

2020

Social Report



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History from Bem

In 1966, the Dutch missionary couple Nicolaas and Trijnie van Eijk arrived in São Paulo from Stadskanaal, Holland. After spending a year working in an institution for minors run also by Dutch people in São José do Rio Pardo, São Paulo. In 1967, the couple moved to the small town of Sabinópolis, situated in the countryside of Minas Gerais.

In 1968 the couple founded the Evangelical Pentecostal Missionary Church (IEMP). They encountered numerous social problems present in the community and realized that the Gospel was needed in the loving care of these social needs. The couple started attending children and their families in their own home. The biblical text of I John 3:17 bothered the couple and their Dutch compatriots about the social situation of this community, because there was a great number of poor, broken families and malnourished children that wandered begging in the streets of the city.

Thus, in 1973, the "Bem Estar do Menor" nursery school was founded, a legal entity and the diaconal arm of IEMP, to attend to the social demands of these children and their families. Since then, several projects and social actions have been created and developed, which over the years have contributed in a relevant way to meet the social needs, transformation and social development of the communities where BEM has expanded its work.



If anyone has the world's goods
and sees his brother in need, yet
closes his heart against him,
how does God's love abide in
him?

I John 3:17

Mission

Contribute to the integral development of children, adolescents, families and communities through sustainable socio-educational activities aimed at a dignified life.

Vision

To be a positive organization where people are valued and have opportunities for new birth, social development, advocacy and dignified life.

Values

- Commitment to families and communities to eradicate poverty.
- Cooperativework.
- Christian Principles.
- Developing people.
- Promotion and advocacy of children and adolescents.
- Joy and enthusiasm.
- To be transparant.
- Socio- environmental Responsibility



Word from the president

An unusual year!

Who could have imagined that the year 2020 would be the way it had been?

Reviewing 2019, I realised that as I was writing the opening of the report, the pandemic was beginning to show its face in our region.

Today it is impossible to count the number of people who have been contaminated by the Coronavirus and the number of deaths that have occurred in the region. Our hearts are saddened by so much damage caused in the lives of so many people and families. But not only physical health and deaths were a consequence of the small "invisible" virus. The whole society was impacted in different ways: economically and socially, in mental and spiritual health. In short, these impacts cannot be measured.

Because we work with a diverse public, we were also affected by the norms imposed by our authorities, in order to avoid the spreading of the virus and its consequences. Projects were closed, children and adolescents stayed at home, becoming a great challenge for parents. Countless families were affected in different ways. With the projects closed, parents also had no access to conversations, advice and support in the most varied ways.

A new reality for all actors. Thanks to the commitment of the team of cooperators that we have in BEM, with the support of the Evangelical Pentecostal Missionary Church, within the possibilities and reality of each project and family, contacts were maintained, even if in a "not ideal" way, through Telephone calls and "window visits" were done if possible, to try to accompany the families.

BEM managed, with help from international partners, to acquire basic food baskets and hygiene kits to assist families in their daily needs, since with the full house and the lack of work. This need presented itself at times when the government no longer participated in subsidies for families or when this had been reduced.

The family farming projects, with their form of activity, were allowed to continue. Thus, in addition to supplying several families, it has also been maintained as a form of financial resources for these families, minimizing some financial difficulties.

Besides all the pain and sadness because of the infected people and the deaths, we also experienced moments of pain and sadness because of the negative impact due to the fact that the projects were not working as intended. Adolescents participating in projects have become pregnant, children have lost their schooling, many of them not being able to follow the virtual classes offered, children suffering various forms of abuse because many of them grow up in an extremely unstructured environment. People are emotionally affected by the time in isolation and even by the lack of perspectives.

An unusual, difficult and troubled year, but even so, we can be thankful that the Lord has been gracious. All was not lost.

On the contrary, despite the results to the negative human eyes, we can rejoice by the way that the cooperators, regional managements and executive board have done their best to walk, cry and support, strengthening the families in our region. We recognize and are grateful for our friends of BEM, partner organizations, churches, and government leaders of the municipalities where we operate, who have walked with us this year, trusting in the actions and forms of action adopted in front of our goals. To our cooperators and volunteers, our gratitude and recognition of how hard this year has been for each one of you,

especially in the moments when you were powerless and sometimes overwhelmed by a feeling of uselessness in the face of seemingly impossible challenges.

