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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Deaths are multiplying.
However, the attempts to cross the English Channel have not slowed down.

The reason?

SIMPLY:

Humans, by nature, try to survive.

Flee:

The War

The Attacks

Daily harassment

Sometimes citizens naively ask themselves:

Is there a solution?

So, we can sketch out some answers:

More Compassion

More solidarity

And then, the only long-term solution comes back:

Remedying this latent lack of cultural understanding

The thinking of our governments

To mislead human intellect

To wield racism, as a societal tool

To trivialize death

Deaths are multiplying.

Jean-Claude Lenoir.

EVENTS OF THE MONTH

LAST MINUTE:

On the morning of 3rd March, we learned that a 7-year-old girl had just drowned: a boat had been wrecked on the Aa canal, near Watten.

That it's a little girl is terrible, of course, but no more so than if it was 20-year-old. The pain of all lost loved ones is the same.

On the other hand, it was a little girl who was taken on board with her parents, her mother who was pregnant with a fifth child, and three other children. And this should challenge us: it is proof that these people only leave driven by extreme necessity, that they did not launch themselves on a whim, to see if the grass was greener on the other side of the channel...

And today as ever, we know that this is not the last time that it will happen. This family will be discharged from hospital, and they will be required to return to the muddy camp site without toilets and a distance from the nearest available tap water facility... And what are they going to do to get out of this dire situation? All they can do, is to get back on their feet in search of a new passage to the United Kingdom, with a tenfold increase in anxiety but with the same determination...

ONE DEAD AND TWO MISSING IN AN ATTEMPT TO CROSS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM BY SEA...

An announcement from the "Voix du Nord" (website) on 28th February...

How can we **not** say that this means three deaths?...

The usual commemoration took place at Richelieu Park at 6:30 p.m. on 29th February.

Philippe Demeestère, the day after the shipwreck, reacted in sobering terms:

"Hello! Anger, solidarity: yes. But what else?"

How can we not leave it at that? This is my question. Yours? Ours?

At the moment, a memory that crosses my mind is that of the "Hill of Crosses", through which Lithuanians, under Soviet occupation, remembered the victims of repression. Regularly, they were broken down; Regularly, they were put back in place by the local population. Imagine. Imagine.

How can we just not stop here? In the past, there have already been initiatives which, in the wake of our "group feelings", have led us for example, to the City Hall. In the long run, what can we imagine that will allow us to overcome our frustrations after attending a burial and not taking on the thoughts of defeat? Questions. Still questions, ... not to be forgotten. Obstinate.

Like so many hurricane lamps. »

(on an inter-associative WhatsApp group).

ALREADY ONE SHOT DEAD ON THE LOON-PLAGE CAMP DURING THE NIGHT OF 3rd/4th FEBRUARY:

Another drama of precariousness: an argument that goes wrong...

His body, as well as that of another injured man, had been placed on the side of the A16 "to facilitate their care".

We already pointed this out in the last issue of this newsletter.

We cannot get used to it...



ON 6th FEBRUARY, A COMMEMORATION EVENT WAS HELD in memory of all those dead and missing on the border: the meeting was at 6 p.m. at Richelieu Park.

Ten years ago, on 6th February 2014, dozens of people drowned while trying to swim to the Spanish enclave of Ceuta from neighbouring Morocco.

More than 200 people had taken to the water. The Spanish guards turned them back, the Moroccan military did not rescue them.

Every year since, an appeal has been made for this anniversary to remember them and to put an end to these murderous policies.

A GLOOMY MONTH, SAD LIKE A WINTER THAT NEVER ENDS.

It's cold, but not cold enough for "Cold Weather" shelters to be opened.
It rained a lot, but not enough for "bad weather" aid to be offered to the exiles.

The cold water and the bitter wind would discourage the most daring.
However, as soon as the so-called "weather window" opens, the camps are emptied... The D 601 (old road from Calais to Grande-Synthe) is covered with people in motion (the photo was taken on 27th February).



People are flocking to the coast. The police are also in a hurry, to prevent the departure of those who do not want to be welcomed...

