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# Herrnhuter Mission *aktuell*

## Nachrichten der Herrnhuter Missionshilfe

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### Another success story of Starmountain



The Star Mountain Rehabilitation Center (SMRC) of the Worldwide Unity near Ramallah (Palestine/West Bank) shares the success story of Yazed, born in 2023. His story is remarkable. He lives with his mother and brother. His father works abroad and can only visit the family occasionally. He was diagnosed with achondroplasia and macrocephaly. In 2025, he joined the kindergarten program at SMRC. This

marked the beginning of a hopeful journey. At first, he cried often, resisted therapies, and had difficulty with strangers. Both verbal and nonverbal communication were barely possible. He responded minimally to instructions and interacted scarcely with his surroundings. He also suffered from muscle weakness and had little control over his head. But then, within twelve months, he made great progress through various therapies—to his own delight and that of his family—as four videos show, and he is grateful to God for this. See [here](#) and [here](#) and [here](#) and [here](#).

### Jørgen Bøytler in a podcast on creation theology and climate theology



A new podcast is available on the website of the Brødremenighedens Danske Mission (BDM) in the UNESCO World Heritage city of Christianfeld, Denmark. Journalist Svend Løbner's guest was Jørgen Bøytler, chairman of the Moravian Church's mission organization in Denmark and also the globally active Unity Board Administrator (UBA). The conversation with Jørgen Bøytler centered on the key question:

“Does the Moravian Church have a climate theology?” The theologian and missiologist’s answer: “A clear yes. It’s about creation, about the world, and how we treat nature, the globe on which we live. Our life is a gift that God has given us. We are charged with stewarding nature. And we are responsible for one another. Even though the Unity of the Brethren likes to point to Jesus as the Savior, the Redeemer, God as Creator must not be pushed into the background. We must face the fact that we humans are endangering creation.” Listen [here](#).

## Financial Report on the ZZg Christmas Campaign for Suriname



The Zeister Zendingsgenootschap (ZZg) of the Moravian Church in the Netherlands writes in a report on its 2025 Christmas campaign for Suriname: "Together, we raised 14,000 euros. 460 people received a Christmas package, including 169 children at the Leliëndaal and Sukh Dhaam children’s homes as well as at the Rebecca Scheltz and Siswa Tama girls’ boarding

schools. The children at the homes enjoyed an unforgettable Christmas celebration filled with music, dance, fellowship, and lights. The packages also went to elderly people in need at the facilities Huize Albertine, Huize Francis, Huize Ashiana, and Huize Wisma Asih, as well as elderly people living at home, and single mothers with their children. One girl at the home said, “We’d like to celebrate like this more often, get to know each other better, and make new friends.” Volunteers had previously packed the gift packages. See [here](#).

## Awards Ceremony Day at Bethlehem Moravian College



Every year, Bethlehem Moravian College in Malvern/St. Elizabeth, Jamaica, holds an Awards Ceremony, most recently on April 17, 2025. A post on Facebook read: “We celebrate outstanding achievements, we celebrate hard work, and we share unforgettable moments on our Awards Ceremony day. From exemplary dedication in the classroom to extraordinary achievements outside of class—on this day, we

honored the students who continually inspire us with their commitment and success.

Congratulations to all the award winners! You have made us proud and shown that excellence truly pays off. A video compilation looks back on the special highlights of this remarkable day." See [here](#). The awards ceremony took place in the college's Great Hall. Dozens of awards were presented.

## Seminar on Successful Entrepreneurship at the "Moravian Institute"



On April 10, 2026, the older students at the Moravian Institute in Rajpur, near Dehradun in northern India, welcomed some interesting guests. As part of the Udhyaam Entrepreneurship Program, these guests led a one-day seminar on entrepreneurship. Everyone was thrilled by the high-caliber panel of experienced entrepreneurs, freelancers, and former executives. The speakers shared inspiring stories about their personal entrepreneurial journeys and offered valuable tips and practical advice. This gave the students unprecedented insights into real-world practice and helped them understand the challenges and conditions for success in starting their own businesses. The school administration thanked the speakers for offering this seminar. Now, it's time to turn those entrepreneurial dreams into reality. More [here](#).

## March and April 2026: Turbulent months at the "Shristi Academy" in Nepal



There is a wealth of new information and photos from Kathmandu-Baneshwor, Nepal, from the International Kindergarten & Shristi Academy of the Moravian Church. [Here](#) are photos from the 2026 kindergarten graduation celebration; [here](#) is an impressive video. When asked what they wanted to be when they grew up, the children answered, among other things: police officer, pilot, heart surgeon, teacher, nurse, professional soccer player, architect. [Here](#) are pictures from the celebrations held to mark the first time children at this new school passed the Secondary Education Examination. [Here](#) is a picture from the sixth-graders' midterm exams (Basic Level Examination), in which they all received grades of A+, A, or B+. [Here](#) are pictures from a field trip by the fourth graders to the Nuwakot mountain region, home to the 18th-century palace of King and nation-

founder Prithvi Narayan Shah. Here is a [video](#) and [pictures](#) from a team-building outing for the school's teachers in the countryside.

