congreg			Believers as % of attenders		
2005	2010	2014	2005	2010	2014
51	53	55	77	82	85
86	97	86	56	62	76
52	54	52	88	87	87
95	78	63	50	60	62
45	56	3 1/68	121	102	92
48	47	46	85	80	87
67	73	69	70%	72%	79%

% growth in cong & preac-pts		% growth baptized believers		% growth adult attenders	
% 05-10	% 10-14	% 05-10	% 10-14	% 05-10	% 10-14
-5	-2	+4	+4	-2	+0.3
+21	+14	+47	+25	+35	+1
+5	+3	+7	0	+9	0
+31	+9	+29	-1	+7	-3
+10	+116/40	+16	+8	+37	+19
+4	-2	-4	+5	+2	-4
+12	+8	+25	+12	+22	+2

ALBANIA

Population	3.2 million
Major religions	Islam 60% / Albanian Orthodox 20% / Roman Catholicism 12% / Others 8% / Evangelical Christianity 2%

Brethren work began in	1991
Number of congregations	14
Number of additional preaching points	10
Number of baptised believers	405
Total number of adult attendees	520
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	4
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	2
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	1

CHURCH LINKS

Fondacioni Bashkimi i Vellezerve te Krsihtere Ungjillore te Shqiperise

BIBLE SCHOOL

Ibei-Shkoder

Level of study – diploma

Length of course – 4 years

INTERESTING FEATURES

- Four separate prison outreaches in Tirana (women), Elbasan, Peqin and Lezhe (men), with 20 baptised believers in Peqin.
- Nursery for 50 children in Shkoder.
- Christian radio stations based in Tirana (Radio Alfa dhe Omega) and in Pogradec (Radio Logos).
- Orphanage and refuge house for teenage pregnancies, in Gjirokaster.

- Campsite near Tirana with day camps, summer camps and activities with children.
- Bible Exposition in a number of towns in Albania.
- Emmaus Bible Correspondence courses.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The Brethren Church started through missionaries coming from Italy in 1991. In the beginning in the capital city, Tirana, thereafter through evangelism, groups started in Shkoder, Lac and Vlore. Other missionaries arrived from Mexico and USA and further expanded the work in Fllake, central Albania, and in the south-east in Elbasan, Pogradec, Librazhd and Prenjas.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The liberty to preach the gospel.
- Church buildings owned by the local congregation.
- The missionaries who continue to contribute to the growth of the Albania churches.
- Those who have and continue to invest for the growth of the church.

PRAY FOR

- The unity of the Brethren churches in Albania.
- The conversion of Albanians – taking into account the majority Muslim influence, as well as secularism.
- The many young Christians and youth, who are second generation Christians, and who face different problems and challenges from the first generation, who were brought up under communism.
- Growth and biblical formation of leaders within the local church.

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ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS

(INDIA)

Population	379,944
Major religions	Hinduism / Christianity / Islam / Sikhism / Jainism / Buddhism

Brethren work began in	1968 by Bro. M. Joseph in Andaman Islands and 1969 by Bro. M. K. Sunny in Nicobar Islands
Number of congregations	10
Number of additional preaching points	12
Number of baptised believers	196
Total number of adult attendees	415
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	8
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	4
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	3

MISSION SERVICE AGENCIES

Kerala Evangelistic Missionary Fund

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General Gospel Fund

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Indian Evangelical Trust

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The Gospel Fellowship Trust of India

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Operation Barnabas

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CHURCH LINKS

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BIBLE SCHOOL

Emmaus Correspondence School

Email address: emmausandaman@yahoo.co

Postal address: Garacharma Post, Andamans, India – 744105.

INTERESTING FEATURE

The Andaman and Nicobar Islands are an archipelago of 572 islands (39 inhabited) chosen by the British Government as a penal settlement. They are known as Mini India. They are 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. Now these Islands are a great attraction to all neighbouring countries because of their location, scenery and rich marine and forest resources. Defence forces are deployed full strength to guard these islands.

PRAISE GOD THAT

- The assembly work in these islands expands to many islands like Mayabunder Island, Rangat Island, Diglipur Island, Baratang Island, Hut Bay Island, Nancowry Island Neil Island, Havelock Island and Katchal Island.
- Assembly buildings have been constructed in the Nicobar Island group at Campbellbay and in the Andaman Island group at Buniyadabad, Dairy Farm and Bathu Basti.
- 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, Gandhi Nagar, Mayabunder, Bambooflat, Diglipur and Hutbay
- The children's Bible clubs, youth gatherings and other gospel activities in different parts, especially those that are being held at Tsunami shelters.
- The believers who were Tsunami victims, who need much prayer and practical help.
- The widows and orphans and needy children who are our Assemblies' concern.
- The gospel team, which has a vision to reach the whole of the islands with the gospel.
- The salvation of anti-gospel elements that are active due to political support.

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ANGOLA

Population	24,300,000
Major religions	Roman Catholicism 50%, / Evangelical Christianity 40%, / Traditional religion (Animism and Syncretic) 8%, / Others (Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism) 2%

Brethren work began in	1884
Number of congregations	2,024
Number of additional preaching points	2,500
Number of baptised believers	500,000
Total number of adult attendees	350,000
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	1,500
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	750
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	300

AGENCY SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

Departments of Christian Education/Evangelism and Missions of the General Secretariat in connection with local churches

Email address: asaul90@yahoo.co.uk

Postal address: PO Box 6494-c, Luanda, Republic of Angola. Africa.

Website: www.iei-angola.org

Currently five local churches are supporting one Angolan and his family as a missionary in one of the provinces (Ferreira Jorge in Malange), two other local churches are supporting one lady missionary sent to another province (Irene Cardoso in Alto Zambeze-Moxico), one local church is supporting one itinerant missionary (Elias Guerra-Kamacupa and Munhango), one province is supporting a local missionary and his family (Dinis Caley in Moxico) and several local churches are supporting missions outside Angola. There is a need for a coordinating body through the existing structure. Currently there are four national missionaries in the field supported by Angolan nationals.

Nature of other ministries – Womens’ ministry, Youth and Children’s ministry

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

We are growing to this stage according to the information given above. Efforts are being made to strengthen the existing structure to host such a body.

CHURCH LINKS

General Secretariat of the Brethren Churches in Angola

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Postal address: PO Box 6494-c, Luanda, Republic of Angola. Africa.

Website: www.iei-angola.org

Roles – Koinonia among Churches, Liaison with the Government, Promotion of common events such as Bible studies and conferences, Literature distribution, advising local churches on social projects such as health, education, literacy and poverty alleviation.

BIBLE SCHOOLS

Emmaus Bible School

Level of study – Biblical learning by extension

Length of course – 4 years

Bible Superior Institute of the Evangelical Alliance of Angola

Level of study and length of courses – Basic 2 year / Bachelor 4 year / Degree 5 year (from Evangelical Alliance Bible Institute)

Modular Bible Courses and Basic School of Kassongo

Level of study – training Elders in elementary Bible teaching – homiletics / hermeneutics (initiated by an Angolan national)

PUBLISHING HOUSES

Department of Literature of the General Secretariat – supported by the Angola Literature Funds which is based in the UK and administrated by missionaries based in UK. Two places in Angola produce literature: Luanda and Lunda Sul.

INTERESTING FEATURES

Several brethren are writers and they publish, at their own costs or through sponsorship, very good books with Christian testimony to the nation. The Brethren Church in Angola has about five committed members in the National Assembly (Parliament). A significant number of primary and secondary schools are run by the church and supported by the government of Angola throughout the 18 provinces of the country. Water sanitation projects in some of the old mission stations are in rehabilitation phase. Campaigns of education on HIV/AIDS, gender issues and health are part of the church activities. The church is running a hospital in the eastern part of the country in cooperation with doctors from Argentina and running a leprosy reintegration families project. The church in Angola joins efforts in ecumenical contributions to the laws (such as the law against abortion), massive evangelistic campaigns, massive preaching meetings to celebrate the independence and peace within the Evangelical Alliance members and other Christian umbrella organisations.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The Brethren Church, started with the work of Frederick Stanley Arnot in July 1884, recently completed 130 years. Stanley started his journey from Hamilton in Scotland following the steps of Dr. David Livingstone to Cape Town, South Africa and Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. From there he joined a Portuguese trader Mr Silva Porto with whom he arrived in Angola and started a mission station in Kwanjulula in the very center of Angola, Province of Bié. From there the work expanded in three different phases: (i) 1884-1975 missionary work to 16 missionary stations (ii) expansion of the work 1975-1992 to 1500 churches (iii) official recognition of the church by the government of Angola, as a national church denomination and expanded to 2024 local churches. The Angolan government requires a church to be registered to be able to carry on its work. The Angolan Brethren Church is registered as a church denomination. The churches are autonomous but, practically, it's a church association.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Peace and economic stability towards development.
- Increasing number of believers and local churches countrywide.
- Increasing number of trained church leaders through the Emmaus, Modular Bible School and Theological Institute of the Evangelical Alliance of Angola.
- Awareness of the Angolan Church of mission outreach.

PRAY FOR

- Strengthening the Biblical basis of faith, what we call “BBR” – back to the Brethren roots – by training good Bible teachers.
- Strengthening of leadership training among youth and womens’ ministry, as they are the majority of the Angolan population – 52% women and 60% youth.
- Strategies to reach the urban areas and good leadership among elders/youth.
- Support to send more missionaries to various fields.
- Holistic ministry to advocate social justice on better distribution of resources.
- Political stability of the continent and within the Southern, Central and Great Lakes region where a big role is being played by Angola.

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ANGUILLA

Population	12,500
Major religions	Christianity – Anglican 30%, Catholic 30%, Methodist 20%, Other evangelical 20%

Brethren work began in	1964
Number of Brethren congregations	1
Number of additional preaching points	1
Number of baptised believers	30
Total number of adult attendees	35
The number of baptised and other committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers	0

CHURCH LINKS

Caribbean Conference of Christian Brethren Assemblies.

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Role is to improve communication among churches in the Caribbean.

INTERESTING FEATURES

Services are broadcast live on Grace fm. There is direct support given monthly to juvenile rehabilitation on the island. Residents and staff from the Juvenile Rehabilitation Centre often visit for services.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The work began sometime in the 60's with the late Bro. William Ashby who migrated from Barbados then went to St. Kitts before moving to Anguilla. He died in 2012.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Plurality of leadership.
- A revitalised and vibrant Sunday School ministry.
- Believers serving in giftedness.
- Slow increase in membership along with the assembly food evangelism ministry.

PRAY FOR

- Skilled labourers for the harvest.
- Resources for Sunday School and youth ministry.
- Implementation of a Care Service Unit to help parents and vulnerable children in the community.
- Continued unity and Holy Spirit empowerment to do God's work.

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ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

Population	80,000
Major religions	Christianity (90%) with a few Rastafarians / Bahai / Muslim / Hindu and non-religious

Brethren work began in	1948
Number of Brethren congregations	5
Number of additional preaching points	1
Number of baptised believers	200
Total number of adult attendees	300
The number of baptised and other committed believers is	remaining about the same
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	1

AGENCIES SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

Christian Brethren Assembly Trust

Nature of ministry – holding property and handling legal matters for the Assemblies

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A Sunday School was established in Antigua by two sisters from St. Kitts. As the effort developed they sought the assistance of brethren overseas. A brother and his wife were sent from England as missionaries and they established the first Gospel Hall. This is believed to have occurred some time around 1948.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The commencement of radio broadcasts by Nestor Campbell (full-time worker) on two regional radio stations. Broadcast on Caribbean Radio Lighthouse commenced in February 2014 and on

Harbour Light of the Windwards in April 2014. Praise God for the responses received, including from two persons seeking salvation.

- The life and service of our late fulltime worker, Bro. Dalmar Edwards who went to be with the Lord at the end of 2014.
- The rapid progress being made by the saints at Bethany Gospel Hall on their new building to house the assembly.
- The growth being experienced at Bethany Gospel Hall, the stability at Bethel Gospel Hall and the continuation of the work at our latest assembly, Faith Gospel Hall.

PRAY FOR

- That the unity and co-operation being experienced among the elders within the assemblies will be experienced across assemblies.
- Arrest of the decline in two of our older assemblies and a turn-around of the affairs of these two assemblies.
- The newly established assembly Faith Gospel Hall – that it will experience significant growth in 2015 and that the believers there would find the means of having a building of their own for service.
- That brother Nestor Campbell would be of greater service in the work of the Lord in Antigua and the region.

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ARGENTINA

Population	41.8 million
Major religions	Roman Catholicism 76.5% / Evangelical Christianity 9.1% / Islam 1.5% / Judaism 0.8%

Brethren work began in	1882
Number of congregations	1,325
Number of preaching points	360+
Number of baptised believers	69,000 (estimated)
Total number of adult attendees	100,000 (estimated)
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	92
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	35+
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	47+

PUBLICATIONS

Campo Misionero

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Postal address: Av Honorio Pueyrredon 2825, Casilla de Correo 161, (1629) Pilar, Buenos Aires.

Website: www.fundacioncristiana.org

Momento de Decision – (Digital Publication)

Email address: momentodedecision@argentina.com

Postal address: Urquiza 1482, 2000 Rosario, Argentina.

Website: www.mdedecision.com.ar

Caminando Juntas – Women's Magazine

AGENCIES SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

FEMA – Fundacion Evangelica Misionera Argentina

Email address: misioneros@fema.org.ar

Postal address: Avenida Callao 232 8 piso Oficina 15 (C1022AAP),
Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Website: www.fema.org.ar

Supports national and international assembly commended workers
and institutions.

COMFE – Comision Misionera Femenina

Email address: info@comfe.com.ar

Postal address: San Lorenzo 2348 Piso 1- E, CP1650 – San Martin,
Buenos Aires.

Website: www.comfe.com.ar

Serves families of assembly commended workers.

OALM – Fundacion Evangelica Obreros a la Mies

Email address: danieldragone@yahoo.com.ar

Postal address: Lascano 4868,(1717) Ciudad de Buenos Aires, Argentina.
Attends to the spiritual and building needs of assembly workers and
churches, primarily in remote areas.

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

FEMA – Fundacion Evangelica Misionera Argentina

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Postal address: Avenida Callao 232 8 piso Oficina 15 (C1022APP)
Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Website: www.fema.org.ar

Mainly serves Argentine commended workers.

CHURCH LINKS

FICEA – Federacion de Instituciones e Iglesias Cristianas Evangelicas Argentina

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Postal address: Avenida Callao 232 -piso 8 – Oficina 15 (C1022AAP),
Buenos Aires, Argentina.

BIBLE SCHOOLS

Instituto Bíblico Jorge Mueller (14 locations across the country)

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Postal address: Avenida Callao 232 8piso Oficina 15 (C1022AAP),
Buenos Aires, Argentina.

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Level of study – college

Course length – 1, 2, 4, years

Escuela Bíblica Emmaus (by correspondence)

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Postal address: Maipu 466, Local 30, (1006) Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Website: www.escuelaemmaus.org

Distance education

Course length – various

ECEA's – Escuelas e Instituciones Educativas Cristianas Evangelicas de Argentina

Email address: See website for individual addresses

Postal address: Irigoyen 2150, CP1408 Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Website: <http://asambleasdehermanos.org.ar/escuelas.html>

Course length – various

PUBLISHING HOUSE

LEC – Librería Editorial Cristana

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Postal address: Maipu 466, Local 30, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Website: www.editoriallec.com

INTERESTING FEATURES

Education: The work of the assemblies transcends the proclamation of the Gospel through a typical congregational setting and extends to areas of public life. Through the pioneering vision and labouring of Jose Bongarra and other brethren in the 1950's, the assemblies became involved in establishing schools throughout the country (ranging from kindergarten

to post secondary and including rural centres), where Biblical teaching had a formative impact in thousands of lives.

Vulnerable sectors: A significant involvement over the years has taken place in other areas of social need (children's homes, seniors, health services, substance abuse) which have 'adorned the Gospel' and validated it in the eyes of diverse surrounding communities.

Literature: The printed page has been valued since the pioneering activities; and LEC under the dynamic leadership of Carmelo Racciatti became a pivotal element in serving the needs of the assemblies, including the publication of *Himnos y Canticos del Evangelio*, a songbook utilized by many assemblies both in the country and throughout Latin America. www.editoriallec.com

Radio/TV/Internet: A long-standing presence in Radio (since 1954) and TV (1960's) has contributed to the extension of the Gospel, with some assemblies today owning Radio Stations and a TV channel. *Meditaciones Cristianas* recently celebrated 68 years of continued broadcasting and its sister women program *De Amiga a Amiga*, 58 years. God is blessing these efforts in a continuing way. Both can be accessed via Internet at: www.radiomeditaciones.com.ar and www.deamigaamiga.com

Annual conferences, congregating 3000-4000 people, and regional ones during the year contribute to the fellowship among the assemblies and the believers' growth. Camps and retreats for all ages have a significant presence in many provinces.

Evangelistic initiatives such as *Juntos* led by the younger generation are creative and resourceful, encouraging concentrated effort. www.juntosevangelismo.org.ar

Recent developments indicate a significant interest in preparation for service and discerning the call from God to serve beyond its borders.

"To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever. Amen"

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Brethren work in Argentina is considered to have started with the arrival of 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 principles of the autonomy of the local churches, coupled with the fellowship and interrelation among local congregations strengthening the work, effectively continue to this day.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Unity of the brethren throughout the country.
- Argentinean laws which traditionally uphold freedom of religion.
- Argentina has become a missionary sending country, currently with 17 workers outside its borders.

PRAY FOR

- Continuing advancement of the Gospel in the various areas of ministry.
- Maintaining positive relations with government. (Importation of printed material and equipment is currently restricted.)
- Increased missionary vision and adequate provision of resources and equipment.

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AUSTRALIA (2011 INFORMATION)

Population	23,774,404
Major religions	Roman Catholic 25% / Anglican 19% / Uniting 6% / Greek Orthodox 2%

Brethren work began in	the 1850s
Number of congregations	about 260
Number of baptised believers	about 7,000
Number of adult attendees	about 10,000
The number of committed believers is	decreasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	approximately 49

PUBLICATIONS

Serving Together (AMT)

Email address: editor@amt.asn.au

Postal address: PO Box 565, Mt Gravatt, QLD 4122.

Daily Prayer Guide

Email address: editor@amt.asn.au

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

Australian Workers Daily Prayer Guide

Email address: editor@amt.asn.au

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

Assemblies Outreach

Email address: outreach-mag@optusnet.com.au

CBFM magazine

Postal address: PO Box 640, Burwood, NSW 2765.

Spearhead

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Postal address: 15 Hamilton Street, Riverstone, NSW 2765.

CBFM

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AGENCIES SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

Christian Brethren Trust

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Postal address: 232 Murrumbeena Rd, Murrumbeena, VIC 3163.

Acts as trustee for many Brethren assemblies in Victoria.

Stewards Foundation

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Postal address: PO Box 230 South Hurstville NSW 2221.

Website: www.stewardsfoundation.com.au

Financial body, which supports Brethren assembly work in Australia and acts as trustee for many Brethren churches in Australia.

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

Australian Missionary Tidings

Email address: info@amt.asn.au

Postal address: PO Box 565, Mt Gravatt, QLD 4122.

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

CHURCH LINKS

Christian Community Churches of Australia (CCCAust Ltd)

Email address: www.cccaust.com

This national network of churches, overseen by a Board of 15 representatives of both churches and para-church organisations from around the country, was formed in 2006. In addition, state-level organisations have been formed to provide more direct support to each of the churches by

hosting quarterly state meetings, helping address legal requirements, and by coordinating a variety of joint activities. CCCAust has a national church database, holds a National Conference every two years, organises a National Handbook, and is producing the 'Connect' newsletter twice yearly. The organisation understands how significant networking is in the process of church growth and 'birthing' new churches.

BIBLE SCHOOLS

Emmaus Bible College

Email address: admin@emmaus.edu.au

Postal address: PO Box 1949, Macquarie Centre, NSW 2113.

Bachelor of Theology and Masters of Arts, Divinity or Theology, Certificates in Christian Ministry and Theology as well as diploma and advanced diploma courses. Accredited courses in Counselling and advanced church ministry training are available, as well, from the growing network of integrated campuses in several States.

The vast majority of students appreciate and enjoy the practical value of highly advanced online courses which are continuously being upgraded with the newest technologies allowing the virtual, live classroom experience to come directly into their home and office.

Gospel Literature Outreach (GLO)

Email address: gloadmin@gloministries.org.au

Postal address: PO Box 177, Riverstone, NSW 2765.

Level of study and length of course – non-accredited one-year full-time course for mission work

Mueller College of Ministries

Email address: mcm@mcm.qld.edu.au

Postal address: PO Box 487, Redcliffe, QLD 4020

Level of study and length of course – full-time and part-time courses in Bible, theology and related subjects

INTERESTING FEATURES

Over the last 9+ 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 four 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.
- A renewed emphasis on church planting as part of the local church's DNA.
- 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.
- An increase in the number of Christian schools and an expansion of this ministry.
- 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 aware of the relevancy of the Word of God.
- Individuals to recognise their need of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Churches to make 'church-planting' an integral part of their on-going strategy.
- World Missions to be a significant objective of the local church, including greater and more effective cross-cultural outreach to migrants.
- The older generation to be aware of, and committed to, the development of young people in leadership – that their understanding of the culture, combined with their real heart for

God will not be stifled by those unwilling to 'let go' or allow effective change.

- Even greater and more effective cross-cultural outreach to migrants.

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AUSTRIA

Population	8.5 million
Major religions	Roman Catholicism 65% / Atheism 11.5% / Islam / 5.5% / Protestant Christianity 4.3%

Brethren work began in	about 1900
Number of congregations	about 50
Number of additional preaching points	about 20
Number of baptised believers	4,000
Total number of adult attendees	5,000
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)

Postal address: Hermann Gmeiner Strasse 1, A-5020 Salzburg.

Website: <http://gemeindeundmission.de/>

BIBLE SCHOOL

TMG Salzburg.

Postal address: Hermann Gmeiner Strasse 1, A-5071 Wals.

INTERESTING FEATURES

Very recently we had the opportunity of joining a group of evangelical church groups of different denominations, which had formed a legal entity – thus official state recognition as church. This implies the possibility that we could start teaching religion in state schools in Austria – financed by the Austrian government. This is now running since September 2014.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Official state recognition as church.
- Implementation of evangelical religion teaching in state schools.
- Slowly but constantly growing number of believers.

PRAY FOR

- Austria is becoming more and more a non-Christian country. Believers are in the danger of giving in.
- Different groups of Christians are having little contact – pray that we find forms to work together as the body of Christ.

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BAHAMAS

Population	375,000
Major religions	Christianity 96% / (Baptist 35% / Anglican 14% / Roman Catholic 12% / Brethren 2%) Other religions include Jehovah's Witness / Islam / Rastafarian / Baha'i Faith / Christian Science / Mormons and smaller groups

Brethren work began in	1875
Number of congregations	33
The number of committed believers is	decreasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	30
Number of itinerant evangelists/Bible teachers	about 7

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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; 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

Chairman Elder Perry Wallace

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

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A camp and retreat ministry situated in Bannerman Town, Eleuthera Island on 72 acres of land. Mostly used as summer camps for evangelism and discipleship.