On 17th February, the young men told of the impossible access to the sea the night before and, also the day before, so numerous were the police that blocked them. Jean-Claude Lenoir (president of Salam) describes the crowd of exiles, in the city of Calais, with Vigipirate at the train station, and the many arrests behind the PASS of people who were released the next morning...

Between 8th and 28th February, the UK Home Office recorded 920 arrivals on 19 inflatable boats: an average of between 48 and 49 people per boat.

But the missed crossings are much more numerous:

On 2nd February, the Salam team met a group of 30 to 35 men on Rue de Huttes who were carrying numbered garbage bags (a sign that they had been dressed after a failure that had left them soaking wet on the sand. The garbage bags contain their wet belongings). The biggest number is 59, so there were a lot more of them than they were there at this time...

They are there because they hope to be sheltered in a CAES for a few hours or a few days: the rue des Huttes is the departure point for the shuttles. But that morning, there was only one minibus. The centres are full. And it's Friday. There won't be any more until Monday...

Behind the PASS, the faces are grey with fatigue.

Situations of distress are multiplying families are there, a father comes to get Salam's breakfast with a little one who is barely walking, there are three other families together with a dozen children, the oldest of whom is about ten years old.

In BMX, there are more and more very young women, and so young: they are not 20 years old... We even saw one, on 20th February, with braces! We can't imagine what these young girls must have endured on the road.

On 17th February, a few hundred people crowded the rue des Huttes, but the bus arrived and only picked up families. No one is asking that we leave the children outside, of course. But no single man could sleep outside in February and we should at least, stop the dismantling of tents and provide time to open places in the Reception Centres, instead of repeating that we do not understand that these people do not accept shelter and instead of being surprised that they want so much to leave France for England ...

On 9th February, a Human Rights Observers (HRO) video taken behind the PASS, a police officer was stunned to say, authoritatively:

"If there is one who wants to be sheltered, I will take care of him (...)

I'm not telling you how he'll be taken care of, I'm telling you that we're taking care of him...

And he'll go to a shelter. »

This is contrary to everything we have heard repeated elsewhere, as access to the Reception Centres is only by the shuttles that leave in the morning from the rue des Huttes... How can a representative of the state boast of being above the regulations?

Missed departures explain the increasing number of people at our food distribution locations.

Between Friday 9th and Tuesday 13th February, the number of hot drinks needed for breakfast in Calais had to be increased by 30 litres. On the 14th, we had to go back twice, to buy bread (820 people to feed that morning).

Also on 21st February, we had to buy more bread on the road and increase the quantity of hot drinks by 20 litres (920 breakfasts that morning).

In January, we averaged 563 per day...

DISMANTLING.

The camps on the Dunkirk side have been spared since 30th November (apart from the corner of the shops on 28th December and 4th January). Three months without evacuation is remarkable...

Of course, we have been very attentive since the installation of the garbage truck on the Mardyck side of the D601 on 20th December and since the installation of the water point on 23rd December in the same area: this seems to indicate an upcoming move (therefore a big dismantling) to this area forcibly evacuated last year at the beginning of May 2023...

It's just a rumour but it persists, and it swells...

It is swelling even more as the gates are multiplying on the Loon-Plage side to close the industrial zone, as we had already said in the previous issue of this newsletter, by road and by the path under the bridges...



... and also on both sides of the tracks:

On Thursday, 22nd February, we read in the WhatsApp " Human Rights Observers " of Grande-Synthe that another association had spoken with one of the people in charge of the work on the gates. They finished automating the doors and built guard posts next to the gates, where there would be 24-hour security.

The workers said they are waiting for the green light from the prefecture to move the motocross/plain people and that it will happen in the next few days.

It's been two months that we feel this move/dismantling coming... It will surely happen eventually...

In the meantime, we continue to distribute at the end of the rue des Prés février, and the ground is more and more muddy and difficult to navigate.

On the Calais side, breaches of the rule of evacuations every 48 hours were a little more frequent: one in January (nothing between the 20th and 23rd), three in February (nothing between the 2nd and 5th, between the 15th and 18th and between the 20th and 23rd).

It's a welcome respite for our friends, but we've been told so many times that the 48-hour deadline is unavoidable because of the flagrance deadline, that we don't understand this elastic application of the law: if a 48-hour deadline cannot be exceeded for the evacuation of illegally occupied land, it must be every time! Or, on the 3rd day, we should no longer be able to evacuate...