Our prayer is that normality will return and that, as a mission, we will be able to carry out the proposed activities with the community, accompanying and supporting families and those who appear vulnerable before us.

I believe that the Lord God will continue to guide us with wisdom and creativity so that we can continue to serve, regardless of the moment we are going through.

To Him, all honour and praise for what has been accomplished!

Oscar van Eijk

Where are we?

BEM is located in municipalities in the Northeast of Minas Gerais State , Rio Doce Valley and Jequitinhonha Valley, as well as in Vera Cruz, Bahia State.



Minas Gerais

Sabinópolis
Euxenita
Materlândia

Paulista
Senhora do Porto
Carmésia

Rio Vermelho
Belo Horizonte
Guanhães

Bahia

Vera Cruz

Covid-19

The Federal Government declared a State of Public Health Emergency caused by the new coronavirus (COVID-19). Following the Federal regulations, the Municipalities served by BEM, through Municipal Decrees, decided to close all services that indicated risk of spreading and contamination, suspending classes, public and private events, and all types of non-essential activities.

Faced with this situation, in March, the BEM - in obedience to the issued Decrees - suspended the face-to-face service with children and families for four months (March, April, May and June) in order to contribute to the reduction of the Covid-19 infection through social isolation. This new reality and the lack of knowledge about Covid-19 brought several challenges and new needs/realities, demanding new approaches and adaptations.

Thus, from July on, a new work routine started: Cooperators with comorbidities began to work remotely from their homes (remote work or home office), while the other cooperators, respecting the health protocols, worked remotely from the BEM's premises - using social media and messaging applications (such as WhatsApp, among others), to serve the children and send activities - so that, even being at home, the children could continue learning and developing, and maintain the link with the BEM and its teachers, educators, agents and social facilitators.



Donations from PPE's to fight

To assist municipalities in the fight against Covid-19, BEM - in partnership with the Chapin Baptist Church (Chapin Baptist Church - USA) - donated to all Health Departments of the municipalities where it operates, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) items for front-line employees in the fight against Covid-19, namely:

PPE's	Description	Quantity Per City						
		Rio Vermelho	Materlândia	Sabinópolis	Guanhães	Sra. do Porto	Carmésia	Paulistas
9900	Disposable cap	1700	1300	1700	1300	1300	1300	1300
370	Disposable Aprons	70	40	70	70	40	40	40
10000	Disposable gloves	1700	1300	1700	1400	1300	1300	1300
7000	Double Layered Cotton Face Mask	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000



Donating Baskets and cleaning kits

As a way of helping families, BEM has also donated food baskets and cleaning kits to the neediest families in the projects. Part of the materials were purchased with PNAE funds and part with BEM's own resources. All these food items and kits were distributed in order to supplement the family diet and help with the children's personal hygiene.

Location	PNAE	Own Resources/Donations	Total
Carmésia	157	40	197
Materlândia	112	60	172
Paulistas	60	60	120
Rio Vermelho	168	195	363
Sabinópolis e Euxenita	313	299	612
Senhora do Porto	40	100	140
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Children and teens prevention and protection policy

BEM seeks to provide comprehensive care for children and adolescents. For this, it is based on the perspective that the welfare of minors depends directly on their situation with their family and community. Therefore, a Protection Policy for Children and Adolescents - PPCA was collectively built by social agents involved in BEM's projects. The document aims to generate an institutional strategy based on internationally established standards to provide safety and protection to children and adolescents participating in social projects developed by BEM. All cooperators, service providers and volunteers are trained annually about the PPCA. By implementing the PPCA, BEM wishes that children and adolescents are protected according to a standard of practices that keep them out of danger, with their rights preserved.



