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## Preface

### Dear Friends of KIA,

This new project book, Faith in progress 2009, provides you with information on the partners and projects you can support via KIA in the upcoming year. We ask you for involvement in this work.

#### **ON BEHALF OF YOU**

KIA works in the Netherlands and in the South on behalf of churches and congregations in our country and consequently on behalf of you. We join strength and are therefore able to cross borders and lend others a hand. We know ourselves to be connected in faith with many people. We want to stand next to others in need, because they are in need of our help. We hope that this project book will help you to participate actively as congregation, diaconal board, zwo-group<sup>1</sup>, mission-committee or church members. Only together we are capable of enabling this worldwide work.

The projects mentioned in this book are only a limited selection of the total number of projects KIA supports. However, the book does give an accurate picture of the total width of the work of KIA. You will notice immediately that all project numbers have changed. KIA has changed to another administrative system as a result of which it is more efficient to use partner numbers. We ask you to use the new numbers as much as possible with the transfer of your contributions.

#### **TOGETHER WITH ICCO**

The relation management of the projects abroad is done from a combined foreign-department of ICCO and KIA. Due to cooperation with ICCO, which largely receives government-financing for their work, we can reinforce each other. There is more expertise available, which is beneficial for the work. Cooperation also helps to save costs. At the KIA Service-desk you are right for your questions about our work. You can find up-to-date background information and an extensive overview of our projects on our website: [www.kerkinactie.nl](http://www.kerkinactie.nl)

#### **DIRECT CONTACT**

Many congregations want to do more than just make a collection for KIA. Specific attention for countries, partners and projects and direct contacts with the South give a surplus value for congregation life. Through KIA Interactive you can become more involved with the work. Interactive offers you the opportunity for contact and encounter and for taking financial responsibility in classical/congregational or other association. To put you wise in this our Interactive congregation advisors are happy to give you advice. You can read more about this on page 10. Numerous classes and congregations are already working interactive. If your congregation is not interactive yet, we would like to help you to set of.

#### **MISSIONWORK GETS NEW ZEAL**

Mission abroad remains in full the work of KIA. Because sometimes misunderstandings arise about this, we are happy to inform you that the mission work of KIA is continued and extended with new zeal. The missionary assignment is and remains linked to the diaconal and pastoral duty of every congregation. These three can not be without each other.

The missionary work in our own country has become a special program of the Church Ministries of the Protestant Church in the Netherlands: *Missionary renewal and church growth*. So this is no longer a part of KIA. Wherever possible KIA will cooperate with Missionary renewal and church growth, as we also cooperate with JOP, the national youth organization of the Protestant Church.

#### **POOR RELIEF**

There is a lot of movement in our society. Precisely now attention for each other is more necessary than ever. With new diaconal projects in the area of poverty, care, refugees and durability, KIA wants to prepare for the changes in our society and support poor relief boards and congregations in their work. By bringing and keeping the work close to the congregations, we want to enable learning from each other and to fulfil our diaconal task together.

#### **SUPPORT AND INVOLVEMENT**

We hope that this year again we may count on your support and involvement. In many places in the world and in our country your helping hand is very essential. KIA, as missionary and diaconal work of the church, wants to be of assistance to you in this.

*Arie van der Plas, Program manager KIA*

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<sup>1</sup> zwo: z = zending (mission), w = wereld diaconaat (world poor relief), o = ontwikkelingshulp (development projects)

## 1. WEBSITE KIA

Increasingly more information can be found on the KIA-website. You can find the latest news on campaigns, a lot of project information and information which is of interest to you when you call attention to KIA in your own church. At our website you can check and order material.

### **MUCH INFORMATION ON PROJECTS**

Under the menu-button *Worldwide aid* you find a lot of information on projects. You can find projects by keyword, land, theme or program and see what supportive material is available for the projects ([www.kerkinactie.nl/projecten](http://www.kerkinactie.nl/projecten)). Here you can also find information on our emanated employees.

### **INFORMATION FOR RELIGIOUS PERSONNEL**

In the section *Kerk in Actie in uw kerk* (= Church in Action in your church) is a lot of information which is especially meant for religious volunteers and professionals: information on collections, KIA Interactief (= Church in Action Interactive), magazines and support for your own local zwo- and diaconal work. There is also an agenda with an overview of all sorts of activities.

### **INFORMATION ON COLLECTIONS AND INTERACTIEF**

At [www.kerkinactie.nl/collectes](http://www.kerkinactie.nl/collectes) you can easily access information on collections. For each collection there is additional information on the special collection-website: background information, personal stories, and suggestions on liturgy, publicity and supportive material.

At [www.kerkinactie.nl/interactief](http://www.kerkinactie.nl/interactief) you can easily access information on the possibilities if you want to be in more direct contact with partners and projects of KIA.

### **MEET FRIENDS OF KIA**

KIA also has its own hyve:

[www.kerkinactie.hyves.nl](http://www.kerkinactie.hyves.nl) We invite you to become a member and to meet other friends. On our hyve you find information on our work and you can watch our films.

VISIT THE WEBSITE OF KIA

[WWW.KERKINACTIE.NL](http://WWW.KERKINACTIE.NL)

Or go directly to:

[www.kerkinactie.nl/projecten](http://www.kerkinactie.nl/projecten)

[www.kerkinactie.nl/collectes](http://www.kerkinactie.nl/collectes)

[www.kerkinactie.nl/agenda](http://www.kerkinactie.nl/agenda)

[www.kerkinactie.nl/40dagentijd](http://www.kerkinactie.nl/40dagentijd)

[www.kerkinactie.nl/15cent](http://www.kerkinactie.nl/15cent)

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[www.kerkinactie.nl/nieuwsbrief](http://www.kerkinactie.nl/nieuwsbrief)

[www.kerkinactie.nl/express](http://www.kerkinactie.nl/express)

Suggestions? Pass them on to: [webredactie@kerkinactie.nl](mailto:webredactie@kerkinactie.nl) or call our Service desk, telephone +31 30 8801456.

## **2. SERVICE DESK**

For more information on the work of KIA you may call upon the employees of the Service Desk. They have a wealth of information at their disposal on the work of KIA, among which a lot of experience data. In many cases the employees will be able to help you at once; in other cases they will look for the correct answers and the materials you need. They will always contact you as soon as possible.

### **SERVICE DESK HELPS YOU TO GET GOING**

Furthermore the employees are happy to help you put the work of KIA into practice. They offer additional project-information and provide information on special actions such as the lent-campaign or the 15-cents-action. You can also turn to the Service desk to order collection-material. Would you like to receive information on Interactive? In that case our employees put you in contact with one of the congregation-consultants Interactive. More on Interactive in chapter 5.

A lot of the information on KIA is on [www.kerkinactie.nl](http://www.kerkinactie.nl). On this website you can also order your materials. The shopping cart, on the upper right side of the site, takes you directly to our web-shop.

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### 3. **INFORMATION AND ACTIVITIES**

#### **SUPPORTIVE MATERIAL**

In order to give the work of KIA a place in your church and hometown you can use of a number of possibilities.

#### **NEWSLETTER KINDEREN IN DE KNEL**

Kinderen in de Knel News provides information on the work of the children's program Kinderen in de Knel to donors and renders account of the spending of the money for projects. Kinderen in de Knel News is published four times a year (in March, June, September and December) and is sent free of charge to those who give financial support to the work of Kinderen in de Knel.

#### **DIAKONIA**

Diakonia is the bi-monthly magazine for deacons. This publication provides background-information on the (world) diaconal collections for projects of KIA, articles for inspiration, stories from the practice of congregations and information on actual topics. A subscription is € 12,70 a year (6 issues). If you order five subscriptions or more you can have a discount. More information and back issues on [www.kerkinactie.nl/diakonia](http://www.kerkinactie.nl/diakonia).

#### **VANDAAR<sup>2</sup>**

In the magazine Vandaar is information on partners and projects of ICCO and KIA. Donors of KIA and congregations receive this magazine four times a year for free. Would you like to receive a free sample-copy of Vandaar?

Please register on our website [www.kerkinactie.nl/vandaar](http://www.kerkinactie.nl/vandaar) or pass it on to our Service desk.

#### **KIA EXPRESS**

Donors and members of congregations are able to subscribe to KIA Express on [www.kerkinactie.nl/express](http://www.kerkinactie.nl/express). Once a month they will receive several short messages per e-mail with news on the work of KIA. Do you want to point church-members to the existence of KIA Express? Subscribers of the digital newsletter receive KIA Express automatically. If you send the Express on to ten people by using the forward-button, you will receive a small gift from us.

#### **INFORMATION MATERIAL FOR COLLECTIONS**

For each national collection free leaflets and posters are available; sometimes there is also audio-visual material. Information on collections is to be found in the magazines Diakonia and Kerkinformatie<sup>3</sup> and on our websites [www.kerkinactie.nl/collectes](http://www.kerkinactie.nl/collectes)

#### **EXTRA PROJECT INFORMATION**

Of all projects mentioned in Faith in Progress 2009 is more information available on our website: [www.kerkinactie.nl/projecten](http://www.kerkinactie.nl/projecten). You can print the information by clicking the print-symbol on the right side of the title. Or you can copy the text and edit it yourself. There is also an overview of more projects you could support in 2009.

#### **WEBSITE [WWW.KERKINACTIE.NL](http://WWW.KERKINACTIE.NL)**

On the website of KIA is more information on our work. More on the website is in chapter 1 of this book.

#### **NEWSLETTER KIA**

Diaconal boards, zwo-groups, mission-committees and KIA-groups find concise up to date information on the work of KIA at home and abroad in the monthly newsletter of KIA. The newsletter is available on paper as well as digitally. The digital newsletter is for free, but for the paper edition we ask a voluntary contribution of € 5,00 for a year-subscription. We advise you to subscribe to the digital newsletter if possible. In that case you can link through directly to more information on the website. In the newsletter you also find prayer subjects. For the digital newsletter of KIA you can register on our website: [www.kerkinactie.nl/nieuwsbrief](http://www.kerkinactie.nl/nieuwsbrief)

#### **SEND ROUND LETTERS OF EMANATED STAFF**

The staff emanated by KIA writes send-round-letters to the congregation or classical assembly they are connected with. If you want to have a subscription to these send-round-letters you can register at the service-desk.

#### **ACTIVITIES OF KIA**

#### **THE ANNUAL LENT CAMPAIGN**

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<sup>2</sup> Vandaar = Therefore

<sup>3</sup> Kerkinformatie = Church Information

Each year we organize a campaign round the lent on an important theme of the work of ICCO and KIA, both at home and abroad. In 2009 the theme is 'a disaster does not disengage'. In the fall we have information meetings per province to prepare this campaign. The campaign offers the opportunity to ask extra attention for the work of KIA both in- and outside of the church. More information on the website: [www.kerkinactie.nl/40dagentijd](http://www.kerkinactie.nl/40dagentijd)

### **LETTER-WRITING CAMPAIGNS**

Annually KIA organizes an Easter-greetings campaign for prisoners worldwide and writing campaigns to ask attention for violation of human rights (usually during the summer and Advent). These actions will be announced in KIA Newsletter and on our website [www.kerkinactie.nl/schrijfacties](http://www.kerkinactie.nl/schrijfacties)

### **ENCOUNTERS**

During the year KIA organizes several regional and national meetings on the work. For example there are Diaconal Meeting-days in the spring, where deacons in small groups study and discuss a certain theme in depth. On November 7<sup>th</sup> 2009 the National Diaconal Day will take place in the Jaarbeurs in Utrecht.

### **EXCHANGE, VISIT, SPEAKERS**

In some classical assemblies congregations are interactively involved in a project, land or theme. On page 10 there is more about this. Please inquire at the service desk for possibilities; if your congregation wants to receive a foreign guest, you can pass that on there. At the Service desk you can also receive information on the application for speakers for congregation-meetings and ministers to officiate in worships on mission or (world) poor relief or other work of KIA.

### **COURSES ON POOR RELIEF, MISSION AND WORLD POOR RELIEF**

The Protestant Centre for Equipment and Education (PCTE) offers various courses for zwo-committees and deacons with zwo-tasks:

- Basic course for 'beginners' provides basic knowledge on mission and world poor relief
- On the continuation-courses the zwo-committee has a broad freedom of choice. There is a choice from one of the worldwide themes (for example human rights, Gospel and Culture), for a specific country or for support of her work in the congregation (for example publicity).

The PCTE also offers courses to support deacons on their diaconal work in the Netherlands:

- Basic course Poor Relief
- Basic course Poor Relief and the Reformed Alliance
- Course Poverty in the Netherlands
- Course Refugees
- Course Church and Sustainability
- Course Church and WMO
- Equipment Micah-course

The courses are offered in Doorn, in your region of in your own hometown, at your request, by the congregation-consultants. More information on these courses you find on [www.toerustingeneducatie.pkn.nl](http://www.toerustingeneducatie.pkn.nl)>Werken in de plaatselijke gemeenten>Zending en werelddiaconaat of Diaconaat

Protestants Centrum voor Toerusting en Educatie, Dribergsestraatweg 50, PO Box 220, 3940 Doorn, the Netherlands, telephone +31 343 514041, e-mail: [toerustingeneducatie@pkn.nl](mailto:toerustingeneducatie@pkn.nl).

### **SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

#### **LUISTEREND DIENEN**

Congregations and diaconal boards which count themselves to belong to the Reformed Alliance can find support for world diaconal projects with the program 'Luisterend Dienen'. Luisterend Dienen has a separate bank-account: 76035. You can order newsletters, collection-leaflets and the project-book at the Service desk. All projects are on the website as well: [www.luisterenddiene.nl](http://www.luisterenddiene.nl)

#### **IMPULSIS FOR LENDING SUPPORT WITH PRIVATE PROJECTS**

Did you set up a small-scale development project or are you planning to do so? Are you looking for advice, expertise or financial support (duplication of the own contribution with a limit)? Than you can turn to Impulsis, an organization set up by KIA, ICCO and Edukans. Order for more information the brochure *Impulsis. The window for development co-operation* or have a look on the website: [www.impulsis.nl](http://www.impulsis.nl)

#### **TOGETHERE**

Togetherthere is the international youth program of ICCO and KIA which involves young people with development co-operation. Young people can observe and be in touch with projects in the Netherlands or abroad for a shorter or longer period. Read more on the possibilities on the website: [www.togetherthere.nl](http://www.togetherthere.nl) or ask information at the service desk.

