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Encounter trip to Suriname 2026

Begegnungsreise nach Suriname

- Reiszeit: geplant 27.02. - 10.03.2026
- Kosten: circa 3000-3500 Euro (im Doppelzimmer)
- Leistungen: Flug von Amsterdam nach Paramaribo, Platzreservierung, Quartier in Paramaribo, Ausflug ins Binnenland, Reiseleitung, Begegnungen mit Gemeinden und Projekten (ein detailliertes Programm gibt es später)
- Teilnehmerzahl: mindestens 15, maximal 20
- Reiseleitung und Organisation: Almut Clemens, Niels Görtner, Dorothea Rohde
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Das kleine Land am südlichen Rand Südamerikas ist ein Schmelztopf der unterschiedlichsten Völker. Es hat aber eine eigenständige Geschichte, die sich aus der Begegnung mit der Mission verdichtet hat.

In Suriname gibt es eine fantastische Pflanzenwelt mit oft sehr seltsamen und schönen Begreibern. Die Natur bietet Augen in der Tropenlandschaft.

Suriname hat eine sehr vielfältige Bevölkerung, die friedlich zueinander leben. Es ist ein Land, in dem sich jeder Mensch, der nach Suriname kommt, sehr willkommen fühlen wird.

Herrnhuter Missionshilfe invites you to an encounter trip to Suriname. The trip is scheduled to take place from 27.02.-10.03.2026. The program includes meetings with congregations and institutions of the Moravian Church in the capital Paramaribo. The aim is to visit the various ethnic groups and experience the social work of the church. During an excursion into the interior, the often untouched tropical rainforest with all its magnificent plants can be visited. Encounters with rural congregations focus on their living conditions and the challenges they face. More information about the trip is available [here](#). **Almut Clemens** can also be contacted if you have any questions. **All interested persons are cordially**

invited!

State Education Commission holds working discussions at Star Mountain Rehabilitation Center SMRC



The employees of the Star Mountain Rehabilitation Center SMRC, Palestine (West Bank), received a visit from the *Commission for Education and Vocational Training in Palestine* in the near Ramallah. Saida Shoaibat and Saif Al-Anati were members of the commission. The commission's mission statement reads: "We are a national commission that seeks an integrated

vocational and technical education and training system that is characterized by efficiency and quality, that promotes innovation and entrepreneurship, and that responds to the needs of the labor market in the context of technological progress to achieve sustainable development. We strive for change through policy making,

legislation, strategic planning and development of programs and curricula.” The Commission and the SMRC agreed on a binding cooperation for the future. Three pictures [here](#).

“Ahuas Spotlight” published for winter 2025



The winter 2025 edition of the *Ahuas Spotlight* newsletter has now been published by the *Board of World Mission* BWM. See [here](#). This newsletter provides information about the *Clinica Evangelica Morava* in Ahuas on the Honduran Mosquitia. It reports on the fall 2024 meeting of the *Medical Board*. Among other things, successes in preventive health education were noted. A need for help was expressed with regard to staff training and equipping the remote clinic with technology and medication. The newsletter also reports on the fates of patients. Dr. Maylo Wood, for example, tells the story of a 38-year-old man whose life was severely endangered for weeks after a burst appendix as a result of a missed operation. Another major topic in the newsletter is the children's nutrition program.

Preparation for south-north exchange of EMS



Four young members of the *Moravian Church South Africa* MESA are currently preparing for their volunteer service in Germany. Zingce Dyonase, Anesteen Leander, Faith Joy Daniels and Leighlin Burts will be sent to Germany at the beginning of March with the [Ecumenical Volunteer Program of the Evangelical Mission in Solidarity](#) EMS. There, two of them will work in kindergartens and two will live and work on the Herrnhag. In preparation for this adventure, all four are attending a German course together lasting several weeks. On the last weekend of January, the volunteers also met in Cape Town for a preparatory seminar. Former volunteers Zikhona and Courtney reported on their experiences and gave lots of practical tips. Communication trainer Anna Katharina Opió sensitized the group to possible (cultural) misunderstandings and strategies for dealing with them were developed together. There was also a small taste of German food culture. The South African EMS volunteers receive great support from their church leadership, especially from Sr. Boneta Neethling, who masters all organizational challenges with great dedication.