Day care

The Day Care service contributes to the integral development and social insertion of children from 0 to 3 years old in its 7 units, offering quality early childhood education for children. BEM's Day Care centres are a possible and feasible way to guarantee basic rights, building a welcoming society and aware of the duties towards Brazilian children based on Christian principles.

Kids fellowship center

This project was born from the local needs to attend to the children from 4 to 6 years old that were leaving the Day Care Center. The project aims to complement the pedagogical and conviviality activities during after school hours, from an individual perspective and to refer the older ones to the municipal and state education network of their respective cities. The child is understood as an integral being and education as a continuous process that generates social transformations.

Attendances

Day care

Location	Boys	Girls	Meals
Carmésia	33	20	4385
Materlândia	24	32	5600
Paulistas	15	16	1789
Rio Vermelho	27	29	4153
Sabinópolis e Euxenita	53	66	8487
Senhora do Porto	20	21	5008
Total:	172	184	29422

Kids fellowship center

Location	Boys	Girls	Meals
Carmésia	17	18	0
Materlândia	24	19	3400
Paulistas	2	15	528
Rio Vermelho	17	18	2045
Sabinópolis e Euxenita	17	23	1921
Senhora do Porto	8	14	604
Total:	85	107	8498

Pedagogic supervision

With the pandemic and the restrictive measures adopted by the Public Power, it was necessary to think and articulate a new way of teaching, more focused on "remote teaching" - something quite unknown and uncommon in our reality. The Daycare Managers, together with the teacher and under the supervision of the Pedagogical Coordinator, had to create new strategies of action so that they could maintain the link with the families and at the same time give continuity to the children's learning process. Thus, they started to create and send activities printed in notebooks, as well as recorded videos, so that with the help of the family, the children could be able to perform the activities, always according to the age group of the child. These notebooks were picked up at the daycare center by the parents at the beginning of the month and returned at the end for correction. Together with the notebooks, the children received all the necessary materials for the activities such as: colored pencils, glue, modeling clay, crayons and much more. Besides the pedagogical work, the children received activities on Christian ethics and other biblical teachings.

We believe that in this way, we are enabling these little treasures to grow in stature and grace before God and men.



Community centres

Nova Pousada and Rio Vermelho

Community centres develop projects in which families, communities, organizations and community leaders draw up development proposals for their communities through active participation, with the involvement of various governmental and non-governmental actors. The goal is to achieve a united and empowered community, seeking to solve the problems that exist locally through the services and articulation of representatives of public and private power.

Connected action with adolescents

The action with adolescents is carried out in partnership with the Sabinópolis Municipal Government's Living Together and Strengthening Relationships Service. The general objective is to serve adolescents aged between 12 and 17 years old in their counter-shift at the Community Centre. The goal is to enhance the value of youth, developing activities of protagonism, support and social guidance. Experienced leaders accompany the group, giving support to the projects and actions. The proposed actions are based on Christian principles and moral values.

Family Interaction action with families

The Community Centre of Rio Vermelho started a partnership with the local government. It differs from other projects with children because it proposes to assist the whole family (father, mother, sons, daughters and grandparents), each family with individual assistance from a social agent once a week. The basic proposal is to strengthen bonds by promoting activities that children and parents can develop together.

Kids fellowship Center

action with kids

It is intended to serve children aged between 3 and 11 in their counter-shift at the Community Centre. The children come from poor families where leisure options are precarious and whose families are economically and socially vulnerable. At the Kids fellowship center, the aim is to provide specific services such as school reinforcement, pedagogical activities, guitar lessons, dancing, devotionals, sports and leisure activities to develop the children's

Vamos Woerden

action with teens and families

The action aims to provide adolescents who are wandering in the street, within the territory of Chapadinha, a new community experience, through the involvement in activities through tutoring workshops, art, music, sports, digital inclusion and devotional, and through the joint work of family, school, community and BEM, which contributes to the strengthening of families and youth networks, recognizing the potential of adolescents as protagonists of their stories.

Claves

A programme to prevent abuse and sexual violence in childhood and adolescence, and to promote good treatment in the family, which operates through two methodologies: "Playing strengthens us to face difficult situations" and "Good Treatment in the Family".