## **JOP ACTIVITIES**

### **JOP WORLD EXPRESS**

JOP is the youth-work of the Protestant Church in the Netherlands. In the JOP World Express children and young people learn in a playing manner on the possibilities of development for poor countries. And they also get to work with sustainability. The JOP World Express travels through the Netherlands including the summer of 2009. Look for more information on [www.jop.nl/wereldexpress](http://www.jop.nl/wereldexpress)

#### 4. FUND RAISING

In the course of the year KIA asks for attention and support for the work she executes on behalf of the local congregations. You can have a collection during worship for KIA. It is also possible to organize all kinds of actions privately, for example during the lent-campaign or for the 15-cents-campaign. You can decide for yourself when a collection or action is convenient, but we do advise to follow the national collection-schedule, because KIA offers several collection-materials for support of national collections like leaflets, posters and collection-websites and sometimes photographs or DVD's. Each year in September we mail you an order-form. In our magazine for deacons Diakonia and on our website [www.kerkinactie.nl/collectes](http://www.kerkinactie.nl/collectes) is background-information and suggestions for liturgy with these collections.

##### **PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS**

KIA also raises money from private donors. We are happy to inform our donors on our work. It is possible to receive 'tailored mail'. We will than send an amount of (news) letters for a specific program. If you want to make changes in the amount of mail you receive as a private donor, please contact the service desk, telephone +31 30 8801456.

##### **TRANSFERRING COLLECTION-RETURNS**

For the transfer of collection-returns we send a transaction form to the financial contacts of diaconal boards and two-groups. You can also transfer the money directly on giro-account 456, in the name of KIA in Utrecht, with statement of the name of the religious congregation and the relevant collection. For administrative and financial reasons we prefer transaction forms. Of course tele-banking is also possible, please do mention the 16-digit-code of the transaction form. Gifts of private individuals can be accounted with the share for the local congregation.

##### **DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

KIA appreciates it when you inform your church members of the possibilities to support the work of KIA with a donation or legacy. For more information you can ask the brochure *Your regular donation is a gift* and *Believing in a destination* at the Service desk. Of course you can contact us by telephone for competent advice on the possibilities.

##### **IDENTIFYING CONTRIBUTIONS**

You can identify your contribution to giro 456 for one of our programs, for a specific program or for the total work of KIA. Please mention the project number of the relevant project with the transfer of the returns. In that case we use your donation for that purpose. If the total return is more than the money vowed to the project, we use that part on other projects within the same program. Through Service desk you can vow a contribution to a project in advance. If you take part in KIA Interactive, you make this agreement with your interactive congregation consultant. More information about this is in chapter 5.

##### **COLLECTION SCHEDULE KIA 2009**

| <b>Program</b>      | <b>Date</b>           | <b>Subject</b>                               | <b>More information on:</b>  |
|---------------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| World Poor Relief   | February 1            | Rebuilding, Birma                            | Page 32  |
| Mission             | February 22 – March 1 | Reconciliation after conflict, Maluku        | Page 35  |
| KIA Total           | April 5               | A disaster does not disengage, lent-campaign | <a href="http://www.kerkinactie.nl/40dagentijd">www.kerkinactie.nl/40dagentijd</a> |
| Poor Relief         | April 19              | Poverty, Netherlands                         | Page 12  |
| Mission             | May 24-31             | Proclamation of the Gospel, Cuba             | Page 39  |
| World Poor Relief   | June 14-21            | Medical work, Kenya                          | Page 23  |
| Mission             | August 23             | Bible-translation Russia                     | Page 43  |
| World Poor Relief   | October 11            | Micro-credits, Brazil                        | Page 39  |
| Mission             | November 1-8          | Destination to be published later            | -  |
| Poor Relief         | November 15           | Theme National Diaconal Day                  | -  |
| Kinderen in de Knel | Christmas 2009        | Street-children Ghana                        | Page 22  |

Dentist Libert Hol was pensioned last year. For a farewell present he asked a contribution for the program Kinderen in de Knel.

## 5. **INTERACTIVE**

### **THE PROCEDURE FOR MORE INVOLVEMENT**

#### **WHY KIA INTERACTIVE?**

KIA Interactive helps congregations to get into contact with the work of partner organizations and to become involved in projects. Herewith deacons and two-committees are able to play a big role. Interactive operates demand-driven. Congregations are able to choose a project, country or theme themselves. Subsequently they enter into a contract for the minimum of one year. How elaborate your congregation wants to work with the project is up to you.

#### **KIA HAS THREE CENTRAL VALUES**

1. Direct communication between project-partners and congregations.
2. Co-responsibility for project costs.
3. Thinking along in project- and partner policy of KIA.

#### **PROCEDURE**

The most ideal procedure to work with KIA Interactive is to do this with several congregations together, for example in classical association. A classical assembly can be linked to project-partners of KIA in a country; or to a theme or to a cluster of projects. Individual congregations are able to have direct contact with one or more partners.

#### **POSSIBILITIES**

There are several possibilities to give the work of the KIA-partners in your congregation a face.

#### **INTERACTIVE WITH AN EMANATED EMPLOYEE**

If an emanated employee is linked to a project it is easy to make contact. That happened in the classical assembly of Den Bosch when a group of young people left for Mozambique. They got well acquainted with students of the protestant seminary in Mozambique. Hette Domburg and Petra Doorn took care of a complete and inspiring program. Afterwards one of the participants wrote to the Mozambican students: "We have learned a lot from each other on religion, culture and ourselves. We will keep remembering this, all our life. It was good to see and to experience that in a short period of time a close relationship developed between two different cultures."

#### **INTERACTIVE WITH A COUNTRY OR A THEME**

The classical assembly Franeker supports projects in Ukraine. It is an all-round interactive relationship. In the east of the country the organization Teenagerfund works among shelter- and street-children. In the west Heleen Zorgdrager works at the Catholic University in the town Lviv. The classical assembly Franeker has their own Interactive-website with photo-reports. Through this website the various teams exchange ideas.

#### **INTERACTIVE WITH A PROJECT OR A PARTNER**

A relation with one specific partner or project of KIA produces a lot of recognition and (financial) involvement. In the course of time your congregation gets to know the project well by keeping in contact with the project partner and the project-employee which is responsible for the project on behalf of KIA. The congregation Zoeterwoude associated itself for two years with the project MCA in Moldavia. Moldovan Christian Aid is a platform of churches accomplishing diaconal work. The churches offer help to elderly people, children and victims of slave-trade. Two deacons of Zoeterwoude visited the project. They report: "We had the privilege to get acquainted to people who apply themselves to change the land from the basis and give people new chances. This has increased the involvement."

#### **INTERACTIVE WITH INTERCULTURAL SCRIPTURE-READING**

Intercultural Scripture-reading calls on people and groups to get in touch with each other around a story from the Scripture. Through intercultural Scripture-reading you are able to make your relationship with the partner-organization and/or the people of the country you are involved in as a congregation or classical assembly more profound. The churches of Scharnegoutum, IJlst and Sneek read the Scripture with Christians from Cuba. In Matanzas is the protestant theological seminary. Last year students from Cuba visited the churches of Friesland: an inspiring encounter!

#### **INTERACTIVE WITH YOUNG PEOPLE**

In order to involve the young people of your congregation with the work of KIA you could for example point them towards the many opportunities ICCO and KIA offer through Together ([www.togetthere.nl](http://www.togetthere.nl)). They can visit partner-organizations for shorter or longer periods and there apply themselves and get acquainted with the reality of life in developing countries. There are also youth-exchange-programs which join up with your interactive contact. In 2009 a group of young people from Peel and Kempenland leaves for Zambia in cooperation with the youth-

program Together. The young people visit several projects and do their own fundraising in order to pay themselves for the costs of the trip.

### **SUPPORT BY KIA**

A national team of eight congregation-consultants Interactive is ready to assist you in working with KIA Interactive. Please check the website of KIA to find the congregation-consultant Interactive for your classical assembly:

[www.kerkinactie.nl/interactief](http://www.kerkinactie.nl/interactief)

The consultant Interactive discusses the many opportunities offered by Interactive and the corresponding support.

- Project- and land-information on the chosen project and land.
- Information of the project-employee of KIA on the developments in the project and project-visit.
- Sometimes e-mail-contact is possible with the chosen project-partners.
- Scripture-reading and -study with people of your project through intercultural Scripture-reading.
- Private collection-leaflet for your project(s). There is a format available, which can be downloaded from the KIA website.
- A mutual partner-visit, of course in consultation with all those involved.

### **FINANCIAL AGREEMENTS**

The KIA projects are part of the budget and project-list of KIA. Therefore there are a number of stipulations.

- It is necessary to record involvement financially with an agreement to make a certain amount available for a certain period for the chosen project or cluster of projects.
- If you collect more money for the project than had been agreed, we consult with you how to spend the extra money.
- Financing the work of the project-partner is always done by KIA. You can not transfer money directly to the partner.

### **GETTING STARTED WITH KIA INTERACTIVE**

- Have a conference with congregation-consultant Interactive in your region.
- Discuss the possibilities and make a choice for a land, theme or project.
- Choose a way to get to work with Interactive.
- Commit financially.
- Inform the congregation.
- Make a multi-annual action-plan.
- Involve as many groups as possible in your congregation in Interactive, certainly the young people.
- Publicize on the work in your congregation, but also further.
- Consider fundraising actions.
- KIA gladly helps you to make your active involvement a success!

## 6. KIA IN THE NETHERLANDS

**Each Sunday we see the deacon in action. With the collection bag in their hands they go through the church. During Thanksgiving and Communion-worships Poor Relief often gets extra attention. The major part of diaconal work however is performed behind the scenes. Deacons make faith and money available to aid people in problems.**

In the diaconal manual *Compassion and righteousness* of 2004 says: "In the present world-society many people are in circumstances which give little cause for joy: refugees, political prisoners, addicts, singles, depressed people, terminal patients, people who have to live below minimum of existence. Isn't it time that all churches apply extra couriers and almoners on the frontlines of alienation and despair, men and women bearing witness of the compassion (in Greek *eleémosuné*, of which our word alms and almoner are derived)? Special workers in religious service who can hospitably open the outposts and halls of the church for catechism for faith-students, solidarity with all those who suffer and the exchange of ideas with scientists and artists."

Diaconal boards aid benefit claimants which have to wait for the government to pay out the money after application for social security. The deacon is involved in shelter for persons denied asylum or in the shelter of addicts. And the diaconal board applies itself for the local peace-work for building a sustainable society- for starters in the own home-town. The diaconal work has to be supported by a diaconal congregation. Where people are touched by Christ's compassion, there they take pity on one and other and on whoever crosses their path. A lot of diaconal work in our churches is done by KIA. On behalf of the local diaconal boards KIA finances and supports organizations in the area of poverty, youth-aid, refugee-aid, vacation-work, shelters and aid to former prisoners.

### **POVERTY IN THE NETHERLANDS**

In 2007 local churches have spent 11 million Euros on individual aid; this was established by the poverty-survey that was held in 2008 among diaconal boards. So the conclusion is that churches offer a structural safety-net. The survey was performed by KIA in cooperation with the Roman Catholic Church and a number of small churches and presented to the Department of Social Affairs and Employment. With the national policy-makers was insisted on improvements, also to oppose not-use of provisions. In the fall of 2008 the Department took measures in this area. KIA is monitoring the national developments and will inform the diaconal boards regularly. In the past year KIA also developed a new poverty-course for diaconal boards. This course wants to contribute to the development of a vision on poverty, but also answer the question how to signalize poverty and how local poverty can be opposed together with other organizations.

### **DIACONAL BOARD ALMERE**

D 050122 – The church in Almere is relatively small, but the diaconal board is ambitious. The diaconal board in the fastest growing community of the Netherlands has the ambition to help everybody individually and to contribute to solving social problems. Therefore the deacons of Almere cooperate with the diaconal boards of sixteen other Christian churches and associations. Together they make sure that large families, which have become homeless, find shelter in the Diaconal Shelter Almere. There is also an obstinate food bank, called Food Window Almere. In cooperation with professional aid volunteers supply food, a recovery-path and financial support. In average the clients of the Food Window are able to pay for their own groceries again after 3,5 months. The material support of clients originates partly from the in- and out-shop. There secondhand items are collected and passed on for free to Almere-inhabitants which really can not afford to pay. This diaconal work is only possible because of the involvement of 100 regular and 300 occasional volunteers and the financial support of KIA.

### **IDO LELYSTAD**

D 050114 – IDO is a cover-organization of four diaconal work-foundations. This diaconal work is the result of cooperation between seven denominations in Lelystad. IDO is a volunteer-organization for: Foundation IWW with Shelter Waterwijk, Foundation ISL with help on debt problems, Foundation Wijzer with Shelter De Open Veste and Foundation De Korenaar with the Food bank. In each of the four foundations volunteers are working, they dedicate themselves with heart and soul for the people they meet. They provide food aid, lend their ear and help with financial problems so people are able to go on independently. They do their work in the middle of the "Lelystad Prachtwijken<sup>4</sup>". Besides their professional diaconal involvement and aid is valued and financially supported by the civil community Lelystad. There is also an agreement of cooperation between IDO and the CBI (Central Budget Institute).

### **ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES**

In 2007 the cabinet accepted the clemency consent.

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<sup>4</sup> Prachtwijken = Splendid districts. This is the name for arrears districts. The Dutch word 'pracht' from 'prachtig' = tremendous, formidable, great or wonderful.

Many asylum seekers which received support from organizations and churches received a residence permit in 2008. This did not mean that there is immediately a home available for them. Where foreigners come to live churches will want to give realization to hospitality and help those receiving clemency to get their life back on track after all these years. Last year it became clear that the people who do not get clemency are being deported or get in foreigners-detention (jail). KIA wants, in cooperation with the justice pastoral work, apply itself for a better situation of foreigners in detention.

Further KIA will work with other organizations in 2009 on perspective for the migrants involved. A return-home will be realized where people from foreigners-detention are helped to return to their native country. The return-home is a project that is executed in cooperation with ICCO, IOM (International Organization for Migration), justice pastoral work and Foundation Inlia<sup>5</sup>.

### **FOUNDATION INLIA GRONINGEN**

D 065103 – This foundation was closely involved in the realization and execution of the clemency consent. Further the foundation offers shelter to refugees in an Emergency-shelter. The work of Inlia has increased considerably over the last years. The foundation applies itself for people getting lost between the cracks everywhere. One of the activities is to lobby for evicted people. Moreover Inlia is involved in the project 'return-home'.

### **WORLD-HOME IN AMSTERDAM**

D 065106 – The diaconal board of Amsterdam has started her World-home in 2008. This house is a place for encounter. For immigrants without papers it is extra difficult to meet each other and to develop combined activities. Every day they live in fear to be caught and expelled. The world-home offers a safe (and cheerful!) environment to recover their breath. Further we do what diaconal boards have always done: new style poor relief. We provide individual aid to people in acute distress and without appeal on other provisions.

### **CARE**

The introduction of the Law social support has changed a lot in our care-system. This has major consequences for our society: from a care-state to a society where everybody is in the first place responsible for him or herself. Not everybody is capable for this kind of self-help. Therefore KIA supports activities and projects of volunteers supporting vulnerable people.

### **VACATION FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE**

D 060101 – The Vacation-desk, with about fifty years of experience on organizing vacation-weeks, asks in 2009 for special attention for vacations for elderly people.