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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.
- 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, and financial support, to assist with Old Bight and Nicholl's Town Children's Homes.
- The revival of evangelism and discipleship 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.

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BARBADOS

Population	277,515 (2013)
Area of land	166 square miles
Major religions	Christianity (90% and over) – Anglican 19.45% / Pentecostal 15.89% / Adventist 4.84% / Methodist 2.69% / Brethren 0.15% (Gospel Hall Assemblies 0.06%)

Brethren work began in	1860, but the Open Brethren (Gospel Hall assemblies) not till 1889
Number of congregations	39, (13 are Gospel Hall assemblies)
Number of additional preaching points	about 3
Number of baptised believers	about 1500
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving locally	1
Number of full-time workers serving overseas	1

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

English Anglican cleric, Leonard Strong founded a little church in British Guiana out of which the Brethren grew. From this early Guiana movement, two female missionaries visited Barbados on holiday. During their extended stay, occasioned by illness, these ladies conducted personal witnessing and started the testimony in 1889 that led to the establishment of the Gospel Hall Assemblies in Barbados.

In the first 32 years, as the outgrowth of the work of English missionaries, seven assemblies were formed. Growing nationalism and self-determination of Barbadians in the 1930s through 1960s fuelled the departure of the British missionaries from Barbados. During this period Dr. C.O.Y Lowe, Vincentian missionary and chiropractor, was commended from the USA to full-time service in Barbados. He pioneered

the establishment of five of six assemblies during 1939—1959. Although there have been spasmodic attempts at assembly planting since the Lowe era, no other assembly was formed.

The English missionaries' lack of preparation of nationals for leadership and succession planning, coupled with interpersonal conflict occurring among local brethren, led to stagnation of the assemblies. This did not augur well for the progress of the work in the ensuing the years.

Assembly challenges

In this electronic/information age, the church is not any longer the sole main mouth-piece of society. And so, in a post-modern nation where Barbadians have not experienced ravages of war, affliction from pestilence or dire poverty; and where it is expected that there should 'soon' be a university graduate in every household, there are real challenges in making the old Gospel presentation suitable to postmodernists.

As a result there is grave need to:

- 1) address growing materialism/secularism, not only outside, but also within the church,
- 2) present the Gospel attractively and effectively/relevantly taking into consideration post-modern audiences,
- 3) stop being tradition-driven in favour of being Christ-centred and purpose-driven.

Responses to some of the challenges would involve the need to:

- 1) have more discipleship and mentoring programmes, simultaneously with a proactive evangelistic mind-set,
- 2) in lieu of the present tokenism, fully and decisively engage our youth and female membership in church ministry and administration,
- 3) implement vision plan designing,
- 4) be able to meaningfully discuss 'our faith', not in mystical, but in practical, modern-day terms.

The assemblies urgently need to invest in appropriate training of their leaders and workers (young) with view to helping them to execute their mandate of evangelisation, discipleship and shepherding in an ever changing culture more effectively.

CENTENARY PUBLICATION, 1995

The Brethren in Barbados—*Gospel Hall Assemblies 1889–1994*, by Sylvan R. Catwell

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PRAISE GOD FOR

- Freedom of worship.
- The government's recognition of the role of the church in Barbados, and the church's participation in national strategic planning, and consultation and review of sensitive national issues.

PRAY FOR

- Recognition of the need for training/equipping of church leaders/workers.
- Sustainable leadership and mobilising of young people into assembly administration.
- Unity, not mere unison, of our assemblies.

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BELGIUM (FLANDERS)

(2007 INFORMATION)

Population	6 million
Major religions	Roman Catholicism 98% (mainly nominal) / Evangelical Christianity 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

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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

- There is a good camp work, including camps for children, young teens and older teens, weekends and young adult work.

- We have a good group of full-time workers.
- We are seeing some growth.

PRAY FOR

- More young leaders, and more young people.

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BELGIUM (WALLONIA)

(2011 INFORMATION)

Population	10,800,000 (4,500.000 French speaking)
Major religions	Catholicism 47%, Islam 6-10%, Protestant Christianity 1.5%

Brethren work began in	c1855
Number of Brethren congregations	20
Number of additional preaching points	nil
Number of baptised believers	500
Total number of adult attendees	1000
The 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

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Camp Ministry (Campus des Taillis)
Convention organisation

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

Bible School

See CFM ministry above

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PRAISE GOD FOR

- The gospel still being preached and conversions still a daily reality.
- 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.

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BELIZE

Population 359,000

Major religions Roman Catholic 40% / Pentecostal 8% /
Seventh Day Adventist 5% / Anglican 5%

Brethren work began in	1952
Number of congregations	7
Number of additional preaching points	2
Number of baptised believers	300
Total number of adult attendees	350
The number of committed believers is	remaining about the same
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	1
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	0
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	1

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CHURCH LINKS

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INTERESTING FEATURES

Grace Primary School is owned and managed by the Brethren assemblies in Belize. The school is an institution of primary education catering to children ages 5 through 14. Current enrolment is in excess of 440. The King's Mailbox Correspondence Courses is another ministry conducted from the office of Christian Missions to 1,000 participants at various stages.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The presence of the Brethren in Belize can be traced back to the early 1950's in Belize City with street and tabernacle meetings conducted by missionaries from Jamaica and Canada. Eventually land was acquired and two local chapels were erected for the rapidly growing congregation as a result of those efforts. Continued outreach by local and foreign missionaries saw the work being extended to the Belize River Valley and other areas of the country.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Commended and active ladies ministry.
- Budding and encouraging work at the Western Paradise community.
- Answered prayers when the Lord provided a full-time couple – husband and wife team to assist with the youth ministry at Grace Chapel in Belize City.
- Grace Primary School being widely recognized as one of Belize's leading primary education institutions.

PRAY FOR

- Funding for the development of an assembly Bible camp site. The assemblies own thirty acres of prime land in the interior of the country to accommodate construction.
- Full-time workers and the raising up of younger men in the assemblies to leadership roles.
- Re-establishing an assembly presence in the northern part of the country.

- Expanding and/or re-location of Grace Primary School to another location in Belize City with ample spacing to relieve the current cramped and crowded environment.

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BERMUDA

Population	67,837
Major religions	Christianity 56% (Anglican 23% / Roman Catholic 15% / African Methodist Episcopal 11% / Seventh Day Adventist 7%) / Other 44% (including small groups of Muslims / Baha'i and Mormons)

Brethren work began in	1874 (first hall built in 1903)
Number of congregations	6
Number of additional preaching points	1
Number of baptised believers	about 406
The number of committed believers is	about the same
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	3
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	2 commended + 3 others
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	2 commended + 3 others

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

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CHURCH LINKS

- Conference is held once 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.
- Several assemblies run Word of Life clubs.
- Recent association with assemblies in Caribbean for communication and conference planning.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The measure of unity experienced by the assemblies.
- The missionary thrust of the assemblies (especially in India, China, 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.

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BOLIVIA

Population	10,389,913
Major religions	Roman Catholicism 73% / No religion 12% / Protestant Christianity 11% / Baha'i, Buddhism, Hare Krishna 1%

Brethren work began in	1895
Number of congregations	520
Number of additional preaching points	20
Number of baptised believers	8,600
Total number of adult attendees	10,500
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers	35
Number of full-time evangelists	5
Number of itinerant Bible teachers	4

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Delegation from Brethren churches

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HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The Irish missionary, Guillermo Payne, started from Cordoba, Argentina, with six animals of burden and his wife, a girl who was their eldest daughter and two more believers. They came to the city of Sucre, capital of Bolivia in July of 1895, after touring more than 1,400 kms with the purpose of starting a church. He had much opposition by leaders of the Roman Church, but by their perseverance and boldness was able to preach the Gospel and win souls for Christ.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Freedom to preach the Gospel.
- The growth of the number of believers.
- The growth in the number of churches.

PRAY FOR

- Economic and spiritual care of the workers on the part of the churches.
- Training of new workers and the elderly.
- Unity of the Church in vision and service.
- Proclamation of the Gospel in a lay state.

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BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

Population	3,871,643
Major religions	Islam 40% / Orthodox Christianity 31% / Roman Catholicism 15% / Other 14%

Brethren work began	originally 1991-95 – in Zeneca 2008
Number of congregations	2 (in Zeneca)
Number of additional preaching points	1
Number of baptised believers	18 (in Zeneca)
Total number of adult attendees	45
The number of committed believers is	decreasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	6

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INTERESTING FEATURES

In Zenica, besides the church planting ministry, we have bought lands in a valley 5 miles outside of the city of Zenica, called ‘Grace Valley’, with the vision to build a Training Centre and a Bible Camp. Before doing that, we stabilised and built a half-way house for youth leaving the orphanage, jail and those without homes and in trouble with society and family. Most of the youth and their families supported by the work in the valley attend the local church. In the city we have a Day Care Centre for street kids and poor children, mostly gypsies. Most of them attend camps and events run by the local church.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The Brethren churches in Bosnia and Herzegovina started in 1995. Before the war in 1991, only two churches existed in the country, both

in Sarajevo, a Brethren and a Baptist church. Both disappeared during the war. Then missionaries from different denominations, among them several from the Brethren churches, started again planting churches in the country. It seems that an Adventist church existed also in the country before the war.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The doors are still open, even though difficulties to start new preaching points in other cities are more evident.
- The church has grown despite the opposition of the religious groups in the area.
- A growing number of youth and teenagers have joined the local church.
- A new generation of leaders rising among the youth.

PRAY FOR

- A vision among the believers to reach their own people.
- Unity and humility among the churches and missionaries to coordinate and expand the gospel in the country. A strong division and selfishness has weakened the expansion and testimony of the gospel in the country.
- Workers to minister among the children. There are a few people focused on children's work.
- Openness for the gospel in the medium and small cities.

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BRAZIL

Population	201,000,000
Major religions	Roman Catholicism 64.6% / Evangelical Christianity 22.2% / Spiritism 2% / Other religions 2.7%

Brethren work began in	1878
Number of congregations	between 650 and 750
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers	not known

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INTERESTING FEATURES

There's no specific activity involving all the churches. At my home church, we have after-school programs for the kids in the neighborhood, computer courses for beginners, and we just had our first course on professional kitchen. This was a partnership with the government. We provided the kitchen and they sent the teachers. We also have a vocal group that visits the Hospital Evangélico (could be translated 'Christian Hospital') singing hymns directly for hemodialysis patients and at the hospital halls.

There are, at least, two churches in Brazil with day-care programs.

There are three Brethren institutions working with recovering drug addicts.

We also have three nursing homes – two in the State of Espírito Santo and one in the State of Rio de Janeiro.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The Brethren Movement in Brazil started by the influence of brother Richard Holden who was co-pastor at Igreja Evangélica Fluminense – IEF (planted in the city of Rio de Janeiro by the MD and missionary, Dr. Robert Reid Kalley). In contact by letters with family members who had joined the movement in the United Kingdom, brother Holden entered in a leave of absence at IEF and travelled to the UK. Right after that he moved to Portugal. Influenced by the new ecclesiastical vision embraced by brother Holden, a group of eight brothers also left IEF and started the first Brazilian Brethren church. It was July 7th, 1878. This church is still active today. From this core of Brethren in Brazil who started in 1878, were all of those who contributed to the expansion of the movement in the country, going to farms, villages, and towns preaching the redeeming message of Jesus Christ. Mr. Holden came to Rio de Janeiro in July 10th, 1879, to visit the new congregation, helping in the services, and staying until November 18th, 1879, when he travelled back to Lisbon. That's his only registered visit to Brazil that we know of.

As a matter of curiosity, the brethren in Brazil started and spread without the help of foreign missionaries. The first foreign missionary came only in May of 1896 (18 years after the first church started.) His name was Stuart Edmund McNair (1867-1959). he was a great help to the movement. His vision was to prepare Brazilian nationals so that they could continue the expansion of the Gospel. Brother McNair published the first Study Bible of Brazil. It's called *Bíblia Explicada de McNair* (Explained Bible of McNair), which is still in print to this day. Unfortunately, we've lost the copyright for his work, but that's another story.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The opportunity of preaching the gospel in Brazil.
- Missionaries who, even with livelihood limitations, have worked to proclaim the gospel.
- So many young people in most local churches.
- Those local churches that did not give up to pragmatism and aim for fast growth.

PRAY FOR

- Brazil's political situation, because authorities of Partido dos Trabalhadores have taken the country towards socialism trying to create a bloc with Venezuela, Cuba, Bolivia and others. History shows that where socialism was implanted, the church suffered persecution.
- An opening to preach the gospel to Brazilian Indian tribes, because the Government is making it difficult, and in some cases completely blocking, the missionaries' work within the tribes.
- The youth in the assemblies so that they stay in their local churches. Pray that God will raise up among them a generation committed to His word, and willing to serve Him full time.
- Elders who are biblically qualified, who will shepherd the heart of the youth so that they will love God's word and then the future generation will not fall for the appeal of neo-Pentecostals, which is very common in Brazil.

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BULGARIA

Population 7,385,367

Major religions Christianity 89% / (Orthodox 86% / Protestant 3% – mostly charismatic and Pentecostal) / Islam 13%

Brethren work began in

about 1900

Number of congregations

**unknown, but
very small**

Number of adult attendees

**about 1,000
(estimated)**

The number of committed believers is

decreasing slowly

PUBLICATION

Spiritual Word

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Postal address: 26 Dimitar Dimov Str., Sofia-1164.

PUBLISHING HOUSE

Rassovsky Ltd. Spiritual Word

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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.

PRAY FOR

- The Christian calendar.
- The many poor and needy Christians

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BURUNDI

Population 9 million

Major religions Roman Catholicism 60% / Protestant Christianity 15% / Islam 5% / Animism 20%

Brethren work began in	1950
Number of congregations	131 small local churches
Number of additional preaching points	136
Number of baptised believers	32,000
Total 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	less than 10
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	about 10
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	about 5

AGENCIES SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

Emmaus

Contact person: Nibigira Gedeon

Postal address: B.P. 122 Bujumbura, Burundi

Bible correspondence courses

Timothy Bible School

Postal address: B.P. 122 Bujumbura, Burundi

Basic Bible teaching for local elders

CHURCH LINKS

Communaute des Eglises Emmanuel du Burundi

Postal address: B.P. 122 Bujumbura, Burundi

Networking forum

BIBLE SCHOOL

Timothy Bible School

Postal address : B.P. 122 Bujumbura, Burundi

Level of study – Internal – for local pastors

Length of courses – 6 months in a year

INTERESTING FEATURES

Evangelism, Ephphata (Deaf school), Kanura (Blind school), Health Clinic, RBC (Eye surgery clinic and re-adaptation of disabled persons), 8 Primary schools

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Worldwide Grace Testimony (WGT) came in 1928. In the 50s it became Association of Emmanuel Churches in Burundi. In the 90's it became Community of Emmanuel Churches (CEEM).

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Church planting initiated by local churches.
- One private primary and secondary school in Bujumbura has been successful to an acceptable standard.
- Increased number of students and graduates in some local churches.
- Statistics of eye surgery are significant on national level.

PRAY FOR

- Current sharp division of the Brethren Churches in Burundi – based on biblical interpretation of Scriptures and lack of structure in leadership.
- Enrolment of gifted, educated believers in leadership.
- Need of full-time ministers.
- Holistic approach in church ministries.

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CANADA

Population 35,675,834

Major religions Christianity 62% (Among “Christians” approximately equal numbers attend weekly services in Evangelical, Traditional Protestant and Roman Catholic churches) / No religion 22% / Islam 3% (In our 2011 report we indicated that the number of Muslims had more than doubled to just under 600,000 during the past decade. The number of Muslims according to the 2011 data has increased to 1,053,945) / Hinduism 1.4% / Buddhism 1.02% / Judaism 0.92%

Like many western nations, Canada is officially a religiously pluralistic country, which means that no religion has any preferred status. But in practical terms the majority of the population still identifies itself as Christian even though many are not intentional followers of Jesus.

Brethren work began in
Number of congregations

1860
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.

It is difficult to obtain up to date and accurate statistics for Brethren churches in Canada. The Assembly Address Book for North America has the most comprehensive listing (<http://www.ecsministries.org/address-book1>) but may not be up to date.

PUBLICATIONS

Assembly Address Book

Website: <http://www.cmml.us/resources/books>

Counsel, Timely Truths for God's People

Website: <http://counselmagazineonline.com/>

Missions

Website: <http://www.cmml.us/magazine>

Missionary Prayer Handbook

Website: <http://www.ecsministries.org/address-book1>

News of Quebec

Website: <http://www.newsofquebec.org/>

Thinking Ahead

Website: www.vision-ministries.org

Uplook Magazine

Website: www.uplook.org

AGENCIES SERVING THE CHURCHES

MSC Canada

Website: www.msccanada.org

Quebec Reseau

Website: www/groupereseau.org

Stewards Canada

Website: www.stewardscanada.org

Stewards Foundation

Website: www.stewardsfoundation.org

Stewards Ministries

Website: www.stewardsministries.com

Uplook Ministries

Website: www.uplook.org

Truth & Tidings/Gospel Trust

Website: www.gospeltrust.ca

Vision Ministries Canada

Website: www.vision-ministries.org

BIBLE SCHOOLS

Mount Carmel Bible School

Website: www.mountcarmel.net

Emmaus Bible College

Website: <http://www.emmaus.edu/>

PUBLISHING HOUSE

Everyday Publications Inc.

Website: www.everydaypublications.org

Gospel Folio

Website: <http://gospelfolio.com/>

Publications chrétiennes Inc

Website: <http://publicationschretiennes.com/>

INTERESTING FEATURES

(This report focuses mostly on churches associated with VMC. If you

wish to know more about other congregations, explore the websites listed above.)

An increasingly collaborative attitude among church leaders surfaced in 2014. They are open to collaborative efforts in church planting, in sharing praise and prayer concerns and in assisting congregations that have reasonable health but are unable to move forward with important decisions. We are at the early stages but are thrilled with the results so far.

Church planting is taking place at rates we have not previously seen. In 2014 we were involved with 15 new church plants. These plants are diverse in style, languages and environments but they prove that the evangelistic impulse is alive and well.

Just as in the days of Jesus, ministry among people in obvious trouble is fruitful. Finding Freedom, a Winnipeg based ministry reaches out to addicts and those with life debilitating issues. Tim Fletcher has developed a teaching ministry that focuses directly on this audience, which is available in video form. On Friday nights in downtown Winnipeg 200 people come to listen and to participate in recovery accountability groups. The videos and format are now being used by other churches. See <http://ourfindingfreedom.com>

PRAISE GOD FOR

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

PRAY FOR

- Quebec Réseau, which is making 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. Several have had serious failures in their marriages, which has a very negative influence on their congregations.

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CHAD

Population 11 million

Major religions Islam 50% / Christianity 34% / Traditional ethnic 14% / Other 2% (Estimates only – an up-to-date religious census is desperately needed in this country.)

Brethren work began in	1926
Number of congregations	1107+ (2011 data)
Number of additional preaching points	500
Number of baptised believers	56,400+ (2011 data)
Total number of adult attendees	307,000
The number of committed believers is	increasing quickly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	2044
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	30
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	10

PUBLICATIONS

Pres de Toi

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La Parole

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MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

Evangelization and Mission Department

Email Address: cnact@yahoo.fr

Postal address: POB 1111 Ndjamen, Chad.

CHURCH LINKS

Christian Assemblies in Chad (CAC) and Evangelical Assemblies in Chad (EAC).

(Brethren in Chad are organised under two legally different coordinating entities)

Email address: cnact@yahoo.fr (CAC) OR djeanratou@gmail.com

Postal address: POB 1111 Ndjaména; and 1322 Ndjaména.

Role – Activities coordinating; organizing conferences; sensitizing members; managing training programmes; promoting evangelism, holistic mission works and unity among Brethren. The particularity of Evangelical Assemblies in Chad is witnessing for Christ in unreached regions (among Muslims).

BIBLE SCHOOLS

17 Bible Schools led in local languages.

Email: cnact@yahoo.fr

Postal address: POB 1111 Ndjamena.

Level of study – Primary school

Length of course – three years, certificate

Bitkine Bible Institute.

Email address: djeanratou@gmail.com

Postal address: POB 1322.

Level of study – Secondary school

Length of course – three year, diploma

Backtana Superior Bible School.

Email address: cnact@yahoo.fr

Postal address : POB 1111 Ndjaména.

Level of study – Secondary school first cycle

Length of course – three years, diploma

Doba Bible Institute La Source.

Email address: cnact@yahoo.fr

Postal address: POB 1111 Ndjaména.

Level of study – Secondary school second cycle

Length of course – three years, diploma

Shalom Higher Evangelical School of Theology (an interdenominational theological faculty)

Email address: eemet@intnet.td

Postal address: PO Box 4050, Ndjaména

Length of course – three years bachelor degree, further two years master's degree commencing 2015

Evening Bible courses centres have been created in cities like Ndjamena, Moundou, Doba, Sarh and Abeche. They cover from primary school to superior school levels. Some of our higher level leaders were trained elsewhere, in foreign Theological Seminaries, like the Faculty of Evangelical Theology in Bangui, in South Africa and in the Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Boston, USA. Others are now being trained, through distance teaching, by the Development Associates International in partnership with the Evangelical University of Tchad, and by the University Institute of International Development. They have been registered in various subjects, namely: Leadership and Management, Practical Theology, Systematic Theology, Missiology, and New Testament. By the grace of God, as of today, of the 2044 permanent servants of the Lord mentioned above, 53 hold bachelor's degrees, 11 hold Master's degrees, and three have PhDs. Two students have been doing PhD research (Systematic Theology and Missiology), five others have registered for Master's degrees in Systematic Theology, Practical Theology and Missiology.

INTERESTING FEATURES

Christian Assemblies in Chad and Evangelical Assemblies in Chad have been creating and running various works, including Primary Schools (76), Secondary Schools (20), Medical Centres (39 centres and one Hospital), Cultural Centres (5), Development and Professional Training Centres (3), Boarding Schools (5) and one Blind School in Guera Region. For the first time the organisation, Christian Assemblies in Chad, has been preparing for its National General Assembly to be held in the eastern part of the country, Abeche, with the intention of fostering missionary work in that unreached region.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The work of Christian Assemblies in Chad was pioneered by John Ramses Olley, a missionary sent from New Zealand through the work of Christian Mission in Many Lands. Born in England, John travelled to Australia as a Marine at the age of about 18. He received Christ as his Saviour at the age of 30 and felt the need to serve Him among unreached people. He went to Algeria, then to Tunisia before deciding to reach Nigeria. At Kano (Nigeria), he met believers from Chad who encouraged him to bring the Gospel to their country. Together, they arrived in Chad on March 18th, 1926. The missionary work they started developed into an association called today 'Christian Assemblies in Chad'. In 1945, John Ramses Olley also sent another missionary, Albert Burkhardt, to the central part of the country to start another work. Later on, missionaries of Brethren origin came from France, Belgium and Switzerland, sent by independent local churches. They developed missionary work in this central region: Barbezat in 1948, Marius Baar and Jean Metz in 1951. Later on, in 1959, under Government pressure, independently from the Christian Assemblies in Chad, they created the 'Guera Mission' with an autonomous legal status. In 1985, this mission merged with the Christian Assemblies in Chad. Ten years later, because of the specific challenges they faced among Muslims, the new leaders of the region found new credible reasons to reconstitute a legally separate entity. So, since 1995, Brethren in Chad have been cooperating in two entities, all of them members of the Entente of Evangelical Churches and Missions in Chad, the family of evangelicals within the country.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Three post-graduate students have been able to complete their theses and defend them during the years 2013 and 2014. Mardochee Nadoumngar, Ngarsouledé Abel, Esaïe L. Mournia. (They are now Doctors in Theology).
- Creation of a permanent National Theological Commission within Christian Assemblies in Chad.
- The increasing number of believers and local churches.
- The ongoing commitment of Christian assemblies' leadership in sectorial evangelism campaigns in Chad.