Undoubtedly, as the great La Fontaine said, "the reason of the strongest is always the best... »



et souvent lourdement armées.



No change in the flow of evacuation operations for years:
The forces of law and order are extremely numerous, and often heavily armed.

(On 29th February at BMX, this view of the HRO coincidentally brings together the gaseous, the baton and the shields!)

On 29th February, in Marck, the HRO heard riot police say: "We're going to gas them!"



Almost always, a so-called "security" perimeter (but who does it protect from what?) keeps the HRO (Human Rights Observers) away from operations and prevents observations... On 13th February, however, at La Fermette, a small channel separated the HRO from the evacuation... This annoys the police because the visibility is quite good...



The tents were moved: the exiles had no choice, they had to remove them from their place to wait a little further.

Sometimes, contrary to the right acquired following the hunger strike in the autumn of 2021, they have to abandon their tent and take only their personal belongings...



Tents are then seized, as are tents whose owner is not present at the time of evacuation.



The most frequently seized items are tents, but also pallets.



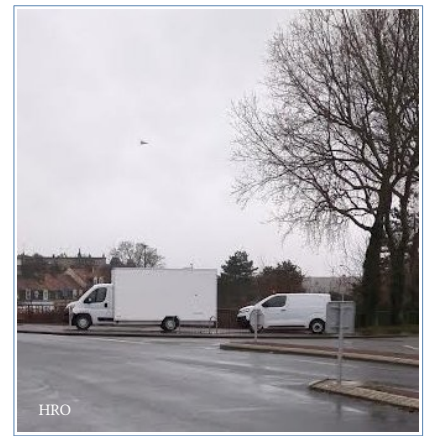
The importance of tents does not need to be demonstrated, pallets are valuable because they are used to make fires for warmth and cooking, but also, they serve as a base to insulate tents from the mud.

On 23rd February, at La Fermette, we saw "cleaning" staff moving tents (that's the rule) but to pick up the pallets that were underneath.

And that's scandalous: when the owner of the tent brings it back to its place, how is he going to make sure it doesn't get bathed in mud or puddles?

Well, he can only sleep in the water...

The collection of the material is done in two vehicles, by personnel who accompany the Police. It's almost always a van and a small dump truck. Since 18th February, we've seen a really big van appear!



Arrests are frequent.

They are often accompanied by a body search, with the “nose against the wall”...

These scenes take place too far away from the HRO (Human Rights Observers) for images from their videos to be usable for us...

The police say "arrest for the control of residence permits", except that if they had "residence permits", the exiles would not be in these poverty camps looking for an improbable murderous passage to the United Kingdom.

When the operations are over, the exiles have the right to set up their camp again, and this is where all the hypocrisy of these operations comes out: they resettle when the Forces of Order leave, but almost every time, they do not wait until they are no longer there to discreetly put themselves back in place: they cross them or follow them very closely. It is impossible for the police to be unaware that this liberation of illegally occupied land objectively lasted only a few seconds...



In conclusion, a thumbing of the nose of fate saved three palettes: Next to the hospital, on 9th February, the dump truck was bogged down... It's a great opportunity, surreptitiously, to get three of them back...

For morale, not so ridiculous!

Claire Millot.

LIFE IN THE CALAIS CAMPS

Let us not forget that encampments are increasingly threatened. Tents under bridges are systematically removed.



When they are made sacred by railings, the exiles often manage to settle there anyway, but the narrow passages through which they enter are those that the Forces of Order also use to dislodge them, and these spaces become mousetraps...



Under the bridges, the town hall has accumulated obstacles to the installation of shelters, which are the most sought-after since, by definition they protect from bad weather: both grids and riprap limit the space still offered for the installation of tents.

The photos were taken under the Mollien Bridge, and next to it, on 25th and 27th February:

In 2019, the Abbé Pierre Foundation launched the "Pics d'Or" challenge, which rewarded (satirically of course) the worst anti-homeless devices installed throughout France and abroad. "*Calais, the international capital of the Wall and barbed wire!!*" Jean-Claude Lenoir wrote on 10th February 2019. In order not to have been ranked, Calais must have been judged to be out of competition!!