These vacations are meant for vital people and for people who need simple help and/or guard. Elderly people for whom it is not simple (anymore) to go on a vacation. This shows for example from the story of one of the guests of the Vacation-desk, who went on vacation with his wife for many years; until his wife died after sixty years of marriage. "It was difficult to be on vacation without her. Still I go. I even go twice a year. The best is the contact with others. Not only with the guests, but also with volunteers who spend time with and have attention for you." The diaconal vacation-work is one of the projects of KIA for which a lot of money is necessary. But your support as volunteer is also indispensable.

### **VACATIONS FOR (MARRIED) COUPLES WITH AN AT HOME LIVING DEMENTING PARTNER**

D 060101 – "It was good to be able to exchange experiences with people in the same situation. That helped me a lot. It was a real vacation," one of the guests explains. In 2009 the Vacation-desk organizes five vacation-weeks for (married) couples of which one of the partners is dementing and still living at home. The on-going need for care can make every day life with the dementing partner very difficult. During the vacation this care can be left to expert volunteers. This enables the care-giving partner to relax or to go out.

### **FOUNDATION EXODUS**

D 060110 – "The months in jail go by soon enough if you keep a bit calm. The difficult part comes afterwards, when you have to return to society and have to find a job." Orlando, one of the inhabitants of an Exodus-home, finished his eight-month prison-sentence. He lost his job and place to stay during his detention. Now, after his release, Orlando tries to return into society with the help of Exodus. Exodus offers help and guidance to people like Orlando. Former-prisoners build a new existence at Exodus. And that is the best prevention against relapse into crime. In order to make the Exodus-program a success the basis in society is of great importance. The broad Exodus-network consists of cooperation-partners like churches of various denominations, Probation Service Netherlands, penitentiary organizations, the Justice Department, local and provincial authorities, foundations and businesses. More information? Look at [www.stichtingexodus.nl](http://www.stichtingexodus.nl)

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<sup>5</sup> Inlia = International Network of Local Initiatives of behalf of Asylum-seekers

## **YOUTH WELFARE**

The Netherlands is one of the richest countries in the world. But that does not mean that young people living in wealth also can grow up safely. Increasingly help for children and young people is needed. KIA contributes to new forms of youth-aid and offering direct help to young people in a difficult situation. Therefore we have special relations with the Rudolph Foundation for executing innovative youth-help-projects and with the margin-group-youth-work executed by 't Schienvat and Neon in Northeast-Groningen.

## **RUDOLPH-FOUNDATION**

D 085103 – The Rudolph-foundation in De Glind applies itself for young people in a difficult situation. As association of diaconal boards the Rudolph-foundation starts and supports innovative projects in youth-care and therefore the Rudolph-foundation often works as a diaconal pilot project. Offering opportunities, creating space and perspective, that is what it is about in these projects. They turn on three key-notions: young people in difficult situations, village-community (often De Glind) and families. In De Glind the foundation has land and buildings. For more information please check: [www.rudolphstichting.nl](http://www.rudolphstichting.nl)

## **YOUTH FOR CHRIST, THE MALL**

D 085105 – The Mall is a concept for youth welfare that started in Rotterdam in 1999. By now 15 youth centres work with this concept in 10 cities. A The Mall-youth centre offers young people a place of their own where they are welcome, with appealing activities. The youth-centre literally becomes a safe place because the young people themselves are co-owners. They get tasks and responsibilities, by which they address each other on unwanted behaviour. This way 'their centre' keeps looking good. Youth-work is more than organizing activities. Therefore the Mall inspires and motivates the young people through youth-workers and volunteers; they are important role-models for young people. The Mall cooperates on local level with various government-organizations, churches, schools and social organizations.

## **LIVING WITH OPPORTUNITIES**

D 085102 – Since the old days region East Groningen is familiar with problems originating from geographic isolation and social arrears. This certainly affects young people. Communities often have limited budgets at their disposal to tackle these issues. Therefore the communities Reiderland and Pekela joint forces in the cooperation-association 't Schienvat and Neon and the housing co-operative Acantus Group. In 2009 the project "Living with Opportunities" starts, which combines living with obligatory work-learn-track and coaching. The project is meant for young people between 18 and 25 years old. They often do not take the step to (continuation) schooling or a paid job, because they lack a stable and safe residence. For this group NEON rents ten homes in total. The young people can live here with guidance and get their starting qualification (MBO-2 or HAVO diploma). During this year they acquire all sorts of skills, like housekeeping, handling money and social skills. Afterwards the young people are able to rent a home from Acantus somewhere else and they receive guidance for another year from NEON.

## **7. KIA WORLDWIDE**

**The work of KIA abroad is divided over five programs: World Poor Relief, Mission, FairClimate, Emergency aid and Kinderen in de Knel.**

### **WORLD POOR RELIEF**

The program World Poor Relief has three pillars: Democratization and Peace-building (D&P), Access to Basics Provisions (ABP) and Sustainable and Righteous Economic Development (SRED).

### **DEMOCRATIZATION AND PEACE-BUILDING**

ICCO and KIA support initiatives which promote a stable political situation and emancipation of discriminated groups. In order to make the development policy succeed it is important that people live in peace, have access to basic provisions and participate freely in public management of society. Therefore we stimulate activities promoting the building of a just society. In many countries in Africa, the Middle East and parts of Asia conflicts and wars are going on, sometimes for a very long time. In Latin-America there is wide-spread impunity. The rights of children are not respected everywhere. At first sight ethnic and religious discrepancies seem to be the cause. Together with ICCO KIA supports and guides organizations which are looking for the real cause and are pleading for human rights. By supporting initiatives which involve (arrears) groups of people in important decisions in public life, we want to promote a true democracy from the bottom up.

### **ACCESS TO BASIC PROVISIONS**

Food, drinking water, health-care and education. For us in the Netherlands the most normal things in the world; unfortunately not for many people elsewhere in the world. ICCO and KIA want to do something about that. With local partners we work on a constant improvement of life circumstances. We mostly target vulnerable groups, like women, children and minorities. The program Access to Basic Provisions aims for achievement of durable access to education, health care, food-certainty and water. We also try to improve the situation of people with HIV/aids.

### **SUSTAINABLE AND RIGHTEOUS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

ICCO and KIA work on a better economical position of people in developing countries by supporting economic activities that are sustainable and righteous. Sustainability also means ecological and social sustainability, which promotes the social security in the long term. By righteous development for example small producers in developing countries get an honest price for their products and access to resources, credits and areas of distribution. In order to realize a sustainable and righteous economical development we apply ourselves to:

- Free access to the international market and a good price for products.
- Development of local markets.
- Cooperation with businesses (sustainable enterprise).
- Loans and guarantees (for example micro-credit)
- Decrease of CO<sub>2</sub>-emission.

### **MISSION**

KIA brings people worldwide in contact with the liberating power of the Gospel. People, who in their turn pass on the passion of the Gospel. KIA supports churches and organizations in over 50 countries in the execution of their mission-work. We do that with prayer, with money, with manpower and with the involvement of many congregations in the Netherlands. The mission program works along three lines which reinforce each other: communication of the Gospel, building of living religious congregations and building bridges between various religious congregations. We stimulate the discussion between Christians and otherwise religious people and the use of the new media. We offer support to local churches abroad, to their evangelization, their theological schooling, their education and their youth-work. Sometimes we do that through our employees. Here as well the support of KIA is aimed at having the churches execute the work themselves.

### **FAIRCLIMATE**

Climate change hits developing countries the hardest: crops get lost, the water-provision is under great pressure and tropical diseases like malaria are increasing. The changing circumstances force these countries to adapt. Starting point of FairClimate is that climate-change needs to be opposed without limitation of the economic growth of the developing countries. In order not to contribute to further warming of the globe, but yet achieve economical development, they should look for alternative, sustainable fuels. Therefore FairClimate invests in the development of clean, affordable energy-sources in these countries. Think of solar panels, energy-saving ovens and bio-gas installations. Thanks to these energy-sources the worldwide emission of CO<sub>2</sub> declines without people in the developing countries missing the energy for economic development.

FairClimate also helps people to defend themselves against the ongoing extreme weather. For example by training them in sustainable agriculture-, forestry- and horticulture-methods. Or in growing new products.

FairClimate is a program of ICCO and KIA. At the moment the program targets eleven developing countries, but also asks for attention for climate change in the Netherlands. FairClimate does that in cooperation with other organizations at home and abroad.

### **EMERGENCY AID**

Everywhere in the world people are hit by cyclones, earthquakes, conflicts, flooding or continuous drought. The emergency situations originating from this demand great loss of life each year destroy possessions, houses and roads. Many people have to leave their homes. There are food shortages and epidemics. In such situations ICCO and KIA can support their partners with emergency aid initiatives.

Each time a disaster occurs ICCO and KIA consider to participate or not in the emergency aid project, because it is impossible to come into action with each disaster. Important is, if our local partner organizations ask for help. They are familiar with the area and the population. They know where aid is most necessary. ICCO and KIA do not only support the local organizations with money to buy goods, but for example also with the training of staff. Further local organizations sometimes ask ICCO and KIA by means of the Dutch government to pressure their own government to work on wrongs. Moreover ICCO and KIA attend communities to prepare well for disasters and to make the communities more resistant.

### **WORLDWIDE NETWORK OF CHURCHES**

Many local partners are, like ICCO and KIA, members of Action by Churches Together International (ACT), a worldwide network of almost two hundred churches and religious aid-organizations. The network seeks to give aid which meets the international quality standards. Participation of the victims of the disaster is very important in this. Partners also respect the international agreements like non-discriminating help, independent help (without political colour) and minimalization of abuse of help. ACT has the role of intermediary between ICCO and KIA and the local partner. Read the annual report of ACT on 2007 and 2008 at: [www.kerkinactie.nl/noodhulp](http://www.kerkinactie.nl/noodhulp)

### **COOPERATING AID ORGANIZATIONS**

Upon disasters of a larger scale Dutch aid organizations cooperate in a national action, the Samenwerkende Hulp Organisaties<sup>6</sup> (SHO). Funds raised by SHO are also spent via ICCO and KIA.

### **FOOD CRISIS IN ETHIOPIA**

Because of the rain holding off Ethiopia and neighbouring countries Somalia, Eritrea and Djibouti were hit by serious drought last year. Crop failures and food shortages were the consequence. Stock of cattle as well was reduced by water- and food shortages. ICCO and KIA supported the Orthodox Church in Ethiopia through ACT International. At first the aid was mainly food distribution, in the long run the aid of KIA will consist of providing seeds and cattle, in order to build up an independent existence for the people.

### **DONATING FOR EMERGENCY AID**

Whenever ICCO and KIA organize cooperative emergency aid actions we make an appeal on our members for financial support. But it is also possible to make a contribution to the total aid program. You can do that by transferring your donation to giro account 456 of KIA with statement 'emergency aid'.

### **KINDEREN IN DE KNEL**

Children have the future. That applies here in the Netherlands, but certainly in the poor countries. Even more if we consider that in these countries more than half of the population consists of children and young people. According to the Convention on the Rights of the Child children are entitled to education, protection, recreation, understanding and aid. Everywhere in the world however children are in situations where their rights are being violated.

### **ONCE AGAIN A FUTURE**

In order to give these children a future again the program Kinderen in de Knel of KIA gives financial aid to small-scale projects or partner organizations worldwide. These partners want to enable the children to shape their own life. With that does not only belong a (professional) training, but also awareness of their own rights and information on for example sexuality and health.

With the Rights of the Child as a starting point Kinderen in de Knel applies itself for the following target groups:

### **WORKING CHILDREN**

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<sup>6</sup> Samenwerkende Hulp Organisaties = Cooperating Aid Organizations

Everywhere in the world are children which are too poor to go to school. Because they can not go to school, they have little chance on better paid work and they get into the endless poverty spiral. Kinderen in de Knel helps organizations providing parents with information and training, standing up for children's rights and taking care of education.

### **SEXUALLY ABUSED CHILDREN**

Millions of children, all over the world, are lured into prostitution with money. Kinderen in de Knel supports projects which help children to escape from prostitution; by offering education or legal support, by sheltering and protection.

### **STREETCHILDREN**

One hundred million children live on the streets day and night, without protection from relatives or relations. Every day they battle for food, clothing and a safe place to sleep. Kinderen in de Knel supports organizations which guide these children, without making them loose their independence and offer these children love, protection and attention.

### **CHILDREN IN CONFLICT SITUATIONS**

In many ways children are hit by war and violence. They loose their parents, get wounded or have to flee. They are an easy prey for recruiting war lords; often they are sexually abused. Kinderen in de Knel supports various projects which give new perspectives to war children.

### **CHILDREN IN A SOCIETY AFFECTED WITH AIDS**

Over fifteen million children have lost their parents through aids. Because of the enormous dimension of the aids disaster complete families and communities fall out and also the social network for children. Without that protection children run the risk of getting in touch with violence, abuse and exploitation. Kinderen in de Knel supports projects in which children receive shelter in their own social environment as much as possible; but also projects which give information on HIV/aids especially for children and young people.

### **CHILDREN IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW**

The rights of children get snowed under in prisons. They are at the mercy of their guards and fellow-prisoners. Kinderen in de Knel supports projects which ensure these children to get a fair procedure and a decent treatment.

It is possible to donate specifically for Kinderen in de Knel; state with the transfer of your donation 'Kinderen in de Knel'. You can also become contributor. Please check our website or call the Service desk.

## 7. AFRICA

### **OAIC SUPPORTS LOCAL CHURCHES ALL OVER THE CONTINENT**

Z 004357 – From Kenya the organization of African Independent Churches (OAIC) supports local churches all over the continent. OAIC works to promote qualitatively good theological schooling for priests, ministers and religious workers. Most members of the independent churches live in the rural areas or the slums of Africa, where the consequences of HIV/aids and poverty are most visible. Local churches need support in order to respond effectively to that. Therefore OAIC has special attention for poverty and HIV/aids in the training program for religious leaders.

### **EHAIA BATTLES AGAINST EXPULSION**

W 000337 – There are also churches which do not aid people with HIV/aids, but rather stigmatize and expulse them. Contamination with HIV is sometimes considered to be a just punishment from God. In many churches there is also still a taboo on speaking about HIV/aids. The Ecumenical HIV and Aids Initiative in Africa (EHAIA) targets leaders and employees of churches directly, which in their turn influence the attitude and behaviour of church-members. By organizing discussions and schooling, spreading information material and advising churches EHAIA wants to ensure that churches in Africa become 'HIV Competent'.

### **CONGO**

After the reign of dictator Mobutu Congo has been harassed by internal conflicts and war with neighbouring country Rwanda for the last ten years. At estimate three million people died. Violence, rapes and impunity are still the order of the day, especially in the eastern provinces. ICCO and KIA are active in East-Congo with projects specifically aimed at peace building and rebuilding. In the area where in 2008 new conflict arose KIA also supports a one-year emergency aid project of local partner organizations. In West-Congo we are also active. The purpose of the projects is to improve the social security of the population, to promote human rights and to fight HIV/aids.

