2014 ANNUAL REPORT
2014 marked 60 years since Abbé Pierre made his radio appeal to help the homeless. Without a doubt, this anniversary had a significant impact on the Emmaus movement’s work last year. Even today, the poor feel they’ve been definitively left behind, whilst the rich remain indifferent and refuse to take action. Bringing alive the moments that marked Emmaus’s beginnings has boosted our energy to fight against exclusion and inequality, which are getting dangerously worse, in the diverse situations around the world in which Emmaus works. Through a great number of meetings, discussions and dialogue with civil society and the powers that be we’ve been able to turn up the pressure and incite action.

At the same time, Emmaus organisations’ solidarity activities are continually developing. Our policy and campaigns have also become ever stronger in all areas – access to water and sanitation, health and education, ethical finance and protecting migrants. A brilliant demonstration of this was the collective action around the world on International Migrants Day on 18 December, including the march in Calais, in northern France.

Now more then ever, we need to be ‘activists for change’ as our logo now emphasises!

Jean Rousseau,
Chair of Emmaus International
On 28 October 2014, the 15 Emmaus organisations in Africa called for an end to constitutional coups in the declaration of Lomé (Togo). The people of Burkina Faso took to the streets to call for the resignation of Blaise Compaoré, who was the country’s leader for 27 years. Emmaus Africa and Emmaus International are also involved in the ‘Turn the Page’ campaign to support African grassroots movements with their appeals for a democratic handover of power in their countries.

Visit to the organisation, MARS in Togo during an Emmaus Africa meeting in Lomé. ©Brigitte Mary

Emmaus organisations in Asia have set up an ecotourism programme. The idea is to develop an alternative form of tourism, which generates income for their solidarity activities. In 2014, 250 ecotourists visited Emmaus organisations in India, Indonesia, Lebanon and Bangladesh. During their stay they discovered a variety of cultural and artistic activities and learned about protecting natural resources.

Ecotourism at Tara Projects, India: planting trees

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Access to drinking water is a fundamental human right. Emmaus International campaigns for public and community management to make water and sanitation accessible to all.

PILOT PROJECT
The 90,000-strong population of Lake Nokoué now has access to water. The priority is now on hygiene education and capacity-building for local stakeholders.

CAMPAIGNING
On World Water Day on 22 March, the people of Lake Nokoué rallied for the first time to champion public and community water management.

A CLOSER LOOK...
TARA PROJECTS, INDIA

As part of its mutual health programme, Tara Projects has invested in building a healthcare centre to encourage people to go to medical consultations and to raise awareness about health issues. The facility has helped avoid many hospitalisations. In 2014, the centre recorded a slight fall in the number of consultations (7680 consultations), demonstrating the effectiveness of campaigns to prevent the spread of common illnesses.

A CLOSER LOOK...
EMMAUS MARSEILLE POINTE ROUGE, FRANCE

In 2014, Emmaus Pointe Rouge and their partner organisations challenged municipal election candidates about drinking water shortages in Marseilles. The city doesn’t have any public fountains or toilets, making access to water and hygiene impossible for the homeless. They gave the candidates six recommendations.

A CLOSER LOOK...
GRUPO APORTES, URUGUAY

Emmaus Aportes provides migrants with furniture, clothing and household equipment and gives migrants a discount in their shop. The organisation works in cooperation with many other organisations to support migrants. Aportes also works with the Uruguayan government whose policies have enabled anyone who wants to come and live in the country to obtain an identity card, since Pepe Mujica became President.

The world will only be a fairer place if wealth is spread equally. That’s why Emmaus International is campaigning for and implementing an economy based on solidarity.

PILOT PROJECT
Five years after the launch of the Emmaus Ethical Fund, momentum is now picking up again with partnerships being forged with microfinance stakeholders.

CAMPAIGNING
Emmaus International, Emmaus France and Emmaus Europe chose to make ethical finance the main theme of the 2014 Paris salon.
Access to education is an important means of fighting the causes of poverty. Education empowers the least privileged in society, making for a fairer world.

**A CLOSER LOOK…**

**BENEBNOOMA, BURKINA FASO**

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The fight against human trafficking is a worldwide struggle. Emmaus International is campaigning for legislation to be strengthened in order to protect victims and their rights.

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**SOLIDARITY**

Solidarity is essential to the Emmaus movement. Through Emmaus International’s solidarity programmes, member organisations worldwide pool their resources to support member organisations with the least resources.

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**IN 2014**

- Around 20 partnerships and a great deal of occasional support between member organisations.
- 2 emergency appeals raised.
- 45,838 € thanks to the participation of 20 member organisations.
- 186 member organisations ran a sale.
- 495,280 € were raised.
- 51 containers shipped in 2014 by 22 member organisations.

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**PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN GROUPS**

Emmaus organisations worldwide can form partnerships to pool financial, material and/or human resources. Through these partnerships member organisations get to know each other better.

**EMERGENCY APPEALS**

When a member organisation is facing an emergency, an appeal for solidarity is made to the whole movement. The resulting financial support is used to assist the organisation facing an emergency and, if needed, other people and families in difficulty.

**SOLIDARITY SALES**

Every year, member organisations in the movement hold an international solidarity sale. The proceeds of the sales are pooled and then redistributed to finance local or regional solidarity projects, which consolidate member organisations’ capacities and activities.

**SHIPPING CONTAINERS**

By shipping containers of goods, European member organisations pool their material resources with members in Africa and South America. Loading a container or unloading it at the destination also gives members an opportunity to visit and find out more about each other.

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23 Emmaus UK communities organised their solidarity sales on the same day, on 17 May 2014. In addition to the 32,400 Euros raised to finance international solidarity projects, the event helped raise awareness about Emmaus’s international activities and gain better media coverage. “The day reminded all of us that we’re here to help those who suffer most” says Ali Ward from Emmaus Leeds, which is behind the initiative. All the Emmaus organisations in the UK are looking forward to doing the same again in 2015!
Regional secretariats meet the international secretariat

Staff from the Africa, Asia, the Americas and Europe secretariats came together to get to know each other, discuss their practices and develop common tools.

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As part of this initiative, it runs the Abbé Pierre – Emmaus Centre in Esteville (France), where Abbé Pierre lived and is buried.

http://centreabbepierreemmausesteville.wordpress.com/

Heritage

“We must never stop challenging and troubling the privileged”.

Abbé Pierre