On 27th February 2024, the Human Rights Observers (HRO) reported that a CRS officer found it very funny that they had said that an encampment was a place to live. One of his colleagues tells him it's a doormat, as he wipes his shoes in the grass. Of course, coming from a police officer, this is a shockingly contemptuous statement... But I must admit that I have never been able to read or hear the expression "living space" without being shocked, even if I have used it myself... It's not a place to live! In the mud, garbage, no toilets, no running water...

At best, you could say that it's a place of survival, maybe even a place of waiting for passage...

And yet, in the random videos of the HRO, we catch small moments of life, small things that are related to our daily life as well-to-do:

- wood sheds (photographed on 15th February)...



Laundry drying (photo of 13th February)



and even a dining room, with chairs set up around a kitchen fire! (also photo from 13th February).

All these photos were taken at BMX...

Is this a coincidence, or is there a special status for this corner of the earth? And what?

It was also at BMX that a convertible sofa was seized on 29th February, notes the Human Rights Observers (HRO)!

Last minute, 1st March: The Grand Port Maritime de Dunkirk competes with the city of Calais for the "Pics d'Or":

Claire Millot



THE GREAT MEN

THE MEN OF THE MONTH, WHO INSPIRE US.

ABBÉ PIERRE.

70 years ago, on 1st February 1954, Abbé Pierre launched his now famous appeal, which began with these words: *"My friends, help... A woman has just frozen, last night at three o'clock, on the pavement of the Boulevard Sébastopol, clutching the paper with which, the day before yesterday, she had been expelled with. »*

On 1st February 2024, commemorations multiplied everywhere, especially in Calais. A moving ceremony was held on the beach, with roses planted in the sand,



and banners. The one that quotes our Minister of the Interior was not the least noticed:



Among the speeches, that of our president, Jean-Claude Lenoir:

That morning, companions from several cities in France gathered at the local of Salam, rue des Fontinettes...



... before leaving around 9 am for a big food distribution.
500 people on Judea Street were clothed, equipped with clothes and blankets.
Two large trucks were emptied.
The guys were happy .

MISSAK MANOUKIAN.

80 years ago, on 21st February, 1944, Missak Manouchian was shot by the Germans at Mont Valérien, as a terrorist, along with 21 comrades.

"Happiness! to those who will outlive us and taste the sweetness of tomorrow's Freedom and Peace," he wrote in his last letter to his wife Mélinée, on the day of his death.

It is up to us, with our small means put together, to contribute, against the rise of the extreme right, to maintain in France the Freedom and Peace that we all need so much.

ROBERT BADINTER.

On 9th February 2024, Robert Badinter passed away at the age of 95. He will go down in history for having in 1981, as keeper of the seals, passed the law that abolished the death penalty in France..

But he was first and foremost a defender of all human rights.
"On the very day of his death, the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) pays tribute to the memory of Robert Badinter, an uncompromising defender of human rights in their universality, an opponent of all rights violations, abuses and injustices."
FIDH, 9th February 2024.

On 12th September 2015, at the microphone of Europe 1, in the midst of the migration crisis, he said: "When the Republic has failed in the right of asylum, it has always disgraced itself.." then "welcoming refugees is not an act of generosity, it is an international obligation for France".

Claire Millot.



Dessin de Chaunu, dans « Ouest France », le 10 février 2024.

FRENCH STANDARDS FOR ACCESS TO WATER

"Whoever you are, wherever you are, having access to water is one of your fundamental rights. Yet, even today, water scarcity affects more than 40% of the world's population."

NO, it is not "Solidarité Internationale" (humanitarian aid association for the most deprived) that publishes these lines, but the French government...