- The renewal of National Christian Assemblies Committee as decided by the national general assembly held in February 2012, with a new President and a new General Secretary respectively, with names Pastor Bimba Ramane Josué and Pastor Tibo DJe Didi.

PRAY FOR

- The family of Pastor René Daïdanso, the first theologian in CAC, ‘patriarch’ of the Church, who was promoted to God’s glory. Pray for the work he has left.
- The ongoing work of missionaries in the unreached Northern and Western areas of the country. Pray for the missionaries’ families and for the success of church socio-economic development activities initiated in those regions (mainly primary and secondary schools). There are 30 missionary posts in this part of the country
- Numerous refugees from Darfur wars and Central African Republic rebellions, that their needs are met and conditions for their return home are fulfilled.
- On-going peaceful living together of Christians and Muslims, farmers and animal herders in the country.

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CHILE

Population	17.62 million
Major religions	Catholicism 66.6% / Protestant Christianity 16.4% / No religion 12.5% / Other 4.5%

Brethren work began in	1928
Number of congregations	51
Number of additional preaching points	40
Number of baptised believers	1700
Total number of adult attendees	2600
The number of committed believers is	decreasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	16

AGENCIES SERVING THE CHURCHES

CRAC

Provides legal support to assemblies and legal representation before the Chilean Government (the old one).

ERACH

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Website: www.erach.cl

Provides legal support to assemblies and legal representation before the Chilean Government (the new one). The aim is, in the near future, to serve as an agency to manage gifts and support to national workers.

BIBLE SCHOOLS

Emmaus courses by correspondence.

Email address: emmaus.chile@gmail.com

Postal address: Casilla 3347 Valparaíso – Chile.

PUBLISHING HOUSES

Palabras de amor (Printing house for evangelistic tracts and Bible calendars)

Email address: amgtko@gmail.com

INTERESTING FEATURES

- Five local radio stations (most of them affiliates of BBN).
- A primary school in Coyhaique- Patagonia (started in 2011).
- Social ministries (clothes and food supplies to needed people; counselling, evangelism to women involved in drugs and alcoholism).
- Handicraft workshops for women (as a means of evangelism).
- Summer camps for young people.
- Weekly children's radio program called *Palabras de Amor* (broadcast by BBN).
- An increasing decline in the number of members due to rigid adherence to a tradition that has inhibited changes required to move with the times. Most of the churches have those characteristics. A few of them – no more than five – are growing because they have developed new ministries. However, materialism and the economic welfare of Chile are also responsible for the lack of faithfulness and commitment of believers to the work of God.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The Assemblies movement began in Chile in December of 1927. The first Breaking of Bread was celebrated on February 5 in 1928. A young brother, Andrew Stenhouse, had been committed to the service of the Lord in 1925 from a church in Loanhead, Edinburgh, Scotland. From Edinburgh, he travelled to Canada to marry Nina Batstone, a lady he had met through his work as a radio operator in the British Merchant Navy. They had shared their call to serve the Lord in South America, specifically in the country of Chile. They remained in Argentina for about two years, learning Spanish and serving in Bible teaching. Finally, in November 1927, they travelled to Chile by train. The journey took seventeen hours crossing the Andes Mountains, reaching a height of 4200 meters above sea level.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Freedom to preach the gospel. We have a holiday, October 31, as the *Day Of The Evangelical Churches*.
- The former missionaries who started the work in Chile.
- The spiritual growth of the new believers.
- The national missionaries and support for them.

PRAY FOR

- More full-time workers to work in the north of Chile, from Santiago to the frontier with Peru (small villages, with a desert climate). We also need a national agency to facilitate financial support to national workers.
- A Bible School, Primary and Secondary schools and especially Christian teachers for the primary school in Coyhaique-Patagonia.
- Unity among the assemblies. (We have never had an elders' meeting or national conference.)
- The assemblies need to have a missionary vision. (We have had only two missionaries overseas. Nowadays, we have only one.)
- A place near Santiago to have camps, seminars, children meetings and sports events. During 25 years, the Santiago-Centro church has been organising these evangelistic efforts, without having their own place. They need it urgently!!!

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COLOMBIA

Population	47.9 million
Major religions	Roman Catholicism 80% / Evangelical Christianity 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	about the same
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	32

BIBLE SCHOOLS

Central region: One Bible school, one Emmaus office

Website: www.wtl.org/emaus/

Website: www.wscuelaemmaus.com/bogota/

Instituto Biblico Hermanos

Postal address: En Cristo, Bugalagrande, Valle Ph 57 22265247

Level of study – diploma

Length of course – 10 months

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 people to serve in the assemblies.
- 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 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.

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CONGO, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF (NORTH KATANGA AREA)

Population 75 million

Major religions Roman Catholicism 50% / Protestant Christianity (the most numerous group are Pentecostal) 35% / Kimbanguist 5% / Islam 5% / Other 5%

Brethren work began in

1886

Number of Brethren congregations

at least 366

Number of baptised believers and attendees

not known precisely

The number of baptised and other committed believers is

increasing

Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers

1 (who works by faith, serving the whole community, teaching and writing for publishing)

PUBLICATIONS

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.

Email address: kalondamulenda@yahoo.fr

Postal address: c/o Bethany Kapezya, PO Box 20241, Kitwe, Zambia.

TRAINING INSTITUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE BRETHREN

Institut Superior Theologique de Manone (ISTMA) – (planned – not operational)

Postal address: B.P. 291, Manono.

Level of study – degree/diploma course

Length of course – 3 years

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

Level of study – college course

Length of course – 4 years

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

Level of study – high school

Length of course – 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)

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Postal address: 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 – over 50 persons

involved in leading churches, primary and secondary schools and community administration are monthly sustained.

- Perseverance of Christians.

PRAY FOR

- The establishment of the projected publishing house.
- The university projected shortly.
- More help to rebuild after the war.

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CONGO, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF (SOUTH KATANGA AREA, 2007 INFORMATION)

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 countries. Please pray for us in this sad situation.

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CONGO, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF (SECOND COMMUNITY OF BRETHREN, 2011 INFORMATION)

Population	60 million
Major religions	Roman Catholicism 50% / Protestant Christianity 20% / Kimbanguist 10% / Islam 10% / Other 10%

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

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.

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CONGO, REPUBLIC OF

(2007 INFORMATION)

Population	3,800, 610
Major religions	Christianity 50% / Ethnic traditional 48% / Islam 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**

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

When Pastor Nkouka Alphone returned from France, where he knew Brethren assemblies, he was joined, after a few months, 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

COSTA RICA

Population 4,889,826

Major religions Catholicism 69% / Protestant Christianity 13% /
Other religions 4% / Buddhism 2%

Brethren work began in	1970
Number of congregations	6
Number of additional preaching points	2
Number of baptised believers	90
Total number of adult attendees	150
The number of baptised and other committed believers is	decreasing slowly

AGENCIES SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

Campamento Mahanain

Web (Facebook): <https://www.facebook.com/campamento.mahanain?fref=ts>

Promotes youth camps, conferences.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The interest of people in the Lord.
- Laws that do not hinder the opening of new assemblies.

PRAY FOR

- The unity of the assemblies.
- The work of evangelism.
- The growth of the assemblies.
- New places where the Gospel is being preached.

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CUBA (2011 INFORMATION)

Population	11,200,000
Major religions	Catholicism 60% / Protestant Christianity 5%

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
Total 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.
- The priorities of the believers will always remain first and foremost to honour the Lord and not be for personal gain
- The Lord will send fellow-believers from other countries to encourage but not to interfere.

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CZECH REPUBLIC (2011 INFORMATION)

Population	10,234,092
Major religions	No religion 6,039,991 / Roman Catholicism 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
Total 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)

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Published quarterly, with articles in Czech and Slovak.

AGENCIES SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

DEN (charitable body)

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Postal address: 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 zivot: Christian training and life)

Email address: kzv@brno.comp.cz

Postal address: Hlinky 128, 603 00 Brno.

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

Mezioborov rada (Council of Brethren Churches)

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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)

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Postal address: Alsova 7, 737 01 Cesky Těšín.

400 hours of study at weekends over 3 years.

Emmaus Bible courses

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Postal address: E. Krásnohorské 12, 736 01 Havírov.

Distance learning.

PUBLISHING HOUSE

A-ALEF

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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 program 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.

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DENMARK

Population	5.5 million
Major religions	Christianity 85%

Brethren work began in	1890
Number of Brethren congregations	5
Number of baptised believers	300
Total number of adult attendees	400
Number of baptised and other committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	6

PUBLICATION

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HISTORICAL INFORMATION

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 there comprises at least 10% of the population.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Increasing engagement among younger members.
- Increasing contact to people of other ethnical background than Danish.

- Still having full liberty to preach and witness.

PRAY THAT

- The increasing work among children and young people will be strengthened and expanded.
- We will succeed in being part of the local society.
- Our efforts in getting contact with people of other ethnic backgrounds than Danish will bear fruit.

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DOMINICA

Population 70,000

Major religions Roman Catholic 60% / Pentecostal 15% /
Seventh Day Adventist 8% / Baptist 5%

Brethren work began in	1959
Number of congregations	5
Number of additional preaching points	2
The number of committed believers is	decreasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	0

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The mission work started in Dominica in 1959 with the arrival of brother Samuel McCune and his wife, Sally, from Northern Ireland. They had been working in the neighbouring island of Barbados and had been encouraged to visit Dominica.

In 1961 through their continuous labour the first assembly, the Salisbury Assembly, was planted in Dominica.

Following the death of her husband, Sally continued to work in Dominica until 2005 when she returned to her own country because of illness. Sally was fully engaged in children's and youth work until her departure. She was greatly assisted in the Salisbury work for 12 years by sister, Daisy Ashby, of Barbados.

Brother Peter Simms of Canada began his missionary work in Dominica in 1970 and helped to establish three assemblies – Roseau, Petite Savanne and Cockrane.

Brother Ken Taylor served as a missionary in Dominica from 1974 and helped establish the Laudat assembly in 1983.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The testimony of the local churches in the respective communities.
- The positive testimony of individuals from the assemblies.

- The unity of the local churches in Dominica.

PRAY THAT

- Males, in particular, would take up the challenge of personal evangelism.
- Brothers would take an interest in leadership of local assemblies.
- More believers would develop love for study of the Word of God.
- Assemblies in Dominica would learn modern Biblically-supported strategies for working with youth.

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EGYPT

Population	90 million
Major religions	Islam 85% / Christianity 15%

Brethren work began in	1928
Number of congregations	33
Number of additional preaching points	0
Number of baptised believers	3,500
Total number of adult attendees	5,000
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	7
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	1
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	1 + 2 part-time

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Gathering assemblies for fellowship, discipleship, evangelism and teaching.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Brethren work started in 1928 in Cairo with the families of Br. Erian Botros and Br. Nicola Aboud. Then they moved to upper Egypt to preach the Gospel there. Many believed and were baptized and they began meeting to break bread at Assiut, Sohag, Cairo, Mallawi and then

Alexandria. Then many decided to become full-time workers in cities and villages and districts. They also translated many books from English into Arabic. Then they started gathering at camps for evangelism and teaching, and many guests came to us from England and Scotland.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Youth Revival.
- Open Brethren Conference Centre.
- New full-time & part-time bible servants.
- Recording programs in Christian media.

PRAY FOR

- New nursing home.
- Summer & winter camps.
- Country security.
- Unemployed youth

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ETHIOPIA

Population	About 90 million
Major religions	Christianity 65% (Orthodox 45.6% / Protestant 19.2%) / Islam 32.8%

Traditional 4.6% / Other 1.8%

Brethren work began in	1952
Number of Brethren congregations	200
Number of additional preaching points	18
Number of baptised believers	20,000
The number of committed believers is	increasing quickly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	200
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	7
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	3

BIBLE SCHOOL

Chobi Bible School

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Level of study – diploma, 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 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.
- A new mission field – Kaffa – an ethnic group we are planning to reach.

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FAROE ISLANDS

Population	47,511
Major religions	Christianity 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	5
Number of itinerant evangelists	10
Number of itinerant Bible teachers	8

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CHURCH LINKS

Zarepta is a church, youth, and family camp that links the Brethren churches together. All are responsible for maintaining and expanding 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 programmes.

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 Church Centre, the youngest church in the Faroe Islands, is a progressive church that stands as an example for the other churches to follow. Dr. Jógvan Zachariassen – graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary – is the pastor of that church of about 500 members.
- Many young people are interested in short-term mission. People serve with NTM, OM, Jesus Revolution, YWAM and GLO.
- Many young Christians are choosing to go to university or seminary to study theology.

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, especially in premarital and marital counselling.
- Greater focus on how to reach our own people with the Gospel in a way they can understand and relate.

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FIJI

Population	837,271 (2007 census figures)
Major religions	Christianity 64% (Methodist 54% / Roman Catholic 14% / Anglican 12%, Pentecostal 9%, SDA 6%, other 16%) / Hinduism 27.9% / Islam 6.3% / No religion 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 full-time itinerant evangelists	6
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	4

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Act (CAP 68); an act to regulate the registration of religious bodies and their representation by trustees for the management of lawsuits and for the holding of land.

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Level of study – Certificate and diploma courses by correspondence and face-to-face mode

Length of course – correspondence courses at learner's pace

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Level of study – not courses for formal qualifications

Length of course – correspondence courses at learner's pace

INTERESTING FEATURES

The assemblies have 3-4 Sundays allocated to them for radio broadcasts on national radio in the English and i-Taukei languages. The devotions throughout the week are pre-recorded and the hour-long broadcast services are live and podcast as well.

The Brethren are leaders in tract ministry work in Fiji. The tracts are finding acceptance from many people and are distributed in hospitals, health centres, educational institutions, cultural festivals, homes, prisons

and to tourists on cruise ships. Tracts have also been used for outreach work in Pacific Island countries. All 12 tracts with entry points on contemporary issues including climate change, depression, etc are available on the website -www.samabulagospelchapel.com/samabulagospelchapel/Gospel_Tracts.html.

Social media is increasingly becoming a popular way to network and communicate about assembly work. Samabula Gospel Chapel has a facebook page and has uploaded several videos on YouTube of mission work.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

According to Mr J.F. Crane, assembly work in Fiji had its beginning in 1931 when an engineer from Palmerston North, New Zealand, Mr E.D. Berry, came to Fiji to install machinery in the Rewa Diary Company factory (then at Nausori) and in the butter factory at Navua. In later years, he attended to all refrigeration works in Corbett's Butchery in Suva and several centres. At Tavua, he assisted in well boring and refrigeration and supplied the Vatukoula Gold Mines with "Berry" belt dressing and bitumastic paints. Berry returned to New Zealand in 1931 and came back to Fiji in 1934 and remained here for most of the remainder of his life. He was a hardworking man and lived very frugally. He helped many people in their financial needs and bore most of the cost of the Ba Gospel Chapel. In his will he left a considerable sum to assembly work in Fiji; the Lautoka Gospel Chapel was built mainly from this. Mr Berry passed away in New Zealand in 1953 and the "Berry" engineering works has passed through several hands since then.

In the overruling guidance of the Holy Spirit, several brethren from overseas were in Fiji in the early 1930s, some visiting, some resident, but all burdened in heart for the spiritual welfare of the colony. When Mr Berry returned to Fiji in 1934, his first real contact was Mr Sperber, an elderly gentleman who itinerated on foot over many parts of Fiji carrying his worldly possessions on his back. Mr Berry's circular letter in 1940 said this of Mr Sperber: 'He at times walked through mud a foot deep, tried to sleep in cane fields but could not because of the mosquitoes, slept on hard boards, in his work of love to reach the few isolated saints and present the gospel to sinners. Mr Berry's letter went on to describe the

first breaking of bread meeting: 'After a month of prayer on December 2, 1934, we started to remember the Lord with the minimum number – Brother Sperber and myself.'

When Mr Crane came in 1937, a flame was introduced into Fiji that burnt for 47 years. In December 1984, the senior Cranes left Fiji to return to New Zealand. Their son Arthur continued the work with his wife Jean until they left Fiji for New Zealand in 2001. Many are the contributions over the decades by the saints, missionaries working alongside locals, their labour not in vain.

Today we are a partnership of over 20 assemblies Fiji-wide and have moved to the Pacific region with assemblies in Tuvalu and Nauru.

The Gospel Schools are an integral part of the partnership: Gospel Primary School and Kindergarten in Samabula and Nasinu, Gospel High School and Gospel School for the Deaf, also in Suva; and Labasa Gospel Kindergarten. The partnership is also a leader in the camping ministry in Fiji with three campsites, namely the Coral Coast Christian Centre in Deuba, Sabeto Valley Life Skills Centre in Nadi and the Navava Camp in Savusavu.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The increasing number of assemblies and the outreach to the Pacific Islands (Nauru, Tuvalu, Solomon Islands).
- The mission field provided in the Gospel Schools.
- Revival of sound and systematic bible-based teaching.
- Outreach to minority and unreached peoples.

PRAY FOR

- Biblically qualified elders who are truly 'apt to teach'.
- Sound biblical scholarship and deliverance from liberal theology, false teaching and Pentecostalism that has crept into the assemblies.
- More effective work in joint ministry opportunities (schools, camps, assemblies).
- Evangelistic urgency and fervour.

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FRANCE

Population 66 million

Major religions Roman Catholicism 50% / Islam 8% / Protestant Christianity 4% / Evangelical Christianity 1%

Brethren work began in	1850
Number of congregations	100
Number of additional preaching points	50
Number of baptised believers	5,000
Total number of adult attendees	6,000
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	80
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	10

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HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The first link with the Brethren movement was with the first Geneva Independent Assembly about 1825 and the coming of a few missionaries from this Church to France, men like Ami Bost, Félix Neff. Actually they did not start Brethren Assemblies in France, but they worked inside the French National (Evangelical) Reformed Church. The visit of John Darby about 1840 was the beginning of a movement of the Exclusive Brethren. In 1850, the first small Open Brethren assembly started near Paris. About 1880, a few workers and missionaries came to the south of France from Italy and Switzerland.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The work with youth camps during summer.
- The work of planting churches in Aix-en-Provence, Nantes, Lille.
- The work of coordination by the national commission CSR.

PRAY FOR

- The difficulties of almost a third of our assemblies which are regressing.
- The challenge to find and provide for new workers.
- The work of the national commission CSR.

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GERMANY

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

Brethren work began in
Brethren are more or less linked in
three ways:

1853
FB (Free Brethren)
reported by
Lothar Jung. **AGB**
(Arbeitsgemeinschaft
der Brüdergemeinden)
reported by Reinhard
Lorenz. **NV (Neue**
Versammlungen)
reported by Hans-
Jochen Timmerbeil.

Number of congregations

FB 265, AGB 138, NV 56

Total number of adult attendees

FB 25,000, AGB 10,000, NV 5,000

The number of committed believers is

slowly increasing overall

Number of full-time workers serving
local congregations

FB 8, AGB 60, NV 0

Number of full-time itinerant
evangelists

FB 18; AGB 5; NV 3;
Wiedenest, including
full-time workers in
children's and youth
ministry 14

Number of full-time itinerant Bible
teachers

FB 15, AGB 11, NV 3,
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INTERESTING FEATURES

Dillenburg Konferenz

Each year in the beginning of October, there is a nationwide bible conference of the Free Brethren congregations for three days in the town hall in D-35683 Dillenburg. 400 – 600 visitors. We enjoy having international visitors. www.dillenburg-konferenz.de

Dillenburg Jugendtage

Each year in the beginning of May, there is a nationwide big youth conference for two days in the town hall in D-35683 Dillenburg. 1.200 visitors. We enjoy having international visitors. www.dillenburg-jugendtage.de

Jesus im Fokus-Kongress

Every two years in the end of October, there is a nationwide conference for co-workers in children and youth ministry for two days in the town hall in D-35683 Dillenburg. 400 visitors. www.jesusimfokus.de

Pfingst-Jugendkonferenz

Event at Pentecost for young people at Siegen run by Forum Wiedenest with 2.500 participants. www.pfijuko.de

Wiedenester Männertag

Meeting for men at Forum Wiedenest in November with 1.000 participants. www.wiedenst.de

El Berganti – Apartment-Hotel at Rosas/Spain. www.berganti.de

PRAISE GOD FOR

- A very dynamic ministry among children and youth. A great candidness for children and youth ministry in the assemblies.
- For the realization, that each congregation needs a biblical eldership.
- Good contacts among the different groups of the brethren in Germany, except the exclusive brethren.
- A good cooperation among the different agencies (see before), which work nationwide, which is very important for the cohesion of the independent local Brethren churches.
- For an increasing request for world mission among the young generation. In the last 15 years a number of young people went on the mission field.
- For many initiatives and new visions for church planting in different areas.
- A new evangelistic branch at Forum Wiedenest Bible School. For new ways of evangelisation with exhibitions (about the bible, religions of the world).

PRAY FOR

- A greater request for church growth in the Brethren churches.
- To learn more about how to bring people to Jesus.
- To educate good elders for the assemblies.
- To be saved from quarrels and separation.

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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
Total 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.

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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
Number of baptised believers	250
Total number of adult attendees	350
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers	1
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	1
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	3

CHURCH LINKS

Christian Brethren Foundation

Email address: countrycold@spiceisle.com

Postal address: Perdmontemps, St. David.

Coordinates crusades, organises camps, imports literature etc.

INTERESTING FEATURES

Religious instruction in schools, Radio programme, Television programme

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The first Brethren Assembly was planted in 1906 by Mr & Mrs Weston, a missionary couple from Guyana. In 1910 the first Assembly was established at Calivigny and then at Laura. Assemblies in La Digue, Gouyave and Carriacou were established in the 1930s. There are currently assemblies at St. George's, Calivigny, Laura, La Digue, Gouyave, Carriacou, Crochu and Perdmontemps.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The school ministry.
- Tract and Bible and literature distribution ministry.
- Radio and TV ministry.
- Prison and youth ministry.

PRAY FOR

- Full-time workers to be raised up.
- Committed young believers.
- Godly leaders.

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

Brian S James – Laura Gospel Hall, Lauraland, St David, Grenada, West Indies

Daniel Ross – fishingmendan@hotmail.com

GUYANA (2011 INFORMATION)

Population	750,000
Major religions	Christianity 50% / Hinduism 35% / Islam 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, combined 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.
- Political stability in the country of Guyana.
- The Indian brothers and sisters who carry out the work at the assembly on the west coast of Demerara.