### **200 NEW INSTRUCTORS IN WEST-CONGO**

W 009025 – In the small western province Bas Congo is the region Nselo, consisting of eleven communities. The organization AEPH wants to develop the rural society in the region by offering people access to safe water and make them aware of sanitary hygiene and good food. There is also information on HIV/aids. A group of over two hundred female volunteers has been trained to give information themselves. In addition the women track down undernourished people and provide basic care.

### **WEST-CONGOLESE WOMEN JOIN FORCES**

W 009117 – The Eglise du Christ au Congo<sup>7</sup> (ECC) is an association of over 60 protestant churches. In each of the eleven regions in the country the ECC has a department for women- and family matters, the DFF<sup>8</sup>. Three of these DFF's support together 45 women groups, in which women together provide for their life support or work on literacy. They run for example a bread-bakery, fishpond, cornfield or pig farm. Thanks to the help of volunteers much poverty is battled with little means. The three DFF's reinforce each other by sharing experiences.

### **ETHIOPIA**

The Ethiopian government tries to promote emancipation and by that the social position of women through its policy. Still a lot of local work remains to be done in order to establish real change. Many children as well live in very difficult conditions; many of them lost their parents and others were forced to leave their home, because their parents could not take care of them due to poverty. ICCO and KIA therefore target children and women. Education and HIV/aids related questions are the basis of our programs in Ethiopia.

### **SHELTER FOR ORPHANS**

K 009030 – ICCO and KIA support the work of ISAPSO for aids-orphan and other vulnerable children. Every year many people are killed by aids, therefore Ethiopia has a large number of orphans. ISAPSO offers families economical and social support; helps with the care for foster children with HIV/aids and enables children to go to school. This way these children can grow up within the protection of a family.

### **MORE SAFETY FOR STREETCHILDREN**

W 003590 – Street children who have become victim of molestation are not always treated well by the police, hospitals and judges. The organization Forum uses the program 'Child Protection Unit' to help the various authorities with a child-friendly approach in order that the children dare to inform the police and can be questioned correctly. Also there are child-friendly courts of law where children do not have to meet with the accused. Hospital personnel are trained to deal with molested children and to collect evidence.

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<sup>7</sup> Eglise du Christ au Congo = Christ's Church in Congo

<sup>8</sup> DFF = Département Femme et Famille = Department of Woman and Family

## **GHANA**

Ghana is a stable and democratic country with a good economic development. There are large differences between the south and the poorer north of the country. Ethnic tensions are threatening the stability.

### **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GHANA**

W 001485 – The Presbyterian Church of Ghana (PCG) is an important partner which initiates and executes various projects. For example the PCG has been the main contact for local (and sometimes not-trained) people working in agriculture, education and healthcare. The church organizes Agricultural Training Centres for farmers, where they can group themselves in Farmer Based Organisations. Farmers share their knowledge and PCG completes this with training on among others environmental-friendly production-methods, bank-matters and HIV/aids problems. Because of this training the farmers produce stronger and healthier crops and they are able to negotiate better conditions with the intermediate trade.

### **RAMSEYER TRAININGCENTRE**

Z 009031 – The Ramseyer Training centre of the Presbyterian Church trains lay-preachers as well as religious staff on various subjects: from basic theological classes to church history and dogmatics and from social relevant workshops on HIV/aids-prevention to Christian-Muslim relations. The training centre wants to educate mainly trainers in the coming years, which themselves will be able to teach on site. Starting June 2006 Albert and Dineke Ferwerda have been working as staff members at Ramseyer on behalf of KIA. They give classes, but also contribute to the development of modules and teaching-materials.

### **PRESBYTERIAN TRAININGCENTRE**

Z 001485 – The Presbyterian Training centre (PLTC) in Tamale is the training-institute of the PCG for her religious workers in North-Ghana. The training centre has to make allowances for various language-groups and the large number of illiterates in the north of Ghana. There is also special attention for the dialogue between Christians and Muslims. Since 2004 Aad van der Maas works at PLTC on behalf of KIA. Aad is mainly occupied with organizing classes for the religious staff, but also for other groups, such as religious workers of local churches.

### **AID FOR STREET-GIRLS IN ACCRA**

K 001495 – 15.000 Street children live in the Ghana's capitol Accra, as a survey of the organization Agreds showed. This number will probably only increase due to the poverty in the north of Ghana. ICCO and KIA support Agreds with her program for street children 'Lifeline'; this program mainly targets street girls, and the children these child-mothers often have. Hundreds of girls per year receive shelter in a centre where they can get a professional education. The intention is that they finally return to their family and build their own existence.

### **PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION FOR STREET-CHILDREN**

W 009040 – The Eglise Evangelique du Cameroun (EEC, Protestant Church) is the largest protestant church of Cameroon. In the large city Douala the number of unemployed young people is very large. The developing organization Cafrad offers a wide scale of professional education combined with an internship at a company, for example at a garage or catering industry. For girls there are courses in domestic science. At least 50-70 young people a year profit from the professional education.

## **CAMEROON**

In Cameroon there are large contrasts between rich and poor and there is a lot of corruption. Especially underprivileged juveniles and women are the victims of exploitation and abuse of power. KIA supports the churches in Cameroon in their informal education and theological schooling. Further we promote initiatives in the area of inter religious dialogue and distribution of Christian literature. In the north KIA cooperates with the Lutheran church on a program for food security.

### **INTER RELIGIOUS ACTIVATING-WORK ON SOCIAL QUESTIONS**

Z 009039 – Cipcre is an organization which dedicates itself to righteousness, peace and wholeness of creation. The activities of Cipcre are various. For example every year Cipcre writes educational material for lent and she helps local ecumenical committees to have meetings and workshops on year-themes like corruption, ethnicity and violence against women. Cipcre also publishes a theological book-sequence with the slogan 'Faith in Action'.

### **SCHOOL FOR MENTALLY DISABLED CHILDREN**

K 009042 Fedeme is one of the few professional schools for mentally disabled children in Cameroon. The school is situated in Douala, a large city in the south. Out of shame for their environment parents often keep their disabled child at home. Fedeme shelters 35 mentally disabled children. They are taught basic knowledge, social skills and professional knowledge (for example sewing). The school also gives advice and training to family-members. The purpose is to teach the children independence in a familiar environment, this way they will be able to function later in their family and sometimes even get a job.

## **KENYA**

At the end of 2007 a wave of violence broke loose over Kenya as a consequence of the – according to many people illegitimate – elections. Bewildered and afraid many Kenyans saw their dream of a united Kenya shattered. The tension can still be felt in the country and the mistrust has not disappeared yet. In 2008 the KIA-partners made an analysis of the basic causes of this conflict and plan to build a program with the ICCO-partners in 2009 in which these causes are addressed. In addition there will be special attention for the arrears of women and righteous economical development.

## **LOBBY FOR HEALTH-CARE IN KENYA**

W 002780 – The Christian Health Association Kenya (CHAK) is an association of Christian medical institutions and health-care-programs in Kenya. This kind of associations is important in Africa for a good basic health-care. CHAK is a well-organized and well respected organization with 468 members, which applies itself in the area of lobby, training and coordination. CHAK has various programs to fight HIV/aids. They include information, prevention of mother-to-child-contamination and the increase of access to aids-inhibiting medication. By means of lobbying CHAK tries to break the taboo around HIV/aids and fight stigmatizing.

## **AIDSCONTROL**

W 009046 – HIV-infected people do no longer sit down in despair, but try to go on living in a healthy way with their family. The information-work of RAPADO reaches thousands of people. With the help of over 400 trained volunteers RAPADO supports the West-Kenyan community with help and advice. They are working on awareness and change of behaviour in order to prevent spreading and consequences of aids. With the result that many people are referred to clinics if there is suspicion of STD. Also more men and women dare to speak openly about the disease at their job, in church and with their families.

## **AFRICAN DIVINE CHURCH**

W 009044 – The African Divine Church (ADC) is the largest African Church in Kenya. Passionate and enthusiastic this church applies itself for the most poor and suppressed in the rural area. Education, health-care, with the emphasis on shelter and guidance of people with aids, and community-building are the most important pillars of their work. ADC also works on the reinforcement of the role of women in society.

## **MINISTERS OF TODAY**

Z 009043 – The mission of St. Paul's United Theological College is to train men and women to become good ministers in the churches and the society of today. The renowned educational institute for theologians targets the practise of churches and their development projects. There is much attention for a Christian reply to the HIV/aids problems. But the institute is also a centre for interreligious studies with specialization in the knowledge of Islam. This year a Dutch teacher on behalf of KIA is appointed at the institute. Besides giving classes and the guiding teachers, the teacher will cooperate on the evaluation of the curriculum, contribute to renewal of education and production of didactic material.

## **LIBERIA**

Liberia has suffered seriously under the fifteen years of civil war. Since 2005 there is a new government which applies itself against corruption, for national reconciliation, rebuilding and re-integration of child-soldiers. Because of the long war in Liberia many juveniles did not get an education or professional training, and are unemployed because of that. They are often former-soldiers or victims of the violence that took place. Young people do not feel involved in the peace-process that is going on at the moment and can not participate. Commotion among juveniles could flare the violence up again.

## **YOUNG PEOPLE PARTICIPATE IN PEACE-BUILDING**

W 003323 – YMCA is an international, Christian network for young people, which is active in Liberia. YMCA works with four partner-organizations of ICCO and KIA on a program 'youth and development'. Central are practical professional training and starting credits for young entrepreneurs, like carpenters and masons. But the young people are also stimulated to participate in building of democracy. YMCA ensures that the voice of the young people is heard by local authorities and at the departments where decisions are made.

## **MOZAMBIQUE**

Until 1992 Mozambique was a country with a lot of turmoil and civil war. Since a lot of hard work is done for the future. Lately the country has a strong decline of poverty. Yet it is still one of the poorest and less developed countries in the world. Half of the people live in great poverty. The enormous spreading of HIV/aids is a serious threat for the development in the future. Christianity in Mozambique originates from the nineteenth century and is relatively young. About ten per cent of the sixteen million inhabitants is now protestant.

## **THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

Z 009329 – In Ricatla is the (only) Theological Seminary for protestant Mozambique. The education is especially important for the church leaders in the rural area. Next to the ministers-education the seminary set up tuition work on location with the support of KIA. KIA supports the seminary with scholarships, theological education in a distance learning project, necessary investments on the campus and two Dutch teachers. Since 2006 Hette Domburg and Petra Doorn are teachers at the Seminary.

## **NIGERIA**

Nigeria has considerable income from oil and gas, but the gap between rich and poor is enormous. Further there are ethnic discrepancies which led to violence because of the introduction of the Islamic criminal law (Sharia). The dialogue between Muslims and Christians is a theme with which you can get to work in the congregation. This is certainly interesting for congregations functioning in a multicultural society themselves.

## **DIALOGUE BETWEEN CHRISTIANS AND MUSLIMS IN CENTRAL NIGERIA**

Z 004624 – The movement for righteousness, peace and reconciliation in central Nigeria (JPRM) works on peaceful coexistence on local level. Since 2000 there are fierce conflicts between Christians and Muslims. Mostly religion is not the cause of the problems, but it is about fundamental rights or unjust divided richness. JPRM wants to promote peaceful coexistence by letting people cooperate on projects which are important for the community, like literacy and water supply.

## **MEDICAL CARE FOR EVERYONE**

W 009130 – The Nigerian Church (ERCC) contributes to improve the situation of poor people. In the hospital of the ERCC everyone gets good medical care. In the past years the church set up a program for the battle against the HIV/aids-epidemic and the shelter of HIV-infected.

## **RWANDA**

Since the genocide in 1994 Rwanda had a lot to cope with. ICCO and KIA contribute in the rebuilding of the country. We support projects aimed at agriculture and peace building. Partners work on improvement of life circumstances and reconciliation in the community. Another spearhead in this country is education, which finally helps peace building. Further there is attention of the shelter of orphans.

## **THE GOSPEL IN RWANDA**

Z 009059 – Rwanda struggles with the existential question how the civil war in 1994 could divide the Christian community like that; it turned Christians into offenders and into victims. The Centre for Training and Education (CFD) is an ecumenical training institute, founded by the Presbyterian Church in Rwanda. The CFD wants to bring the knowledge of the Bible closer to people to promote the working power of the Gospel. A positive side effect is that certified church members assist other churches in the furthest villages, sometimes as active volunteers, but often also as evangelists and religious teacher.

## **SIERRA LEONE**

After a civil war for years on end in which ten-thousands were killed and one third of the population lost their homes, the peace was signed in Sierra Leone in 2002. Democracy is slowly restored and the priorities of the government are fighting corruption, stimulation of development, creation of jobs and development of legislation. In 2007 an important law for children's rights was accepted by lobbying of various groups.

## **PROTECTION OF CHILDREN IN SIERRA LEONE**

K 009066 Defence for Children International Sierra Leone is a young, active organization working on various frontlines on children's rights. DCI SL exerts itself to spread knowledge on new legislation among children, parents and upholders of the law by training, information meetings and lobby-activities at the organizations involved. Further they guide children who are being suspected of or on the contrary are the victim of a crime or offence.

## **PREVENTION OF CHILD-SLAVERY**

K 009062 – RADA was founded in the beginning of 2003 as continuation of the aid-organization of the Council of Churches in Sierra Leone. The emphasis in the present work of RADA is on children's rights. KIA supports RADA in the battle against child-slavery, which occurs often in the border area between Sierra Leone and Liberia. RADA does this by setting up children-clubs, providing training to the police and monitoring and reporting incidents.

## **UGANDA**

In 2008 Uganda had a year of relative peace regarding the war in North-Uganda. Although the peace-treaty still has not been signed, there is no more violence and people return to transit camps or home. However the situation there is very difficult. All infrastructures have been destructed and needs to be rebuilt. Also the confidence of people has to be restored, and especially the return of former child-soldiers into society is a difficult process. After

all, they are victims, but also offenders in the conflict. In Uganda as well partners of ICCO and KIA emphasize the role of women in peace-processes, righteousness, reconciliation and access to basic provisions.

### **PROTECTION OF CHILDREN**

K 009074 – Two of the worst forms of sexual abuse of children in Uganda are rape and child-marriages. Partner ANPPCAN-Uganda strives for a society where children's rights are maintained and where no child abuse and – neglect exists. Therefore ANPPCAN organizes an awareness-campaign which should lead among others to an increase of the number of notifications of sexual abuse. ANPPCAN has 207 individual members, which lobby for children's rights and, where possible, set up local groups to defend children's rights.

### **ZAMBIA**

Zambia belongs to the fifteen poorest countries in the world. Next to high unemployment and a low life-expectancy Zambia is heavily affected by HIV/aids (20 per cent of the population is contaminated). KIA gives priority to theological education, initiatives that spread the Gospel, the improvement of social security of poor groups and the control of HIV/aids.