<https://www.gouvernement.fr/acces-a-l-eau-ne-laisser-personne-de-cote>

It also reads:

"Not having access to water is not just about being thirsty. It is also an issue of dignity, hygiene, health, agriculture, food security, educational success, poverty, sustainable development, but also gender, geographical and economic inequalities. »

Thanks to Arnaud, a volunteer at Salam du samedi, who found this document and adds:

"A page from the environmental code nicely completes this first document: And after research, I got my hands on the text below: it applies to establishments open to the public from the 3rd category, i.e. those welcoming more than 300 people: Auchan, Pôle Marine, Centre Marine... »

https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/article_lc/LEGIARTI000042883671/

It reads:

"For the purposes of the fourteenth paragraph of paragraph III of Article L. 541-15-10, "drinking water fountain" means any drinking water distribution device, connected to a drinking water network, allowing the filling of a beverage container.

The number of drinking fountains available to the public is adapted to the capacity of the establishment. This number is at least one drinking fountain for establishments that can accommodate 301 people simultaneously. It is increased by one drinking water fountain for every additional 300 people.

These drinking water fountains are indicated by visible signage, and their access is free of charge. »

In accordance with Article 7(1) of Decree No. 2020-1724 of 28 December 2020, these provisions enter into force on 1 January 2022.

Okay, maybe a migrant camp isn't strictly speaking a "settlement"... But who can argue that it is not a place, if not welcoming, at least that welcomes more than 300 people, often more than 600, often even much more...

Claire Millot (with thanks to Arnaud who did the work that made this summary possible).

THANK YOU

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to the lady who called me at the end of the month, with an incredible proposal, a first ever in ten years as a secretary in Salam: she wanted to give us a piece of land.

- A plot of land, but for what?
- But to make a vegetable garden, for example...

300 square meters, in a town by the sea, near Dunkirk...

I find myself dreaming: freshly harvested vegetables to make soup and side dishes... But no, it's a big job that requires availability, a lot, and hands, and we have just what we need to prepare and distribute...

Sorry, she and I... but I refuse...

FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO GIVE US FRUITS AND VEGETABLES:

- Jean-Pierre who went to gather carrots for Salam. This is not his first attempt.
 - Geneviève and Denis who provided us with onions for a few weeks,
- Marie, met during a demonstration against the Darmanin Law in Dunkirk. They grow organic vegetables, she offered us some.

On 25th February, she filled Jean and Elisabeth's crate with pieces of squash ready to cook.



- Emmaus de Saint-Martin au Laert, which on 24th February donated several boxes of fruit and vegetables.

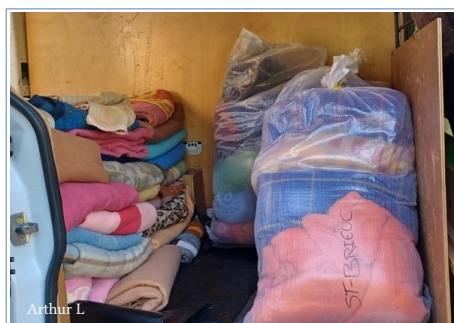
- The Salicorne association in Montreuil, which offered 80 kg of organic oranges for breakfast in Calais on 29th February.

THANK YOU TO THE OTHER DONORS:

Covers:

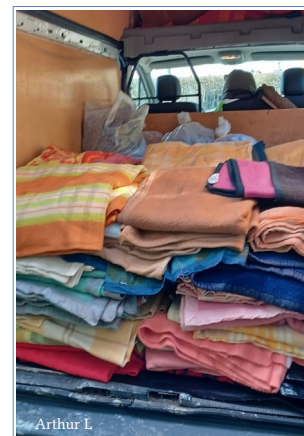
*Patrick, and his shipment from Belgium.

*Marie was emptying the house of a gentleman who was going to a nursing home. Her husband dropped off three large bags of blankets at my house on Thursday 29th February.



*A large donation of 55 blankets by Audotri on 26th February.

*another big donation by "Help 4 Dunkerque" on 27th February:



*and another one, from the Herzelee hangar, again on the 27th:

Clothing:

*a gentleman who dropped them off in Grande-Synthe, on 1st February.

*Behnoosh, from the Paris region, who sent us a new parcel of about ten kilos by Mondial Relay.

*OGS rugby which, for the second year in a row, had the unsold goods set aside for us at the end of their flea market on 4th February.

Thanks to Elisabeth and Jean who went to pick up the crates at the end of the day..

*Martine de la Chapelle d'Armentières who arrived on 20th February with a full van.

*Isabelle H. who dropped off clothes on 29th February.