Through sequential workshops, Claves provides a playful and participatory approach, promotes the reduction of vulnerabilities of children and adolescents through the development of personal, family and community strengthening factors. Songs, dances, board games, theatrical games, stories, puppets, riddles and other techniques are explored in the workshops and enable children and adolescents to empower themselves to deal with difficult situations.

Action with families

Protection and prevention of maltreatment

The action aims to strengthen the family in its protective and preventive function, providing space and support to improve the quality of life, access and guidance to social assistance rights. The work is done through workshops with groups of mothers, fathers, adolescents, community meetings to discuss collective causes, etc.



Attendances

Community centre

Service/Project	Individuals	Meals
Kid's Center Nova Pousada	26	150
Claves	18	180
Connected	59	150
Kids Center	36	125
Kids Fellowship Center	33	12
Nova Pousada's Families	185	0
Families in Rio Vermelho	135	0
Men's Group	20	0
Mom's group in Sabinópolis	35	0
Rio Vermelho Mom's Group	135	0
Zumba Group	13	0
New Seed	17	80
Artesanal Cooking	6	0
School Support	47	649
Vamos	46	76
Total:	811	1422

Results

Through the work carried out in 2020 in the day care centres and community centres, we noticed that there was:

- a) Defending the rights of the children and adolescents assisted;
- b) Pedagogical development;
- c) Basic nourishment for children, adolescents and their families;
- d) Capacity-building for families to protect themselves from the pandemic;
- e) Guaranteed care with affection, safety, respect and joy;



Agricultural products

BEM Farms

BEM produces vegetables and fruit in the planting areas distributed in the following areas: Betel, Bereia e Belém in Sabinópolis, and Berseba, in the Euxenita district - Sabinópolis. The action aims to generate maintenance of the food for the general care projects, in addition to resources from the sales of the surplus. With the beginning of the pandemic caused by COVID-19 it was observed in the municipalities where BEM operates a great drop in the economic power of the families. This occurrence can be explained by the economic downturn that affected the entire country, but mainly affected the informal workers,



who are the majority in these locations.

