READING THE BIBLE THROUGH THE EYES OF ANOTHER
EMS BIBLE READING PROJECT

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What’s the project about?
With this project, EMS is helping groups of various cultural and national backgrounds to “join hands” around the Bible by reading biblical texts together. In practice, two groups enter into a partnership arrangement. They select their biblical texts together, they share their insights with each other and, by employing the views of the partner group, experience these texts anew.

One tool to work with is the Project Workbook with six Bible texts chosen by an international project team on specific topics for the interaction in the groups.

The process: Two groups form a tandem and read a Bible text in their own language with their own “cultural glasses”. Afterwards, the groups exchange their insights and thoughts about the biblical passage.

Who can participate?
Together with other interested persons (your group), you look for a partner group coming from a context, church, language or country different from your own.

This way, existing international partnership groups can breathe new life into their relationships. Congregational groups can take up contact with congregations overseas. Youth groups enter into an exchange with other youth groups, Seminary students connect with other Seminary students in other parts of the world.

A myriad of possibilities!

What’s the goal?
A new intercultural understanding will develop through “reading the Bible through different cultural glasses”. You may discover new, strange, exciting, inspiring insights. Experience how the Bible text will speak into your own context and life reality.

Finally, you will be invited to choose a joint action of solidarity which will connect you with your partner group.

Three international workshops (now scheduled for Germany, Ghana, India) will bring together delegates from different partner groups who share the “fruits” of their common journey.

How to join in?

If you need assistance in finding a partner group, we will be happy to help you. The Project Workbook is available in German, English and Indonesian and can be downloaded at: www.ems-online.org

To get the process moving, your group and your partner group will agree on two or three biblical texts, defining a period of reading time and setting a date for sending reports.