*Also on the 29th, a lady from the school of Saint-Amand who brought clothes, knitted hats and scarves and towels..



Pallets:

Donation from a generous company on 20th February.

hygiene products:

Marie-Ange D., for a new package of soaps, shampoo, lip balm...

small toys:

Thank you to Victoire and Rose who rang the doorbell with two bags of small toys on 17th February with their Dad.

They understood very well that large toys are an insoluble problem when a police evacuation or a departure for the United Kingdom forces the gathering of belongings. So they sorted through everything they could find that which fits into a toddler's pocket.

THANK YOU TO THE VOLUNTEERS:

Volunteers for a day:

*Chantal, 1st February.

*Maia on 3rd February (journalism student who, for her first outing, preferred to help us rather than embark on the work of photography she thought she would do); She will come back.

*Also on 3rd February, two of Fanny's friends.

*Juliette, on the 8th.

*And on the 8th also two representatives of Emmaus France (Hafi and Bernadette).

* as two or three, since the middle of the month: Adamou, Ahmed, Amara Lamine, Fodé, Jacky, Kakha, Kniaz, Kourouma, Moussa, Oumar...

*Three young people from the Brussels School of Architecture, on 29th February.

Volunteers of one or more weeks, on internship or volunteers:

*Thomas who is now leaving us after three months of effective activity. He will be missed.

*Juciara and Blanche, sent by AFEJI, who made their mark on the team, as if they had always been there.

*Ayoub and Aksil, ADRA interns, seconded to Salam to complete their schedule.

*The young people of the AFEV, unfortunately not always assigned to us for a clearly defined period, but in general well motivated.

*The young people who accompany Marie for the Emmaus collection in Grande-Synthe, and especially Houmani, who is never absent.

*The two young people from BSB, a school in Dijon, sent for a week to Calais (as every year) to discover the reality on the ground and our work.

Volunteers, pillars of Salam but who always go above and beyond the call of duty:

*Jean-Pierre, who has shielded the bottom of the doors that lead to the outside, to block the passage of the rats, who are not our friends.

*Denise who faithfully does the shopping, big and small, especially the filling up of cans on 14th February with the support of Henri and Marie.

*Those who clean up all the time, especially the basement, to take back the land that is disputed by rats who are not our friends and who force us to lock up everything (textiles and food).

Henri and Marie, and Henri and Marie again with Claudine and Denise, Ghislaine, and also Guy who sorted the cabinets of hygiene products from top to bottom.

*Josette and Elisabeth who continue to enrich the Monday menu with their cakes.



THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE NOT BEEN MENTIONED ABOVE AND WHO HAVE HELPED US ON BEHALF OF A COMPANY OR AN ASSOCIATION THAT IS FRIENDLY OR IN THE PROCESS OF BECOMING ONE...

Thank you, of course, to Emmaus for the distribution on 1st February (see the article above on "Men of the month... »

Thank you to Secours Populaire/Copains du Monde, to Christian Hogard, to Caroline and their team, especially Bruno and Evelyne,

Thank you also to the Cefral of Dunkirk and to the Creative Association of Coudekerque-Branche, who participate in these operations.

Our thanks for 8th February:

"Thank you for the faithfulness in donating bread to our friends exiled in Calais over the past two weeks. Because what would breakfast be without bread?"

From those who are standing up thanks to you and from the Salam team: THANK YOU"

"It's a priority for us," Christian replied the next day.

And those of 25th February:

"Another important donation of bread on Friday from our best friends (of the world).

Thank you to Christian, Caroline, Bruno and Evelyne.

In fact, the number of breakfasts given by Salam in Calais has skyrocketed in recent days. It has regularly exceeded 800, and even once exceeded 900, while we were between 500 and 600 in January!

So, thank you for this precious help. »

Thank you to the friends of FTS,

They are more and more numerous and regular to help us in Grande-Synthe, as they do in Calais.

Thank you for the important donation of blankets and hygiene products offered by the parish of Roubaix, which they brought us.

Thank you for financing the last boxes of trays ordered by Hubert.

THANK YOU TO THE PHOTOGRAPHERS.