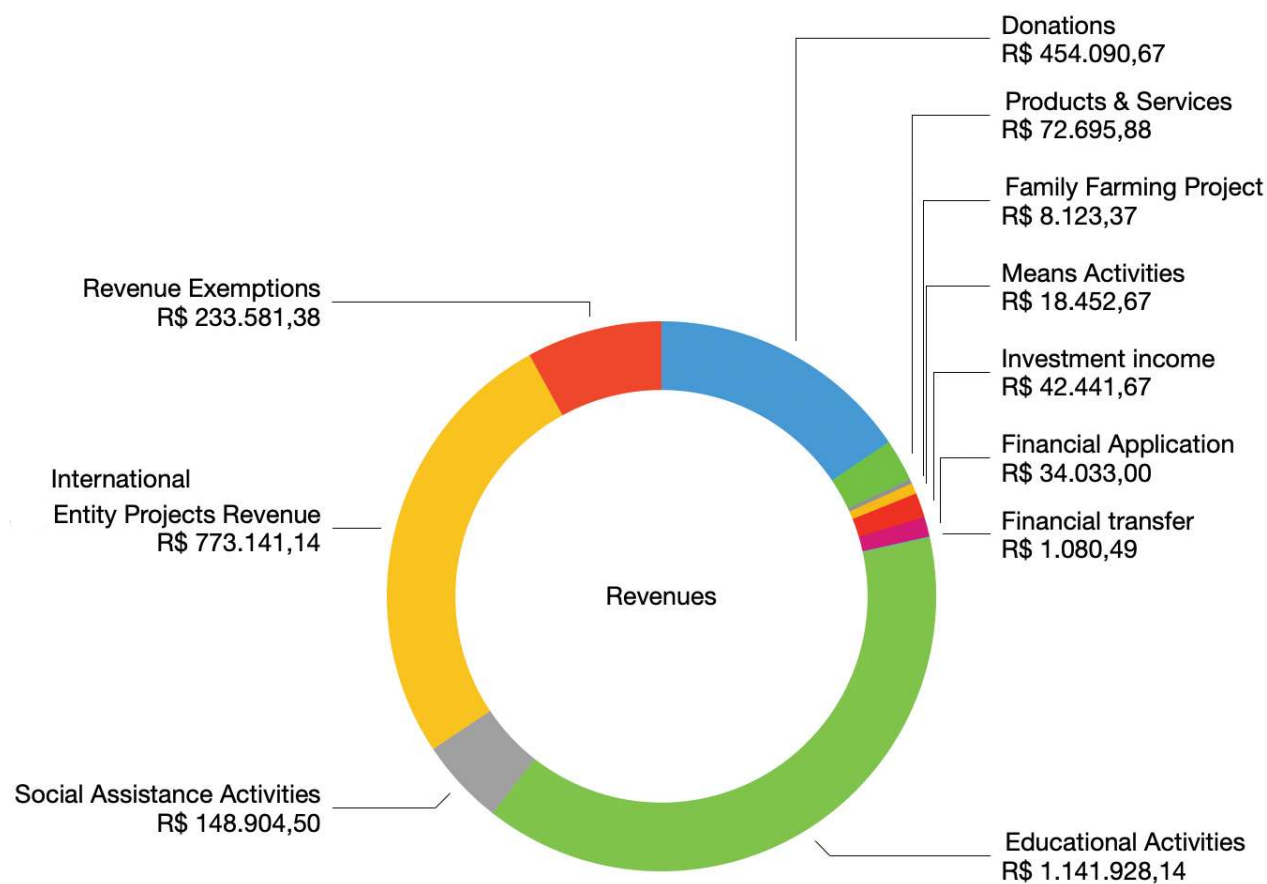
With their monthly income severely affected, many of these families were at risk of becoming extremely vulnerable, lacking even their daily food. With this scenario in front of them, the Family Farming Project has been working hard to increase its production and supply these families with food. Thus, since March 2020, the entire production of the gardens that were intended for the Daycare Project and Community Centers is being passed on to the families served by the Projects that were most affected by the pandemic. In just 9 months, the sector produced and distributed more than 3,000KG of food.



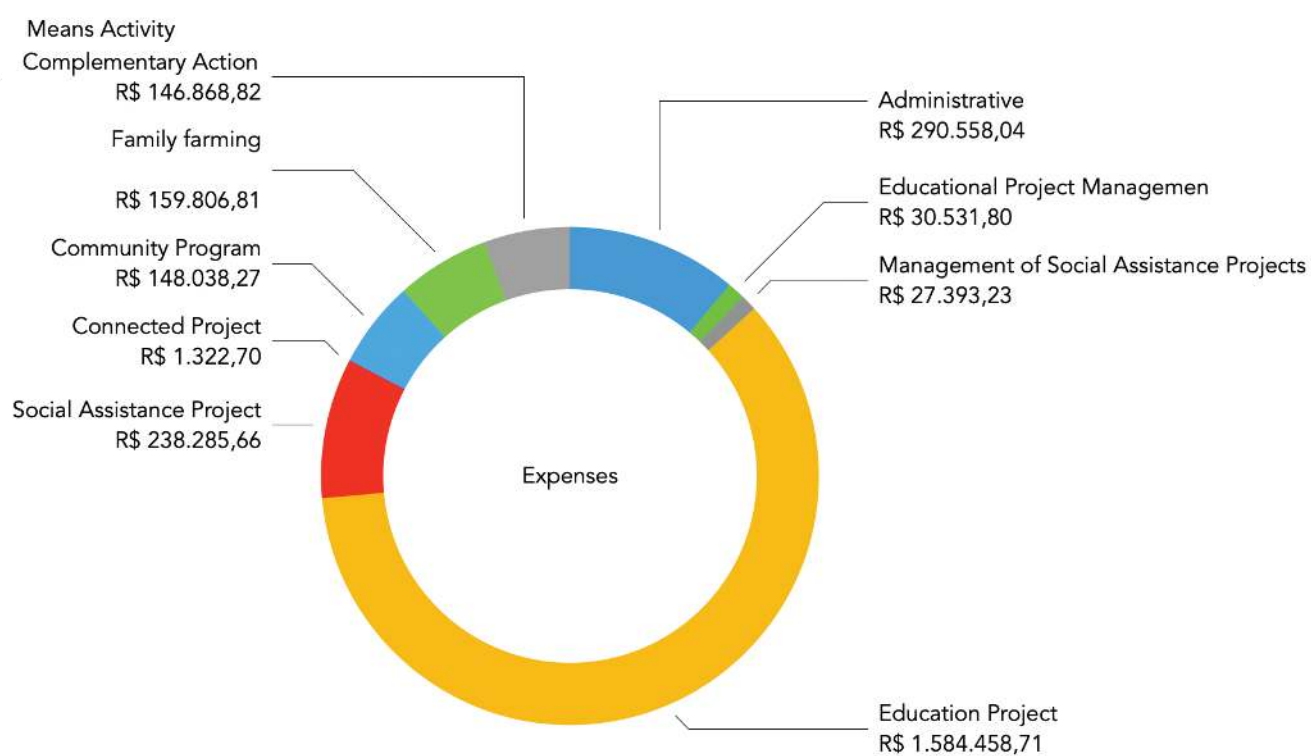
Vegetables and Fruits delivered to projects and their locations

