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The Bible Mission in America (CBMA) and the Bible Mission in Canada (CBMC) have common goals. Our mission, by the grace of God, is to preach the Truth of God's Word in the countries located in North America, Central America, South America and the Caribbean; and to encourage and strengthen our brother's and sister's lives in Christ with pastoral and welfare assistance.

- Your donations make possible the **(Preaching)** efforts (advertising, correspondence work and missionary family support) in the western hemisphere undertaken by the many brethren and sisters who volunteer for short visits and long term assignments.
- Between the changing demographics of their membership, the deteriorating conditions of their country's economies and resulting emigration of their members to North America, they are in need of regular visits and guest speakers for special efforts **(Pastoral)**.
- We are the only "safety net" available **(Welfare)** for most of the ecclesias we serve. We make every attempt to have welfare administered by brethren with firsthand knowledge of the situations on the ground. Obviously we cannot cure the world, that awaits our Lord's return, but we do seek to make sure the necessities of life are available and from time to time and that major medical needs are met.

[Latin America Update](#)

This month we will feature the some of the work going on in Central & South America, and next month we will share the work going on in the Caribbean. There are 19 ecclesias with just about 300 members in Central & South America. Some ecclesias have been there for years, some are fledging and some are virtually isolated. The countries include: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, and Peru.



ARGENTINA

Outreach is carried on in Córdoba through the postal course, the efforts of local members and public lectures by visiting brethren. There are frequent visits by CBMA workers and other Christadelphian travelers. Bro. Rubén Barboza makes periodic pastoral/outreach visits to ecclesias and members in isolation in other parts of South America.

BOLIVIA

Shimon and Joanna Spina arrived as resident missionaries in May 2013. They will continue the work of newspaper advertising, correspondence courses, and mid-week and weekend ecclesial, preaching and personal classes. It is hoped that by the end of 2015 three long-term contacts will be baptized in La Paz.



BRAZIL

Close contact is maintained by telephone and email with the 4 members in isolation. Bro. Emerson Acosta continues outreach in the area of Porto Alegre via newspaper advertising while also identifying and contacting interested persons via the Internet and helping to follow up promising postal students around the country.

CHILE

Ongoing support for the brethren in Chile Centre around a rented office in Santiago continues from a distance with several visits planned for 2015.



COLOMBIA

Postal-course requests come in continually from labiblia.com. Brother John and sister Mélida Burton of the UK visit the country a couple of times a year for extended periods, and local members and promising contacts are also supported by the CBMA via the telephone and e-mail.

COSTA RICA

The ecclesias in Costa Rica continue to interact with the El Salvador ecclesias, especially at the year-end Bible Schools. The ecclesia is relatively self-sufficient, and at the same time welcomes the fellowship of visiting brothers and sisters.

ECUADOR

The last in-field missionaries left in 2010 and the ecclesia is growing on its own. Several pastoral visits are made each year.



EL SALVADOR

The three ecclesias function well under local leadership, each hosting a full slate of ecclesial activities including weekly Bible classes and public lectures, with baptismal classes as needed. Several young people are studying for baptism at present. The CBMA offers counsel and financial support for pastoral needs and different types of outreach and provides speakers for the annual Bible school in December. Several visits by CBMA workers are planned for 2015.

GUATEMALA

With the support of the CBMA the brethren in Guatemala meet weekly for their memorial service and public lectures. There is active newspaper advertising of the correspondence course. Several pastoral visits are made each year by brethren from either North or Central America. As possible, the brethren attend the yearend Bible School in El Salvador.

MEXICO

This area includes Guadalajara, Merida, Campeche. There were 9 baptisms in or near Guadalajara last year. CBMA visits are scheduled to all three areas, in addition are plans for the next All-Mexico Bible School in July 2015.

PANAMA

The Panama City and Colon ecclesias are self-supporting and their activities are assisted by scheduled visits each year by CBMA Representatives. There have been baptisms every year recently and for several years now the annual Bible Camps have resumed, which have been enjoyed by all ages.



PERU

The little ecclesia meets regularly to break bread. Google advertising for the Bible course produces a steady stream of new contacts. CBMA workers and other travelling brethren and sisters visit frequently to provide fellowship to the members and encourage and instruct the most interested postal-course students. Public lectures are offered several times a year and are well attended.



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