

Rundbrief

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"Open my eyes that I may see wonders in your law. (
Ps. 119:18)

Trier, September 2025

Dear newsletter readers,

Some time ago I read Psalm 119. This psalm, as you know, is very long. And as a matter of fact, I found it a bit boring, always the same. Then I came across verse 18 (see above) and thought: "There must also be miracles to be seen in this psalm!" And I asked the Lord, "Open my eyes, that I may see wonders in this psalm." Since then, the psalm has not let me go. And indeed, it is so beautiful!! God's Word is so beautiful, so diverse. This psalm will also be my topic at the conference in Ethiopia.

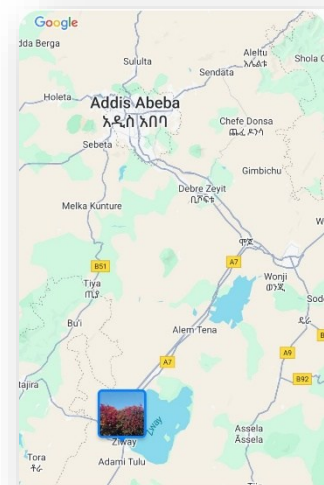
That is why it is so wonderful that we can carry His Word to so many countries through the Emmaus Courses, among other things.

Because a lot has happened again, I'm sending you a short update about what has been done and what we are planning.

Ethiopia

In Ethiopia, the work continues diligently. In October we (my brother Gerard, Uwe and Petra Schäfer and I) hope to fly there again, among other things to carry out some diploma awards. But the most important item on the agenda will probably be the opening of our conference center in Zuway. This has been worked on for several years.

When I unexpectedly had to lay the foundation stone back in October 2018, I thought: *"That's not going to work! That's impossible."* But now we are grateful for many who have worked in Germany and in the Netherlands to make the whole thing possible. Many of the Emmaus students also participated, not only financially, but also in a very practical way, by helping with the construction. We are very much looking forward to see the result and witnessing the inauguration ceremony. We hope to hold our Emmaus Annual Conference there as well. The employees are also very much looking forward to it. If you would like to help us a little more financially, you are cordially invited!



We are also looking forward to meeting employees of the 1 Euroschule. Many of them are Emmaus students! We hope to have an interesting seminar together with them. The topic is the same with

which I started my part of the work in Ethiopia in 2004: "Coaching by Example". It is what our Lord can expect from a Christian co-worker.

By the way: Zecharias Erdolo and his wife Aiden, head of the work of the 1 Euroschule in Ethiopia, are currently on the road in Germany. Their program can be found under the following link: <https://1euro-international.de/aktuelles/charity-tour-2025/>.

Egypt

It's so nice that we constantly get reports of diploma awards. Each time I receive testimonies from brothers and sisters who share what God has done in their lives.

On August 20, Ayman and Hala were in a village near Minya, 20 students received their diplomas. On the same day they were also in another village, there were about 10 students. On September 2 they were in Suez, again because of 10 students. On September 8, they were in Alexandria because of 23 students.



They are very grateful for the car we provided them with a few months ago. They travel a lot across this large country because of the Emmaus work.

Here is the testimony of Hala Adel, the wife of our pastor Ayman:

"My name is Hala Adel, I am the secretary of the Emmaus Bible School in Egypt. I would like to share with you my feelings about this living ministry that God gives to people through his living Word.

I saw a mother who took part in our courses of her own accord. The Word of God brought together her family, young and old, who gathered with joy around the Word of God. Others stumbled through their lives due to a lack of understanding of the Word. For her, this study became a light on her path. Young people competed for Bible knowledge. Adults acquired all kinds of theological degrees, but the study of Emmaus was the best for them, because of its practical teachings. Others were given eternal life because they studied the Emmaus courses. And I saw the joy of the disciples and the tears of those who were converted. I myself have learned a lot and love this study, which was like a voice of the Holy Spirit for me. I thank you all and thank you for allowing me to work here."



Ayman and Hala

Hala Adel

Tunisia

We have monthly Zoom meetings with employees from Tunisia. To our amazement, they have already distributed more than 150 courses so far. It's interesting to hear their stories. Praise the Lord for it. So far, the courses are only used as a "reading book". We still must come up with a system for correcting them. This is less easy than you might think.

Brother Kamal told me on the phone today that he had been so happy to have found a Christian school (Catholic) for his children. Only after the children had been in school for 3 days, he was told

to take his children out of school because they talked too much about Jesus and that could cause problems with Muslims. Isn't that sad?

Mauretania

We can't write much about this country – 99% Muslim. But our brother XY, with whom we work there, wrote to me last week that a man had converted after taking some Emmaus courses. XY then baptized him. That's nice to hear, isn't it? Let us pray that things will continue well with this man.

South Sudan

We are grateful that we were able to purchase a printing press with accessories for our work in South Sudan. Last week I received short videos of how they started working with this machine. They have big plans. The harvest there is great. Let us pray that our God will help us to continue to build up the work there well. What I find interesting is that they want to try to generate income with the printing press, so that they can use this income to finance their own printing costs for courses in the long run.



Printing ...

We are very grateful for what God is doing in the different countries. We are happy to have good and reliable employees and the life-changing reports we receive all the time.

Thank you very much!

Wim and Anita Hoddenbagh

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