

Rundbrief

Berichte und Austausch über Missionsarbeit (Apg. 14,27 / 2. Thess. 3,1)

They have a mouth and do not speak; They have eyes and do not see; They have ears and do not hear; they have a nose and do not smell; they have hands and do not touch, feet, and they do not walk; they do not make a sound with their throats.

(Psalm 115:4-7)

Trier, November 2024

Dear brothers and sisters,

what a difference! We have no God to carry; which you have to hang on the wall, or put on a table. Who, when you speak to Him, does not answer and who cannot hear! We have a God who has eyes and sees us and before whose face we can walk. Who listens to us when we pray. And one day, hopefully soon, His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives. We will come back to this world with our God here. Praise the Lord!

Ethiopia:

I would like to tell you again something about what we have experienced with our God. It's nothing spectacular, but still, and I find this remarkable: God has preserved us again on this journey. How many kilometers did we fly and drive and nothing bad happened. What a miracle. We have been told that it would be dangerous to be outside Addis Ababa. We were about 200 km from Addis, but it was all good. For me, the visit to a prison in Zuway was the best experience. There we were able to meet with about 100 prisoners. We were allowed to preach, hold a small diploma ceremony and pray with the prisoners. After the sermon, I was allowed to invite the prisoners to come forward if they wanted to convert. Although no crowds came forward, at least two prisoners came forward and accepted the Lord Jesus as their Savior. For that alone, it made sense to do the whole trip: joy in heaven!!



Two detainees

Zuway is also the place where we wanted to hold our conference. But unfortunately, that was not possible because of the weather: it had rained too much the days before. That's why everything had remained too wet. Although the construction of the conference center has made good progress, it was unfortunately not yet ready for occupancy under these circumstances. Therefore, the brothers had rented another conference center in Addis Ababa at short notice. There we were together with about 60 people. Unfortunately, there were far fewer employees than in previous years. The reason for this

is simply that it is too dangerous for employees to travel. Unfortunately, it is very unsafe in the country at the moment. That's such a shame! Whereas in the past you could move freely everywhere, this is by no means the case now.

We also had meetings with the board of the Emmaus work, with Zecharias and Aiden Erdolo from the

1 Euroschule, with Carmen Koscheny, who introduced us to the work of "New Creation" and simply a nice fellowship with various employees.



Conference at Addis

What was new was that Petra Schäfer and Verena John were able to offer Bible study for women and children in various places, which was very well received. Uwe Schäfer was able to present the Emmaus' work and make and maintain contacts. He also provided a Riso printer for the work. In addition to being able to print Bible courses ourselves, we hope to be able to generate money for the work with this machine by supplying printed materials to other organizations. My brother Gerard and I have had the privilege of preaching in several places.

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Sudan

We are glad that enough money could be collected to make a trip of Pastor Ayman and Isaaq to South Sudan possible. It was her wish to visit this country again this year. Initially, it looked as if this was not possible due to a lack of money. But lo and behold, the windows of heaven were opened, and it was possible after all.

They were in different places in the country: Juba, Aweil and Wau. There are large open doors all over the country. There were three major diploma awards with a total of over 250 students.

It is so much my wish that the courses that have been taken will change the lives of these people in the long term and that theory will be put into practice.

In the meantime, Ayman and Isaaq have arrived safely back in Egypt. This morning, he was already on his way to Alexandria again to perform two diploma awards. We are very grateful for this devoted brother and his wife Hella.



Map of Sudan

Morocco

Next week we hope, God willing and we are still alive, to fly to Morocco from Thursday to Monday. We, that is Michael Krampulz, a brother named Negib – he is Tunisian, speaks good Arabic and can therefore translate us –, Gerhard Lobe from ZAM and me. The goal is to make contacts and meet as many Emmaus students as possible. Our brother Mohammed is trying to build up the work there and has invited us to a diploma ceremony. On Sunday we hope to be together with about twenty people and are looking forward to a nice exchange and a good community.

Muhammad confided to me this week that it is difficult to work for the Lord in this country. He has to be careful and make sure that the whole thing is not too noticeable.

Dear brothers and sisters, in Egypt and also in Sudan, the doors are wide open. When I spoke to Ayman this morning, he said, *"We absolutely need large amounts of printed courses. We have requests from so many cities and areas. Please help us"*.

I know that with the Emmaus app we can also reach many people. Then you don't need printed courses anymore. But there are no internet connections everywhere and not everyone in these countries has a suitable mobile phone for it. So, if one or the other would like to help us a little, he or she is cordially invited.

Well, a warm greeting and thank you for your interest!

A warm greeting from Mertesdorf, yours,

Wim and Anita Hoddenbagh

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