### **JUSTO MWALE THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE**

Z 009076 – The Justo Mwale Theological College (JMTC) is, according to African standards, a medium sized education with about 160 students and ten teachers. The seminary is supported by five member-churches from Zambia, Zimbabwe and Malawi. The college lets the social reality sounds in the education, in order to prepare the students well for their ministry. On behalf of KIA Henk and Deborah van den Bosch are teachers on JMTC.

### **ZIMBABWE**

Over the past years Zimbabwe went down further in a situation of political suppression and economical decline. Inflation and great unemployment strangle the country. The present government is unable to provide the people with suitable health care, education, housing, clean water, sanitary and food. The human rights situation declines every day; not only by arrests, kidnapping and torture, but also by increasing conflicts on little means like water, land and food. The country is totally paralysed.

### **CALL FOR DEMOCRACY**

W 003226 – If the country wants to pick up again, a political change is essential. In Zimbabwe Watch various Dutch organizations cooperate, among others KIA, FNV, Freevoice, ICCO, Novib and Amnesty International. Zimbabwe Watch advocates restoration of democracy and civil rights in Zimbabwe and for maintenance of human rights. International pressure from the European Union, the African Union, Common Wealth, the African neighbouring countries and from Zimbabwe itself has to lead to a normalization of the situation in the country in order to make rebuilding and economical recovery soon possible.

### **SOUTH AFRICA**

South Africa is the country with the world's highest percentage of HIV/aids patients. For poor people the consequences of HIV/aids are extra radical. Complete villages live in poverty, because increasingly more people die. The work that is necessary to keep a village to go on can be done by ongoing less people. The battle against HIV/aids is tough and difficult. Fortunately there are enough organizations in South Africa which do not despair at the look of these little encouraging data.

### **CHURCH DEVELOPMENT ON THE EAST-CAPE**

Z 009083 – This program is aimed at the enforcement of religious congregations on the wide and forgotten rural area of the East-Cape. There is a lot of poverty, little employment and infrastructures. Since 1993 these churches did not receive financial support. The consequences: only 30 ministers for over 120 congregations and a poor religious infrastructure. The religious organization has almost come to complete stand still. Through the program of church development the congregations receive training in community building, the set up of administration, drafting a business plan and diaconal work.

### **LAND FOR BLACK FARMERS**

W 002930 – Association for Rural Advancement (AFRA) is an organization which applies itself for rights of discriminated black farmers. They insist with the government for a better legal arrangement, which enhances the speed of the reforming of the country. Once the black farmers have received land, AFRA guides these farmers in order to be able to work their land competently and build a better existence.

### **BIBLESTUDY AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Z 009087 – The Ujamaa Centre in Pietermaritzburg works with biblical stories on the liberation and encouragement of people in the margin of the South African society. Especially women suffer from domestic violence. In the women's program the Ujamaa Centre tries to create a safer situation for women. In the form of a bible study on

Tamar (2 Samuel 13: 1-22) women can identify with her and dare to discuss the violence. The Tamar Campaign also targets men. Men are offered identification parts, in order to recognize their part in situations of domestic violence and address it.

#### **FAITH COMMUNITIES AGAINST CO2 EMISSION**

F 003482 – The modern, industrial South Africa has a CO2 emission which is far above the Kyoto standard. At the same time the poor part of the country suffers the consequences of the climate change. ICCO and KIA want to tackle these problems together. This is done in cooperation with SAFCEI, a network of about fifty 'faith communities' (Christian, Islamic, Jewish, Hindu, Bahai). The purpose: 'earth keeping'. In this scope SAFCEI makes its rank and file aware of the climate problems, strives for a directed change of conduct of the large (religious) audience and lobbies for a more environmental-friendly government policy.

## **9. MIDDLE EAST**

### **EGYPT**

Christians are a minority of 10% of the population in Egypt. Yet the churches are alive and kicking. Many congregations perform – aside from the work in mission and community-building – practical activities in the area of health care, literacy and micro-credit-programs. That is necessary, because Egypt is a poor country. This is enhanced by the free market-economy, as a result of which the government wants to grow mostly export-products. This way the farmers lose fertile land and they need to survive on bad soil. Sometimes they have to take their children out of school, because they need to go working.

### **POOR RELIEF AND POVERTY REDUCTION**

W 009102 – Bless is a department of the Coptic Orthodox Church. They execute development programs in order to reduce poverty in the rural areas. Continuously a three-year-program is carried on in about thirty selected villages, together with the local church community. First the staff members investigate the greatest needs. Subsequently they choose several important projects which can be executed under direction of the 'village-development-committee'. The most important goal of the final phase is that the village can continue independently afterwards. Those involved are trained and learn to raise funds from the government and other donors.

### **ISRAEL**

In Israel live 5,8 million Jews and 1,2 million Palestine Arabs (on the West bank and in Gaza live 4 million Palestines). Israel wants to be called a 'Jewish and democratic state'. For that reason they have two major problems: how can Jews of various backgrounds live together? And how can Jews and Palestinians live together in a good manner? KIA applies itself to promote the relationship between Jews and Palestinians in Israel. This can only be done if they are all acknowledged as citizens with equal rights. Therefore KIA supports Jewish- and Palestine-Israeli organizations, which plead for equal rights of all citizens in order to promote good relations between Jews and Palestinians. The role of religion gets special attention in this.

### **BUILDING WITH ART ON MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING**

Z 010905 – Markaz is a centre for Jewish-Palestinian youth-activities in Jaffa, a neutral place for encounter in freedom and equality. In Markaz artistic activities are organized by Sadaka Reut to create dialogue and mutual understanding between Arab and Jewish young people. Sadaka Reut is a professional youth-organization which applies itself for a bi-national, multi-cultural society where equality rules. Distinctive for their projects is that young people are brought together for longer periods. Art is used to bridge differences and to build peace.

### **PLEADING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS**

Z 011891 – Rabbi's For Human Rights pleads for human rights in Israel and in the occupied Palestinian territories. Over one hundred rabbis, from numerous Jewish denominations, have joined up. They denounce violation of human rights and put authorities under pressure to take measures, when these rights are being violated. Together with thousands of volunteers Rabbi's For Human Rights fight the problems of poverty, minorities, migrant labourers and of Palestinians in Israel. Further they want to give voice to the traditional care for foreigners and weak people of society in the Jewish-Israeli community.

### **EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ARAB CITIZENS IN ISRAEL**

Z 009506 – Although a fifth of the inhabitants of Israel are Arabic, they only receive 5% support from the public treasury. In other areas as well Arabic citizens are being discriminated; in education, in the media and in politics. The Arab-Israeli organization Mossawa wants to do something about this and works therefore on equal rights of citizens in Israel. Also thanks to Mossawa the awareness grows with the Israeli government that Arabic citizens are discriminated purposeful and that this is not a good thing for Israel in the long run.

### **PALESTINIAN AREAS**

The Protestant Church in the Netherlands and KIA still hope that a two-state-solution between Israel and the Palestinians is possible: a division of the previous Palestine between the state of Israel (78%) and a Palestine state (22%), which live in peace with one and other. KIA therefore supports Palestine organizations which strive for a democratic state in which the rights of all citizens are maintained. Further KIA supports organizations for people who are in a scrape because of the bad economical situation: elderly people and blind children. Finally we give special attention to religion and churches in Palestine areas.

### **MANUELS FOR PALESTINIAN CHRISTIANS**

Z 009110 – Sabeel means 'road'. Sabeel is a movement which translates the Gospel for the daily existence of the local church, together with Palestinian and other Christians. KIA supports a project for enhancement of the ability of local communities to be able to handle the social-political reality and to master forms of non-violent protest

against injustice and to develop an ecumenical attitude. This is done by means of newsletters, encounters, workshops and courses, study-meetings, bible-study-programs and events with art, drama, dance and song. There is special attention for the role of women and clergymen. On behalf of KIA the emanated employee Meta Floor works at Sabeel.

### **PALESTINIAN CHILDREN IN DETENTION**

K 002812 – For years there are about four hundred Palestinian children between 10 and 18 years old in Israeli detention. That number stays pretty stable but the children change. DCI Palestine pleads for these children. Children participating in protests and conflicts with Israeli soldiers run the chance of getting caught; this is not always based on a realistic charge. In the interrogation centres the children are exposed to intimidation and molestation. In court the charge can be blown up and the punishment is heavy. DCI gives these children legal support.

### **LEBANON**

Lebanon is a divided country. When after the World War Lebanon was founded Christians formed the majority. That is not so anymore and the search for a new balance of power brings great tension between the various groups. The war between Hezbollah and Israel made a lot of innocent victims in Lebanon. Especially in the south of the country where many Shiites are living, but also among Christians who live there. KIA supports the work of the Council of Churches in the Middle East to build the country again. KIA also supports the theological training of four protestant churches from the Middle East in Beirut.

### **ECUMENICAL TRAINING IN LEBANON**

Z 009108 – The Near East School of Theology (NEST) is the most important theological educational institute of various protestant churches in the Middle East. In the management are Presbyterians, Armenians, Lutherans and Anglicans. The institute trains to become minister, theological teacher, deacon or religion-teacher. In ecumenical alliance the NEST has a project with Balamand, the theological education of the Greek-Orthodox Church, on what both churches can learn from each other. Further they have a dialogue on academical level with the Shiites in Lebanon.

### **SYRIA**

Syria is politically isolated. Economically things are not too good. President Assad wants to make changes, but this is not simple. Part of the country is still occupied by Israel. Yet the atmosphere in the big cities is relaxed. Underneath is a lot of tension between the various ethnic and religious communities. The Sunnites feel connected to Iraq, the Shiites with Iran. Christians have relatively much freedom to develop their religious life and community. These tensions are oppressed by the government. KIA cooperates with several churches in Syria which have a strong social function. We also support emergency aid to improve the life-circumstances of the refugee-Iraqis in Syria.

### **PROFESSIONAL TRAINING FOR UNEMPLOYED WOMEN**

Z 009114 – The Greek Orthodox Church wants to offer unemployed juveniles, especially women from poor families, the chance to find a place on the labour-market by a modern professional training. This training consists of the classes: computer skills, English, management, women's rights and civil rights. The training is given by the most renowned institutes in the country, including the European-Syrian business centre. After the training the women are guided in finding a job or starting up their own company. The purpose is to educate 60 – 80 people in two years.

### **MORE CHANCES ON THE LABOUR MARKET FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

Z 009349 – According to tradition the Syrian Orthodox Church was founded in the year 37 from the apostolic work of Peter. KIA has a special relationship with the Archdiocese Jazireh in the East of Syria. In 2000 the St. Mary-convent was founded there. Convents are the bearers of religious life. During worship the Gospel is experienced. Through schools they communicate with the Muslim-environment. Further they offer Christian juveniles a good education and prevent thus that the young people leave abroad. Professional training offers them a better chance at the labour market. Also women and civil rights are addressed in the classes.

## **14. ASIA**

### **AFGHANISTAN**

Afghanistan is still wrapped up in the Global War on Terror. The fighting parties are still far away from political dialogue and a solution of the conflict. In the mean time the government tries to build a new Afghanistan, but corruption, invulnerability and impunity of violators of human rights and criminals and the opium economy are a great impediment. ICCO and KIA mainly target reinforcement of communities so that they can address and solve conflicts in a non-violent manner. Finally the communities have to do this themselves, without external help.

### **IMPROVEMENT OF HEALTH CARE**

W 009101 – The International Assistance Mission (IAM) has applied itself for over forty years for the improvement of the health care in Afghanistan. IAM has about 120 foreign and 550 Afghan employees. The activities of this partner vary enormously; IAM provides among others food-information, medical care for people with eye diseases and supplies micro-credits for starting entrepreneurs. During the following years KIA contributes to build small water turbines which supply enough energy for a complete village. Marja Vos has been emanated by KIA and works as a nurse in a distant mountain valley in Middle Afghanistan.

### **KEYPOSITIONS FOR PEACE IN GHAZNI**

K 003689 – SDO is an organization which promotes peace and righteousness according to Afghan customs, in the town and the province Ghazni. The focus is on peaceful handling of conflicts. About 330 people on key positions, varying from teachers and students to government officials and clergymen receive strategies for a non-violent approach of conflicts. Local organizations and governments are trained in constructive communication. A number of local leaders are trained on human rights – within the context of their own community. Central in the province a peace location will be built where important meetings can take place.

### **BANGLADESH**

Almost half of the population of Bangladesh (in total over 130 million inhabitants) live below the poverty line. The country is vulnerable for natural disasters. In 2007 it was hit by a cyclone, after which ICCO and KIA provided emergency relief. KIA supports small local churches in the proclamation of the faith and in practising their diaconal mission. The children are our first aim in this. Many young children suffer from child labour and sexual abuse.

### **CHURCH OF BANGLADESH**

W 002047 / Z 002047 – The small Church of Bangladesh executes many diaconal projects for underprivileged population groups. Many men work in paid employment with Muslim farmers. This makes the families dependable of the season and the offer of wage work. KIA supports the Barisal-self-help-project of women for women. Often these women do not own land, they are widows, or they are discriminated for some reason. The women groups have developed activities to earn extra income. They also teach each other on health, HIV/aids control and good sanitation. The Church of Bangladesh has also set up a technical school where poor children of landless farmers and labourers can learn a trade. The school educates pupils to become carpenter, motor mechanic, and electrician or lathe operator.

In Bangladesh almost 90% of the population is Muslim. Hindus and Christians are a minority. At St. Andrew's College volunteers of the church can take classes on how to proclaim their religion under these circumstances.

### **CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN MUSLIM-COUNTRY**

Z 009378 - In Bangladesh less than 1% of the population is Christian, versus 87% Muslims. Traditionally Christian worships are held according to Hindu or western style. That makes Christian faith impassable for Muslims. Isa-e jamat builds bridges between interested Muslims and the churches. When Muslims convert to Christianity Isa-e jamat supports by setting up a congregation which is built according to private cultural traditions. The organization trains leaders and helps in the education of children and women. If there is already a congregation Isa-e jamat points people to an existing church.

### **BURMA**

In Burma (Myanmar) live fifty million people of 138 ethnic groups and 4 world-religions. Burma is rich in natural commodities like wood and gems. The election of 1990 was won by the opposition (NLD), but the military regime never acknowledged this result. NLD-leader Aung San Suu Kyi lives in house arrest for over 12 years. The population suffers from poverty, bad drinking water, increase of HIV/aids, unemployment and a bad functioning government. Only few international organizations have access to Burma. Those which are there target on health care, food security and rebuilding since the cyclone in May 2008.

