Recently struck by violence, Tunisia has just hosted the World Social Forum for the second time. Civil society activists from around the globe worked to show that, in these unprecedented times of fear and adversity, the only solution is to meet with others and exchange ideas.

That’s what the representatives of Emmaus International had in mind when they went to the event – they were determined to share their experiences and hopes for the future. “At Emmaus our doors are open, no matter what kind of situation people are in,” said the head of the movement. “This movement is based on solidarity, equality, respect for universal human rights and freedom. I’m a member of a special delegation of the executive committee of Emmaus International and leader of group, Igualdade dos Trabalhadores, to represent the Emmaus movement in the World Social Forum in Tunis to advocate the people of Lake Nokoué.”

They aren’t just going to put up with the meagre crumbs we give them to survive. We must never forget this. We think that the struggle at an individual level for social and political rights takes us a step nearer a future world, it also tackles the ground where frustration, violence and despair thrive.

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