

Rundbrief

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"Persevere in prayer and watch in it with thanksgiving"
(Colossians 4:2)

Trier, November 2024

Dear brothers and sisters,

At the beginning of this month, we asked you to pray for our trip to Morocco and we had the feeling that you did. I know, not everyone did that off course. I have the same problem. But also through my WhatsApp status I saw that many were traveling with us in their thoughts. And the reactions afterwards, when we were home again, showed that many were informed. That's just beautiful. That gives courage and strength. I am writing this short newsletter because there was a lot to give thanks for.

Morocco

The trip was only short: 5 days, of which one day for the outward journey and one



day for the return journey. But we experienced a lot.

We, **Michael Krampulz** (Saarbrücken – Organizer and 'Minister of Financer'), **Najib Boushila** (Metzingen - Interpreter), **Gerhard Lobe** (Achenbach – Observer) and me myself (Trier – Emmaus-Representative and teacher).

Well, of course it was nice to experience the market in Marrakech or the simple Oase Hotel there in the city, but the essential thing is always the encounter with the people in such a country. Our goal was to find people who would like to help us in the Emmaus work.

Since a few years now, we have had an employee in Morocco named **Mohammed**. He currently has 23 students in different cities: Casablanca, Marrakech, Meknes and Agadir and even in Layoute, which is south of Agadir in the Western Sahara. So very scattered across the country – and Morocco is big: From Casablanca to Agadir are about 600 km.

But over the past few months, we got some addresses from other people who were somehow interested and we wanted to contact them.



One was a brother from Togo who has been living in Fez, Morocco for a long time. His name is **Mawouto**. Many years ago, I was in Togo a few times to visit my brother, who was working there at the time. And somehow this contact with Mawouto came about. He even knew that I had been there. He has contacts with sub-Saharan Christians (*those who come from sub-Saharan Africa*) who live in Morocco and is interested in working with us. It's so beautiful! We don't know each other, meet each other and immediately feel that this is a brother with whom a man has a lot in common.

Then there was an Austrian couple that we were able to visit, and they are also interested in the Emmaus courses. For some time now, they have been living in Morocco with their two children and are trying to reach the people with the gospel. That's not easy. You have to pay close attention to what you do.

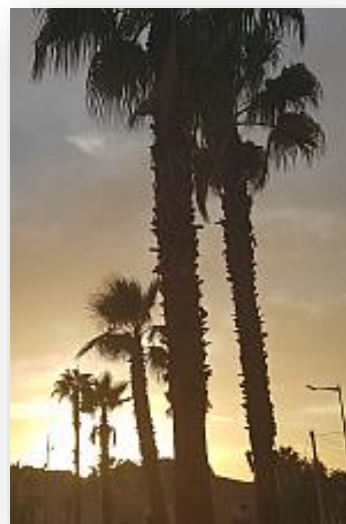
Then we met a brother about 30 years old, an Emmaus student of Mohammed. He lives in Marrakech and has gathered a small circle of young men around him, whom he looks after by visiting them regularly. They live within a radius of about 100 km. But he drives to visit them on his motorcycle. He uses our courses and tries to promote them.

Then we met a Moroccan brother who is responsible for three small congregations. He came to visit us in Casablanca and is also very interested, especially for the Emmaus app and had interesting questions and ideas about the app.

We have been told from various directions that when they are on the journey, they are not allowed to carry Christian literature with them. This can be a problem in the event of a possible check.

On Sunday we had a diploma ceremony, where we were together with about 20 people. 15 of them received a diploma.

Some others were absent for various reasons. Many of them had been on the road since four o'clock in the morning and drove home after half past five. It was interesting to hear their testimonies. All were ex-Muslims who had come to faith in one way or another. It goes too far to report everything here. But it is clear: God is also active in the Muslim world.



Well, that's what we just wanted to tell you. We thank you all for your interest. Please pray for the country and our staff, because – as I said – it is not easy to work there for our Lord.

A warm greeting from Mertesdorf, yours,

Wim and Anita Hoddenbagh

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