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HONG KONG – S.A.R. OF CHINA

Population	7,500,000 (Chinese 95%)
Major religions	Buddhism 21.3% / Taoism 14.2% / Christianity 11.8% / Confucianism and Chinese folk religions 49%

Brethren work began in	1890
Number of Brethren congregations	30 local congregations in Hong Kong.
Total number of adult attendees	Local assemblies vary in size from 20-50-100. Numbers are limited by size of venue – this is the norm in Hong Kong.
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	14
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	6
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	6

MAGAZINES

The Gospel Witness

Email address: cbrjas@cbrhk.org

Postal address: PO Box 162, Tsuenwan, N.T., Hong Kong, S.A.R. of China.

Words of Grace

Postal address: MGGH, 8/F, Lung Ma Bldg., 552 Nathan Road, Yaumate1, Hong Kong, S.A.R. of China.

PUBLISHING HOUSES

Christian Book Room

Email address: cbrhk@cbrhk.org

Postal address: PO Box 95413, Tsimsha Tsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong, S.A.R. of China.

INTERESTING FEATURES

1. The significant refugee impact from the 1950s through to the 1970s has changed Hong Kong dramatically. The population in Hong Kong has doubled.
2. The opening up of mainland China at the end of the 1970s allowed access with the gospel throughout the provinces of China which were emerging from closed totalitarian communism. It also effectively produced one of Asia's economically free societies. Significantly, this has affected gospel and assembly testimony as the believers became financially stable. Properties have been purchased. Assembly testimony has flourished.

HISTORICAL DETAILS

Please refer to Dr F. A. Tatford's excellent work in the book *Turning The World Upside Down* for grass-roots testimony of assembly beginnings in Hong Kong.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Approximately 35 years of open access with the Gospel to all of China.
- Commended full-time workers ministering assembly and Gospel truth throughout all of China's provinces.
- Christian Book Room – the millions of pieces of free literature provided for China.

PRAY FOR

- Shepherds.
- Evangelists.

John Short – chinashort@cbrhk.org

HUNGARY (2011 INFORMATION)

Population	10 million
Major religions	Roman Catholicism 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
Total number of adult attendees	about 1,000
The number of committed believers	remains about the same

AGENCY SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

Biblia Centrum Alapítvány

Email address: info@bice.hu

Postal address: 2027 Dömös, Kossuth L. u. 173, Hungary.

Study and Camp Centre

CHURCH LINKS

Church leaders meet once a year.

BIBLE SCHOOL

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PUBLISHING HOUSE

Evangéliumi Kiadó és Iratmisszió

Email address: rendeles@evangeliumikiado.hu

Postal address: 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.

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INDIA

Population 1.2 billion

Major religions Hinduism 82% / Islam 12.12% / Christianity 2.34% / Sikhism 1.94% / Buddhism 0.76% / Jainism 0.4% / Others 0.44%

Brethren work began in

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

Number of Brethren congregations

2,450

Number of additional preaching points

More than 4,000

Number of baptised believers

145,000

Total number of adult attendees

155,000

The number of committed believers is

increasing slowly

Number of full-time workers serving local congregations

more than 2,500

Number of full-time itinerant evangelists

less than 350

Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers

about 250

PUBLICATIONS IN ENGLISH

Insight India

Email address: roythottalil@gmail.com

Postal address: Roy T Daniel (ed.), Operation Barnabas, 'Benaiah', Kalkeri Road, Ramamurthy Nagar OR PO Box 1633, Bangalore 560 016 India. Telephone: +91-80-256-54427 or +91-944-835-1166

Harvest Times

Email address: info@glcindia.com

Postal address: Dr Koshy Matthew, Gospel Literature Service Udyog

Bhavan, 250 D, Worli colony, Mumbai 400030, India. Telephone: +91-22-249-30116

Website: www.glsindia.com

Vineyard Echoes

Email address: koshyzachariah_38@yahoo.co.in

Postal address: Koshy Zachariah (ed.), 1 Bethesda Centre, R.V. Nagar, Kodungaiyur PO, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600 018, India. Telephone: +91-44-255-50295

Magazines in local languages:

1. Athma Prakashini (Malayalam Language)
2. Masihi Gavahi Magazine (Hindi Language)
3. Sthanapathy (Tamil Language)
4. Happy Voice (Malayalam Language)
5. Christeeya Darsanam (Malayalam Language)
6. Jeeva Vachanam (Malayalam Language)
7. Vachanadwani (Malayalam Language)
8. Suviseshadwani (Malayalam Language)
9. Renewal (Malayalam Language)
10. Suviseshakan (Malayalam Language)
11. Christian Hope (Telugu Language)
12. Assembly Mail (Telugu Language)
13. Christ Voice (Malayalam Language)
14. Brethren Vision (Malayalam Language)
15. Verpadu Vartha Pathrika (Malayalam Language)
16. Malabar Dhoothan (Malayalam Language)
17. jeeva Jala (Kannada language)

AGENCIES SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

KEM Fund

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Postal address: Mr. P.E. Samkutty (Secretary), Melathethil House, Kumbanad PO, Pathanamthitta, Kerala 689 547.

Missionary Supporting Agency.

The Gospel Fellowship Trust of India

Email address: koshyzachariah_38@yahoo.co.in

Postal address: Koshy Zachariah (Chairman), 1, Bethesda Centre, R.V Nagar, Kodungaiyur PO, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600 118.

Missionary Supporting Agency.

Stewards Association of India

Email address: stewards.assn@gmail.com

Postal address: Raju M. Koshy (General Secretary), 4, John Armstrong Road, Richards Town, Bangalore, Karnataka 560 005.

Deals with Assemblies' property and helps the construction work.

General Gospel Fund

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Postal address: Philip Varghese (Secretary), Thamarasseril House, Angamaly, Kerala 683 572.

Missionary Supporting Agency.

Indian Evangelical Trust

Email address: iet2006.alex@gmail.com

Postal address: A. Rajan Thomas (Secretary), Grace Shelter, XLV/23039-A, Karshaka Road, Vaduthala PO, Kerala 682023.

Missionary Supporting Agency.

Believers Relief Trust

Postal address: K.S. John (Secretary), Kallumkal House, Pariyaram P.O. Via Elanthur, Pathanamthitta, Kerala 689643.

Supports believers who are in need.

Operation Barnabas

Email address: insightIndia@yahoo.com

Postal address: Roy T. Daniel (Managing Trustee), 'Benaiah', Kalkere Road, Ramamurthy Nagar, PO Box 1633, Bangalore 560 016.

Missionary Supporting Agency.

Karnataka Suvārtha Seva Samsthe

Email address: kssblr@gmail.com

Postal address: P.M. Georgekutty, P.B.7521, 2720 HAL, 3rd Stage, Bangalore 560 075.

Missionary Supporting Agency.

Tamil Nadu Gospel Fund

Postal address: James Cherian, Bible Bhavan, PO Box 32, Bye-Pass Road, Madurai, Tamil Nadu 625016.

Missionary Supporting Agency.

Andhra Gospel & Welfare Trust

Postal address: V.P. Fernandus, Mallicherla Post, 5th A.P.S. Quarters (SO), Vizianagaram, Mandal, Vizianagaram, AP 535005.

Missionary Supporting Agency.

Bethel Evangelical Trust

Postal address: E.V. Thomas, Angamally, Kerala-683 572.

Supporting believers who are in need.

BIBLE COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS

Brethren Bible Institute

Email address: kcjohnson3000@hotmail.com

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Levels of study – MTh, MDiv, MBS, BTh, DTh

Stewards Bible College

Email address: Koshyzchariah_38@yahoo.co.in

Postal address: 1, Bethesda Centre, R V Nagar Kodungaiyur, PO Chennai-600 118, Tamil Nadu.

Level of study – BTh

Rehoboth Theological Institute

Email address: jijurti@gmail.com

Postal address: Rehoboth Girls Orphanage, Nellikunnu Thrissur-680005.

Level of study – BTh, MDiv

Bethany Bible School

Postal address: Kumbanad, Kerala- 689 547.

Length of course – 1 year (Malayalam)

Gospel Training Centre Perumbavoor

Postal address: Iringole PO Perumbavoor, Kerala- 689648.

Length of course – 2 years (English)

North India Bible Institute

Email address: Tjj148@gmail.com

Postal address: 148 Lajpat Nagar, Alwar 301001, Rajasthan, India.

Level of study – BTh, DTh

Sathyam Theological Seminary Kattappana

Email address: Satyam_india@yahoo.com

Postal address: Thottabhogom PO, Thiruvalla 689 541, Kerala, India.

Level of study – BTh

Bengal Bible Training Institute

Email address: sanbbti@hotmail.com

Postal address: Bena, Jamtara, Jharkhand 815351, India.

Length of course – Two year English/Hindi/Bengali programmes

Brethren Theological College, Kallissery

Email address: jcphilip@gmail.com

Postal address: Dr. Johnson C. Philip, Anand Villa, Cochin University,
PO Kerala 682 022, India.

Level of study – BTh

Hope Academy of Theology & Science

Email address: hope@bibleworld.in

Postal address: 54 Ebenezer Bhawan, Old Ashoka Garden, Govindpura
PO, Bhopal, MP 462023.

Level of study – BTh, DTh, CTh

Brethren Bible School (Malabar)

Email address: bbsmalabar@gmail.com

Postal address : T.S. George, Perole, Nileshtar, Kasargod Dist., Kerala
671 314, India.

Length of course – short-term Malayalam programme

Bericha Bible School, Nidadavole

Postal address: Canal Road, Nidadavole, Andhra Pradesh-534 301.

Length of course – short-term Telugu programme

Brethren Bible Training School

Postal address: Kitadih PO, Tata Nagar, East, Singhbhum,
Jharkhand-831 002.

Length of course – short-term Hindi programme

Madurai Bible School

Email address: jonescherian@india.com

Postal address: Bible Bhavan, Post Box 32, Bye Pass Road, Madurai
625 016.

Level of study – BTh, DTh, CTh

V Nagal Bible Institute

Email address: vnbi@nagelministries.org

Postal address: Post Box 45, Kunnamkulam, Kerala – 680 503.

Length of course – short-term Malayalam programme

Vedanadam Training Centre

Postal address: Mookkannur PO, Angamaly, Ernakulam-683 577.

Length of course – short-term English programme

PUBLISHING HOUSES

Brethren Sunday School Committee

Postal address : Suviseshalayam, PB No. 46, Pathanamthitta,
Kerala-689 645.

Gospel Literature Service

Email address: info@glsindia.com

Postal address: Udyog Bhavan, 250 D, Worli colony, Mumbai 400030.

Website: www.glsindia.com

Sathyam Ministries

Email address: satyam_india@yahoo.com

Postal address: Thottabhagom PO, Thiruvalla, Kerala-689541, India.

Website: www.satyam.org

Jeevan Jyothi Press & Publishers

Email address: kwilsonjjp@yahoo.com

Postal address: 15.1.3, MH School Rd, Narsapur 534 275.

Athma Prakashini Publications

Email address: athmaprakashini@gmail.com

Postal address: The Manager, PB No. 10, Kumbanad, Kerala-689 547.

Gospel Tract Society

Postal address: Mylapra Town PO, Pathanamthitta, Kerala.

Evangel Ministries India

Postal address: PO Box 32, Pathanapuram PO, Kollam Dist., Kerala-689 695.

INTERESTING FEATURES

The majority of cross-cultural missionaries and evangelists are from the South Indian state, Kerala, and about 75% 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.

SCHOOLS/COLLEGES FOR SECULAR EDUCATION

- Noel Memorial High School, Kumbanad.
- Noel Memorial High School, Kariamplavu.
- Brethren English Medium School, Kumbanad.

- Several Upper and Lower Primary Schools under Noel Memorial Management, Kumbanad.
- TMM College of Nursing, Kaviyoor, Tiruvalla.
- Clarence High School, Richards Town, Bangalore.

SPECIALIZED MINISTRIES

- Emmaus India (Bible Correspondence School ministry), Mr. Sesan Abraham, Govindpura.
- Young Men Evangelical Fellowship (Ministry among youth and by the youth) Stanley Abraham.
- ACCEPT, Dodda Gubbi, Bangalore (Caring for HIV/AIDS affected) Raju K. Mathew.
- Agape Mental Health & Research Institute, Pathanamthitta, Kerala, John Jacob.
- Mercy Home, Kumbanad, Brethren Mercy Trust (Homes for the elderly) Dr. CS Abraham.
- Maranatha Ministries of India, Thiruvalla (Caring for socially backward people), Jose Mathew.
- Rehoboth Girls Orphanage, Trichur East, Miss. P.N. Treasure.
- Students Counselling & Moral Education Society, (School visits) Kerala, K.V. Mathew.
- Bible Sahithya Pravarthaka Samithi, (Committee to encourage Christian writing), Sam Zachariah.
- Suviseshakan Bala Sangam (Major children's ministry in India), Abraham Thomas.
- International Neighbourhood Foundation, Bangalore, (Organization for Muslim converts), Sabir Ali.

E-MAIL NEWS MINISTRY (FOR CIRCULATION OF NEWS AND PRAYER ITEMS)

- Adelphoi News, adelphoinews@gmail.com Dr. K. C. Johnson.
- Arabian Voice, av.ministries@gmail.com Shaji Oommen.
- Brethren Assembly News brethrenassemblynews@gmail.com Dr. Johnson C. Philip.

WEBSITE MINISTRIES

www.exodustv.com – For TV and video.

www.radiomanna.com- Online Radio.
www.brethrentimes.com – Brethren News.
www.kaithiri.com – for Bible studies and video.
www.keralabrethren.net for for Bible studies and discussions.

MEDIA SERVICES

- Living Waters Radio Broadcasts gospelbroadcast@yahoo.com B.M. Nimbargi.

ORPHANAGES / CHILDREN'S HOMES

- Accept, Dodda Gubbi PO, Bangalore, rajujoyce@gmail.com
- Agape Home, Manipur, Mr. L. Manga.
- Bethany Mercy Children's Home, Jharkhand, Mr. P. M. Skariah.
- Daniel Children's Home, Idukki, Kerala, Bethel Charitable Trust.
- Bethel Children's Home, Ernakulam, Kerala, Mr. P. J. John.
- Bethel Gospel Home, East Champaran, Bihar, Mr. Dig Vijay Ram.
- Bethlehem Boys Home, Bolangir, Odisha, Ajay Kumar Chhatra, Streams in the Desert.
- Bird Memorial Children's Home (Madras), Chennai, Tamil Nadu, Mr. Koshy Zachariah.
- CMMML Home, Vadamalapuram, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu, Mr. P. Sornaraj, Head Master.
- Daya Vihar Boys Home, Kattode, Trivulla, Dr. T. S. Koshy.
- Dayspring, Jayanagar PO, Jeypore, Koraput, Odisha, Mrs. Sunny T. Daniel.
- Elim Children's Home, Vadalur, Tamil Nadu, S. Pushpanathan.
- Gilgal Home for the Destitute Children, Motipur PO, Muzaffarpur, Bihar, Sunder Sarai.
- Gospel Home, Dalsinghsarai Post, Samastipur District, Bihar, Mr. Jitendra Kumar.
- Grace Children's Home Narayanpur PO, Ganjam District, Odisha, Mr. K. A. Dominic.
- Grace Home Manipal, Mr. Raju M. Koshy, (Stewards Association in India, Bangalore).
- Great Commission India Trust, Viswajyothi School, Peermade, Idukki, Kerala.

- Holland Wharf Girls Hostel, Narsapur, West Godavari, B J C Tilsley.
- Jeevan Jyoti School-CARD, Bande PO, Kanker, Chattisgarh, Mr. Thomas Joseph.
- Kollegal Girls Home Trust, Workers Together, Bangalore, Karnataka.
- Malavalli Boys Home Trust, Malavalli, Karnataka, Isaac Kantharaj.
- Olive Home, Brahmavar PO, Udupi, Karnataka, Mr. James Varghese.
- Rehoboth Girls Home + Bethesda Boys Home, Nellikunnu, Trichur, Kerala, Miss Phyllis Treasure.
- Shalom Children's Home, Arasikere, Karnataka, A. S. Sabu.
- Shanti Bhavan Charitable Trust, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, C. P. Mathew.
- Tamil Nadu Children's Home, Ellis Nagar, Madurai, Russ Foundation.

HOSPITALS

- TMM Hospital, Thiruvalla, P.B. No 50, Thiruvalla, Pathanamthitta Dist, Kerala.
- TMM Hospital, Mannamaruthy, Tiruvalla Medical Mission, Makkapuzha PO, Ranni, Kerala.
- TMM Hospital, Vazhoor Kodungoor PO, Vazhoor, Kottayam, Kerala.
- Narsapur Christian Hospital, Royapeta, Narsapur, Andhra Pradesh.
- Bethesda Leprosy Hospital, West Godavari, Narsapur.
Administrator: V. Paul Raju.

CAMPING AND CONVENTION CENTRES

- SBS Camp Centre, Puthencavu PO, Chengannur, Kerala, (Abraham Thomas).
- Courtallam Christian Camping Centre, Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu, (D. Rajasingh Simon).
- Whitefield Camping & Convention Centre Elim, Whitefield, Bangalore, (D.D. Chowdhary).

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The spiritual movement of Plymouth Brethren found its way to India in 1833 through Anthony Norris Groves, who was professionally a dentist. His activities centred in the Godavari delta area of Bihar, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. He established several churches in Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. John Arulappan (Tamil Nadu) was one of his disciples. Mathai (Thirunalveli) who was a disciple of John Arulappan, came to Kerala in 1872. His preaching and teaching prepared the way for the commencement of the Brethren movement in Kerala. In the early days, assemblies in the states of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka were commenced through the missionary endeavours of a large number of missionaries from the U.K., the Americas, Australia and New Zealand. In more recent times, assemblies have been commenced in most areas of India by evangelists who went from Kerala. Pray that God may send more evangelists to North India and even to the remote unreached areas in the world.

PRAISE GOD THAT

- More assemblies are being established.
- More local evangelists are raised for the Lord's work in North India.
- More Bible training centres are being established.
- Gospel literature is being translated into more languages.

PRAY FOR

- More dedicated evangelists who have a call for the Lord's work in barren land.
- Revival in the assemblies.
- Indian evangelists to get sufficient support for their livelihood and for other ministry needs. (Many times, assemblies are not in a position to support their evangelists)
- God to send more evangelists to North India and even to the remote unreached areas in the world.
- Assembly Hall Construction – New assemblies are planted almost every week in India but most of the new assemblies do not have the financial means to construct an assembly hall. Some will start the

construction with what they have with them, and then look for help to finish them.

- Health care of evangelists and their family members. India does not have a health insurance system. Doctors/hospitals do not provide major treatment or surgery without funds given in advance.
- Education of children of evangelists who are in cross-cultural settings/out of their own states. Because of language problems, these children have to be sent to private schools which is a huge and unaffordable cost for many full-time workers.
- Christian Literature – Only South Indian languages have a somewhat adequate selection of Christian literature. Translation and printing books and literature is a huge endeavor in India, and many local evangelists cannot afford to undertake that.
- Transportation – many evangelists do not even have a bicycle. A few have motor bikes. Less than 3% have a car in India.

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ISRAEL

Population	8.3 million
Major religions	Jewish 75.5% / Muslim 16% / Christian 2% / Druze 1.5% / Other 5%

(The following statistics are from the 2011 edition)

Brethren work began in	1885
Number of congregations	6
Number of preaching points	2
Number of baptised believers	225-300
Total 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 this, an assembly started in the city of Haifa at the end of the 19th century. In the early 20th century, the work grew, the number of contacts multiplied and some were reached in Nazareth, Kfar Yasef, Ramlah, Lod, Jaffa and Jerusalem. In all these towns there were meetings. In 1948, as a result of the war of independence of the state of Israel, many Arabic speaking people of the country, including believers, were deported. Many of these were deported to Lebanon and Jordan where they started new assemblies. The only works left in the country were Nazareth, Kfar Yasef, Haifa and Jaffa. In the 1980s, another two Arabic speaking assembly started in Haifa and in Ibileen village. Then a third Arabic speaking assembly also started in Haifa. Emmaus Bible School started in 1975. It was registered officially in 1979.

BIBLE SCHOOL

Emmaus Bible School

Email address: info@emmausnazareth.net

Postal address: PO Box 51240, Nazareth 16100, ISRAEL.

Website: www.emmausnazareth.net.

Level of study – diploma, non-academic

Length of course – open school, no time limit

PUBLISHING HOUSE

Emmaus Bible Ministry

Address as above.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The number of assemblies in this region.
- The many who have come to faith by evangelism and literature distribution.
- The many books that have been published and distributed among Christians.

PRAY FOR

- Strong leadership, especially in the Arabic speaking assemblies.
- Bible teachers.
- Bible courses to reach more people, especially in Israel.
- The youth work and youth centre.

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ITALY

Population	60 million
Major religions	Roman Catholicism 87.7% (but only 30% practising) / Islam 2.45% / Orthodox Christianity 2.34% / Protestant Christianity (majority Evangelical) 1.08%

Brethren work began in	1833
Number of congregations and preaching points	about 270
Number of baptised believers	about 20,000
Total number of adult attendees	about 20,000
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	about 22 (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

Email address: il.cristiano@alice.it

Postal address: Via del Campo della Fiera, 16-52031 Anghiari (AR).

Website: www.ilcristiano.it

Il Cristiano is one of the oldest magazines in the country. In it one finds Bible studies, articles, news of the churches, news of the assemblies in other countries and missionaries' news.

Il Traguardo

Email address: ass.uceb@tiscali.it

Postal address: Via Giorgio de Chirico, 16 – C.P. 45-04022 Fondi (LT).

Il Traguardo is a magazine for teenagers and youth.

AGENCIES SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

Amministrazione delle Offerte

Email address: mongiovetto.daniele@alice.it

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

Opera Delle Chiese Cristiane dei Fratelli (Ente Morale)

Email address: ente.morale@iol.it

Postal address: Via della Vigna Vecchia 15-50124 Firenze.

Advises on matters relating to the holding of properties.

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

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Website: www.omefi.it

CHURCH LINKS

Comunione Convegno Anziani

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Role – to encourage fellowship at a national level in many ways

Comunione Convegno Anziani is not an organization but it's a very important means of fellowship and growth. It's the national gathering of elders and full-time workers and foreign missionaries of the assemblies. The gathering takes place once a year, in the Evangelical centre near Florence (Poggio Ubertini), which belongs to the Assemblies. In this conference there are Bible studies, and decisions are taken – though each church is recognized as fully independent. Generally only one third of the Assemblies are represented.

BIBLE SCHOOL

There are several agencies or organizations with which the Brethren are connected which are non-denominational. Amongst them should be mentioned the Italian Bible Evangelical Institute (IBEI) in Rome, GBU (Inter Varsity) and NTM.

Istituto Biblico Evangelico Italiano (IBEI)

Email address: preside@ibei.it

Postal address: IBEI, Via del Casale Corvio, 50-00132 Rome.

Level of study – diploma level

Length of course – 1-3 years

(Even though the College is non-denominational, the Brethren presence is high.)