- Cyril, who came on 20th February and came back on the 23rd, to work on our preparations and on the Loon-Plage camp.

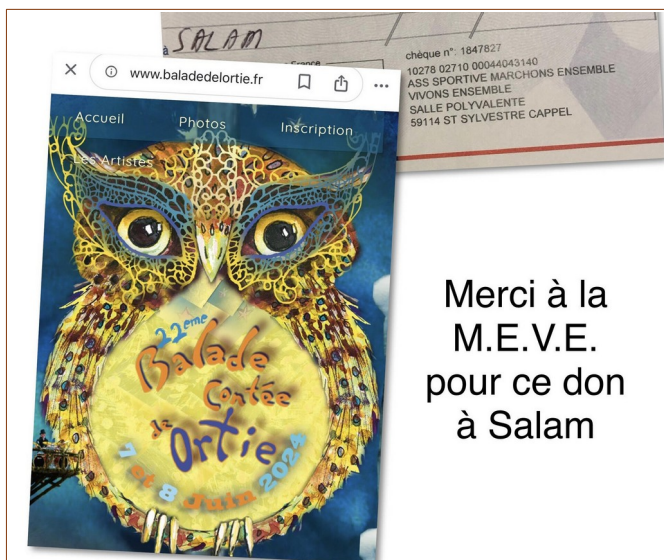
- Laurent Prum, a talented photographer who is used to the Calais distributions, came to spend the day of Saturday 3rd February in Grande-Synthe.

If I understand correctly: every time he arrives in Salam, from one side or the other, he is used and his van is happily commandeered... He publishes a blog that is worth checking out (and which can be found on Salam's website: www.associationsalam.org).

AND FINALLY, THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DONATED MONEY TO US,

without which we would not be able to maintain the vans, put diesel in the tanks, pay for the water and electricity used in our premises, replace the gas cylinders...

Thank you to everyone (close friends and strangers) who slipped us a note, sent a check, made a transfer directly or by Helloasso.



**Merci à la
M.E.V.E.
pour ce don
à Salam**

This month, thank you to the MEVE ("Marchons Ensemble, Vivre Ensemble") who for the second year in a row gave us a big cheque (picked up by Quentin during the evening of 23rd February, thank you Quentin!)

They are the ones who organise the annual "nettle walk" (a walk from show to show in the Flemish countryside around New Year's Eve Cappel) that several of us particularly enjoyed last spring.

editing Quentin Dufflos.

THANK YOU TO BETHLEHEM, TO FLANDRES TERRE SOLIDAIRE, TO THE PROTESTANT MUTUAL AID, to the Auberge des Migrants who share with us the tonne of bananas offered by CONHEXA once a week, to EMMAUS who give us surpluses every week, for Calais as well as for Grande-Synthe, to the Maison Sésame which shares with us two mornings a week the surplus fruit and vegetables from the ALDI store on rue du Kruysbellaert, to the Ressourcerie de Montreuil-sur-Mer ("it has been two times") and to the Secours Catholique de Berck, which each month supplies clothes brought to Calais by André de Merlimont, to the COMORIAN LADIES, to the bakeries in Calais and to those opposite the Noordover, "La mie du pain" and "Aux pains du Nord" in Coudekerque. Week after week, they are there to help us. Thank you to HRO, Olivier Schitteck and Geoff for allowing us to publish their photos.

THANK YOU to the diocesan association of Lille which, through the parish of Grande-Synthe, has been making the premises of the Guérin room available free of charge for about fifteen years.

THANK YOU to Michel who has been in charge of the layout of this newsletter, without fail, for years, to Chris who translates it into English, month after month, for our website, to Antoine, who has also been managing the Facebook Page since 2017, and to Guillaume who introduced us to the LinkedIn network two years ago.

Claire Millot.

OUR NEEDS FOR VOLUNTEERS

Dunkirk:

We need people on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from the beginning of the peeling and preparation chores (8 a.m.) to the end of the dishes (between 2 and 4 p.m.). In between, we distribute the meal.

Call Claire (06 34 62 68 71). From outside France 00 33 6 34 62 68 71

Calais:

Salam continues to distribute improved breakfasts every morning with tea and coffee. But we are sorely lacking in volunteers, especially those with driver's licenses: Meet at 8 a.m. at the premises, 13 rue des Fontinettes.

