

Rundbrief

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"The Son can do nothing of Himself except what He sees the Father do. "

(John 5,19)

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Dear newsletter readers,

The verse mentioned above is so impressive: Our Lord Jesus only did what He saw the Father do. He didn't do anything too much. He did nothing, too little. He did nothing wrong. His life was perfect. And then I look at myself Dear brothers and sisters, let us strive to become more and more like our Lord Jesus and to live for His glory and to do what He shows us.

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

Ethiopia

We are grateful that we were allowed to make our trip to Ethiopia from 08 and 13.10 – 22.10. Uwe and Petra Schäfer and my brother Gerard flew a few days earlier than me. I arrived a little later. That was a good thing: Anita had been operated on. We are grateful that Uwe and Petra were able to take part in the trip. Both had health problems, but God helped us all through!

All together we had a very nice time there again. For me it was the 36th time that I was in Ethiopia. And there is always something beautiful to experience.

A visit to **Hosanna** was interesting, about 5 hours to travel south of Addis Ababa. It's always a very nice journey. God's creation is so beautiful! There we had a seminar with 60 church leaders who are interested in the Emmaus courses. We were able to do a Bible study with them and inform them about the Emmaus work. The hunger for God's word is so great there. In this district in Ethiopia there are over 1,000 congregations and more than 1 million believers.

It was interesting to hear the **testimony** of a former prisoner who was himself imprisoned in Zway prison for 5 years, had become a Christian through the Emmaus work and now came to the diploma ceremony at the distance of 740 km. Today he works as an evangelist in the Guji area with our courses.



Afterwards we were in **Zuway**. First, in prison. There I was allowed to preach in the women's prison and my brother Gerard in the men's prison. It is so much joy to meet these people there, to give them a small gift (e.g. soap or other practical things) and then to pass on the gospel. The joy and gratitude are always so great. Here, too, there was also a diploma ceremony: 12 prisoners and one supervisor received a certificate.



In the women's prison



Diploma ceremony in the church in prison

In the same city, Zuway, there was the annual Emmaus Conference with about 50 employees. We have a total of over 200 employees in Ethiopia. But because of the political situation in the country, many could not come. My topic for this conference was "Lessons from Psalm 119". It is a theme that shows the beauty of the Word of God and is very practical. This was very well received by the audience.

The highlight of the trip was the opening of our new conference center. In 2018, I was asked to lay the foundation stone for it. At that time, I had no faith that this could become something – me, man of little faith! Now, 7 years later, there was the opening with a huge celebration. About 650 people came to celebrate. There were speeches, gifts, and, and, and. The funniest gift was a horse for Uwe Schäfer. That is seen as a very great honor. And that's how it was celebrated. But what do

you do with a horse? You can't take it with you on the plane to Germany. So now someone must take care of this horse there.



The foundation stone and the result

When Uwe comes back there next year, he will be able to ride on it. He is already looking forward to it.

What do you speak about when you visit a women's prison?

I was allowed to tell these mostly young women about an elderly woman in a prison in Nairobi (Kenya) whom I had met there. At that time, she gave testimony of how hopeless she was when she was imprisoned. But after she did our courses, she found faith and found peace. At the day I met her she was so glad that she was in prison and could help other women and bring them into contact with the Lord Jesus. I was able to tell them the gospel and point to the Lord Jesus, who can give them hope even in prison.



Uwe rides his horse



Inauguration ceremony – many were sitting outside



The City Elders

The day after we drove early in the morning to Adama, where we had a meeting with teachers and staff of the 1 Euroschule (Berhan School). They had travelled from Monopole. We had invited her to Adama for a seminar on the topic of "The Normal Christian Co-Worker". 60 of them had come. The theme was applied to her work at school. However, one wonders how what they hear will change the lives of these people. We are happy that many employees and children are doing the Emmaus Bible courses. Now we have over 1,100 children in our school. Praise the Lord for it. We are grateful for all our employees, both in Germany and in Ethiopia.



Seminar of the 1 Euroschule

Unfortunately, I heard that the work - both in Germany and in Ethiopia - is not going optimally. We have approx. **550 sponsored children**. Informing them correctly takes a lot of work and time. Sometimes you get the impression that people in Ethiopia don't understand it so much. This also makes it difficult for the employees in Germany to process the letters, etc.

Now, we need volunteers in Germany who have a heart for the children and the school. Anyone who would like to work can contact Lillie Friesen. She works with dedication for the school. Please contact us: Office@1euro-international.de.

Lillie travels to Ethiopia with some others at the end of this week. Please pray for them that the right words are found to motivate the employees there for their ministry.

Other countries

Yes, there is still a lot to report about our other countries! This time I will limit myself to a few brief pieces of information, namely from Sudan, Algeria and Mauritania.

Sudan

We are very happy that we were able to open our small printing house in Juba. 24,000 courses were printed, 500 copies of Series 1 and 2 in English and Arabic. Before the end of the year we hope to have a diploma ceremony with at least 500 students. Pastor Ayman is in the process of acquiring a plot of land where he can build a conference center, etc., as in Zuway, Ethiopia.



Printery in Juba

Algeria

Brother Kamel and his wife Katja work in this country. They have a small group of Emmaus students and are planning a diploma ceremony on November 28. We can join them via Zoom.

Mauritania

Please let us continue to pray for our brother XY. Some time ago I had a video call with him. There he invited me to meet our new brother HY, who had recently converted. It's nice to be able to experience that.

We are happy to still be able to work for our Lord.

Thank you very much for your interest and we wish God's blessing.

Thank you very much!

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