PUBLISHING HOUSE

UCEB

Email address: info@uceb.it

Website: www.uceb.it

INTERESTING FEATURES

There is a kindergarten run by one assembly and a local radio run by one assembly which broadcasts 24 hours per day. There are several youth camps run by the assemblies but the main three are: one (the oldest) near Florence, one in the North West and another one in the South. There is also an old age home.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Brethren work began in 1830s but started effectively in 1856.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- A good number of young people following the Lord.
- A growing desire to hold activities at a national level.
- A growing desire to better train the youth and future leaders.

PRAY FOR

- More evangelists with a vision to reach the unreached areas and settle there with the desire to plant a local church.
- More full-time workers ministering in local churches.
- A greater desire to reach the many immigrants.
- An openness by the assemblies which are more conservative in practice.

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JAMAICA

Population	2,930,050
Major religions	Church of God 24% / Adventist 11% / Pentecostal 10% / Baptist 7%

Brethren work began in	1920
Number of congregations	84
Number of additional preaching points	6
Number of baptised believers	about 6,400
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 full-time itinerant Bible teachers	12

PUBLICATIONS

Easter Convention Brochure

Postal address: 1G Hagley Park Plaza, Kingston 10, Jamaica.

AGENCIES SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

Bethsalem Home for the Aged

Postal address: 25 Truman Avenue, Kingston 10, Jamaica

Rural Assemblies Programme (RAP)

Email address: cmissions@yahoo.com

Postal address: 1G Hagley Paek Plaza

Reaches out to smaller rural assemblies through evangelistic missions and personal evangelism

CHURCH LINKS

Christian Brethren Assemblies – Jamaica (CBAJ)

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Postal address: 1G Hagley Park Plaza, Kingston 10, Jamaica

Website: www.cbajamaica.org

Role – Coordinating the growth of the assemblies; transforming our communities for the Lord Jesus Christ; Fellowship of Accredited Ministers; responsible for full-time workers.

BIBLE SCHOOL

Midland Bible Institute

Email address: mbiadmissions.registry@yahoo.com

Postal address: Curatoe Hill, PO Box 400, May Pen, Clarendon.

Website: www.mbijamaica.org

Level of study – degree/diploma

Length of course – 1-4 years

INTERESTING FEATURES

The Brethren have operated a radio programme ‘Look at Life’ for the past 31 years, bringing topical news, with social and spiritual commentary. A feature of the Brethren has been our many basic schools attached to our assemblies.

Maverley counselling centre has been serving inner city communities for several years now. Choose Life International, specializing in suicide prevention, celebrated 5 years in 2014.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Christian Brethren started in 1920 in Jamaica with Assembly Hall. Since then we have spread to five regions, now with 84 assemblies. Some regions have had strong conferences, and this has spread to the weaker regions over the past three years. Our leadership conferences have led to the strengthening of Brethren identity; encouraging practical Brethren in finances and reaching out to the poor; renewing our leadership; and discussing the increasing of the role of women in our assemblies.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Christian Brethren Assemblies – Jamaica (CBAJ) is the coordinating arm of the Brethren in Jamaica, launched January 1, 2012; replacing the previous Christian Missions.
- CBAJ has held 4 annual Leadership Conferences since September 2011.
- CBAJ has held 3 CBAJ Life Changers (Youth) conferences since November 2012.
- The Brethren in Jamaica will celebrate 60 years of National Easter Conventions in 2015.

PRAY FOR

- To transform our communities for the Lord Jesus Christ.
- To deepen our prayer ministries across the country.
- To have leadership renewal and succession planning, empowering our youth.
- To empower our sisters more across Jamaica

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JAPAN (2011 INFORMATION)

Population	127,000,000
Major religions	Buddhism, Shintoism, Confucianism, 99% / Christianity 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	49 (including itinerants)

PUBLICATIONS

Mikotoba (The Word)

Michi-Shirube (Sign Post)

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

Christian Overseas Mission (COMO)

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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

Email address: naoto@gfpjapan.com

Postal address: 2-21-9 Sakura, Setagaya Ku, Tokyo 156 0053.

Website: <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 some 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.

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JORDAN

Population	6,721,882 (2015 estimate)
Major religions	Islam (Sunni) 92% / Christianity 6% / Druze or Shi'a Muslim 2%

Brethren work began

**in the early 1950s
by Mr. Howell**

PRAY FOR

- The small group of assemblies in Jordan: for protection, wisdom and blessing on the various works in which they are involved.

KAZAKHSTAN

Population 17,948,816 (2014)

Major religions Islam 70% / Orthodox Christianity 26% / Other 4%

Brethren work began in

2001

PRAY FOR

- The work in Kazakhstan: for protection, for supply of financial need, for workers, for a safe venue for services.

KENYA

Population 40 million

Major religions Christianity 78% / Islam 3% (& growing) / Other religions 15%

Brethren work began in	1950s
Number of congregations	100 +
Number of additional preaching points	30-100
Number of baptised believers	above 1000
Total number of adult attendees	about 2000
The number of committed believers is	increasing quickly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	6
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	20
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	about 10

AGENCY SERVING THE CHURCHES

The Kenya Brethren Mission Fund

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Postal address: 27950-00100, Nairobi.

Website: www.tkbfm.net

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

The Kenya Brethren Mission Fund

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Website: www.tkbfm.net

CHURCH LINKS

The Kenya Brethren Mission Fund

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Postal address: 27950-00100, Nairobi.

Website: www.tkbmf.net

Role – to bring unity

BIBLE SCHOOLS

Rongo Bible School

Email address: voiceofhope2001@gmail.com

Postal address: 419 Rongo.

Length of course – 3 years

Emmaus Kenya

Email address: marcow2005@yahoo.com

Postal address: P.O. Box 17271, Makongeni – 00510.

Level of study – diploma

Length of course – 2 years

PUBLISHING HOUSE

Brand Africa Creative Village

Email address: bacvillage@gmail.com

Postal address: 52637-00200.

INTERESTING FEATURES

Brethren churches encourage schools, hospitals and orphanages to work together with them to cater for all the needs of the society.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Brethren missionaries from UK came to Kenya in the 1950s and planted a church, Nairobi Chapel. The first person to be born again there was elder Walter Nyasamo who formed Kenya Brethren to unite Brethren churches for a common goal. Elder Nyasamo has gone to be with the Lord.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Continued unity among Brethren assemblies
- Mature partnership with the Brethren abroad.
- Renewed vision among the brethren in evangelism.
- Production of volume 2 of our magazine and calendar.

PRAY FOR

- A residential training discipleship centre by 2016.
- The empowerment of full-time workers through sustainable support.
- Clear vision and focus for all church leaders.
- Orphanage and feeding programmes, institutions.

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MACEDONIA

Population	2,107,000
Major religions	Macedonian Orthodox 64.8% / Islam 33.3% / Catholicism 0.3% / Others 1.6%

Brethren work began in	1996
Number of Brethren congregations	1
Number of baptised believers	23
Number of adult attendees	28
Number of baptised and other committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	2

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

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.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The fact 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.
- Macedonian believers to take more responsibility in the assembly.
- Harmony and spiritual growth in the assembly.

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MADAGASCAR

Population	22 Million
Major religions	Christianity 52% / Animism 43% / Islam 3% / Others 2%

Brethren work began in	1989
Number of congregations:	64
Number of additional preaching points	36
Number of baptised believers:	about 3,500
Total number of adult attendees:	about 5,500
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	about 80
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	few

AGENCIES SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

Scripture Union

Encouraging Bible reading and training.

Bible Society

Spreading the Bible and training.

Campus for Christ

Evangelism and training.

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

MEIM

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CHURCH LINKS

Mission Aviation Fellowship

Email address: mad-ops@maf.org
Postal address: Ivato Aéroport BP 132 Antananarivo CP 105-Madagascar.
Website: www.maf-madagascar.org
Role – air-transport and logistic services.

BIBLE SCHOOLS

CEFOI

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Postal address: PO Box 8611 Antananarivo – Madagascar.
Level of study – college, high school
Length of course – 1-3 years

Disciple School

Email address: barirose@orange.mg
Postal address: PO Box 97 Tuléar – Madagascar.
Level of study – college
Length of course – 1 year

INTERESTING FEATURES

In some localities, the church has an opportunity of preaching the gospel on the radio or TV station. Twice or three times a year, we work with the Chinese team from Hong Kong preaching the gospel among the kids, giving medical care, training, etc. In addition, we distribute the good seed in Malagasy everywhere.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The Brethren movement began in 1989 among the former students at the Bible School in Reunion, Island in the Indian Ocean. So, the church began in four regions, Antananarivo (Center), Antsirabe (center), Tuléar (South) and Diégo (North) during a conference held in Antananarivo with brother Gilbert Presle and Renaud Andriafehivolarisoa. This conference was supported by André Tabailoux.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The increased number of students in the Bible School.

- The election of the new board in the CEIM Church.
- In spite of the poverty, God's workers have a new possibility to send their kids to school.
- In some areas, the gospel reaches others and they accept it.

PRAY FOR

- The problem of drinking water in the Bible School.
- The follow up of the work in the North, evangelization in August for reaching Muslims.
- Problems about the local meeting places, some don't have and they rent, others have, but there is damage because of the last cyclone.
- Visiting churches is not easy because of the road, in bad condition and long.

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MALAWI (2007 INFORMATION)

Population	13 million
Major religions	Christianity 79.9% / Islam 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

Postal address: 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

Postal address: 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 rural-based 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.

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MALAYSIA

Population	30,650,305
Major religions	Islam 61.3% / Buddhism 19.8 % / Christianity 9.2% / Hinduism 6.3%

Brethren work began in	1855
Number of congregations	168
Number of additional preaching points	6
Number of baptised believers	16,500 (estimated)
Total number of adult attendees	13,000 (estimated)
The number of baptised believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	47 (additional 16 serving overseas)

PUBLICATIONS

Diakonia

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Website: www.cbsm.com.my

AGENCIES SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

Christian Brethren of Malaysia Property Trust

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Postal address: Unit 679-2-2, Desa Kiara Condo, Jalan Damansara 60000 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Assists local assemblies to safe-guard their properties and deal with officialdom on matters related to land ownership. Ensures that properties in the Trust are used for the furtherance of the Gospel and the teaching of the Word of God.

MMS Trust

Email address: mmstrust1@gmail.com

Postal address: Unit 679-2-2, Desa Kiara Condo, Jalan Damansara 60000 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Receives and channels gifts from assemblies to the commended full-time workers and mission workers both local and overseas; promotes assembly workers' welfare and facilitates prayer support for the workers and assembly mission work.

Emmaus Bible Centre (Kuala Lumpur)

Email address: emmaus_my@yahoo.com

Postal address: 54 Jalan Imbi, 55100 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

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

Pan Malaysia OA Mission (PMOAM)

Email address: pmoam1@gmail.com

Postal Address: c/o Bandar Puchong Gospel Centre, 41 Jalan Bandar 16, Pusat Bandar Puchong, 47100 Puchong, Selangor, Malaysia.

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

Malaysia Myanmar Ministry (MMM)

Email address: jchokkh@gmail.com

Postal Address: Gospel Hall Kuala Lumpur, No. 3 Jalan Hang Jebat, 50150 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Evangelism, Bible teaching and pastoral care for the Myanmar workers and refugees in Malaysia. In partnership with local assemblies, plants new churches in Myanmar.

Inter-Brethren Assembly Youth Development

Email address: office@ibayd.org

Postal Address: Unit 697-2-2, Desa Kira Condo, Jalan Damansara, 60000 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

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

PITH Asia-Global

Email address: pith2013@gmail.com

Postal Address: MCS, S20, Centrepont BU, Bandar Utama, 47800 Petaling Jaya, Malaysia

Inspires and helps in mobilizing the Asian assemblies to press on urgently to complete the Great Commission in light of the soon return of our Lord Jesus Christ. Organizes the PITH conference for the Asia Oceania region. Provides a platform for networking of Brethren missions and trains younger leaders in missions and church planting.

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

Gospel Outreach Worldwide

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CHURCH LINKS

Christian Brethren Secretariat Malaysia (CBSM)

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Website: cbsm.com.my

Encourages and coordinates combined activities so that Assemblies can work, learn and grow together in love and unity; acts as a net-working centre for the dissemination of timely and useful information both local and from overseas, for the purpose of prayer and co-operative action; assists in the strengthening of the Assembly witness by making resources available locally and from overseas; convenes the Assembly Leaders' Conference every two years.

BIBLE SCHOOL

Residential Bible School

Email address: contact@rbs.org.my

Postal address: c/o May Lee Hilmy, 33 Lorong Burhanuddin Helmi 11, Taman Tun Dr Ismail, 60000 Kuala Lumpur.

Website: rbs.org.my

Length of course – 5 weeks

RBS is an annual short-term school run by the Brethren Assemblies of Malaysia, as a ministry of Inter Brethren Assemblies (IBA) Youth Development. It is designed for Christian young people interested in growing in their relationship with God, equipping themselves with a better knowledge of God's Word, and learning skills to serve God more effectively. The focus is on discipleship based on the Word of God as the foundation for all aspects of our life.

GLO Malaysia Training School

Email address: glomalaysia@gmail.com

Postal address: 200–204 Jalan Taming Sari, 34000 Taiping, Perak.

Website: www.glomalaysia.org

Level of study – Level 1 is designed for school leavers who can look forward to a comprehensive Bible based teaching programme coupled with skill-based training on important topics such as evangelism, follow up, and Sunday School work.

Length of course – 6 weeks.

INTERESTING FEATURES

- Copa IBA and the new Gospel Cup are two sports evangelistic events that draw up to 800 youth (about half of whom are unchurched) to hear the gospel.
- The Assembly Fellowship Camp (AFC) is an annual national level camp that aims to provide a platform for fellowship and mutual support, for personal fulfillment in obedience to God's will and God's Word, for Christians living single lives for one reason or another.
- Christian Brethren Involvement in Education (CBIE) is to restore our rights and responsibilities as the Mission Authority of our three Mission schools, and to restore and re-build the Christian ethos, character and traditions which have been part of our heritage and testimony in these schools. CBIE aims to foster the setting up of private educational centres to help assemblies better connect with

communities in order to enlarge their presence, contribution and witness in the local community.

- Regional leadership consultative groupings such as the Klang Valley Assemblies Elders' Council, the Penang Assembly Partnership and Perak Assembly Network. These groupings aim to enhance unity and fellowship among the assemblies in the region, create opportunities for the elders to fellowship and pray for each other, promote inter-assembly activities and provide a forum to discuss mutual concerns/challenges affecting the assemblies. The assemblies in these regional groupings work closely together to implement common outreach programs, pooling resources, conducting training and provide practical support for agencies and ministries.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Brethren assembly work in Malaya can be traced back to the 1850s to G. Bausam, an LMS missionary working in Penang. G. Bausam had some Brethren background and rendered much help to John Chapman, a Brethren missionary from Bethesda, Bristol (England) who arrived to begin assembly work in Penang in 1860. The first assembly was established in Penang very shortly. The work began to grow rapidly especially among the immigrants, (mainly Chinese and Indians), who had come to seek their fortunes in this newly opened British Colony. More Brethren missionaries followed. Between 1900 and 1940, there were as many as 85 Brethren missionaries, mostly from Britain and her colonial territories such as New Zealand and Australia serving throughout Malaya. Through the blessing of God, the sacrificial work of the missionaries, and the help of new converts working together, Brethren work spread from north to south and assemblies were established in most of the major towns in the colony. The war years severely disrupted the progress of assembly missionary work. After the country gained Independence in 1957 and Malaysia came into being in 1963, the door for foreign missionaries to enter the country was gradually closed. Over time, some retired to their home countries and others returned home to the Lord after long years of faithful service. The responsibility of shepherding the flock and fulfilling the great commission was gradually passed on to local leaders.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The renewed involvement in education and the establishment of the Christian Brethren Education Board (CBEB) as the decision-making body responsible for all education-related matters. Success in securing all approvals necessary for starting of a Mission Pre-school.
- The manifold blessings and favour of the Lord on the work among the indigenous people group in Peninsular Malaysia. The church is going steadily.
- Continued interest in missions overseas and within the country.
- The King's Highway, which is a model for creating an appropriate infrastructure for spiritual development and growth of Assemblies in the country. Existing agencies seek to build together in partnership with the assemblies.

PRAY FOR

- Unity among the leaders in coordinated and cooperative efforts in church planting. Assemblies can work, learn and grow together in love and unity.
- Efforts taken for leadership succession planning and development among the assemblies, particularly those in rural areas.
- A better coordinated support mechanism for commended full-time workers.
- The rise of fundamental and political Islam that is eroding religious freedom in the country.

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MAURITIUS (2009 INFORMATION)

Population	1,200,000
Major religions	Hindu 48% / Christian 34.2% (Roman Catholic 23.6%, Others 8.56% including Evangelicals 5%)

There are a number of assemblies in Mauritius.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

- The lifting of entry restrictions for missionaries to Mauritius. Although the constitution provides for religious liberty, work permits are not being granted to those entering as missionaries and it is unlikely that the few missionaries currently serving will have their residence permits renewed.
- Financial assistance for the establishment of a bookshop.

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MEXICO

Population	119 million (51% women 49% men)
Major religions	Roman Catholicism 70% / Protestant Christianity 15% / Other 5%

Brethren work began in	1890
Number of congregations	250
Number of additional preaching points	50
Number of baptised believers	3,000 – 4,000
Total number of adult attendees	3,000
The number of believers is	increasing slowly
Number of fulltime workers	50 Nationals
Number of fulltime itinerant evangelists	20
Number of fulltime itinerant Bible teachers	30

INTERESTING FEATURES

Some Assemblies are using their facilities for teaching, Music, English or Home School programs (primary, secondary and high school).

In Mexico City we have had a Christian Radio Program for the past 6 years, (www.clasificaciona.com) sponsored by FBH International from Canadian Assemblies.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

In 1890 the English missionaries in South and Central Mexico sowed the seed for the movement and, after this, North American missionaries completed the work.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- This is very remarkable. This year we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the National History Museum and the Mexican Government has bought the oldest colonial codices from the Bible Society of London (who bought them legally in 1920 from a Mexican) in order to

supply thousands of bibles in Spanish for teaching to read. The way of God is amazing.

- The hard work and example of faithfulness and passion for new generations.
- The freedom and opportunities from our laws for preaching the gospel.

PRAY FOR

- Biblical foundation, sound doctrine and real practice of the Lord's Supper.
- More time spent praying than in business meetings.
- Brethren fellowship without parochialism.
- The new generation to be spiritually stronger and more dependable for the Lord.

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MOLDOVA, REPUBLIC OF

(2011 INFORMATION)

Population	4,380,000
Major religions	Christianity 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
Total 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.

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MONGOLIA

Population	3 million
Major religions	Buddhism 59% / Atheism 26.5% / Shamanism / Islam / Christianity

Brethren work began in	1997
Number of congregations	6
Number of additional preaching points	2
Number of baptised believers	135
Total number of adult attendees	150
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	6
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	3

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, has been the capital city of Mongolia. Both of these assemblies were commenced by Korean missionaries.

The Brethren outreach grew with the arrival of a doctor from New Zealand. This believer is a friend of GLO Ministries. GLO ministries originally sent Laurie Cowell to assist. Now there are four GLO workers – Daska, Luke, Bayar and Ganbat and their families. Today there is a good core of Brethren churches in addition to the two churches run by Korean missionaries. There is also a Romanian missionary working with Bayarsaikhan in the Table Tennis ministry.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Growth in maturity of church members.

- Opportunities for Bayarsaikhan through the Table Tennis ministry.

PRAY FOR

- The slowing of church growth in Mongolia to be reversed.
- Those who have ceased involvement with church because of syncretism and materialism.
- The training of church leaders.

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MONTENEGRO

Population	750,000
Major religions	Eastern Orthodox 70% / Islam 20% / Roman Catholic 5% / Evangelical 0.04%

Brethren work began in	1992
Number of congregations	1
Number of baptised believers	35
Total number of adult attendees	45
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	4
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	1

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The Brethren movement in Montenegro started when my friend and I moved on God's call from Serbia in 1992. We didn't know anybody in Montenegro so we started spreading tracts in the streets and apartments and investing in contacts that God gave us. Slowly the Lord was adding new people and a home group was formed in 1997. Since then, we have had continual meetings and development.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Children's ministry and Teenage ministry.
- Starting strategic ministry to cover every home with the Gospel.
- Unity of believers at the church.

PRAY FOR

- Unity to remain and develop even more.
- Development of vision for evangelism.
- Children's ministry and Teenage ministry.

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MOZAMBIQUE

Population	24,079,000 (Life Expectancy – 48 years)
Major religions	Nominal Christianity 56.1% (Catholic 28.4% / Evangelical 10.9%) African traditional religion 18.7% / Islam 17.9% / Zionism 15.5% / Unknown 7.3%

Major languages	Portuguese 9% / Emakhuwa 26%, / Xichangana 11%
Brethren work began (officially) in	1999
Number of congregations	212
The number of committed believers is	increasing more and more
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	each local assembly has a duty to take the Gospel to the area in need.
Number of full-time evangelists	42

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

Rand Gospel Mission

Email address: rgm@rgm.org.za

BIBLE SCHOOL

Portuguese Emmaus Bible Correspondence courses are being distributed in prisons and are used for church growth as well.

INTERESTING FEATURES

For the past 14 years the church has been involved in children's ministry – to orphans, putting them in schools and assisting them in their everyday life. We have begun to see good results as they get involved in local Assemblies' ministry, prison ministry, short term missionary ministry

within the country and church planting.

The joy of seeing the nationals taking up the challenge of preaching the gospel in the fear of God is a blessing to the church. Seeing and witnessing to the establishment and the expansion of the Brethren work in Mozambique is an eye-opener to what God is able to do through ordinary people.

At present we are operating in four of the ten provinces of Mozambique, with two foreign missionary families from Zambia, Patrick and Grace Mulenga and Chris and Suzan Lukanga. Working with the zealous and gifted Mozambican brothers is rewarding to the body of Christ (the church). Today, 2015, the number of Assemblies stands at 212.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- All of the above

PRAY FOR

- Help for the church to establish a Mission Service Agency.
- Help for the church to establish an income-generating ministry.

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MYANMAR (BURMA)

Population	59.76 million
Major religions	Buddhism 89.46% / Christianity 4.98% / Islam 3.79% / Hinduism 0.5% / Animism and other religions 1.32%

Brethren work began in	1884, but there was only one assembly till 1978
Number of churches	107
Number of preaching points	about 40
Number of baptised believers	about 4,550
Total number of adult attendees	about 5,100
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	about 186
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	about 70
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	about 30

PUBLICATIONS

Emmaus Correspondence Courses (Burmese & Tedim Chin Languages)

Pulpit Helps (Myanmar Language)

*Some books written by William MacDonald, O.J. Gibson, John McQuoid, and others (translated into the Myanmar language)

BIBLE SCHOOLS

South East Asia Bible College

Email address: seabcthang@gmail.com

Postal address: GPO Box 1237, Yangon, Myanmar.

Level of study – degree

Length of course – four years

Christian Training College

Postal address: N. Dagon, Yangon, Myanmar.

Level of study – degree

Length of course – three-years

Harvest Mission School

Postal address: Pyin Oo Lwin, Mandalay Division.

