

## Chronology of EBM: MASA

Originally, South America was never in EBM's line of sight. Why should it be, too? Africa was enough of a challenge! When Horst Borkowski received an invitation to South America in 1969 to evangelize Germans in Argentina and Southern Brazil during the "Campana de las Americas", nobody would have guessed that an EBM branch would develop. Through this crusade This EBM branch named "MASA" in 1972, at first developed independently of EBM. In the beginning it was about financing the "Liebich" Children's Home and the missionary work among the Tobas, then the work expanded and the number of countries where MASA was deployed, increased. The following chronology underlines the project character of MASA. Thus, even seemingly superfluous events are included because they round off the picture. Some of our readers will remember individual events, as they were financially and spiritually involved. This chronology therefore, in a certain sense, glosses over the history of MASA, which will trigger memories.

| Year | Country          | Event   |
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| 1969 | Argentina/Brazil | 6 months crusade of Horst Borkowski to Argentina and Brazil. Bertraud Borkowski visits the orphans of the Liebich Orphan Colony for the first time The impressions and experiences later lead to the foundation of MASA ("Missionarische Aktionen in Südamerika") |
| 1971 |                  | Horst Borkowski publishes his travel report; "Auch das ist Südamerika" is published   |
| 1972 |                  | Foundation of MASA  |
|      | Brazil           | Support for the Liebich Orphan Colony in Monte Alvão near Ijuí commences  |
|      | Argentina        | Mission work among Toba Indians in Chaco as well as   |
|      | Brazil           | Among the people of the marshy district of Vila Bela/Mato Grosso  |
|      | "                | Foundation of a partnership system for the children of the Liebich Orphan Colony: " <i>Ein Sonnenplatz für dein Schattenkind</i> " [A place in the sun for your child of the shadows].<br>Departure out of Werner and Sibila Geiger (née Liebich) to Monte Alvão. |
|      | "                | First support of the Bible School in Ijuí that is still young   |
| 1974 | Argentina        | Departure of Marcelo and Uta Abel to work among the Toba Indians  |
|      | Brazil           | Planning of a new children's Home Heinrich Liebich in Ijuí  |
|      | Argentina        | New mission work in Castelli and El Colorado with Ruth and Erica Soschinske   |
| 1975 | Argentina        | The Esperanza/Santa Fé Children's Home is supported for the first time  |
|      | "                | The first MASA-well - the Tobas called it <i>God's miracle</i> - is built in Campo Medina, Children's Club operation "PIP" (= horses, indios, plough)   |

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| 1976 | Brazil    | Inauguration of the first two homes of the Liebich Children's Home   |
| 1977 | Argentina | Foundation of the Toba Bible School (Hunger Bible school)  |
|      | Portugal  | MASA looks after the Porto Children's Home, which is in a desolate condition   |
|      | Argentina | Earthquake in the San Juan province. MASA supports the affected Christians with immediate aid  |
| 1977 | Brazil    | Completion of the new Heinrich Liebich Children's Home accommodating 100 orphans   |
|      | Brazil    | The Moreno Children's Home catches the attention of MASA   |
|      | Argentina | Beginning of mission work among the Mapuche-Indians in San Martín de los Andes with Guillermo and Lilian Gorrales  |
| 1979 | Argentina | Operation "Toba-Land". 1 m <sup>2</sup> costs 3,3 Pfennig. 3.000.000 m <sup>2</sup> are purchased to settle Indian families  |
|      |           | Merger of MASA and EBM to form EBM/MASA  |
| 1980 | Peru      | Peru is added as a new country. Departure of Dietrich and Christiane Weiand to Lima/Peru   |
| 1981 | Brazil    | First contact with the Cotia Boys' Home commences  |
| 1982 | Peru      | Mission work among the Aguaruna-Indians at the Rio Marañón. Missionary: Angeles Silva  |
|      | Argentina | Construction of the new N.F. Haase Children's Home in Alem/Misiones begins   |
| 1983 | Brazil    | Mission work among the 'Pomeranians' in the federal state of Espirito Santo. Missionary: Vilmar Hübner   |
|      | Peru      | Adrián Campero begins his work among the Ketchua in the Abancay region   |
| 1984 | Argentina | MASA assumes responsibility for the Mendoza Children's Home  |
|      | Peru      | Flood disaster in the north of Peru. Torrential rains caused by Niño are the reason for the flood. Operation "Ayuda para Piura" (Help for Piura)   |
|      | Argentina | Beginning of tent ministry   |
| 1985 | Peru      | Beginning of missionary and social involvement among the Ketchua in Ayacucho, who suffer from the onset of terrorism ('Leuchtender Pfad' [Shining Path]). Missionary: Sindulfo Rodríguez |
| 1986 |           | Dietrich Weiand leaves Peru with his family to come to Bad Homburg, Germany, to be trained as the successor of Horst Borkowski   |
|      | Brazil    | MASA builds a settlement of 40 houses for the flood victims of Aguas de Chapecó.   |

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| 1988 | Brazil    | Planning of a new Children's Home in Cotia on 2 hectares of ground offered by the town council. Name of the project: Cotia Dreamland           |
| 1989 | Brazil    | Onset of mission work in the centre of Curitiba, a town of over a million inhabitants  |
| 1990 | “         | A hurricane destroys the mission tent. A new tent is acquired  |
|      | “         | MASA officially begins support of Impenetrable Mission. Missionaries: Inge Seiler and Margarito Soraire.                                       |
|      | Peru      | Cholera Epidemic. MASA helps in Mariateguı́ shanty town and builds wells and toilets   |
| 1992 | Bolivia   | Bolivia is added as a new country. MASA supports the work in “Zona Bolı́var” until 2000. Missionary: Alfredo Ugarte                            |
| 1993 | Brazil    | Completion of the new Cotia Children's Home called “Lar Criança Feliz” (Home of happy children).   |
| 1994 | Bolivia   | Inquisivi Valley-Project until 2004  |
| 1996 | “         | Island of Titicaca-Project until 2004  |
| 1998 | Argentina | Arturo Köbernıck is the new coordinator for Argentina. He is Alberto Ziegler's successor   |
|      | “         | MASA enters mission work among the Guaranı́-Indians of Misiones. Missionaries: Guadalupe Ferreira and Luis Weiss                               |
|      | “         | Shift of mission work among the Mapuches of San Martı́n de los Andes to the Esquel region (Patagonia). Missionaries: Pedro and Noemı́ Boretsky |
|      | “         | Departure of Thea and Pascal Weıand to become theological lecturers at the Oberá Bible School  |
| 1998 | Cuba      | Onset of support of mission projects in the West of Cuba: mission work on Youth Island. East Cuba: Training of lay missionaries for evangelism |
| 2000 | Bolivia   | Inauguration of “Moısés” Children's Home in La Paz   |
| 2001 | Argentina | Conclusion of mission work among the Toba Indians. Transfer of title deeds to Toba-families  |
| 2002 | Argentina | Mission work among the Wichı́-Indians of Impenetrable starts   |
| 2002 | Argentina | Mission work in Alto Uruguay (Upper Uruguay) commences   |
| 2002 | Brazil    | Mission project in conjunction with the Ijuı́ Children's Home  |
| 2003 | “         | Luiz Leidner becomes the new coordinator for Brazil and succeeds Robert Schmidt  |