## Synod and Ordinations in South Asia



The Moravian Church in India and Nepal (eleven congregations) and the Moravian groups in Myanmar were combined by the 2023 Unity Synod into the Missions Province of South Asia. The following was recently reported from there: "We thank God that on Saturday, April 25, 2026, in the congregation in Khokana near

Kathmandu, Nepal, we were able to conduct the ordination of Sister Kamaleshwori Pradhan as a deaconess (pastor) of the Unity and the ordination of Brother Shanti Kumar Pradhan, Sister Vani Pradhan, and Brother Ebenezer Gangmei as elders of the Unity. Please pray for these sisters and brothers, as well as for the Synod of the South Asia Mission Province, which will be held from April 25 to 29 in Kathmandu, Nepal." The ordinations were conducted by Bishop Joachim Kreusel of Great Britain. Some photos from the ordinations and the opening of the Synod [here](#).

## Literary Contest at the Moravian Church in Jagüey Grande



On April 26, 2026, the Moravian Church in Jagüey Grande, Cuba, presented the awards for a literary contest that the church had announced a few weeks earlier. The entries were judged under the following motto by the famous Cuban poet and singer Victoria de Girón: "One must fight and win, one must live and love, one must laugh and sing, one must die and rise again."

The prizes for the 60 literary works submitted by congregation members for this contest were awarded in six categories: Poetry, Décima (a ten-line Spanish poetic form), Short Story, Children's Poem, Children's Story, and Work Best Reflecting the Theme. The parish jury consisted of: José Manuel Espino Ortega, Yolanda C. Brito Álvarez, and Carlos Ettiél Gómez Abreu. The jury stated: "The number and quality of the submissions were generally satisfactory." Within the six literary categories, there were two award levels: Honorable Mention and Recognition. The highest award level was not awarded in every category. All winners received a certificate and a book as a gift. See [here](#).

## Brother Alberto—A Portrait from the Moravian Church in Peru



The Board of World Mission (BWM) of the Moravian Church in America introduces Brother Alberto, the village leader of the Chapi congregation in the Peruvian Amazon region. He has been working with the Moravian Church in this area for several years. He recently participated in a workshop in Bajo Canampa with Will Cuthbert from the BWM. He first heard about the Moravian Church during his studies

and later met BWM staff members Justin Rabbach and Samuel Gray during visits to the Amazon region. The BWM presents his life story in English [here](#). It begins: “I am happy to see so many people in church, especially the younger generation. If there is anything that can change their lives, it is God’s Word. I can assure you of that, because before I met Jesus, I lived a very worldly life, drank a lot, and eventually lost control of myself—until I met Pastor Edwin in Bajo Canampa—and with him, the Gospel and the love of Jesus.”

## Evangelina Domingo expresses her gratitude for a hymnal in her native language, Aguaruna



During a visit by staff members of the Board of World Mission (BWM) of the Moravian Church in America to the Peruvian Amazon region, Evangelina Domingo approached Will Cuthbert from Costa Rica. In her hands she held a book she cherishes deeply. In her native language, Aguaruna, she said to the evangelist: “Please convey our heartfelt thanks to those who made

it possible for us to have a hymnal in our native language. I have been a Christian since 1997—one of the first in my village—and I never thought that one day I would be able to sing all these songs in my own language. This book will mean a great deal to me for the rest of my life.” Evangelina Domingo’s congregation has been connected to the Moravian Church in Peru for years. The BWM supports this connection through visits, travel grants, and the translation of hymnals into the local language. More [here](#).

# News in Brief

1. A group from the Moravian Church in the Netherlands, consisting mainly of members of Surinamese descent, visited the Moravian Church in Albania shortly after Easter 2026. Also present were Jørgen Bøytler, the Unity Board Administrator (UBA), and Rhoïnde Mijns-Doth, the new bishop from the Netherlands who had been ordained just the previous year. They visited several Moravian Church locations in Tirana and other cities. Many photos [here](#).
2. The Cuba Foundation of the Moravian Church America has shipped a new large container of relief supplies to Cuba aboard the cargo ship North Pacific from North Carolina. As a special service for donors, a link was provided that allows them to track the cargo ship's journey live from the port in Savannah, GA. See [here](#) (circle).
3. You can find some photos from an Easter family service at the Moravian Church in Aracaju, in the state of Sergipe, Brazil, [here](#). A video is available [here](#).
4. On April 7, 2026, Herman Jintie, director of Medische Zending – Primary Health Care in Suriname, retired. For over 14 years, including eight years as director, he steered the organization's course. The staff expressed their heartfelt thanks to him for his inspiring leadership. During a transitional period, Maureen Weinberg-van Dijk will now lead the organization. More [here](#).
5. A short video from an Easter service at the church in Queenstown, Guyana [here](#).
6. The Zeister Zendingsgenootschap ZZg announces its next Mission Festival on Saturday, September 19, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the church hall and on Schwesternplatz in Zeist. See [here](#). The project at the center of all fundraising activities on this day is a drinking water project of the Moravian Church on the Mosquito Coast of Honduras.
7. The Brødremenighedens Danske Mission (BDM) in Christianfeld, Denmark, will have a new youth secretary effective May 1, 2026: Andreas Tindbæk Lunderskov (22). Just a year ago, he spent six months volunteering with the Moravian Church in Tanzania (Rukwa Province). An interview with him in Danish can be found [here](#).

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