Length of course – three years

Gideon Bible College

Postal address: Kale myo, Sagaing Division.

Level of study – diploma

Length of course – three-years

Christian Leaders' Training – The Christian Leaders Training was held at South East Asia Bible College in Yangon from October to December 2013. Eleven leaders from eleven assemblies attended.

CHURCH LINKS

The 7th Myanmar Assemblies Fellowship Conference was held in Demosoe, Kaya State, located in Eastern part of Myanmar from March 21-23, 2014. The conference was attended by around 250 people. The theme of the Conference was 'We are Christ's Ambassadors' (2 Cor. 5:20). The Conference preachers (bro. Zaw Min, who is a missionary and pastor of Myanmar Christian Assembly in Bangkok, Thailand, bro. Kap Cin Thang, bro. Cin Suan Nang and bro. Kap Khan Khup) emphasised the wonderful opportunity – 'We are not only God's children but also Christ's ambassadors and the great responsibility of born-again Christians – 'God gave us the Ministry of Reconciliation' (2 Cor. 5:18). So we are to continue to fulfil the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:15; 1 Tim. 2:4).

EVANGELISM AND CHURCH-PLANTING

By God's grace, 23 missionaries have been sent out to 23 different places, e.g. Kayah State, Mandalay Division, Yangon Division, Irrawaddy Division, Sagaing Division, Southern Chin State, Magwe Division, Shan

State, Tanintari Division, etc. in Myanmar since 2008. Many lost souls heard the Gospel through our missionaries and accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and Lord. We pray and plan to send more inland missionaries in the future. We need your prayers and partnership.

ECS (Tedim): By God's grace, the Emmaus Correspondence Courses (in Tedim Chin language) have been introduced especially to Tedim language-speaking people in Myanmar since 2009. Around 50 students finished 12 courses. Many 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 – that they can send more missionaries to different places in Myanmar where non-Christians are living.
- Evangelistic meetings, New Life training & Discipleship Training to be held at over 20 places in 2015.
- The Lord's provision of worship places (Church buildings or apartments) for Canaan Gospel Chapel and some other assemblies in Myanmar.
- The effectiveness of the ministry of the Emmaus Correspondence courses (in Tedim Chin & Burmese) and the teaching and equipping ministry of the Bible schools.

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NAURU (2007 INFORMATION)

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
Total number of adult attendees	31
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).

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THE NETHERLANDS

Population	16,900,000
Major religions	Roman Catholic 27% / Protestant Church in the Netherlands 15% / Islam 6.5% / Other Christian churches 5.5%

Brethren work began in	1850
Number of congregations	85
Number of baptised believers	7,000
Total number of adult attendees	7,000
The number of baptised believers is	decreasing
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	5
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	4
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	5

PUBLICATIONS

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MISSION SERVICE AGENCIES

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Website: www.stichting.nehemia.nl

PUBLISHING HOUSE

Stichting Uit het Woord der Waarheid

Email address: info@uhwdw.nl

Postal address: 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** and **Jaap van Kampen**)

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NEW CALEDONIA (2009 INFORMATION)

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
Number of Brethren congregations

**about 1960
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 buildings at all, so meet in homes or the open air. The Bible School at present functions in our home.

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NEW ZEALAND

Population	4,600,000
Major religions	Christianity 48.9% / No religion 41.9% (2013 census)

Brethren work began in	1852
Number of congregations	198
Number of baptised believers	18,642 (2013 census)
The number of 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	60
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	3
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	6

PUBLICATION

GC3 Connect (published five times a year)

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AGENCY SERVING THE CHURCHES

Stewards Trust of New Zealand

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Contact: Tony Harvey.

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

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

GC3 or Global Connections in Mission

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Postal address: 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 on-going basis, GC3, 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

Email address: info@pathways.co.nz

Level of study – certificates, diplomas

Length of courses – (Now non-residential) Provides a range of one-year courses.

A key focus is providing an Internship programme serving the needs of local churches.

PUBLISHING HOUSE

Gospel Publishing House

No longer exists as Gospel Publishing House

It is now supporting literacy-related ministries through trust funds.

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. GC3, 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.

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NIGERIA

Population	about 172 million
Major religions	Christianity 50% / Islam 30% / African traditional religion 15% / Others 5%

Brethren work began in	1919
Number of congregations	1,000
Number of additional preaching points	600
Number of baptised believers	5,000
Total number of attendees	15,000
The number of committed believers is	increasing quickly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	700
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	500
Number of full-time Bible teachers	300

BIBLE SCHOOLS

Ika Bible School

Postal address: Box 85, Ankpa, Kogi State.

Level of study – certificate

Length of course – 1 year

CMML Trinity Bible College

Postal address: PO Box 10, Anyigba, Kogi State.

Level of study – diploma

Length of course – 3 years

CEFN Theological Seminary

Postal address: PO Box 1001, Anyigba, Kogi State.

Level of study – degree (in theology)

Length of course – 4 years

PUBLISHING HOUSE

Ika Christian Press

Postal address: P.M.B. 1008, Ika, Ankpa, Kogi State.

INTERESTING FEATURES

In Nigeria, the Brethren are operating about 40 primary schools and about 7 secondary schools. There are 3 schools for the disabled and disadvantaged children. There is also opportunity for the gospel to be preached on radio and television stations.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

In 1919, some Brethren missionaries from America and England came to Nigeria to begin a missionary work under the name Christian Missions in Many Lands, (CMML). After some time, there was a disagreement among them and some broke away to form the Stewards Company in Ika in the year 1952. As the work continued to grow, in 1982, another generation of young brethren from the Stewards Company and CMML came together to be registered under a common name, Christian Evangelical Fellowship of Nigeria (CEFN). Both groups of assemblies are growing rapidly to the glory of God. Another group later dissociated from the Stewards Company and formed the Stewards Christian Assembly registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission. There arose some court cases among themselves but, to the glory of God, all cases have been settled. Presently there is peace and mutual co-operation amongst these assemblies.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The rapid growth in numerical increase of congregation members.
- The commitment in the lives of the workers in serving among the congregations.
- The spiritual commitment of the Christians in Nigeria in spite of the on-going persecution and religious crisis.

PRAY FOR

- God to cause the Holy Spirit to stir the church towards revival of righteous living and holiness.

- God to cause the members of the congregations to have a burden for soul-winning and evangelism.
- God to send more labourers and workers into the harvest field.
- God to cause all congregations to be in love, peace and unity of the Christian faith.

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PAKISTAN

Population	185.1 million
Major religions	Islam 96% / Christianity 2.5% / Hinduism 1.44% / Bahai 0.06%

Brethren work began in	1935
Number of congregations	108
Number of preaching points	320
Number of baptised believers	15,000
Total number of adult attendees	approximately 25,000
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	95
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	10 (approx.)
Number of itinerant Bible teachers	10 (approx.)

PUBLICATIONS

Chashma-e-Zindagi (Fountain of Life)

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AGENCIES SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

Fellowship of Brethren Churches of Pakistan

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Postal address: Women's Christian Hospital, 85 Nusrat Road, Multan Cantt.

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.

Care Channels International, Pakistan

Email address: petercalvin112@gmail.com

Postal address: 36 Ferozepur Road, Lahore.

Nature of ministry – education, health and livelihood

CHURCH LINKS

Fellowship of Brethren Churches of Pakistan

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BIBLE SCHOOL

Bible Training Centre

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Short-term training, workshops, seminars, retreats, rallies, camps etc

Length of Courses – 2 days to 1 week

Brethren Institute of Theological Training

Email address: nasirkamaal@yahoo.com

Postal address: BTC, Modern Colony, Peco Road, Kotlakhpat, Lahore, Punjab, Pakistan.

Level of study – Diploma in Theology

Length of course – 2 years residential program

Good News Centre (Correspondence Bible School)

Postal address : Mission Compound, Abu Bakar Town, Multan Road, Dera Ghazi Khan.

Level of study – certificate

Length of course – 2 years – if continued regularly

PUBLISHING HOUSE

Masihi Ishaat Khana (Christian Publishing House)

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Postal address: MIK, 36 Ferozepur Road, Lahore, Punjab, Pakistan.

Website; www.mik.org.pk

INTERESTING FEATURES

Thirteen Primary Schools have been started and are working with great passion under the supervision of local pastors or Church leadership in the areas where people are working at brick kilns and have very low incomes. They want to send their children to school but because of lack of resources they are unable to do so. Compared to the enormous need in the field of education these thirteen schools are just a tiny drop in the ocean of illiteracy, therefore a lot can be done in this area.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The Brethren movement in Pakistan was started in the 1930s from Karachi where Brother Bakht Singh came and started evangelism. He travelled in different parts of the country and, as a result, various assemblies in different areas were established. Later in the 1940s, a rapid increase in Brethren assemblies occurred after the revival in Martinpur and Youngsonabad. By God's grace the Brethren movement is gradually increasing in the country.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Evangelistic work is increasing and hundreds of people are accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.
- Church planting.
- More training programs in various places through camps, seminars, retreats and conferences.
- The use of cable network for preaching and teaching which has started recently in the city of Lahore.

PRAY FOR

- More full-time workers and volunteers needed.
- More active and spiritual leadership needed.
- Full-time workers financial support needed.
- More academic schools needed.

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PAPUA NEW GUINEA (2011 INFORMATION)

Population	6.300,000
Major religions	Christianity 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
Total number of adult 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

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AGENCIES SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

CBC National Office

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Website: www.cbcpng.org.pg

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

Email address: cbcpngptl@online.net.pg

Postal address: PO Box 477, Wewak ESP, Papua New Guinea.

Property-holding trust company

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

CBC National Office

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CHURCH LINKS

Coordinating Committee of the Christian Brethren Churches

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Facilitates inter-church consultation and joint action; oversees the CBC National Office; promotes 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)

Email address: registrar@cltc.ac.pg

Postal address: PO Box 382, Mt Hagen WHP.

CLTC is an interdenominational college serving mainly the Evangelical Alliance denominations, of which the Brethren were founding members. 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)

Email address: graeme@rds.ro

Postal address: 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

Email address: cbcpng@online.net.pg

Postal address: Girls Bible School, Anguganak, c/- CBC National Office, PO Box 64, Wewak, ESP

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

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 Amanab;

Green River Bible School, Siman Bible School in Green River, via Vanim, 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.

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

PUBLISHING HOUSE

Christian Books Melanesia Inc.

Email address: cbmpng@online.net.pg

Postal address: 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 neighbour countries also.
- Big opportunities which exist for Christian witness in our schools and health centres.

PRAY FOR

- Political stability.

- 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. Pray that there will be unity in decisions.
- 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.

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PARAGUAY

Population	6 million
Major religions	Christianity 89% (Evangelical 6%, Orthodox 3%) / Islam 2.5% / Buddhism 1.5% / Hinduism 1% / Animism 2%

Brethren work began in	1908
Number of congregations	100-110
Number of preaching points	100
Number of baptised believers	about 4,000
Total number of adult attendees	about 6,000
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	about 60
Number of itinerant evangelists	about 50
Number of itinerant Bible teachers	about 70

AGENCIES SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

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Provides legal and tax umbrella to local churches and ministries
and missionaries.

Word of Life Paraguay

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Supports Bible clubs and camps for children and young people, presents
dramas, preaches the gospel at public and private schools.

Encuentros Pastorales

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Monthly meetings of church elders and leaders, organises annual Conference on Mission. It aims to buy a land and build facilities to provide a rehabilitation centre for people with addictions (alcoholics, drug users, gamblers, etc.).

El Camino de la Vida

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Produces and provides Biblical teaching and evangelisation programs for radio broadcasting in AM and FM radio stations, both Christian and secular. Local representative is brother Roberto Acuña. He has a Facebook page as Roberto Acuña.

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

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Encourages churches and leaders working together in mission, supports churches in organizing Mission Conferences, acts as a blessing channel providing spiritual support or collecting funds for missionaries with special needs.

BIBLE SCHOOLS

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Length of course – 1 month

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Length of course – 12 modules of 30/45 hours, every two or three months – total of 800 hours, divided into 500 hours in class plus 300 hours of homework. Students graduate in 3 or 4 years of study.

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. Since the creation of FEMIPA in 1998, 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 has developed 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.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The Brethren movement in Paraguay owes a great deal to New Zealand missionaries. Allan Smith left in 1907 to accompany Mr. and Mrs James Kirk to Argentina. He stayed with them at Cordoba while learning the language and on a number of occasions went on colportage journeys with George Langran and Nicholas Doorn. In 1908 he married Miss Maud Martin and, in the following year, together with John H. Ross, they travelled up the Paraguay River to Asunción. They were confronted with all manner of hardships. Allan preached and taught the Scriptures in Asuncion, but his primary vision was to reach the towns and villages up the river by means of a launch. In the years 1912-14 he built the launch "Aurora" (Break of Day). It proved a tremendous blessing and enabled Allan Smith, John Ross and Alfred Jenkins to visit many places along the hundred of miles of the great Paraguayan River. In 1917, he decided to build a larger launch more suited to the river conditions. The "El Alba" (The Dawn) was built at Asunción and J. Wm. Emmet of Nelson (N.Z.) went out at his own expense in 1918 to help with the construction. El Alba was launched in 1919, but the first voyage was not undertaken until 1921. Gordon Airth and Joseph G. Martin (also known as José Martínez) from USA helped put the finishing touches to the launch and shared in subsequent river travels. During that period preaching and teaching had been going on in Asunción, people being saved and assemblies being established. John and Isabella Ross (Allan's sister) were commended from New Zealand in 1908 and 1910 respectively and, until 1920, were engaged in preaching and teaching in Asuncion and other areas and in the river outreach by the launch. Miss Marjorie Lewis was commended from New Zealand in 1917 and joined the Smiths at Asuncion. From 1917 to 1924 she helped in the education of missionaries' children and also engaged in women's meetings and Sunday school work. In 1925 she married Gordon M. Airth, a Scot, who had been converted and had come into the assemblies in Buenos Aires and had been commended by them to work at Asunción. In 1932 the Airths commenced a testimony at San Bernardino. Gordon worked on a gospel magazine 'Libertad' while

Marjorie was engaged in translation of Christian literature into Guarani. Later she served on a committee for the translation of the New Testament into Guarani – a task completed in 1966. Information taken from the book *That the world may know, Volume 2, Dawn over Latin America* by Fredk. A. Tatford in association with the Editors of Echoes of Service. 1983. pages 319-338.

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 and workers.

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PERU

Population	30,200,000 (2014 estimate)
Major Religions	Roman Catholicism 81.3%, Evangelical Christianity 12.5%, Other 3.3% / No religion 2.9% (2007 census)

Brethren work began in

Number of congregations

Number of baptised

Total number of attendees

Number of committed believers is

Number of workers serving local congregations

1893 – (Charles Bright from the UK)

about 230

about 8,000

about 12,000

still increasing

20 commended Peruvian workers / couples are

serving in Peru.

An unknown but greater number are serving their churches but are not formally commended.

There is also a commended worker from the Brethren church working with CEF.

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Level of study – high school

Length of course – Two week course each January for 4 years

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Level of study – college

Length of course – The complete programme is 7 modules of 4 weeks each. Intensive, full-time modules are taught in Trujillo each January and July. It is also taught as a night school in Trujillo from March-December. Two new satellite institutes have been started: one in the mountain city of Cajamarca and the other in the capital Lima. Both run two-day courses once a month and in Lima there is also a night school.

Christian Service Preparation Institute

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Level of study – high school, college

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 involvement of so many people in short-term mission teams over the past couple of years, particularly young people.
- Growth in the unity of the Brethren churches.

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 and beyond.

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PHILIPPINES

Population	100 million
Major religions	Roman Catholicism 80% / Protestant/Evangelical Christianity 10% / Islam 10%

Brethren work began in	1918
Number of congregations	250 (including from Palawan Island)
Number of additional preaching points	70
Total number of adult attendees	15,000
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	100
Number of itinerant evangelists	7
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	30

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1. Assists Christian workers. 2. Arranges and coordinates conferences and seminars. 3. Serves as coordinating agency in the promotion of cross-cultural mission, including short-term missions.

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Level of study – certificate

Length of course – 4 years

INTERESTING FEATURES

1. We have a weekly radio broadcast of the Bible School of the Air. 2. Some assemblies have started Primary and Secondary schools ministries for the quality educational needs of the children, with emphasis on Biblical values. 3. An assembly has started the Jireh Children's Home orphanage for orphans, abandoned and neglected children.

PRAISE GOD THAT

- The Philippines is still open to the gospel.
- The assemblies are growing spiritually and numerically.
- New generation 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 to the mission field.
- Unity and fellowship.
- Support for local, full-time workers.
- A Bible College operated and managed by the Assemblies that will offer diplomas and degrees.

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POLAND

Population	38 million
Major religions	Roman Catholicism 95% / Orthodox Christianity 1.3 % / Jehovah's Witnesses 1% / Protestant Christianity 0.5%

Brethren work began in	1909
Number of congregations	40
Number of additional preaching points	20
Number of baptised believers	1,600
Total number of adult attendees	3,000
The number of committed believers	remains about the same
Number of full-time workers serving local churches	10
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	2
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	3

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INTERESTING FEATURES

The work with youth and children is well developed in the Free Brethren Church of Poland. We organize camps, conferences and weekend meetings for them, and 'family picnics' twice a year. The Church Board is active in the work of the church in general. 7 brothers are members of the Board. They are elected for the period of 4 years and they have to support and coordinate the ministry of the Assemblies, to organize events for all the members of the church (general conferences, youth work etc.) and to represent the church in administrative matters.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Brother Józef Mrózek senior was studying in Berlin, in the Bible School of the Evangelical Alliance in the years 1907-1909. He returned to Polish land and started a mission work. The first assemblies were founded and they were officially registered in the year 1912. In the years 1947-1980 the Free Brethren Church was the part of the United Evangelical Church (Zjednoczony Kościół Ewangeliczny) together with 4 other evangelical churches. It has been registered as a separate church – Free Brethren Church of the Polish Republic – since 1981.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- All Open Brethren Assemblies of Poland are united in one church organisation, keeping their autonomy.
- Ministry for the benefit of all the assemblies which is coordinated by the Church Board.
- The youth and children's ministries are well developed.
- Our church magazine *Laska I Pokój* helps to keep contact among the church members. It provides valuable articles and information from the church life.

PRAY FOR

- The missionary vision.
- The new well prepared workers.
- Our own Bible school. (We use the facilities offered by the schools of other denominations.)
- Our Publishing House – we need to publish new material.

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PORTUGAL (2011 INFORMATION)

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

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CHURCH LINKS

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(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. The association 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/
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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.

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RÉUNION ISLAND

Population 840,000

Major religions Christianity 90% (Roman Catholic 85% / Protestant 5%) / Hinduism 7% / Islam 6%

Brethren work began in	1971
Number of congregations	7
Number of baptised believers	500
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	2

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

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(Connected with missionary work in Madagascar.)

On 15th August each year we have a day for missionary news and prayer.

CHURCH LINKS

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Forwards news, organises 3 annual gatherings

INTERESTING FEATURES

Christian book shop in town of St Pierre.

Association Jeunesse en Action for Youth Evangelism.

AEE for children's evangelism.

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.

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ROMANIA

Population	20,121,641
Major religions	Orthodox 86.45% / Roman Catholic 4.62% / Reformed / 3.19% Pentecostal 1.92%

Brethren work began in	1899
Number of congregations	716
Number of additional preaching points	120
Number of baptised believers	27,427 + approx. 3,500 diaspora
Total number of adult attendees	not known
The number of committed believers is	remaining about the same
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	120
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	approx. 30

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Length of course – 4 years

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INTERESTING FEATURES

Attachment to bible study and fellowship.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

1899 – E.H. Broadbent visited Romania and, by writing a missionary magazine article, urged missionaries to come to Romania.

1899 October – Opening of the first French preaching assembly by Francis Berney and Charles Aubert in Bucharest.

1901 November – New Testament baptism and gospel preaching in Romanian.

1906 – The beginning of mission among German speakers by Schlosser Johannes.

1907 – First assembly in Ploiesti.

1933 – Brethren Church was legally recognized. By 114.119/21 August decision, second article, the Brethren Church became a religious association.

1942 – Ion Antonescu's political regime shut down all religious associations, Brethren Churches included. In these years, all assemblies were forbidden and goods were taken away.

1950 – Communism came up with a law that legalized neo-protestant cults.

1990-2000 – Was an extraordinary period of development through evangelism and the planting of new churches.

PRAISE GOD THAT

- We have received from our ancestors healthy teaching.
- We have been protected from doctrinal separations.
- We have the freedom to gather and speak God's word.

PRAY FOR

- The Timotheus Bible Institute (TBI) graduates to continue to grow and serve the Lord in Romania and Europe.
- Administration and TBI professors to continue to trust the Lord during the governmental accreditation process.

- Resources to meet accreditation requirements for furniture and IT technology.
- Finances to finish paying for the property where are situated. Antioch Church and TBI; three more installments are due next year and in the first half of 2016.

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RUSSIA

Population 144 million

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

Brethren work began in

early 19th century

Number of congregations

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.

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RWANDA (2011 INFORMATION)

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
Total number of adult attendees	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

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

PUBLISHING HOUSE

Emmaus Bible School

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INTERESTING FEATURE

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.
- Ability to build all the churches we need.

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ST KITTS & NEVIS

Population	55,000 (2015 estimate)
Major religions	Christianity 82.4% (Brethren 1.8%) / No religion 5.2% / Islam, Hinduism, Rastafarian, Baha'i 2.8%

Brethren work began in	1936
Number of congregations	11 (Some have only a Sunday School)
Number of members	about 300

INTERESTING FEATURES

In May 1962 through the exercise of local brethren a 15 minute gospel programme, 'Herald of the Cross' was accepted and became a weekly broadcast on Sundays. This ministry was originally the responsibility of Mr William Ashby who used his professional skills as an electrician to care for the equipment, editing the tapes and also handling all correspondence. The programme has maintained a listening audience throughout the Caribbean up to this day. Weekly programs are being aired in Puerto (Radio Station WIVV), Antigua (Caribbean Radio Lighthouse), The Windward Islands (Harbourlight of the Windward Islands) and St. Kitts (ZIZ Radio).

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

In 1936 Mr and Mrs Charles Brown, Miss Molly Creeth, and Mr and Mrs Archie Neilson started the work in St. Kitts having been commended from Canada. There was no permanent place to hold meetings but, as time went by, these missionaries learnt of the availability of a Lodge Hall in Haynes Smith Village. The building was rented and used for Sunday School and gospel meetings. A number of persons professed to be saved.

In 1937 a wooden structure Gospel Hall with a seating capacity of approximately 200 people was built in Malone Avenue. This building was used for services until a new structure was erected ten years later. Olivet Gospel Hall new building, with seating capacity of over 500

people and a large basement for Sunday School work, was opened on Thursday February 12th 1948.

In 1938 Mr Brown purchased a wooden dance hall in Haynes Smith Village at a low price. The building was later transported to Challengers Village and on Friday September 30th, 1938 Challengers Gospel Hall was officially opened. Several persons professed to be saved and an assembly of 12 persons began to break bread.

