

Rundbrief

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"Those who sow with tears will reap with joy"

(Ps. 126:5)

Trier, im Mai 2025

Dear newsletter readers,

Since our last newsletter, a lot has happened again: We have been to Tunisia and Egypt. Last Thursday evening we returned from Egypt. Eduard Sudermann and I were there for eight days. Work also continued in Ethiopia. Good news is constantly coming from Sudan. And, yes, in the Maghreb (Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco and Mauritania) the motto is: sowing in hope. It's all laborious: ups and downs. But in Egypt and especially in Sudan we are allowed to bring in the harvest. It's so nice to read and hear the reports!

Ethiopia

As you know, our office were destroyed because the city government wanted to use the site for a parking lot. In the meantime, a feasible interim solution has been found and soon the work can continue again: For 4 years, a plot of land has been rented where work can continue. We are very pleased about this, because the work in Ethiopia is great and there is a lot to do there.

Egypt

As I said, we were in Egypt for eight days. In addition to our conference, there were diploma awards in various places. These are always very encouraging.

The main subject at the conference was: "The Prophetic Map." It was about today's interesting time in the light of the prophetic word. In Egypt, there is hardly any talk about it. It is exciting to talk about the future of Israel in Egypt! But our brothers and sisters were very happy to accept it and thanked us warmly for it.



The Prophetic Map

There were different places where diploma awards were organized:

- In an Ethiopian Eritrean church. Since 2011, 950 students have already received such a certificate or diploma there. They are people who are under a lot of pressure because they always must be afraid of being deported. Mercy and Mitikua, who do this work with us, are also in danger of being expelled.
- In the church of Ayman and Hella, where Hella invites about 100 often elderly women to eat and read the Bible every Monday. There, about 30 women received such a certificate.



Mercy und Mitikua



< - Rehabilitation facility

- In a rehabilitation facility for men at risk of drugs. There, too, our courses are used, and with positive results. One of the men came to me after the sermon and said, "Thank you very much for your words. They gave me hope for my life."

Brother Ashenaf works with our courses in prisons and accompanies the inmates there. He told of men who were grateful that they were allowed to hear the gospel shortly before they had to die.



Brother Ashenaf

Tunisia

In this country we met a pastor named Kamel who wants to work with us. He made sure that we were allowed to have Emmaus courses printed as booklets with ISBN numbers in Tunisia. In the foreseeable future, we hope to be able to spread the courses among the people.



Mauritania

We can't write much about this country – 99% Muslim. It's too dangerous! But we support a brother named Y. who wants to work with us. He advertises the Emmaus app and would like to print and distribute courses soon.

South Sudan

As I said above, it is harvesting time in South Sudan. Pastor Ayman and Pastor Isaaq were there and were able to witness graduation ceremonies in many places. I was able to witness some of this via WhatsApp. During the two weeks they were there, they were able to give out certificates and diplomas to well over 900 students. We have access to over 500 churches that have opened their doors for our work. Many pastors of these churches have received a little theological training through the courses and hope to continue with it. Government officials are taking part. Ayman was interviewed for television. This interview was broadcast on public television. A diploma ceremony was also recorded and shown on public television. Now, there are so many open doors there. One of these government officials, speaking at a diploma ceremony, said that South Sudan needs God's Word for the country to recover.



So, thousands of course booklets are needed. We hope that we can buy a printing machine so that we can deliver printed materials to other companies in Juba and thus earn money to print our own courses.

So, on the one hand, there is laborious sowing and on the other hand, harvesting. We are curious to see what will come of it.

Dear ones, I am always happy to hear that brothers and sisters pray for us and ask about our work with interest.

Thank you very much!

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