### **WORLD CONCERN**

W 009405 – World Concern is an organization which applies itself for the necessities of poor and discriminated. In Burma World Concern works in about 150 villages on health-care, HIV/aids information and –care, water and hygiene, savings- and credit work, agriculture and cattle breeding, forestry, community- and organization-development. Together advisors and technicians are a strong team, which enables World Concern to support their own program well and in addition to offer services to other organizations. The local population is being trained in order to take over the management of the development-projects in the future.

### **CAMBODIA**

Cambodia is still recovering from the major conflicts which lasted several decades. The land is poor in commodities, forests are cut down and the elite have the land in possession. Many people struggle to build a living. The support of KIA starts with the children. We especially want to fight the trade in girls and offer legal help to sexually abused children. Through the mission-program we support Christian volunteers who work with children and young adults.

### **WORK ON YOURSELF, WORK ON PEACE**

K 005214 – The Red Khmer Tribunal, where the leaders of this regime are put on trial, started in February 2008. The tribunal brings back many painful memories for a lot of people. Young people of Youth for Peace help people which are confronted again with old trauma, for example by referring them to a psychiatrist. The young people of Youth for Peace look for help in the internet with young people abroad.

### **LEGAL HELP FOR CHILDREN**

K 009384 – Cambodia has no separate justice-system for children. Lawyers of the organization Protection of Juvenile Justice (PJJ) offer legal help to children who are dealing with offences, as victim or offender. PJJ trains government officials and prison-staff on children's rights and application of laws. They press the government for special laws for juveniles and better circumstances in prisons.

### **CHINA**

China is one of the oldest and largest countries in the world and a (people's) republic since about a century. The oldest religious opinion is a combination of ancestor-worship, Taoism, Confucianism and Buddhism. Further there are small groups of Muslims and Christians. Officially China has freedom of religion, but religion is not encouraged. Aside from the churches which are acknowledged by the state there are several underground churches, which run the chance of being prosecuted. The emanation of Bas Plaisier is targeted to contact the Chinese churches and to increase the involvement between the Dutch and the fast-growing Chinese Christian churches.

### **INTERRELIGIOUS BATTLE AGAINST HIV/AIDS IN HENAN**

W 002969 – The Amity Foundation is an organization in the province Henan. The purpose of the Amity Foundation is enhancing the cooperation between the various religions in the area of HIV/aids prevention. The religious leaders of the Roman-Catholic, Islamic, Buddhist and Taoist communities are addressed. They are trained in several workshops for HIV/aids prevention and the social intercourse with people who suffer from this disease. Consequently they can pass this information on in various ways in their own communities.

### **INDIA**

In India live 25 million Christians, a 2,5 % minority in an enormous land with many languages, cultures and religions, extreme wealth and poverty. Many Christians in the middle and the south of India belong to the Dalits, the outcastes. At present the tension between the various religious and ethnic groups is increasing. Hindu-nationalists often consider churches as remains of the colonial times, and the churches are therefore the target of discrimination. Nevertheless some Indian churches grow.

Children's rights are not guaranteed in India. Many children from poor families suffer from child-labour; bad housing, malnutrition, bad health, sexual abuse and many do not attend school.

### **AN EDUCATION FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED GIRLS**

K 009274 – In the slums of Chennai, a big town in the south of India, many children live in very bad circumstances; especially girls. Often their parents have no regular job and in that case there is not much left for health-care or education of the children. Girls often have to work as cleaning woman, shop-girl and such. Many of them are sexually abused at work. MAEGA Trust is an organization which wants to help especially underprivileged women and girls; in Chennai by admitting annually at least 40 girls to school and 36 older girls to a professional education.

### **CENTRE FOR CHILDREN**

K 009137 – The Centre for Child Rights and Development (CCRD) applies itself for children's rights based on the Universal Declaration of the Children's Rights. In the federal state Tamil Nadu CCRD runs a Knowledge and Training Centre for staff of local organization and government. They do this by collecting and spreading information and by teaching classes; they investigate and criticize wrongs, if necessary in court. Further there are special training programs for law-students.

## **PEACE-EDUCATION AND RECONCILIATION PROGRAMS**

Z 009386 – The HMI is an independent academic education institute in Hyderabad. Based on an open Christian social vision, HMI targets peaceful coexistence of conflicting population-groups, such as Hindu and Muslim. Next to the education of students this is done by programs in the districts. KIA supports HMI among others in educations, training of staff, the library-collection and the work in the districts. KIA has the intention to emanate a new employee to the education-institute this year.

## **SUSTAINABLE ENERGY IN TAMIL NADU**

F 003225 – In Tamil Nadu, South India, the rural population gets acquainted with sustainable energy. Trust Help strives for local production of sustainable energy in the area – 25 villages with about 25.000 inhabitants. This reduces the emission of CO2 and contributes to poverty reduction as well. For starters Trust Help wants to create awareness and a basis by discussing the advantages of sustainable energy at village-meetings and in school programs. Further posters are being distributed and local Energy Task Committees will be applied for the practical work.

## **MORE TIME THANKS TO SUSTAINABLE ENERGY**

F 011815 – Up until today in Andhra Pradesh petroleum and wood are being used as energy sources. This is expensive and polluting and the collection of wood takes a lot of time. Thanks to a feasibility study of partner Laya small water turbines, sun-energy based lighting and improved ovens are available to 375 households. These households carry the responsibility themselves for the project. Thanks to the new provisions life circumstances will improve considerably. There is constant access to energy which enables studying in the evening.

## **INDONESIA**

Most partners of KIA are in Indonesia. Also there are old, still very active religious bonds. The tensions between the various religions are very great; in Papua people fear for their life. Many Indonesians live below the poverty line and have no access to basic provisions. Churches are faced with the question how to be church in this context. KIA supports churches in looking for answers to this question. Emanated employee Kees de Jong is teacher at the theological faculty of the Christian university Duta Wacana in Yogyakarta. Further there is support for programs to enhance peaceful coexistence, human rights, better life circumstances of vulnerable groups and HIV/aids control.

## **RURAL DEVELOPMENT AT HALMAHERA**

W 009291 – The foundation SANRO is a training centre which is directed to rural development. ICCO and KIA sustain the program for enhancing organizations at village level. The emphasis is on training of village-authorities, village-communities and farmers, and on reinforcement of earlier set-up farmer-networks. The purpose is to make communities more resilient. There is also work on improvement of tolerance between communities with a different religion.

## **HUMAN RIGHTS GET A VOICE**

W 009297 – Voice of Human Rights (VHR) in Jakarta makes radio programs on human rights and social problems for local radio transmitters in all of Indonesia. There are many local reports, for example on (illegal) work migration between Kalimantan (the Indonesian part of Borneo) and the Malaysian part of Borneo. Thus a network of news develops around the situation of ordinary people. VHR wants to become more financially independent. Therefore a consultant has been appointed which looks for possibilities to render paid services. For example for international organizations who want to reach a certain group of people, or for other radio transmitters who need local reports, such as on the elections of 2009.

## **LABOUR LAW IN JAVANESE FACTORIES**

W 009299 – In the area Jepara (central Java) there are about 400 furniture factories with in total over 35.000 workers. The work conditions are often bad: less than minimum wages, uncertain contracts and in case of accident or illness the income is uncertain. The Foundation Yayasan Pamerdi Luhur (YPL) sustains workers by means of training. They are taught to stand up for their rights and labour organizations are formed in various factories. These organizations are trained, among others by taking part in discussions and meetings.

## **LABOUR MIGRANTS AND THEIR RIGHTS**

W 009398 – Between four and five million Indonesians work abroad for the rest of their family, often in Saudi Arabia or in Malaysia. The rights of these labour migrants are not always clear, and that certainly applies for illegal workers. The wages of legal workers are sometimes received by employment agencies. Illegal workers can get physical punishment if they are caught in Malaysia. CIMW is an organization which applies itself for these workers, to point out their rights and to insist with the government on better legal protection.

## **PRODUCTION OF BIO FUEL NOT SUSTAINABLE**

W 009143 – Palm oil, wood and paper are the most important export products of Indonesia for the European market. In Europe especially palm oil – bio fuel - is considered to be sustainable. However in Indonesia these commodities often are grown unsustainable. Deforestation, compulsory migration, lack of farmland, diseases and loss of native culture are the consequences. Watch Indonesia (WI) calls the attention of Europe for this situation. Europe can oppose import of illegal commodities among others with legislation. Also by means of lobby and information European organizations and individuals are made aware of this problem.

### **RELIGIOUS WOMEN'S CENTRE IN PAPUA**

W 009147 – The Evangelical Christian Church in Papua (GKI) has a religious women's centre (P3W) for pastoral and diaconal care. The women's centre handles courses and training for village-girls, applies itself for development of local religious staff and volunteers, for women in prostitution, HIV-infected people and victims of domestic and sexual violence. There are women's centres in Padang Bulan near the capitol Jayapura, in Teminabuan at the coast near Vogelkop and in Polimo in the central mountains. Marijke Werimon-Bakker works for P3W as emanated employee.

### **MULTI-RELIGIOUS THINKING IN INDONESIA**

Z 009146 – Since the nineties the trend to think from conflict is enhanced in Indonesia: between Islam and Christianity, extremists and society, between ethnic groups. Percik is an organization in Salatiga (Middle-Java) which strives for a peaceful, multi-religious society. An important activity is the program for relations between various religious communities, financed by KIA. Further there is a Religious Life program, meant to increase social involvement of the churches. Josien Folbert and Jaspert Slob have been emanated since 2006 for the theological program to reinforce Local Theology.

### **WOMEN'S MOVE**

W 009164 – Usually women in Indonesia have lower educations and less good jobs than man. If women get more control in politics this could change. Women's organization SPEK HAM applies itself to achieve this goal. In the first place the organization brings women together in women's groups and networks of women's groups. That way they can make a fist together and influence the local government. Aside from political goals SPEK HAM also strives for a better economical position of women, among others by granting micro-credits.

### **AID AT HOMECOMING OF REFUGEES**

W 005102 – On the Maluku isle Seram part of the inhabitants fled because of the serious conflicts between Muslims and Christians. Their return causes a lot of tension in the village-communities. They also have to start rebuilding an existence. The Protestant Church of Maluku and the Foundation YTBI helps twelve communities on Western Seram with the return of refugees, both socially and economically. The program has a lot of attention for the improvement of the relations between the religious communities.

### **FAITH IN PEACE**

Z 011536 – Between 1999 and 2002 massive fights took place on the Maluku Islands between Christians and Muslims. Since 2002 there is peace. But this peace is fragile. Partner ELAIEM brings Christians and Muslims together and helps them to see each other's side of the story. That way space for peace and reconciliation develops. ELAIEAM works on mutual understanding at several fronts. The organization targets the leaders of both groups. Ministers and imams are prepared to bring a message of peace on the television and from the pulpit. But ELAIEM also has special programs for children. ELAIEM is constantly looking for new ways to help Malukans to let go of the mutual hatred and prejudice.

### **NEPAL**

The war which lasted for ten years between Maoist rebels and the government army totally destroyed the bonds between the villagers. Namely the rural area suffered from this battle. And still there are tensions. By lack of local government there is no good health care and schooling and there are not enough possibilities to sell products on the market. The roads are bad. In the least developed rural areas villagers hardly get two meals a day. Caste-discrimination is common, people are vulnerable to diseases and the cattle are often ill. In Nepal ICCO and KIA work on peace-building, reinforcement of communities and rural development.

### **PEACE-BUILDING MID-WEST NEPAL**

W 009303 Shakarmi Samaj establishes groups within the community that stand up for the interests of the village-members. Together the villagers are stronger in negotiations with the local authorities. Shakarmi Samaj is a pioneer in Nepal, because the organization is not that much aimed at solving problems, but mainly on reinforcement of the group-process. This stimulates communities in taking initiatives, solving problems and looking for financing-sources. This is exceptional for a country that is defined by caste-differences, poverty and mutual mistrust.

## **EAST-TIMOR**

In 1975 East-Timor became independent of Portugal, only to become incorporated shortly after that by Indonesia. At the referendum of 1999 a great majority voted for independence, after which bloody riots and great destruction followed. The country was placed under supervision of the United Nations. In 2002 East-Timor was internationally recognized. The country is relatively poor and dry, has a lacking infrastructure and no industry of any consequence. The main part of the one million inhabitants is catholic. There are several local languages; Tetum is the most important. Further many people speak Indonesian. The official language is still Portuguese.

### **COMMUNITY BUILDING IN EAST-TIMOR**

W 009166 Fusona is the social diaconal arm of the Protestant Church of East-Timor, the IPTL. Fusona mainly targets the rural population, in the area of agriculture, medical care, trade and water. Fusona closely cooperates with local communities, so people take their development into their own hands. That way farmers can improve their income by among others new agricultural techniques and mutual saving systems. In three clinics Fusona provides medical care. In the mean time Fusona has become a professional organization which does its own fund-raising. ICCO and KIA mainly aim for the area Same in the poor south.

## **PAKISTAN**

Pakistan is politically instable. In the west the country borders on Afghanistan and in the east on India. The relationship with both neighbouring countries is very tense. About 97% of the population is Muslim. The rest is a mixture of Christians (2%) and other religions. In Pakistan minorities have little or no rights; they are being discriminated in basic provisions and in looking for jobs. There is no safety net in case of illness. The state-education and medical provisions are qualitatively bad, because a lot of money is spent on military purposes. In parts of the rural area is great drought, which increases because of the climate change.

### **RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN SINDH**

W 004511 – The province Sindh is a dry and poor area. Because of the lack of water the soil salifies and renders too little return to live on. There is also too little drinking water, which causes people to fall ill. Furthermore the population is put on arrear by the government. The Organization for Rural Development in Lower-Sindh (SSEWA-Pak, previously LSRDA) executes an integral development program, with among others attention for sustainable agriculture, human rights and community building. Examples from the training program are courses on avoiding pesticides, minority rights and local leadership.

### **ECONOMICAL WOOD BURNERS IN MIRPURKHAS**

F 004511 – The Mirpurkhas-district in the province Sindh is part of the poorest regions of Pakistan. The inhabitants live of irrigated agriculture. Wood is used for cooking. However, because of the drought fire wood has become rare. The organization SSEWA-PAK wants to provide 1500 families with efficient wood burners. With the population is first worked on a good prototype for the new ovens. Further they will plant 7500 trees. Thanks to these trees the women need to walk less far to get wood; besides the new burners use less wood.

### **RELIGIOUS AND DIACONAL COMMUNITY WORK IN RAIWIND**

Z 009305 / K 009305 – The Church of Pakistan in the small church-province Raiwind does a lot of diaconal work, also on behalf of non-Christian people. Especially projects in the area of work and income, education and prophylactic health-care. There are also programs for orphans and mentally disabled children and for prostitutes. Further religious leaders are being trained. In the future the projects in Raiwind can be an example for other parts of Pakistan.