Mr Randolph O'Loughlin, a local brother from Basseterre, pursued a vision and gathered children in the yard of a home in Boyd's Village, following which Boyd's Gospel Hall was established. Another brother began a Sunday School in a Yard at Lower Monkey Hill Village, from which Parray's Gospel Hall now known as Salem Gospel Hall grew. These four Halls, Olivet, Challengers, Boyd's and Parray's represented the extent of the work from 1936 to 1946. The work in rural areas was maintained by the believers from Basseterre.

In 1945 Mr and Mrs John Portman from Texas came to work in St. Kitts and purchased land in Sandy Point to construct Bethany Gospel Hall which seated about 250 people. The original building was erected using tarish (a type of dirt) and was destroyed sometime later after prolonged showers of rain. Later in that same year (1947) Mr Jack Noble of Northern Ireland and Mr Thomas Morrell of the United Kingdom arrived. At the close of the year Mr and Mrs Clifford Hope and their two children arrived from Bristol, along with Miss Sadie McCullough of Northern Ireland. Miss McCullough later married her countryman and became Mrs Jack Noble.

In 1949 an intensive gospel campaign was conducted by Edwin Willie, Harold Wildish and Charles Royse of Jamaica, and some 30 persons were added to the Olivet Gospel Hall Assembly.

Also, in 1948, Mr Brown took over a little mission hall in Cayon, and also rented an old unused mission hall in Tabernacle. Each Lord's Day brethren from Basseterre held Sunday School and gospel services in both places. Mr Brown was succeeded by Mr and Mrs William Ashby from Barbados in 1960.

In 1950 following a tent campaign at Tabernacle conducted by Mr Alwyn Jones of Trinidad, Ebenezer Chapel was built. The Sunday School boasted over 300 students and the women's meeting was very promising.

At Keys Village, a small hall was built where a small Sunday School and gospel testimony was maintained. A sister in Cayon assembly had for some years gathered the Ottley's Village children together for Sunday School. Mr Brown rented a room here and later Zion Chapel was built where a Sunday School of 200, and other meetings were held. Up to the 1970's the Sunday Schools in the larger assemblies numbered from 270 to around 500.

In 1960, Mr Brown built a hall at Molyneux Project seating 100 people. Over the years work in this area has been very hard. The four halls at Keys, Ottley's, Molyneux and Tabernacle were originally the responsibility of Cayon assembly (Elim Chapel), but preaching in all the halls was shared island wide.

The work on the island was not confined to meetings in the halls but there was a vibrant hospital and prison ministry. When Mr and Mrs Noble took up residence in Sandy Point, they began a Sunday School and Gospel Ministry at Fig Tree. A weekly service was also held at the leper asylum (Hansen Home). As a result of Open-air Meetings in Middle Island, several young men were saved, and a small building was rented for meetings and an assembly commenced. In 1953 Grace Gospel Hall was built with a seating capacity of 200 persons.

In March 1950 Mr and Mrs Hope succeeded the Nobles at Sandy Point and cared for the work until their departure back to England. At one time the Sunday School at Bethany averaged 500, the largest on the island. The weekly women's meeting averaged over 100 and there was a successful girl's knitting class, which saw several of them confessing faith in Christ. Nazareth Gospel Hall was built in Fig Tree seating 150 people.

When the late Mr James Brown of Warrington, England retired from the teaching profession, he came to St. Kitts in 1954 and gave valuable help, especially in ministry, until 1963 when ill-health compelled his return to England. The other missionaries likewise are treasured for their efforts in laying the foundation over seventy-five years ago. Special mention must be made of Bro Tom Morrell, Bro Clifford Hope and Sis Hope and also Sis Molly Creeth who served in St Kitts for many years. Bro and Sis Hope and Sis Molly Creeth returned to England but Bro Tom Morrell went home to Glory on 23rd January 1997 bringing to an end his 40 years of service in St Kitts.

The following information about recent happenings concerning the halls in St Kitts is also worth mentioning:

- The Challengers Gospel Hall wooden building was destroyed by hurricane Hugo on Sunday 17th September, 1989
- The Good Tidings Gospel Hall formally the Boyd's Gospel Hall was rebuilt and dedicated on the 20th February 1994.
- The Olivet Gospel Hall in Basseterre was renovated and dedicated in December 2007.
- Elim Chapel in Cayon was rebuilt and dedicated in January 2013.

However, throughout the seventy-eight years of existence the Brethren Assemblies in St Kitts have experienced many challenges but God has been good and the believers have triumphed over these challenges. Therefore, we can all say like the prophet Samuel in 1Samuel Chapter 7 and verse 12, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" and like the hymn writer we can sing and shout, 'The Church Triumphant is Alive and Well!'

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ST LUCIA

Population	173,765 (2009 census)
Major religions	Christianity 96.10% (Roman Catholic 70%) / Spiritualism 1.70% / Hinduism 0.90% / Islam 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.

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ST VINCENT & THE GRENADINES

Population 110,000

Major religions Anglican 17.8%, Pentecostal 17.6%, Methodist 10.9%, Seventh Day Adventist 10.2%, Baptist 10%, Roman Catholic 7.5%, Evangelical 2.8%, Church of God 2.5%, Brethren 1.3%, Jehovah's Witnesses 0.6%, Salvation Army 0.3%, Other 6.7% (includes Rastafarians, Hindus and Muslims), No religion 11.8% (2001 census – more recent figures unavailable)

Brethren work began in	the late 1800s
Number of congregations	14
Number of additional preaching points	3
Number of baptised believers	600
Total number of adult attendees	700
The number of committed believers	remains about the same
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	3
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	1
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	1

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Christian camping

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Disaster response coordination

INTERESTING FEATURES

In 2010, we started 'Let's Face It.' This is a live interactive radio programme, which seeks to examine life's challenges from a biblical perspective.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The establishment of a new church at Queen's Drive.
- Skills training sessions at Queen's Drive.
- Encouraging responses to 'Let's Face It' from the general public.
- The ministry of returning nationals.

PRAY FOR

- Building project at Georgetown.
- Disaster response activities.
- Plans to establish a daycare centre/pre school at Queen's Drive.
- Church leaders.

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SENEGAL

Population	14,086,103
Major religions	Muslim 94% / Christian 5% / Traditional religions 1%

Brethren work began in	1963
Number of congregations	6
Number of preaching points	6
Number of baptised believers	450
Total number of adult attendees	1,200 (members)
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The opportunities we have to preach the Gospel.
- The assemblies at Dakar, Saint-Louis, Dioline and Malika; and the two young assemblies at Kochor and Ngarjam.
- The love of the brothers and sisters in the assemblies.
- The donation of 40,000,000 CFA Francs from brothers and sisters in the assemblies in Brazil for the purchase of land for a place of worship in Dakar.

PRAY FOR

- The spiritual and numerical growth of members.
- The implementation of the action plan.
- The purchase of land in Dakar to build a place of worship and the planning and sufficient resources for the construction and outfitting of the building.
- Missionary work in the areas of Senegal.

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SERBIA

Population	7.1 million
Major religions	Serbian Orthodox 84.6% / Roman Catholic 5% / Islam 3.1% / Protestant 0.99%

Brethren work began	about the turn of the 20th century
Number of congregations	11
Number of additional preaching points	1
Number of baptised believers	less than 400
The number of committed believers is	decreasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	4

AGENCY SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

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Resource centre, literature, radio, video ministry, humanitarian ministry, Emmaus Bible Correspondence School

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Level of study – diploma

Length of course – 2 years (1st year – study of all books of the Bible, 2nd year – practical training)

INTERESTING FEATURES

Most of the Brethren churches in Serbia are ethnic Slovak, located in the north part of Serbia. Most recently, God raised up a Gypsy

ministry in Belgrade, Mladenovac, Obrenovac and Kikinda, run by the ethnic Gypsies.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The Brethern movement started at the turn of 20th century, by missionaries from England and Czechoslovakia. The biggest growth occurred between the two World Wars and up to the 1970s.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Religious freedom in the country though Christianity is dominated by the Orthodox Church which sometimes labels Evangelical (Protestant) churches as sects 'stealing' their sheep.
- Through the Emmaus Bible Correspondence school almost 2000 people received the first lesson, New Testament and the book *Jesus Our Destiny* during the last 10 years.
- Hundreds of children attend summer camp 'Bethel'. Most of them come from the 'unchurched' homes.

PRAY FOR

- Unity among the believers. (There is an unofficial division between the 'loose' and 'tight' assemblies).
- Revival in the assemblies with emphasis on holiness and personal evangelism.
- Ministry among the Gypsy population who are often treated as 'second class' citizens. A great number of them (even the believers) left Serbia and asked for political asylum in the Western countries (most in Germany).
- Work with the children and the youth, for the new generation of leaders, without whom the current assemblies are doomed to close down.

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SINGAPORE

Population 5.47 million

Major religions Buddhism 33.9% / Taoism 11.3% / Christianity 18.2% (Roman Catholics 7.1%, Protestants 10.1%) / Islam 14.3% / Hinduism 4.0% / Others 0.7% / No religion 16.4%

Brethren work began in
Number of congregations

1864
19 registered
(comprising a total
of 30 language
congregations)

Number of baptised believers
Total number of adult attendees
The number of committed believers is
Number of full-time workers serving
local congregations

8,124
9,026
increasing slowly
about 80

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Bethesda (Bedok-Tampines) Church – www.bbtc.com.sg

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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
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CHURCH LINKS

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Provides a forum for leaders of Brethren assemblies to come together for fellowship, encouragement, and to enhance co-operation in ministries where opportunities are identified

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

We trace our history back to 3 July 1864 when Philip Robinson and six other believers came together to worship the Lord in a rented place called Missions Rooms at 108 Bencoolen Street. Robinson was identified with Bethesda Chapel in Bristol before he moved to Australia and subsequently to Singapore for business. The work grew through witness to the local community. From the city centre, new congregations were gradually planted, with witness established in the Eastern, North-Eastern, Northern and also subsequently Western parts of the island. Today, there are 19 principal congregations in Singapore, with worship services and fellowship meetings conducted in various languages – English, Mandarin and other Chinese dialects, Peranakan, Filipino, Indonesian, Tamil

and Telegu. The Singapore assemblies have gathered last year (2014) to celebrate the 150th anniversary of our founding. A book has been published to commemorate the occasion.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The outreach work in the residential ‘heartlands’ through community work done by many of the churches.
- With significant numbers of foreign workers and students in Singapore, many churches are actively engaged in “Missions-at-our-doorstep” ministries. We rejoice in seeing many coming to the Lord and disciplined through fellowships and special language ministries that were formed for this purpose.
- Praise God that many assemblies are actively involved in cross-cultural missions through sending out and supporting missionaries. These missionaries are either sent directly by the churches, or through mission agencies such as OMF, SIM, OM, WEC and Wycliffe.
- Over the past decade, many assemblies have been reviewing and putting in place the needed emphases on intentional discipling-making. Praise God for the focus on discipleship by many assemblies.

PRAY FOR

- Singaporeans are faced with increasing demands on their careers and businesses, with constant emphases in the country on economic growth, work productivity and international competitiveness. Christians are likewise caught in the same environment. Pray that believers will be clear on their priorities, and will be faithful witnesses where the Lord has placed them.
- The on-going challenges of leadership development remain. With larger congregations, and the faster pace of life, many assemblies also recognise the need to build up pastoral staff teams, to strengthen pastoring the congregation, while encouraging and equipping the flock to fulfil the mission that our Lord has entrusted to us.

- Continued growth of the assemblies in their cross-cultural mission engagement, sending workers to the harvest fields to bring the gospel to people-groups yet unreached.

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SLOVAKIA

Population 5,400, 000

Major religions Roman Catholic 62.02% / Lutheran Evangelical 5.86% / Orthodox 0.91% / Reformed (Calvinist) 1.83% / No religion 13.44% / All other evangelicals 0.57%

Brethren work began in	1900
Number of Brethren congregations	21
Number of additional preaching points	12
Number of baptised believers	650
Total number of adult attendees	800
The number of committed believers is	remaining about the same
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	2
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	1

PUBLICATIONS

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CHURCH LINKS

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HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The first Brethren missionary was Frederick Butcher from England who came in 1900 and began working in Bratislava (Pressburg) and the surrounding region. The Slovak pioneer of Brethren assemblies was Michal Sadlon, originally a Bible seller with the Bible Society. The time between world wars (1920-38) was characterised by a steady church planting and growth. The Brethren movement was weakened by 2 periods of illegality (1939-45 when the Slovak state was led by a pro-Nazi government; 1951-55 when there was a Communist regime). The assemblies were recognised officially by the State in 1956. Since 1989 they have had freedom to worship and work in the public sphere.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The efforts being made by some local churches to bring the gospel to their neighbours.
- Brothers and sisters serving in their local churches and in the ministries of interdenominational organisations (Gideons, TWR, Prison ministry, CEF and others)
- Young people with a keen interest in fellowship, personal evangelism and mission.

PRAY FOR

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

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SLOVENIA

Population	2.06 million
Major religions	Roman Catholicism 53.1% / Islam 2.6% / Orthodox Christianity 2.2% / Protestant Christianity 1%%

Brethren work began in	1950
Number of congregations	2
Number of baptised believers	about 36
Total number of adult attendees	about 45
The number of committed believers is	remaining about the same
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	3

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Slovenia, which was formerly the northernmost republic of ex-Yugoslavia, has been an independent country since 1991, and a member of the EU since 2004. A small country (population 2.06 million) at the heart of Europe, where the Slavonic, Germanic and Roman worlds meet, it is one of the least evangelized. Since the beginning there have been only two Brethren fellowships at any one time.

In Maribor, the second largest city, a Macedonian brother started a house group in the early post-war years, which developed into a church fellowship with help from English and German missionaries.

In Kranj (about 16 miles north of Ljubljana, the capital) a house group started in 1945 and grew until 1960, then divided into Baptist and Brethren fellowships. The latter was small, and received help from Zagreb. Over the years these two assemblies in Maribor and Kranj dwindled, and the members aged, but were supported during the 1980s by Dr Jovan Stupar making regular visits. In the 1990s, the Kranj fellowship ceased to exist.

In the late 1980s Dr Jovan Stupar (the local GP) and his wife Marta started a house group in their village of Šmartno ob Paki (in central

Slovenia, pop about 3,000), which began to meet as a church in 1994. For quite some years the members have been women, most were patients who had been formerly helped by Jovan in his role as a doctor. In August 2011, he suffered an accident involving extremely serious brain injuries. Although slowly recovering, he is not able to preach, and the assembly is very grateful for regular help from Maribor and other visiting speakers. A weekly Bible study is also held in their home. Sadly, there are no young people or children.

For about 8 years after 1993, the Maribor fellowship was helped by Canadian missionaries, Bernd and Karin Flock, who had moved close to the Austrian-Slovene border. In 1994 an evangelistic mission was held with help from Zagreb and Salzburg. A German missionary family took on leadership in 2001, but had to leave suddenly in 2005, and two young Slovene men stepped into the gap. Since then the church has grown to about 30 members, with a good age spread (average age 35, compared with over 65 years in earlier years). In October 2013 two elders (relatively young) were recognized, and in 2014 the assembly moved into more suitable rented accommodation. A small Sunday School, Bible study groups and a kids' club are held.

There is also pioneer work being carried on in Ptuj, a historical town, by German missionaries (1 family and 1 single sister, still attending Maribor for fellowship), who build up relationships with local people through children's outreach and a mothers' and toddlers' group.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The witness which has continued despite great problems.
- The growth of the Maribor fellowship.
- The pioneer work in Ptuj.
- God leading the way for both congregations.

PRAY FOR

- Growth spiritually and numerically in the above-mentioned places.
- A solution to the needs at Šmartno. Ideally a Christian couple/family is urgently needed to take on responsibility and leadership.

- Sandi (elder at Maribor) and his wife Aleska attending weekend Bible School sessions in Croatia and exercised about part-time/full-time service.
- God to give growth to both congregations.

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SOUTH AFRICA

Population	50 million
Major religions	Christianity 75% / Islam 15% / Hinduism 1.5% / Other 8.5%)

Brethren work began in	1883
Number of Brethren congregations	120+-
Number of additional preaching points	30+-
Number of baptised believers	10,000 +-
Total number of adult attendees	15,000+-
The number of committed believers is	remaining about the same
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	65
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	15
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	12

PUBLICATIONS

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Acquires, holds and administers land and buildings for local assemblies and mission use. Negotiates with government on issues of land, marriage licences, residents' permits and entry permits for missionaries.

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Administers funds and properties received by gift or bequest and assists

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Also helps assemblies in land acquisition and administration.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The work started in 1883 in Pondoland, northern Natal by Dr. William Barton, Mr. & Mrs Madgwick, Mr Williamson and then soon after in Johannesburg.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- That we still have the liberty to proclaim the Word of God.
- Christians are not persecuted as we see happen in many parts of the world.
- Churches are united in their faith.

PRAY FOR

- Unity among assemblies particularly in Gauteng.
- God's people to hold on to the truth.
- A networking of assemblies.

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SPAIN

Population	46,507,800 (Instituto Nacional de Estadística)
Major religions	Roman Catholicism 69.4% / Protestant Christianity 1.08% / Islam 0.6% / Buddhism 0.5%

Brethren work began in	1863
Number of congregations	179
Number of additional preaching points	14
Number of baptised believers	8,847
Total number of adult attendees	11,544 (including children)
The number of baptised believers is	decreasing slowly
Number of full-time workers	76

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Coordinates and stimulates joint efforts in evangelism, youth work, Bible teaching etc., and National Encounters, as well as acting as a channel of information for the churches and full-time workers.

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Fulfills same role for churches of Galicia

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INTERESTING FEATURES

- Several churches have radio programs in local or evangelical radio stations.
- A number of local churches cooperate with a mission agency – Misión Pionera Internacional (MPI)
- Several local churches have non-profit organisations for helping poor people.
- Camps: Font-Rubí (Barcelona); Marín (Pontevedra); Vilar (Pontevedra); Pinos Reales (Madrid); Toral (León); Sierra de

Cazorla (Jaén); Archena (Murcia); Águilas (Murcia); Siete Robles (Navarra); Codeseda (Pontevedra).

- Homes for old people: Santa Coloma de Gramanet (Barcelona); Linares (Jaén).
- Drug addicts' rehabilitation: Telde (Canarias).
- *Nueva Luz* produces material for blind people, not only in Spain, but also in South America and Cuba.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Robert Chapman visited Spain in 1838, and can be considered the great promoter of the coming of many English missionaries. Due to the political/religious situation in Spain, it would not be until 1863 that he could come back with two missionaries who would stay here: William Gould and George Lawrence, but they suffered much persecution and had to leave.

A revolution in 1868 brought 6 years of certain freedom and they could return and start to harvest. Many other missionaries gradually came over and the work spread around Spain, mainly in Madrid, Barcelona, Galicia and Andalucía. But Roman Catholics made much opposition and the new believers suffered many difficulties for burials, marrying, finding a job, buying and selling, in military service etc.

National workers started helping the missionaries, some as colporteurs, and in 1922 probably were the first national full-time workers.

With Civil War (1936-1939) almost all missionaries had to leave Spain and many churches were closed, as well as the evangelical schools. Governed by a dictator and the Roman Catholic Church, they were hard times, until democracy in 1976, although in previous years, and under international political pressure, gradually came some tolerance, and missionaries could return. During all that time, there was great growth, but as freedom and prosperity came, the growth was almost vegetative, which it is at the present as families have very few children. Today, almost all the work is done by national workers.

PRAISE GOD THAT

- Although our churches are not growing, others are, so God's work in Spain is in progress

- A certain number of local churches are understanding the need to cooperate, and progress has been made working together for evangelistic campaigns.
- There is progress in serious Bible study, with more Bible Schools of some quality.
- We have a few more mission-points, and new full-time workers, at least to replace those who have passed away.

PRAY FOR

- Vision for unity and cooperation.
- Willingness to face peacefully different points of view about practical issues, such as women's participation in the meetings etc.
- More conservative churches, which are losing young people and have no evangelistic emphasis apart from Sunday evening meetings, with almost no non-Christian attendees.
- Vision for reaching others for Christ.

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SRI LANKA

Population	21,000,000
Major Religions	Buddhism 72% / Hinduism 11% / Islam 8% / Catholic 6%

Brethren work began in	1902
Number of Brethren congregations	9
Number of Brethren preaching points	26
Number of baptised believers	900
Total number of adult attendees	1,200
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	9
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	4
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	4

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Distributes correspondence courses to students in English, Sinhala & Tamil Languages across the island

HISTORICAL DETAILS

The first full-time worker from the assemblies was Arthur F Witty of New Zealand who started serving the Lord in Colombo in 1902. In 1910

he was joined by Charles Rolls from Napier, New Zealand who gave valuable help in establishing the work with help from Handley Bird, A C Rose, Silas Fox and J M Davies. Mr Witty decided to start the work in a residential quarter called Bambalapitiya, which was at the southern end of the rapidly growing city of Colombo. In 1919 Bethesda Hall was built in Bambalapitiya and many expatriate civil servants and naval officers joined the assembly. When the country became independent in 1948 most of the expatriates started leaving the country and this resulted in closure of all assemblies except at Bethesda Hall. In 1971 the last remaining elder Fred Collette who had faithfully served for so many years migrated to Australia. George Nicholas, an architect, was saved in Aberdeen and returned to Sri Lanka from Scotland in 1972 and started serving the Lord at Bethesda. Gradually the work started to grow again and in 1979 Emmaus Correspondence Courses began to be distributed in the island. This resulted in contacts in many remote areas and assemblies began to be planted in the island. In the 1990s Sinhala and Tamil language meetings were begun at Bethesda. Today there are nine large assemblies in 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 the Lord's work in the island is growing rapidly.
- That the anti-conversion bill that was presented to parliament was not passed into law.

PRAY FOR

- The Lord to raise up suitable translators so that more literature can be produced in the local languages.
- More brothers and sisters to be called to serve the Lord in Sri Lanka.
- The several sisters whose husbands are unsaved and facing domestic violence problems at home.

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SUDAN (2011 INFORMATION)

Population	40 million
Major religions	Islam (Sunni) 70% / Christianity 25% /Traditional religions 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 attendees	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)

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

Fund for Christian Services

Email address: 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.

Email address: Brethren_pub@writeme.com

Postal address: 3 Anga Hanim St, Shoubra, Cairo, Egypt

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.

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SWITZERLAND (FRENCH-SPEAKING, WESTERN PART, 2011 INFORMATION)

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

Brethren work began in	817 (Geneva) and 1824 (Vaud canton)
Number of Brethren congregations	48
Number of baptised believers	4,600
Number of adult attendees	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

PUBLICATION

Vivre

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AGENCY SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

Secretariat de la FREE

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Maintains relationships between the churches and ministries. Manages missionary activities within and outside Switzerland.

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

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CHURCH LINKS

Fédération romande d'Églises Évangéliques

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Postal address: En Glapin, CH 1162 St Prex

Website: www.lafree.ch

Role is 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

Postal address: Route de Fenil 40, CH 1806 St-Légier

Level of study – post-secondary level

Length of study – 4-year course

Faculté Libre de Théologie Évangélique

www.flte.free.fr

Email address: infoscom@flte.fr

Postal address: 85 avenue de Cherbourg, F78740 Vaux-sur-Seine.