Call Yolaine at 06.83.16.31.61. From outside France 00 33 6 83.16.31.61

NEED FOR MONEY.

Without state subsidies and with a very significant reduction in subsidies from local and regional authorities, we still need money to keep the association's work going:
Maintenance of premises and vans, fuel, purchase of food that is in short supply...

Go to the association's website: www.associationsalam.org
Section: "Support us"

Go through HELLOASSO:
<https://www.helloasso.com/associations/salam-nord-pas-de-calais/formulaires/2/widget>

or simply send a cheque to:
Association Salam
BP 47
62100 CALAIS

You are entitled to a 66% tax reduction on these donations, in cash by one of our volunteers, by cheque made out to SALAM, or by bank transfer (direct or by Helloasso) (please check your local tax laws)

A big thank you to all our generous donors!

TENTS AND TARPAULINS!

From dismantling to dismantling, the tents are removed at both sites, and we are unable to replace them. Many people sleep with nothing on them, in all weathers.

You can also buy tarpaulins, pieces of 3 m by 3 m (or 2.50 m by 3 m). They cost much less and allow an honest man to spend a night under cover.

Otherwise, the most pressing needs at both sites:
BLANKETS (DUVETS, SLEEPING BAGS).

men's clothing from XS to XL: underpants, long underpants and thermal leggings and thermal sweaters, socks, jogging pants, jeans, shorts, t-shirts,
SHOES for men: trainers or light hiking shoes (sizes 40 to 46),
flip/flops, sandals, caps.

backpacks,
lamps and batteries,
water packs,
Bags (small backpacks, garbage bags, freezer bags, shopping bags and plastic bags)

Foodstuffs for Calais:

JAM,
Milk
tea and sugar, instant coffee,
biscuits (or pastries, or cake bars or cakes etc...)

To drop off your donations, go to 13 rue des Fontinettes, and call 06 83 16 31 61. From outside France 00 33 6 83.16.31.61

And for Grande-Synthe:

Mostly canned vegetables of all kinds (we have been getting a lot less fresh items lately),
bags of pulses,

Drop off your donations in the Salle Guérin, rue Alphonse Daudet, behind the church of St Jacques on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

The membership form for 2024 is attached to this mailing.

If you are not yet a member, please do not hesitate to join us.

Whether you are an active volunteer or not, becoming a member gives the association the strength to the union! We were more than 250 members in 2023, help us to exceed the 300 threshold.

CONTACT US

<http://www.associationsalam.org>

salamnordpasdecalais@gmail.com

Facebook page: [SALAM Nord/Pas-de-Calais](#)

And the new LinkedIn page, which can be consulted on the following link

: www.linkedin.com/in/association-salam-nord-pas-de-calais

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Association SALAM,
Salle Guérin, Quartier St Jacques,
1, rue Alphonse Daudet,
59760 Grande-Synthe



Bulletin d'adhésion 2024



Principaux objectifs de SALAM :

- Apporter une aide humanitaire aux migrants (soins, hygiène, nourriture, vêtements...)
- Accompagner les migrants dans leur demande d'asile
- Informer et sensibiliser l'opinion publique sur la situation des migrants du littoral Côte d'Opale
- Combattre toutes les formes de racisme et de discrimination
- Agir dans les pays en difficulté
- Soutenir juridiquement les membres de l'association

Merci de remplir le bulletin ci-dessous et de le renvoyer à l'adresse suivante :

Association SALAM-Nord/Pas-de-Calais

BP 47
62100 CALAIS

Monsieur/Madame : _____ Prénom _____

Adresse _____

Code postal _____ Ville _____ Pays _____

Téléphone _____ E mail _____

☐ J'adhère à l'association en versant la somme de 10 €.

(5 € pour les étudiants et demandeurs d'emploi , adhésion valable jusqu'au 31/12/2024)

Date et signature :

☐ Je fais un don* à l'association Salam en versant la somme de : _____

**Par chèque à l'ordre de l'association Salam. Un reçu fiscal vous sera adressé*

☐ Je souhaite recevoir davantage d'informations sur l'association Salam.