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Mission 21 is engaged in 20 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America within the framework of sustainable development cooperatin and humanitarian aid for peacebuilding, education, health, food sovereignty and income generation as well as gender justice. In this way we con-  
trucute to the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. This worldwide commitment is combined with programmes for trans-cultural exchange and interreligious cooperation as well as the promotion of understanding for global interrelations



## Friends of the Archives

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### 200 Years of World History

Our archive documents more than 200 years of world history comprehensively and in many facets. 2000 linear metres of files, 60'000 historical photographs from before 1950 as well as over 7000 maps and plans testify to the mission's activities all over the world. Most of the archival material comes from the Basel Mission, which was founded in 1815. Their mission fields were mainly Ghana, Cameroon, southern India, southern China and Kalimantan (Indonesia).

### An interdisciplinary Research Archive for everyone

Researchers from all over the world visit the archives in Basel and work with our documents. They come from a wide range of disciplines such as history, ethnology, anthropology, religious studies and linguistics. People and organizations from the former mission areas contact us to learn more about their own history. The photo collection of the Basel Mission includes unique images from all over the world from the beginnings of photography up to around 1950.



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### Conservation urgently required

The valuable archive holdings are threatened by decay due to ageing. In order to preserve them further, the documents must be packed in acid-free folders and boxes. This is time-consuming and very costly. The ageing process in photographs can only be slowed down in limited ways. The digitization of the images is essential in order to preserve these contemporary testimonies for the future.

The restoration of damaged works is so expensive that it can only be carried out with own resources in the most urgent cases.

### Digitization: Preserving the original and facilitating Access

In the field of images (photographs, maps and plans), large digitization projects have already been carried out since the 1990s thanks to external support.

The digitization of documents is also indispensable in the long term and can only be achieved through donations and contributions from charitable foundations.

Digitization means:

- Protection of the valuable originals
- Preservation of photographic material
- Facilitated access for international research
- Enabling access for people from all over the world and especially from the former mission areas for whom a visit to the archives in Basel is not possible.

## Support the Research Archive with your Donation!

With your contribution you help to preserve the unique archival material for posterity.

In this way, you enable well-founded research, access to a broad public and, as a long-term project, worldwide access for people in the former mission areas and scholars worldwide.

Help to preserve the historical heritage of our unique archive!

Thank you very much!



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