Level of study – university level

PUBLISHING HOUSE

Edition Je sème

Postal address: c/o Charles-Abel Piguet, Rue de Lyon 53, CH 1203 Genève

INTERESTING 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'Églises Évangélique en Suisse Romande) joined with 12 evangelical churches (Fédération d'Églises Évangéliques 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 many 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 and the enrichment due to the complementary perspectives.
- New 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.

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TAIWAN

Population 24,424,615

Major religions Buddhism 35% / Taoism 33% / Yi Guan Dao 3.5% / Protestantism 5.86% / Catholicism 1.09%

Brethren work began in	1949
Number of Brethren congregations	15
Number of additional preaching points	15
Number of baptised believers	1155
Total number of adult attendees	1260
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	8

PUBLICATION

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

PUBLISHING HOUSE

Ling Chuan Bookstore

Postal address: 2 Aly 1, Ln 352, Jianxing 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 one-hearted in their mission works.
- A heavenly vision to open future mission fields for the glory of the Lord.

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THAILAND

Population	about 67 million
Major religions	Buddhism 94% / Islam 4.5% / Christianity 1.5% (less than half evangelical)

Brethren work began in	about 1885
Number of congregations	11+
Number of additional preaching points	3
Number of baptised believers	about 400
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	23

AGENCY SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

Christian Brethren Missionary Group

Postal address: CMBG, 126/48 Soi 24 Ramkhamhaeng Rd, Huamark, Bangkok Bangkok 10240
Liaises with the Thai government.

CHURCH LINKS

Christian Brethren Assembly Church Association, CBA

Postal address: 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

Postal address: as above

INTERESTING FEATURES

The Phuket Paklok Assembly recently opened an accommodation block with room for one hundred. This will be used for camps, seminars and a

Bible School due to start in March. The town assembly in Phuket baptised five believers on January 1st and the assembly at Paklok plans to baptise several more next month. Last year twenty believers were baptised.

The assemblies in Thailand are made up of both Thai and tribal groups. In Phuket there are two Orak Lawoi (Sea Gypsy) assemblies with another on Pi Pi Island. In the north there are Hill Tribes and assemblies are found among the Karen and Mong tribes. In November last year all the assemblies were represented at a Leaders Conference in Phuket.

We thank the Lord that there is more growth now than in earlier days. New converts are coming to the Lord through the witness of local believers rather than at Gospel Meetings. Christians bring their friends with them on Sunday mornings where they see Christians remembering the Lord in the bread and wine. There is always Bible teaching after our time of open worship.

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.
- The local full-time workers in the North West whose support is very marginal.
- The relationship between expatriate missionaries (many are Korean) and local full-time workers.
- The building project for the Bangkok church.
- The completion of the Phuket assembly building project (mainly campsite facilities).

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TONGA (2011 INFORMATION)

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 governed, not 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

- Believers may entrust their lives to God and take up the challenge to volunteer as full-time workers to the churches.
- 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.

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TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

Population	1.3 million
Major religions	Full Gospel 33.2% / Roman Catholic 26% / Hinduism 25.8% / Anglican 10% / Islam 5.8%

Brethren work began in	1910
Number of congregations	32
Number of preaching points	10
Number of baptised believers	650
Total number of adult attendees	not known
The number of committed believers is	remaining the same
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	6
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	2
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	4

AGENCIES SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

Stewards Christian Brethren Company Trinidad and Tobago Ltd.

Postal address: 45 Erthig Road, Belmont, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago WI

Trust company overseeing church properties etc

INTERESTING FEATURES

Radio bible program on three local stations, Prison ministry, Camp ministry

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The brethren movement in Trinidad and Tobago started in 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 in 1912. Today the Brethren movement has grown to 32 churches over its 104 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.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Missionaries from the United Kingdom who came to establish the work.
- Preservation of the testimony throughout 104 years.
- Opportunity to preach the gospel without fear or persecution.
- The number of young people showing interest in the things of the Lord.

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.

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TURKEY

Population	77,695,904 (2014 census)
Major religions	Islam 99% (Sunni 72%, Shi'a 25%) / Christianity 0.164% (Orthodox 0.12%, Roman Catholic 0.04%, Evangelicals 0.004%) / Judaism 0.03% / Other 0.8%

Brethren work began in	1961
Number of congregations	8
Number of baptised believers	200-250
Number of additional preaching points	about 10
The number of committed believers is	increasing slowly
Number of full-time workers	32 (This includes Turkish men and women married to foreign missionaries, and other full-time Turkish workers primarily associated with foreign workers from Brethren background.)
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	0
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	2

AGENCY SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

Silas, a non-denominational organisation, serves the 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.

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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 and 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.

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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 limited 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 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.
- Continued growth in the number of Turkish believers and congregations in more provinces of 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.

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UGANDA

Population	34,758,809 (July 2013)
Major religions	Christianity 85% (Roman Catholic 41.9%, Anglican 35.9%, Pentecostal 4.6% / SDA 1.5%, Christian Brethren 0.005%) / Islam 12.1% / Other 3.1% / No religion 0.9%

Brethren work began in	1966
Number of congregations	40
Number of additional preaching points	unknown
Number of baptised believers	1,200
Total number of adult attendees	2,000
The number of committed believers is	increasing quickly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	15
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	20
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	5

PUBLICATIONS

The Trumpet

The Testimony

AGENCIES SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

Emmanuel Mission Uganda

Email address: emmanuelmission@rocketmail.com

Postal address: PO Box 121, Rukungiri, Uganda, East Africa.

Evangelism and Church planting

Kampala Christian Assembly

Discipleship training and Evangelism

Emmaus Bible School

Postal address: P.O Box 698, Kabale.

Bible Correspondence Courses

CHURCH LINKS

Emmanuel Mission Uganda

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Postal address: (as above) or Independence Rd, Go-Down Street, Rukungiri Municipality.

Telephone numbers: +256 782745949 / +256 712220623 /

+256 772703500.

Coordinates church planting and evangelism in Assemblies mainly in Western Uganda.

BIBLE SCHOOL

Emmaus Bible Correspondence School

Postal address: PO Box 698, Kabale

Level of study – basic Bible correspondence course certificates

Kampala Christian Assembly

Level of study – diploma

Length of course – 10 month Discipleship course for university graduates

PUBLISHING HOUSES

Emmaus Bible School

Postal address: as above

Kampala Christian Assembly

Postal address: as above

INTERESTING FEATURE

Marumba Christian School is the only known Christian Brethren primary School here. Check website – Marumbachristianschool-brighthopeworld, Rukungiri

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The Brethren Assemblies in Western Uganda: The Brethren work in Uganda began officially on 23rd February 1966 by some American and Canadian lady missionaries (Maryen Baisley and Dena M. Speering who

were linked with the Brethren assemblies and had found their way to Uganda from Congo – Zaire due to the independence struggles that displaced many people in the first half of the 1960s. They started Emmaus Bible School with a registered office at Namirembe Hill, Kampala. Their aim was to promote a high standard of knowledge of every aspect of the Bible, to encourage independent and balanced Biblical teaching and to publish and distribute religious literature and, in particular, Bible correspondence courses among others. However, when there was a change of government that culminated in a dictatorial regime that banned evangelical groupings in 1960s, they went back to Congo – Zaire where they established several mission centres, the most notable being in Nyankunde, Eastern province. The assemblies there still thrive despite another round of war that ravaged the country in 1998, which resulted in many fleeing to Uganda and establishing themselves as a worshipping community in the refugee camps in Western Uganda. In the late 1980s another missionary (Bob Cullen) came from Rwanda and re-established Emmaus Bible School in Kabale town, South western Uganda. Shortly after, people began coming slowly to study the Word of God by correspondence. Later, an Emmaus Correspondence Extension Centre was established in Rukungiri town in 1989 run by the late Matsiko.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Open Evangelism.
- Freedom of worship.
- High partnership among local believers.
- Church growth.

PRAY FOR

- Training of new workers in evangelism and church planting.
- Numerical increase and quality of believers.
- More primary & secondary schools to come up.
- Income generating activities to empower vulnerable children and very poor adult believers and serving brothers.

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UKRAINE (2009 INFORMATION)

Population 47 million

Major religions Christianity 88% (Orthodox 65% / Protestant 3% / Greek Catholic 12% / Other 8%) / Other – or no religion 12% (Jewish 0.75 Muslim 0.45%)

Brethren work began in

2000 (there had been Brethren pre-World War II, but they were forced to join the Baptists)

Number of Brethren congregations

10

Number of additional preaching points

6

The number of committed believers is

increasing slowly

CHURCH LINKS

Uniunea Crestina dupo Evanghelie Ukraine

Provides help in mission.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The planting of churches.
- Fellowship between churches.

PRAY FOR

- The growth of the church.
- Missionaries to come here and work with us.
- Help for the poor.
- Church buildings.

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UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

(2011 INFORMATION)

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, India)

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.

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UNITED KINGDOM

Population	63 million (2011 census)
Major religions	Christianity 59.5% / Islam 4.4% / Other 2.9% / None or not stated 32.8%

Brethren work began in	c. 1830
Number of congregations	1,100
Number of baptised believers	c. 50,000
The number of committed believers is	remaining about the same
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	c. 200
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	c. 50
Number of itinerant Bible teachers	c. 20

PUBLICATIONS

Believers Magazine

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Echoes

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Partnership Perspectives

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Precious Seed International

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Website: www.preciousseed.org

AGENCIES SERVING THE CHURCHES

Church Growth Trust

Email address: enquiries@churchgrowth.org.uk

Postal address: Hope Centre, 8 Princewood Road, Corby, Northants.
NN17 4AP.

Website: www.churchgrowth.org.uk

Owns and lets church buildings, provides advice on buildings, trust and legal matters, and supports church planting.

Counties

Email address : office@countiesuk.org

Postal address: 30 Haynes Road, Westbury BA13 3HD.

Website: www.countiesuk.org

Promotes evangelism, supports evangelists and their work, trains in evangelism and local mission, and reaches school children through mobile exhibitions.

Gospel Literature Outreach (GLO)

Email address: admin@glo-europe.org

Postal address: 78 Muir Street, Motherwell, ML1 1BN.

Website: www.glo-europe.org

Brings the gospel to Europe and encourages Christians to witness in the world through evangelising, establishing, resourcing and training.

Partnership

Email address: info@partnershipuk.org

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Website: www.partnershipuk.org

Resources and encourages local churches for change, local mission and growth; networks and trains church leaders in local clusters; provides consultancy advice to local churches; publishes *Partnership Perspectives* and books to support church leaders.

Brethren Archivists and Historians Network

Email address: ndickson53@yahoo.co.uk

Postal address: 3 Arran Road, Troon, Ayrshire KA10 6TD.

Website: www.brethrenhistory.org

Encourages research into Brethren history and archiving of relevant material, publishes Brethren history and the annual *Brethren Historical Review*, and organises a bi-annual International Brethren History conference.

Christian Brethren Archive (University of Manchester)

Email address: graham.johnson@manchester.ac.uk

Postal address: University of Manchester Library, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9PP

Website: www.library.manchester.ac.uk/searchresources/guidetospecialcollections/brethren/

Collects, and houses to international archival standards, manuscript and printed materials, and books, relevant to Brethren history worldwide, and makes them available for *bona fide* historical research.

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

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Website: www.interlink.org.uk

BIBLE SCHOOL

Tilsley College

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Postal address: 78 Muir Street, Motherwell ML1 1BN.

Website: www.tilsleycollege.com

Level of study – various

Length of courses – One-year accredited course at first-year university

standard; second-year course with placement in churches and mission projects; local extension courses for church leaders; in-career professional development for church workers and missionaries

PUBLISHING HOUSES

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INTERESTING FEATURES

There has been a decline of about 35% in the number of assemblies and churches associated with the Brethren since 1960 due to a number of factors: loss of spiritual vision in many congregations; problems in adapting communication and style to changing cultural patterns; closure of rural churches in the light of changing transport possibilities; and leakage to other evangelical groups. There is, however, growth in some large congregations and a limited amount of church planting, and the latest estimates suggest that, in terms of numbers of people, the decline may have bottomed out. Interest and involvement in foreign mission remains high, both through Brethren mission agencies and interdenominational faith missions.

In recent years, the key service bodies have been seeking to work more closely together and to co-ordinate their activities. Examples of this joint working are:

- Living the Passion Conference: a four-yearly event for key activists in local churches and service groups (jointly organised by Church Growth Trust, Church Planting Initiative, Counties, GLO and Partnership).
- Church Planting Initiative aims to stimulate renewed church planting in the Brethren movement (a joint venture of Church Growth Trust, Counties, GLO and Partnership).

- National Training Network seeks to co-ordinate and develop a range of training activities for Brethren-background churches (originally a joint venture of Counties, GLO and Partnership, but now with wider involvement).
- FirstServe: a gap-year discipleship and missions programme aimed at encouraging young people in Christian ministry (jointly organised by Echoes, GLO, Interlink and Counties).
- Church Strengthening Initiative has been supported by all the key bodies and aims to help local churches with improving vision and identifying church workers.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The Brethren movement began in the British Isles in the 1830s. The story is told in detail in Tim Grass, *Gathering to His Name: The Story of Open Brethren in Britain and Ireland*, BAHN, 2012, (reprint) – available from Partnership.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- Churches that are growing and new churches that are being planted.
- The greater willingness of service bodies to work together.
- The continuing enthusiasm for world mission in Brethren congregations.
- The ministry of many from the Brethren who have become leaders in other groupings.

PRAY FOR

- The emergence of new generations of enthusiastic spiritual leaders in Brethren-background congregations.
- Renewed vision for evangelism, church planting, and discipling.
- Willingness to change when that is needed for fruitful work for the Lord.
- The development of effective local networking and training.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Population	316 million
Major religions	Christian 84% / Jewish 2% / Muslim 1.5% / Buddhist 0.9%

Brethren work began in	1860s
Number of Brethren congregations	836
Number of baptised and other committed believers is	decreasing slowly
Number of full-time workers serving local congregations	50
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	30
Number of full-time itinerant Bible teachers	40

PUBLICATIONS

Missions

Email address: cmml@cmmlusa.org
Postal address: P.O. Box 13, Spring Lake, NJ 07762.
Website: www.cmml.us

Journey

Email address : jlange@emmaus.edu
Postal address : 2570 Asbury Road, Dubuque, IA 52001.

AGENCIES SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

Christian Workers Fellowship Fund

Postal address: P.O. Box 12347, Lawrence, Kansas City, KS 66112.
Website: www.christianworkersfellowship.org
Serves commended workers.

Stewards Ministries

Postal address: 1101 Perimeter Dr. suite 600, Schaumburg, IL 60173.
Website: www.stewardsministries.com

Grants.

Stewards Foundation

Postal address: 14285 Midway Road, Suite 330

Addison, TX 75001-3664.

Website: www.stewardsfoundation.org

Building Loans and Health Insurance for commended workers

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

Christian Missions in Many Lands

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CHURCH LINKS

Assembly Care Ministries

Email address: info@assemblycare.org

Postal address: 11928 Sheldon Rd., Suite 101, Tampa, FL 33626.

Networking

BIBLE SCHOOL

Emmaus Bible College

Postal address: 2570 Asbury Road, Dubuque, IA 52001.

Website: www.emmaus.edu

Level of study – degree

Length of courses – 1,2,4 years

ECS Ministries

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Website: www.ecsministries.org

Level of study – diploma

PUBLISHING HOUSE

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INTERESTING FEATURES (INFORMATION FROM 2011 EDITION)

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.

(THE FOLLOWING PRAISE AND PRAYER POINTS ARE FROM 2011 EDITION)

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.

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URUGUAY

Population	3,324,460 (2013 census)
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
Total 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	16 nationals and 7 foreign (mostly under 40 years of age, ministering to new congregations). 3 nationals are working in foreign countries.
Number of itinerant evangelists and Bible teachers	several visit several assemblies regularly and others regularly serve in two or more cities regularly

PUBLICATIONS

None at present.

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)

Email address: camdelu@adinet.com.uy

Postal address: Guadalupe 1605 c/p 11,800 Montevideo

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 Easter conferences, missionary conferences and at retreats for elders and helpers with their wives.

Asociacion Cristiana de Ayuda Integral (ACAI)

Email address: infoacai@adinet.com.uy

Postal address: Guadalupe 1605, c/p 11,800 Montevideo

ACAI is the legal representative originally initiated for the setting up of a home for elderly Christians. It opened its doors with three elderly sisters, but this year had to close its doors. The association also takes into account other social activities (e.g. a children's home, Christian schools) if and when these are undertaken. Currently a Bible camp functions under its umbrella.

There are another **4 committees** with legal status, which basically hold the title deeds of buildings and vehicles and Bible Camps, and have been useful for importing vehicles and equipment.

Eventos Juveniles

Email address: eventosjuveniles@gmail.com

This youth committee organises youth camps, a united three-day retreat occasionally for youth leaders, a yearly evangelistic effort, and a bi-

monthly youth prayer meeting.

Women's Committee

Email address: camdelu@adinet.com.uy

Organises a yearly united retreat for women.

BIBLE SCHOOL

Instituto Biblico Berea

Email address: ibiceuy@adinet.com.uy

Postal address: Guadalupe 1605, c/p 11,800 Montevideo.

Level of study – High school level, leading to a certificate

Length of course – A weekly three-hour session is held, eight months a year, for three years

PUBLISHING HOUSE

Emmaus – ECS Ministries

Email address: camdelu@adinet.com.uy

Postal address: Guadalupe 1605, 11,800 Montevideo.

Most materials are imported.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- The general cooperation among assemblies, noted above, seen also in other areas such as Bible camps and evangelistic efforts.
- Most assemblies have seen attendance and conversions increase in the past five years. Due to the void left by the traditional agnosticism and official atheism, more people have begun looking for spiritual reality.
- The commendation of a young couple who are serving the Lord overseas.
- Encouraging growth, seen especially among teen and youth groups. Example: The yearly youth retreats, which began 15 years ago with 150 young people, now draw over 400.

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 being undertaken in several assembly buildings, and Bible camps.
- Continued growth in the unity and cooperation, which exists among the assemblies.

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ZAMBIA

Population 14+ million

Major religions Nominal Christianity 85.04% / Traditional African beliefs 12.62% / Islam 1.4% / Baha'i 0.4%

Brethren work began in	1897
Number of congregations	1,300+
Number of full-time workers	123
Number of full-time itinerant evangelists	500+
The number of committed believers is	increasing

PUBLICATION

BMTZ Newsletter

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AGENCY SERVING BRETHREN CHURCHES

BMTZ

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Serves national workers and local Brethren Assemblies.

MISSION SERVICE AGENCY

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CHURCH LINKS

Brethren Missionary Trust of Zambia

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Postal address: PO Box 11228, Chingola, Zambia.

Role of BMTZ: BMTZ is a Service Agency and it came into being because its founders wanted to share the Word of God and the gospel of Jesus Christ with all human beings. They were convinced by their own experience that God, who speaks through the Bible, gives spiritual life, changes people, giving meaning and direction to their lives, and thus forms the church as God's people. They were convinced that when God's people pray for the Lord's work, God's kingdom advances. BMTZ facilitates this for national workers and their commending churches.

Transmitting gifts: We transmit gifts given for individuals serving the Lord within and outside Zambia. In Africa communication is difficult and to transfer small amounts of funds from one country to the other becomes an expensive business, as money is lost through exchange commissions and bank charges. Gifts transmitted have certainly continued to be of great encouragement to the servants of the Lord, who are often working with little or no support from those they serve. But the Lord knows what is done and will reward each one according to the work done truly in His name.

BIBLE SCHOOLS

Global Literature Outreach

Email address: glozam@gmail.com

Postal address: PO Box 73087 Ndola.

Website: www.glozam.org

Level of study – certificate and diploma courses

Length of course – 6 months and 9 months

Samfya Bible School

Email address: lckksoma2006@yahoo.com

Postal address: PO Box 710014 Samfya.

Level of study – certificate

Length of course – 9 months

Nyangombe CMML training Centre

Email address: gmckillop@musenga.org

Postal address: PO Box 160009 Mwinilunga.

Level of study – vocational certificate

Length of course – 1 year

PUBLISHING HOUSES

Scripture Gift Mission

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Postal address: PO Box 11228, Chingola , Zambia.

Lunda Ndembu Publications

Postal address: 20 Ikelenge, Mwinilunga.

African Christian Books

Email address: alanpark.510@talktalk.net

Postal address: 90376 Luanshya, Zambia.

PO Box 0376 Luanshya

INTERESTING FEATURES

There are three Brethren-managed schools in Zambia (Sakeji School, Chengelo School and Amano Christian school. The Zambian government has recently signed a memorandum of understanding with the Brethren church to manage Kayombo High School. This is a recently built boarding school which will be offering secondary education. The school will be run on Christian principles. The members of the board of governors of Kayombo High School are all believers of good standing (both nationals and expatriate missionaries). This school was built by the Chinese. The government will pay the salaries of the workers at this school (teachers and general workers). There are no TV or Radio stations run by the Brethren at the moment, although there are plans by Christian Resource Centre to establish a Christian Radio Station in Chililabombwe on the Copperbelt.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

David Livingstone, a Scottish missionary, came to Zambia in 1841. He tried to fight the slave trade. To achieve this goal he attempted to open up Africa so that others might follow and bring the benefits of medical and educational work. Primarily, he wanted to open Africa to the Gospel so that other messengers of God might come. Frederick S Arnot, another Scottish missionary, came to Zambia in 1883. The first Brethren

work was established in 1898 at Mambilima in the Luappula province; and since then the work has grown tremendously as more and more Brethren missionaries from the UK, USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand arrived. They started schools, medical work and planted local Brethren churches in the North Western Province, Luapula Province, and Copperbelt Province. Currently church planting is being done by national workers.

The population is over 13 million now. Brethren work first started in 1898 at Mambilima in Luapula province and not long after in the North Western Province. After Independence the assemblies spread throughout the country. There are now over 1,300 local assemblies and more are being planted as the Lord enables. Sadly there have been many church splits as a result of differences.

However, evangelism and church planting continues, with indigenous people at the forefront of new outreaches. Help from groups such as Sowers International, Child Evangelism Fellowship and local ones like Fishers of Men enable much growth in evangelism. In the last 15 years an interest in world missions has developed. This has been helped by the Pro-Christo Global Missions Training College at Kabwe, which is giving training in cross-cultural missions, which has helped deepen interest in missions. There are a number of Zambian believers who live near Angola and Congo and who work across the borders. We also have national workers serving in various neighbouring African countries.

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.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- God's faithfulness (Praise God for the first ever Missions Conference held in August 2014.
- The power of God's unchanging Word.
- The faithful missionaries that came from overseas to share God's plan of salvation. Many of the early missionaries who came died here in Zambia.
- The continuation of the line of the Lord's servants.

PRAY FOR

- Thank God for His faithfulness to Zambia (Pray for more Assemblies to be involved in Missions arising from Missions Conference of August 2014.
- Zambian believers to remain faithful and obedient to the authority of God's Word. (Pray for unity among the believers to strengthen our testimony).
- Zambian believers to be obedient to God's call and have a willingness to do God's work.
- God to help us to live lives that are worthy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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