

EMMC Update ~ September 2024

I hope this letter finds you in gratitude and rejoicing for the salvation we experience through Jesus Christ! At EMMC Home Office we are grateful for your contributions and want to emphasize that you are an important part in advancing EMMC's mission of making disciples, and we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt thanks.

Through the generosity we experienced during the summer of your financial gifts, we reached our \$23,500 goal which enabled us to make a difference in the lives of people in Bolivia, Mexico, Canada, Papua New Guinea, Slovenia and more!

Jesus' Great Commission is for us to make disciples. Matthew 28:19-20 says, *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* We believe the Good News of Jesus Christ is needed now as much as ever before. If you have a vision for making disciples where the need is great, then we invite you to partner with EMMC friends and family who care deeply about fulfilling the Great Commission.

Here is where your donations are supporting ministries that make disciples.



Bolivia Radio. Radio is an important tool used by our MEM Team to reach many with the Gospel. The seven Radio del Campo Boliviano stations cover enough area to reach up to 70,000 colony Mennonites.

We know that radio does not plant churches, but it often prepares the ground for follow up with personal connections in the future. Here is one example shared by MEM Field Director Abe Harder: *"Margaretha and I visited a family in the colony and we felt that we were not really welcome. They didn't send us away but were not very friendly. All of a sudden, the husband recognized my voice, he said: are you the one who does the news on the radio? When I said I was, the whole attitude changed and we had a nice visit. This is almost a weekly occurrence – that someone recognizes me because they heard me on the radio."*



Through your support of the **radio work**, you are helping spread the Gospel to a group of people who may otherwise never hear the Good News of Jesus.

Amanecer Outreach in Bolivia. The ongoing efforts are proving fruitful, as Abe Harder recently reported. The team successfully assisted a family with seven children, all under the age of 12, who were in a state of total despair.

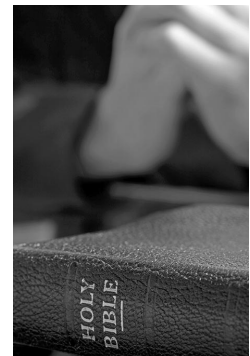
The husband was addicted to alcohol and other drugs. The wife was deeply depressed, always needing medical help. MEM pastoral ministry workers Benjamin & Bertha Kauenhofen helped them get into Guía de Paz, the local Rehab Center, and the children were placed in a Christian children's home. The Gospel was clearly presented to them, the parents and several of the children accepted the Lord. This family has found **freedom in Christ**. They have joined weekly Bible studies and attend Amanecer church services regularly. As a direct result of this family's testimony, there are four more individuals enrolled in Rehab.



**Steinbach
Bible College**

Barnabas Bursary - an SBC and EMMC partnership

A continuing vision and ongoing need within the EMMC is that of **training leaders and developing pastors**. EMMC is now partnering with Steinbach Bible College with a newly established **Barnabas Bursary** where we are asking churches to seek out potential pastors from their congregations and partner with EMMC and SBC in providing formal, informal, and non-formal leadership training. This new initiative allows for pastors in training to attend SBC for at least one semester and then continue their education over the course of five years via correspondence, all the while serving the local church.



This fall and winter these ministries and more will continue as EMMC finances become stretched. We need your help for EMMC ministries in making disciples. **Together could you help us reach our goal of \$27,300?** Would you consider:

- **One-time** donation of \$100, \$500, or \$1000+
- **Monthly** donations of \$25, \$100, or \$500+
- **Legacy** donations from estates provide important long-term support
- **Sign-up** for a weekly/monthly newsletter at recorder@emmc.ca to learn more

At EMMC we believe that connecting churches in Christ's mission will make more disciples. With God's help, we can **do together what we cannot do alone** (Philippians 1:3-6).

Thank you for your generous gifts!


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