Vegetable/Fruit	Units	Sabinópolis	Euxenita	Materlândia	Rio Vermelho	TOTAL
Pumpkin	Kg	97	37	68	68	270
Lettuce	Head	30	11	22	28	91
Chicory	Head	42	17	42	34	135
Banana	Kg	58	42	72	77	249
Aubergine	Kg	29	19	39	29	116
Beetroot	Kg	8	8	7	22	45
Chayote	Kg	0	2	0	0	2
Scallion	Head	21	13	17	14	65
Carrot	Kg	17	4	13	13	47
Cabbage	Head	20	4	17	17	58
Scarlet eggplant	Kg	11	6	11	11	39
Lemon	Kg	10	9	12	10	41
Papaya	Kg	15	9	11	11	46
Cassava	Kg	82	37	67	75	261
Mustard	Head	8	4	4	4	20
Okra	Kg	0	3	0	0	3
Pepper	Kg	5	1	2	2	10
Milkweed	Head	12	4	8	7	31
Malanga	Head	8	5	4	4	21

Revenues Bem 2020



Expenses BEM 2020



Partners

BEM has as partners in the process of elaboration and execution of social projects:

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Sociedade Bíblica do Brasil



FUNDEB



municipal governments

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Thank You

Partners and collaborators

We finish 2020 and we can say that nothing is impossible for the One who sustains us. And what about 2021? During this year, we will make known to Him everything that is too difficult for us, whether in our organizational life or in the lives of people who are in need of BEM's support. You who supported and donated to BEM's cause, our thanks!

Cooperadores

Without you all this work really would not have been possible in 2020. Thank you for believing in the work of BEM, for having faced and overcome the challenges and staying with us! You are an essential part for us to continue our work.

Thank you very much!



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Social Assistance National Council No. 256.284/74

Social Assistance Certificate of Beneficent Entity - CEBAS-MEC No. 208.530/75 Social Assistance Certificate of Beneficent Entity - CEBAS-MEC No. 672/2011

Federal Public Utility – Law No. 89.057 de 24/11/1983

STATE REGISTERS

State Public Utility of Minas Gerais – Law No. 6.692 de 26/11/1975

State Public Utility of Bahia – Law No. 8.121 de 15/01/2002

MUNICIPAL REGISTERS

Municipal Public Utility of Sabinópolis/MG – Law No. 737/77 de 30/05/1977

Municipal Public Utility of Materlândia/MG – Law No. 439 de 15/10/1999

Municipal Public Utility of Rio Vermelho/MG – Law No. 775 de 07/04/1997

Municipal Public Utility of Carmésia/MG – Law No. 323 de 06/06/1994

Municipal Public Utility of Paulistas/MG – Law No. 764 de 25/05/2008

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