## **11. LATIN-AMERICA**

### **ENTITLED TO PRIVATE LAND IN REGION GRAN CHACO**

Gran Chaco is a region which spreads over South-east-Bolivia, West-Paraguay and North-Argentina. For decades the native peoples in the area have been fighting for their habitat and fundamental rights. The inhabitants share a culture of hunting and collecting. Their natural environment offers them the means for their existence. These are however threatened by deforestation, which is the result of comprehensive agriculture. Since 2006 thanks to legislation there has come more space to make an inventory and record of the rights of native peoples. In the North-Argentine regions the organizations JUM (W 009184) and Asociana (W 009247) offer legal support to native leaders and communities in their battle for the land rights.

### **GOOD LABOUR CIRCUMSTANCES AT BANANA GROVES**

W 009657 – The bananas on our fruit bowls are often produced under difficult circumstances. The workers on the groves in Latin-America – often juveniles between 16 and 29 years old – earn little and live below the poverty line. They work with dangerous machines and toxic agents, or are being overburdened. And those who become members of a union can be fired or threatened. Bananalink, a small professional organization, acts upon this. Together with among others eight Latin-American unions they put these wrongs on the agenda: locally and internationally. Starting mid-2009 ICCO and KIA together support this partner.

### **BOLIVIA**

In Bolivia the majority of the population is from Indian descent. The major part belongs to Quechua and Mestizo, a somewhat smaller part is Aymara. It is a poor country with bad infrastructure. About 20% of the ground surface is suitable for agriculture, but not even one quarter is being utilized. According to ICCO and KIA one of the major problems in Bolivia is the discrimination of the poor Indian population. KIA supports theology-training with attention for the Indian context. Further there is support for sustainable agriculture and for projects which promote the rights of youth, children and women.

### **IMPROVEMENT INCOME TRENDS RURAL BUSINESSES AND HOUSEHOLDS**

W 004750 – In the district of the Rio Chico is a lot of poverty. In order to provide the population with food and income the organization PASOS supports the local food producers. Tomatoes, peppers and cabbages are grown in the region. 160 small producers receive help from PASOS for the improvement of their business. PASOS is a small, flexible organization, specialized in the development of rural businesses. The companies get help from the complete commercial chain: for more return and a better quality, for better storage, processing and transport of the goods, and to set up a fair and transparent market-system. Additional advantage for the population is the increased supply of ecologically sustainable vegetables.

### **ECUMENICAL THEOLOGY FOR BOLIVIA**

Z 009187 Many Christians in Bolivia are from Indian descent. The Instituto Superior Ecuménico Andino de Teología (ISEAT) is an ecumenical theology-education in La Paz. The ISEAT takes the Indian background of the students as starting point. They look for the meaning of religion in the Bolivian situation. This shows in the discussion on the relationship between Christianity and Indian spirituality. The students, mostly Aymara-Indians, come from various churches, for example the Methodist Church, the Lutheran Church or the Roman-Catholic Church.

### **BRAZIL**

The south of Brazil has a western character and is fairly prosperous, but also poor. The north and the north-east are socially and economically less developed. We support projects in the area of discriminated groups, sustainable agriculture, theology-education, climate-issues, and the battle against sexual exploitation of women, children's rights and HIV/aids control. On behalf of KIA Professor Lieve Troch holds the chair 'Theology in perspective of women' at the Ecumenical Institute for Postgraduate Studies (IEPG) in Sao Paulo.

### **FACING CLIMATE CHANGES**

F 009193 – Rureco is an organization of and for small farmers, which stimulates sustainable agriculture and planting of innate plant species. Rureco reaches about 600 farmer's families which specialize in biological agriculture. Biological agriculture is important, because aside from healthy food and incentive for local economy, it contributes to greater bio-diversity and to climate control. The government should give more support to climate control. Therefore Rureco does a lot of lobbying with communities, federal authorities and companies. Rureco cooperates with similar organizations in other states of Brazil.

### **REINFORCEMENT OF AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES**

W 002614 – CESE is an ecumenical organization which was founded by five large Brazilian churches. The organization works on a local, national and international level. A project of CESE in the north of Brazil targets small

farms. The purpose is to reinforce the enterprise. This is done by means of financial support, but also by training and enhancement of cooperation in cooperatives. CESE has a large and refined network, through which the support reaches the proper companies and groups.

### **ORGANIZATION REINFORCEMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY GO HAND IN HAND**

W 005052 – FetrafSul is the issues-organization of over 100.000 small farmers in southern Brazil, which reinforces farmer-organizations in the poor regions, for example by support for biological agriculture, youth- and women's work and market sales of sustainable soy. Further there is also attention for legalization of land-ownership, better housing, credit-facilities and bio-fuels. Also FetrafSul lobbies with the government for more chances for small agriculture.

### **UNICAFES JOINS FORCES FOR FARMER-FAMILIES**

W 009257 – For the reinforcement of family-agriculture it is of great importance that cooperatives co-operate and sustain each other. Therefore ICCO and KIA support Unicafes, the national union of cooperatives in family-agriculture and solidary economy. This is still a young organization and is best developed in southern Brazil. United with Unicafes are: production cooperatives (for example dairy cooperatives), service cooperatives (for example agricultural advice) and savings – and credit cooperatives. Unicafes is a member of the international farmers association IFAP. The support goes through TRIAS in Belgium. There is an intensive exchange between Unicafes and farmer's organizations in Belgium.

### **TOILET AND WASH ROOMS FOR FAMILIES IN DRY BRAZIL**

W 001872 – The north-east of Brazil is a dry area. During a short period of the year heavy rains fall, the rest of the time it is bone-dry. The best remedy is to collect rain-water, both for agriculture and drinking water as well as sanitary provisions. Diaconia works on behalf of a number of Protestant and Evangelical Churches on water-projects. The purpose is to provide farmer-families with sanitary in the form of a specially designed sanitary equipment with toilet and wash room and water tank. The used water can be filtered and re-used for irrigation of crop.

### **POPULAR BIBLE-READING GIVES PEOPLE STRENGTH**

Z 009196 – In the whole country the centre for Bible-studies (CEBI) is active with the popular reading of the Bible: poor people read the Bible together and discover that it is about their own life; that God is also involved in their life. This inspires them to have a different outlook on their life, the courage to go on in sometimes difficult circumstances and the power to fight wrongs. CEBI publishes Bible-study-material and has Bible-courses in all kind of levels.

### **CUBA**

Cuba is a communistic governed country with great social, economical and political problems, on which there is little communication abroad. After Raúl Castro took over from his brother Fidel in the beginning of 2008, the socialistic ideals faded away and the Cubans are getting less isolated from the rest of the world. Now the churches are less discriminated large numbers of Cubans seek refuges in the churches. By lack of manpower money and materials the churches can offer little material help. Indeed the churches are the places where people can speak confidentially on social and pastoral topics.

### **EQUIPPING CENTRE KAIROS**

Z 009211 – The Protestant and ecumenical equipping centre Kairos in the Cuban town Maranzas executes, aside from their program for elderly people and a social program, a liturgy program in which young people take courses in the area of music, dance and theatre. They consequently apply these art-forms in the liturgy of their churches. It is the intention to develop a private Cuban Christian culture through this. In this area there is hardly any tradition in Cuba. Hans Spinder and Wil Arts as emanated employees of KIA give their cooperation in a number of activities of Centro Kairos.

### **ECUADOR**

Ecuador is a small country in the Andes. Since the end of the nineties the country hit an economical down, among others by decreasing oil prices. The inflation is still increasing and because of cheap import local farmers are in deep problems. This weakens Ecuador. In political view the country is instable and has a weak negotiating position on the important agreements as ALCA, which should provide Inter-American free-market. In the own country the president is faced with the task to tackle the differences between city and rural areas and white and natives.

### **REFLECTION FOR THEOLOGY TRAINING**

Z 009180 – The Seminario Sudamericano (Semisud) is a theological training, associated with one of the larger Pentecostal Churches in Latin-America. The students come from all over the continent. The future executives for the Pentecostal Churches are equipped at Semisud for the specific challenges of the Latin-American context. KIA

supports the master-schooling which emphasizes getting acquainted with other theological views and reflection on faith and the religious practice. In 2009 a theology teacher will be emanated by KIA. One of the goals is to gain insight in the question why precisely the Pentecostal Churches appeal to the poor population in Latin America.

## **GUATEMALA**

Guatemala is one of the poorest countries in Middle America, where agriculture and the export of agricultural products are still the main source of income. The Berger government concentrates mainly on free market and export. They pay little attention to the solution of the land problems, while in various regions the tension between the landless farmers and landowners is growing. Many of the twelve million Guatemalans are dependant of farming. The human rights situation in Guatemala is cause for concern. ICCO and KIA support organizations opposing impunity, help to build the rule of law and want to decentralize power and means in order for regions and citizens to get more influence.

## **EVANGELICAL CENTRE FOR PASTORAL STUDIES**

Z 009213 Cedepca is the Spanish abbreviation for Evangelical Centre for Pastoral Studies in Central America. Cedepca offers training at various levels. Basic courses bible knowledge to support local church leaders, a course pastoral care with for example classes administration, service of the Word, evangelization and pastoral work; and academic studies at bachelor- and master level. Further Cedepca promotes equality of women by training, publications and workshops. Cedepca also teaches courses to fight violence against women.

## **NICARAGUA**

In Nicaragua ICCO and KIA support churches at local and regional level. They have an important role in food security, environment and theological equipping of uninitiated. Further KIA supports a theological training and a program to prevent sexual exploitation of children. Emanated employee Marieke Kamerbeek trains organizations to aid victims. Besides that she promotes cooperation between the organizations.

## **RELIGIOUS WORK IN RURAL AREAS**

Z 009170 – There are a lot of small communities in the rural area of Nicaragua. The pastor of a country-parish often has about 100 to 150 communities in his charge. Therefore the actual work has to be done by uninitiated. Equipo Teyocoyani is a small organization which applies itself to (biblical) equipping of these lay-people. They get courses on the Bible and the practical religious work in order for them to be better equipped for their work.

## **PARAGUAY**

Surrounded by the big neighbours Brazil and Argentina (and Bolivia) and lacking natural sources Paraguay is hard pressed. The economical crisis in 2001 in Argentina had great influence on Paraguay. Debts, lacking infrastructure and political instability defined the country in the past years. Paraguay belongs to the weakest economies in South America. About 6,5 million inhabitants live below the poverty line; especially the Garaní are hard pressed. Farmers owning land often have to make room for large soy-companies (often of Brazilian origin), producing for the European and Brazilian market. Farmers are driven out violently. The in 2008 elected president Fernando Lugo applies himself for the farmers.

## **LAND RIGHTS AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE IN PARAGUAY**

W 003426 Small farm companies in Paraguay are pressed hard, while the government offers too little support and legal security. For example they often have too little land and the available land is polluted with pesticides and artificial manure. Women and children often fall ill because of polluted drinking water. Because of clearing of the rainforest there are longer periods of drought. For years now the ecumenical organization CIPAE fights for better land rights for the small farmers. CIPAE also take care of the technical guidance and stimulation of sustainable farming. That way more people can take care of themselves.

## **PERU**

Early last year Peru elected Alan Garcia to be their new president. After a period of ineffective and chaotic management he has to restore the Peruvians trust in democracy. The country still lives with the inheritance of the violent struggle between the state and the guerrilla-movement. In spite of the political turmoil the multi-coloured country in the Andes lives through a considerable economical growth, thanks to the many commodities Peru has. This also leads to increasing disparity; struggle between poor and rich, between city and rural area and between whites and natives. Just as other Latin-American countries Peru is pestered by forms of 'new violence': violence of youth- and drug gangs, sexual exploitation of girls and women and domestic violence.

## **EXAMPLE MARKET WITHOUT CHILD LABOUR**

K 009176 – In Peru child labour is forbidden. Yet over two million young children work in this country. On the market Jorge Chavez work 150 children; another 100 are at the verge of joining them. They drag, shine shoes or work in sales. They have long days and often need to walk the street to get to their job. CESIP is an organization

which, in cooperation with the market-organization, parents and schools tries to offer these children less work and more education. This market is one of the places where CESIP fights child labour.

### **RE-USE OF GARBAGE IN LIMA**

K 009176 – In the district Lomas de Carayillo in Lima you smell it immediately: here is the largest dumping-ground of the city. On the smoking refuse-dump complete families swarm, looking for something usable, which can be later sold for a few cents. Especially young children are often obstructed in their health, physical development and going to school. CESIP wants to protect the rights of these children in cooperation with the local school Juan Pablo II and help them to work less, play more and attend school and to improve their health.

## **12. EUROPE**

### **ROMA-GADJE VOLUNTEERS-YEAR FOR JUVENILES**

The nomads-people Roma spread around the year 1200 from India over Europe. Gadje is the name which Roma give to everyone who does not belong to their people. Since old times Roma have been characterized as being lazy and criminal; resulting in that they are being perceived as outsiders by many societies. Through the diaconal bureau of the Reformatus-church in Budapest young people from Europe and North-America can get to work for a year in a Roma-Gadje project in Hungary or Ukraine. Purpose of this project is to improve the life circumstances of the Roma in Europe and to break-through the prejudices. This is done by bringing Roma and Gadjes in contact with each other in Middle- and Eastern Europe and also in the Netherlands. In the Netherlands this project is stationed by Together, the international youth-program of ICCO and KIS ([www.together.nl](http://www.together.nl)).

### **A VOICE FOR ROMA**

W 009221 - Roma live all over Europe and they are the largest minority-group. Especially in Easter-Europe and the Balkans Roma live in the slum areas and have hardly access to education, health care or labour market. ERGO is an organization which pleads self-awareness and the interest of Roma all over Europe. Joined Roma-organizations in Romania and Bulgaria are supported by KIA. Next to local help in the area of for example housing Roma are being stimulated in organization development, leadership and faith in a better future.

### **BELARUS**

Belarus is independent of the Soviet-Union since 1991. It is a republic with an authoritarian government. Public activities which have not been authorized by the state are penal. Profession of faith or peaceful protest for example may lead to prison-sentences and monetary penalties. Yet the population is religious, often (Russian-) Orthodox. A minority, about 3% is Protestant. In Belarus white slavery is a big problem. Under false pretences women are recruited for prostitution in Western-Europe. The state often treats these women not as victims, but as offenders.

### **BATTLE AGAINST WHITE SLAVERY**

W 009243 – YWCA – La Strada Belarus is an association of various social organizations in Belarus. The organization has a powerful program in the battle against white slavery. The organization does social work among victims and makes the trade in women visible through the media. By means of prevention programs is tried to avoid new women and girls to get caught by the slave traders. Further the organization urges the government for better legislation and law enforcement and for follow up on the government's obligations in the area of human rights.

### **BULGARIA**

Also in Bulgaria KIA supports projects for Roma and missionary activities. We want to stimulate the cooperation of the churches in Bulgaria for spreading the Gospel.