New Year's greeting 2025 and appeal for intercession from the leadership of the Moravian Church in Nicaragua



In a New Year's greeting from the leadership of the Moravian Church in Nicaragua, it says in the opening section after the blessings: "May 2025 be a year in which we restore our relationship with God, with our brothers and sisters and with the whole of divine creation; a year of liberation from chains, hatred, envy and selfishness; a year of restoration of love, solidarity and fraternity; a

year of reconciliation and unity of the Church. 'Think no more of what has gone before. Pay no attention to what is past. Look, I am doing something new. It is already coming to light, don't you realise? I am making a path through the desert and roads through the wilderness. (Is. 43,18f). In 2025, we Moravians in Nicaragua are called to set a milestone in our history by holding, with God's help, the Synod of Unity, which will also approve the new constitution, scheduled for 21 to 26 January 2025. The five bishops and all members of the Church leadership ask for your unwavering prayers." More in Spanish [here](#).

Nikwisa Mwakamele visits vocational training centre in Namtumbo



As the Southern Province of the Moravian Church in Tanzania announced on Facebook on 15 January 2025, Nikwisa Mwakamele, the provincial officer responsible for widows, orphans and other vulnerable children, paid a visit to the [Moravian Church's vocational training centre in Namtumbo](#). The centre is run by Barnabas Mulundi. During the visit, Nikwisa

Mwakamele wanted to make sure that the young people she had placed at the Vocational Training Centre VTC were making the desired progress. Nikwisa Mwakamele used her visit to discuss various topics with the headmaster and teachers at the VTC, to encourage them and spur them on to work hard. In the photo posted on Facebook (see [here](#)), some of the VTC's sponsored graduates can be seen alongside the two leaders mentioned. With a blue dress: Nikwisa Mwakamele.

Synod of the South Asia Mission Province started Kathmandu

The second synod of the South Asia Mission Province began in Kathmandu, Nepal, in the



third week of the 2025 calendar year. More than 30 representatives of the congregations and educational and social institutions from North India and Nepal were together, including guests from Europe and neighbouring Myanmar, where there have been many friends of the Moravian Church for several years. The synod members

wrote: "Please pray for further fruitful consultations." In many places, church life in the South Asia Mission Province is particularly attractive to young people and provides encouragement for everyday life. The congregations find ways and means to provide material and spiritual support to people in need in their neighbourhood. Examples of this can be found in the 21-page Annual Report 2024 of the Shey Moravian Church. See [here](#). The special partnership with the British Unity Province is important for this region of the world.

Experimental learning at the Moravian Mission School in Leh, Ladakh



The children and young people at the *Moravian Mission School* in Leh, Ladakh (northern India) experienced exciting days with experimental learning units around the turn of the year 2024/2025. Some of the young people took part in a camp organised by the National Cadet Corps (NCC), which is part of the Indian armed forces. 50 pictures [here](#). Some other young

people celebrated their farewell to school. 50 pictures [here](#). A study day with a visit to the market was dedicated to healthy eating. 30 pictures [here](#). Two further study days, *Turning Trash to Treasure* and *From Kitchen Novices to Cooking Experts*, focussed on making beautiful things from waste products and teaching kitchen skills respectively. 12 and 18 pictures respectively [here](#) and [here](#) and [here](#). Finally, handicraft techniques could also be learnt - 30 pictures [here](#) – and methods of environmentally friendly construction were presented. 20 pictures [here](#).

Barrington Daley preached during the "National Heritage Week 2024" in Jamaica



Barrington Daley, President of the Moravian Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, preached at the service during *National Heritage Week 2024* in Kingston, Jamaica. See the report by Chris Patterson in the *Jamaica Information Service* [here](#). The church president said, among other things: "What kind of legacy are we leaving behind? Are we passing on values such

as love, justice and unity or are we allowing division, selfishness and greed to grow among us? The torch has been passed on to us: How do we deal with it? Do we let it burn brightly or do we allow it to flicker and eventually go out? We are all responsible for shaping the future. Cultural heritage is not just about the heroes of the past, but also about the decisions we have to make today." Sir Patrick Allen, Governor General of Jamaica, emphasised: "We must ensure that our approach to our national heritage makes future generations proud of us."

Bishop's greeting and news from the Moravian Church in Guyana



Brinmore Phaul from Guyana (formerly part of Dutch Demerara, then British Guyana), Bishop of the Unity, addressed the 700 members of the Moravian Church in Guyana in eight congregations with a greeting and a brief interpretation of Scripture at the beginning of 2025. See [here](#). Brinmore Phaul is the first native bishop of the Moravian Church from this third

oldest mission region of the Moravian Church. In his greeting, he emphasises that people should not doubt in the new year that God will fulfil his promises. Even difficult days in the vicissitudes of life could become days for all of us in which God's grace, mercy and faithfulness carry us through in a special way. - A sharing of the sermon meeting of the *Georgetown Moravian Church* on 19 January 2025 [here](#). Eine digital invitation with music to the Sunday children's service of the *Calvary Moravian Church* in Queenstown [here](#).

The "Museum of Printing History" in Genadendal



In Genadendal, South Africa, there is not only the *Moravian Mission Museum*, but also a *museum of printing history*. Photo [here](#). This museum has existed since 2003, when the successful print shop (with Heidelberg printing presses) was relocated to Cape Town and a museum was set up in the print shop building. The old print shop was built in 1858 on the

initiative of the avant-garde missionary Hans Peter Hallbeck (with a wooden Gutenberg press from the Netherlands) and was extended in 1960. Photos of the construction work [here](#). In 1914, an early joint publishing venture took place in the old printing works. The Moravian Mission, the Berlin Mission and the Lutheran Church in South Africa published the magazine *Die Huisvriend* (The House Friend) [here](#). Later, only the Moravian Church was responsible for this magazine, which had only recently ceased publication. The magazine *De Bode* (The Messenger) was



In 2025, the *Mount Tabor Moravian Church* in Bridgetown, Barbados, commemorates its founding 200 years ago. The anniversary graphic on a large banner is [here](#). The anniversary motto is: *Celebrating the past - Creating a Future for All*. For 50 Barbados dollars (just under 25 euros), you can take part in a Dancing under the Stars event on 14 February

2025 at 8 pm at Mount Tabor Primary School to mark the start of the anniversary year. Ticket [here](#). There will be many attractions on this evening: Music from a live band, awards for the best dressed woman and man and the best dancing couple, karaoke competition, food from the barbecue and deep fryer, chilled drinks, lots of raffle prizes (including gift boxes with items for the bathroom and body care), a small gift for everyone.

News in brief

1. The Friends of the *Moravian Mission Museum* in Genadendal, South Africa, have invited guests to a Valentine's Day celebration in the museum garden on 28 February 2024. The invitation reads: "Experience an unforgettable evening of love, tradition and romance under the stars, surrounded by history and in the immediate vicinity of the historic pear tree planted by missionary Georg Schmidt in 1738. Experience live entertainment! Enjoy delicious drinks! A night to savour." A poster [here](#).
2. The website of the *Tartu Academy of Theology* (TAT) in Tartu, southern Estonia, recently published a video interview with Eenok Haamer, the founder of the academy and an elderly chief elder of the Moravian Church in Estonia. See [here](#). Eenok Haamer said: "The TAT, founded in 1992, is a project that God initiated for the benefit of a small nation, the Estonian people."
3. The brass players of the Moravian Church in South Africa are well-known and popular in Germany. Their brass choirs maintain various direct partnerships with Germany and have occasionally also taken part in Moravian Brass Days in Europe. In November and December 2024, the Moravian Brass Band Union of South Africa posted several hundred current photos online. See for example [here](#) and [here](#).
4. A few weeks ago, Manuel Verástegui, the pastor of the *Iglesia Morava Somos Uno* in Lima, Peru, started posting an interpretation of a Bible verse and a short prayer on Facebook almost every day. This is how he reaches his congregation in and around the metropolis of nine million people. See [here](#). In addition to the *Somos Uno* (We Are One) congregation, Lima also has the *Rey de Gloria* (King of Glory) congregation and three house churches in the district of San Juan de Lurigancho.
5. A seminar on environmental education took place from 17 to 19 January 2025 with the participation of 25 girls at *Star Mountain Rehabilitation Center*

SMRC near Ramallah (Palestine/West Bank). This was part of the *Positive Participation for Youth programme*, which ran for several months. 17 pictures [here](#).

6. On 6 January 2025, five young people from the Moravian Church in Burundi received a support package from the *Barana Children Charity* Burundi organisation for their planned studies in the medical field. The package consisted of study materials and other items needed for successful learning. The parcels were handed over in the *Mount Carmel* congregation in the province of Ngozi. The young people who received the parcels expressed their gratitude for the help they had received and asked that the Moravian Church support other children with plans for the future. Some pictures [here](#).
7. The Facebook pages of the Southern Province of the Moravian Church in Tanzania reported on a very well-attended *seminar on the Word of God* organised by the *Jericho congregation* in Mbalizi (Mbeya region). See the three-minute video [here](#).
8. From 22 to 26 January 2025, the *Gethsemane* congregation in Kusuapaika, Brus Laguna, will host a pastors' conference of the Moravian Church in Honduras. The conference will focus on the topic: "The meaning of God's calling according to Isaiah 41:9: I have called you from the ends of the earth, from the uttermost parts of it I have called you. I have said to you: You are my servant."

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