### **POKROV MISSIONARY WORK**

Z 009220 – During communism many people in Bulgaria became alienated from religion. For years the Pokrov Foundation has been partner of KIA. This professional orthodox laity-organization works in many ways on the rooting of the Christian ideas in society. The focus of Pokrov Foundation is in diaconal work, which is seen as fundament of Christian vocation. The organization established a diaconal fund which aims for enforcement of diaconal structures and of concrete small-scale projects. Further Pokrov created a web portal with information on faith and society. The organization organizes photo-contests and pilgrimages to holy places in the land and has its own publishing company, which publishes books of orthodox, catholic and protestant authors. There is a growing market for that in Bulgaria.

### **MOLDAVIA**

Moldavia is a third-world-country in Europe: it is poorer and less developed than for example Vietnam or El Salvador. Many Moldavians live and work illegally abroad, at estimate a quarter of the population. Men often find a job in construction in Russia. Many women and girls unfortunately are a prey for the traders for the sex-industry in Western-Europe. Children stay behind alone. KIA supports the work of the Moldavian churches in the battle against white slavery and the diaconal work for those living below the poverty line.

### **HELP FOR VICTIMS OF WHITE SLAVERY**

W 009226 – People who have been victims of white slavery often are not accepted in society, while they are urgently in need of help and acknowledgement. Elderly people as well are a vulnerable group in Moldavia. MCA is an initiative which unites the forces of various Moldavian churches: Orthodox, Catholic, Lutheran and Baptist churches together have an almost comprehensive reach in the Moldavian society. This way the vulnerable groups are very well reached with diaconal and development programs. In MCA the churches cooperate on acceptance of victims, shelter, reintegration and information.

## **UKRAINE**

Ukraine is a country full of contrasts. There is economic growth, but also a lot of poverty and corruption. Churches are of importance, but they are mutually engaged in quarrel and mistrust. KIA supports children and young people in a scrape, and applies itself for peaceful discussions between the churches. Emanated employee Heleen Zorgdrager is a teacher at the Greek-Catholic University. She teaches protestant church history and theology at the theological faculty and works on the ecumenical institute. This institute wants to promote a peaceful discussion between the churches in the land and abroad.

## **BIBLE TRANSLATION CRIMEAN TATARS**

Z 009446 The Crimean Tatars is a demographic group living on the Crimean Peninsula in Ukraine. They are socially discriminated. The Crimean-Tatar language is spoken by approximately 300.000 people in the world. In Crimea live over 260.000 Crimean Tatars; the majority is Muslim, a small minority is Orthodox or Protestant. The Tatars do not have a Bible in their own language. The Institute for Bible translation in Moscow is working on a translation into Crimean Tatar. Being able to read the Bible in the private language contributes to spreading of the Gospel and to the self-awareness of this small people.

## **PROFESSIONAL CARE FOR DISABLED CHILDREN**

K 518806 Dzhherelo Children's Rehabilitation Centre in Lviv was established in 1993 by parents of mentally and physically disabled children. Purpose of the centre is to offer these children optimal development in physical functioning as well as independence, intellectual development and social integration. Dzhherelo has a modern, innovative approach and is an example for the care for disabled in Ukraine. The power of Dzhherelo is in private initiative, parents-participation, care for rights, mobilization of the social environment of children and communication with the local authorities.

## **ROMANIA**

Romania is an important land for KIA. This country on the verge of East and West is a meeting place for cultures, religions, languages and peoples. The focus of KIA is in missionary work, the promotion of ecumenism and the contact with the Reformatus-Church and other churches, as the Romanian-Orthodox. Emanated employee Foka van de Beek works as teacher at the Protestant Seminary on the town Cluj. Since Romania joined the European Union in 2007 KIA no longer gives diaconal support to partners in the country. We have prepared them for this in the past years by helping with organization building and professionalizing.

## **MISSIONARY TESTIMONY IN SOCIETY**

Z 009422 Areopagus is a centre for Christian Studies and Modern Culture in Timisoara. Its purpose is to help Christians of various churches in finding ways for having more impact on Romanian society. Areopagus is a small, inspiring centre which brings people of many denominations together. Areopagus wants to teach young people to integrate their faith in their work and in their life. Education, books and social work are the tools Areopagus offers young people in order to bring their faith into practise.

## **HEALING OF MEMORIES: RECONCILIATION BETWEEN CHURCHES**

Z 012918 – In the turbulent history of Romania a lot of pain and misunderstanding developed between churches and demographic groups, such as Hungarians and Romanians. Purpose of the project Healing of Memories is for the churches to find a way into the future; Jewish and Islamic delegates also participate. Together they study the past. The results are encouraging. In 2009 a pastoral training starts in cooperation with theological faculties in Romania. Priests, ministers and religious volunteers are being equipped to guide the intercultural discussion in local groups. That way reconciliation gets a little closer.

## **RUSSIA**

For the past ten years Russia became richer, however the land surrendered freedom under Putin. Almost all media are controlled by the Kremlin and there is incompatibility with everything which is 'different'. The Orthodox Church openly supports the government. KIA has partner organizations in Russia which apply themselves based on Christian inspiration for a tolerant and democratic society.

## **ECUMENICAL MISSION IN RUSSIA**

Z 009235 – In the ecumenical association IPAC in St. Petersburg Orthodox, Roman-Catholic and Lutheran Churches cooperate to make the Christian voice heard in society. IPAC works on programs for catechism in an atmosphere of tolerance, human rights and pluralism. The disease of fundamentalism which leads to xenophobia can be healed by education in an atmosphere of openness and creativity. IPAC is doing research on mission on the Russian situation; they organize peace-weeks and apply themselves for 'the other (democratic) Russia'.

## **INTEGRAL HELP FOR TRAUMATIZED CHECHNYA**

W 003143 – In Chechnya the war situation goes on and on. Many people are traumatized, wounded or disabled. The Chechnian organization Denal helps these people. Since the establishment the organization is supported from the Netherlands, among others by KIA. Denal has an approach which is unique for the region, from psycho-social, medical and educational angle. People in acute peril can turn to Denal, also for long-term guidance. Further the organization wants to start with aid for vulnerable groups, like disabled and young people at risk.

## **13. EMANATED EMPLOYEES**

### **AFRICA**

#### **GHANA**

##### **AAD VAN DER MAAS**

The Presbyterian training centre in Tamale is the training institute of the Presbyterian Church in Ghana for religious workers in North-Ghana. The small crew consists of a director, a deputy director and Aad van der Maas, who has been emanated since 2004 by KIA. He is also teacher at the training centre. Aad lives in Ghana together with his wife Dineke and sons Chris and Josef.

##### **ALBERT AND DINEKE FERWERDA-ARENDS**

The Ramseyer Training centre (RTC) wants to give the religious staff innovative education. The centre develops courses on site and emphasizes the social-economical issues. Aside from the basic training for religious workers the centre trains youth workers, gives courses in church-administration and workshops on themes like gender and HIV/aids. Since 2006 the ministers-couple Albert and Dineke Ferwerda are part of the crew of RTC.

#### **MOZAMBIQUE**

##### **HETTE DOMBURG AND PETRA DOORN**

In Ricatla is the (only) theological Seminary for Protestant Mozambique. The training is especially important for church leaders in the rural area. Since 2006 Hette Domburg and Petra Doorn are teachers at the Seminary. KIA supports the Seminary as well as scholarships, distance theology education and necessary investments on the campus. Hette and Petra have two sons: Freek and Teun.

#### **ZAMBIA**

##### **HENK AND DEBORAH VAN DEN BOSCH**

Justo Mwale Theological College (JMTC) educates the ministers for the Reformed Church in Zambia, as well as for some other Presbyterian churches in Zambia and Malawi. Since May 2005 Henk van den Bosch and Deborah van den Bosch-Heij work on behalf of KIA as teachers Practical Theology at JMTC. They live in Lusaka together with their daughter Sarah and son Daniël.

### **MIDDLE EAST**

#### **PALESTINIAN AREAS**

##### **META FLOOR**

Since July 2007 Meta Floor has been emanated to Jerusalem. Meta Floor: "I work at Sabeel, a Palestinian theological institute in East-Jerusalem. Here I work on the international program, in which we work on awareness of the churches in the west. Further I communicate with the Dutch rank and file on the situation and vision of Palestinian Christians."

### **ASIA**

#### **AFGHANISTAN**

##### **MARJA VOS**

The International Assistance Mission (IAM) has applied itself for over forty years for the improvement of the health care in Afghanistan. KIA has supported them since the seventies. KIA contributes to alternative and additional energy. Small waterturbines are built which provide enough electricity for a complete village. Since October 2006 Marja Vos has been emanated by KIA and is working as a nurse in a remote mountain valley in Middle-Afghanistan.

#### **PAPUA**

##### **MARIJKE WERIMON-BAKKER**

The Religious Women-centre (P3W) of the Evangelical Christian Church in Papua gives training to women and girls. Marijke Werimon-Bakker will be working till the end of the year at P3W as (special) emanated employee on behalf of KIA.

## **INDONESIA**

### **JASPERT SLOB AND JOSIEN FOLBERT**

There are tensions between the various religious groups in Indonesia, especially between Muslims and Christians. The organization Percik organizes meetings on Java to improve the relation between Christians and Muslims. The religious leaders and young people have an important role in this. Jaspert Slob and Josien Folbert have been emanated to Percik since the beginning of 2006.

### **KEES DE JONG**

Theologians and ministers get an education at the theological faculty of the Christian University Duta Wacana in Yogyakarta. Since January 2005 Kees de Jong works as emanated employee at Duta Wacana. He teaches contextual theology and church history. With his wife Tuti and their daughter Devi and son David Kees de Jong lives in Indonesia.

## **THAILAND**

### **KARSTEN VAN STAVEREN**

Thailand is mainly Buddhist, 1% of the population is Christian. Therefore the work of Karsten van Staveren for the Church of Christ in Thailand is of great importance for this church. Karsten works as a teacher systematic theology at the Theological Faculty McGilvary of the Payap University in the North-Thai town Chiang Mai. He is also tutor of students which are doing their internship. His wife Irene works at the Faculty Pharmacy. Karsten and Irene have been emanated since January 2005.

## **LATIN-AMERICA**

### **BRAZIL**

#### **LIEVE TROCH**

On behalf of KIA Professor Lieve Troch holds the chair of 'Theology in perspective of women' on the Ecumenical Institute for Post-graduate Studies (IEPG) in São Paulo. Further scholarships are granted to theology-students. Purpose is forming a good theological staff at doctorate level in Latin-America.

### **CUBA**

#### **WIL ARTS AND HANS SPINDER**

Because of the enormous growth of the churches there is great demand for theological training in Cuba. KIA supports the Protestant Theological Seminary (SET) in Matanzas with a contribution to the salary of Hans Spinder and Wil Arts. They have been attached to the Seminary as teachers since 2004.

### **NICARAGUA**

#### **MARIEKE KAMERBEEK**

For many years KIA supports organizations in Middle America which try to oppose sexual exploitation. Since April 2007 Marieke Kamerbeek has been emanated to train these organizations provide victim service in the most effective way. She also supports co-workers and promotes cooperation between various organizations. Marieke lives with her husband Yader Jiron and daughter Yadira in Nicaragua.

## **EUROPE**

### **UKRAINE**

#### **HELEEN ZORGDRAGER**

Since August 2005 theologian Heleen Zorgdrager has been appointed as a teacher at the Greek-catholic University in the Ukrainian town Lviv. Her task is to teach Protestant theology and church history. She also works in the ecumenical institute in Lviv and maintains contacts with other theological educations in the country. Heleen also works for the Mission-department.

### **ROMANIA**

#### **FOKA VAN DE BEEK**

Theologian Foka van de Beek works since January 2005 as teacher at the Protestant Seminary on the Romanian town Cluj. Half of her time she teaches (Dutch language, Bible-study, missiology). Further she explores the theological and religious situation in Romania and tries to build bridges.

### **NEW EMANATIONS IN 2009**

KIA plans to emanate new employees in 2009. The independent training institute in Hyderabad India will be reinforced with an employee.

Also a teacher is appointed at St. Paul's United Theological College in Kenya. This training institute trains men and women to become ministers for churches in the region.

The Seminario Sudamericano (Semisud) in Ecuador may expect a teacher theology. One of the goals is to get insight in the question why precisely the Pentecostal Churches appeal to the poor population in Latin-America.

## 14. BUDGET

| KIA<br>(AMOUNT IN<br>€)                               | POOR RELIEF<br>IN THE<br>NETHERLANDS | MISSION           | WORLD<br>POOR<br>RELIEF | EMERGENCY<br>AID | CHILDREN<br>IN A SCRAPE | FAIRCLIMATE    | TOTAL KIA         |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| <b>Budget 2009</b>                                    |                                      |                   |                         |                  |                         |                |                   |
| <b>INCOME</b>   |                                      |                   |                         |                  |                         |                |                   |
| Return voluntary fundraising                          | 2.045.000                            | 8.935.000         | 9.010.000               | 2.600.000        | 3.775.000               | 510.000        | 26.875.000        |
| Share of third parties in actions                     | 0                                    | 0                 | 600.000                 | 0                | 0                       | 0              | 600.000`          |
| Contributions Protestant Church from destiny-reserves | 0                                    | 550.000           | 550.000                 | 0                | 0                       | 0              | 1.100.000         |
| Financial (quota) contribution PKN                    | 500.000                              | 0                 | 0                       | 0                | 0                       | 0              | 500.000           |
| Return service and publications                       | 51.800                               | 523.950           | 110.550                 | 26.800           | 40.200                  | 6.700          | 760.000           |
| Allowances and contributions                          | 0                                    | 2.650.000         | 350.000                 | 50.000           | 250.000                 | 0              | 3.300.000         |
| Interest return                                       | 0                                    | 20.000            | 10.000                  | 25.000           | 5.000                   | 0              | 60.000            |
| <b>Total income</b>                                   | <b>2.596.800</b>                     | <b>12.678.950</b> | <b>10.630.550</b>       | <b>2.701.800</b> | <b>4.070.200</b>        | <b>516.700</b> | <b>33.195.000</b> |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                                       |                                      |                   |                         |                  |                         |                |                   |
| Raising income  | 264.565                              | 1.135.410         | 1.133.872               | 309.938          | 462.220                 | 65.122         | 3.371.127         |
| Own activities  | 694.711                              | 1.849.307         | 1.728.028               | 178.526          | 267.788                 | 44.631         | 4.762.991         |
| Management relations and supportive projects          | 53.077                               | 1.290.445         | 1.003.275               | 403.310          | 523.303                 | 81.662         | 3.355.072         |
| Direct aid- and support                               | 1.584.447                            | 8.403.788         | 6.765.375               | 1.810.026        | 2.816.889               | 325.285        | 21.705.810        |
| <b>Total expenses</b>                                 | <b>2.596.800</b>                     | <b>12.678.950</b> | <b>10.630.550</b>       | <b>2.701.800</b> | <b>4.070.200</b>        | <b>516.700</b> | <b>33.195.000</b> |