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THE POWER OF THE WEAK

It goes without saying that members of Emmaus around the world are facing increasing pressure from many different directions. Lack of security, exclusion and inequality remain the terrible markers of the economic and social battlefield, breaking down the borders between rich and poor countries, yet deepening the rift between those who continue to cause destruction and to accumulate wealth as never before and the many who are entirely destitute.

In 2015 our members and our organisation have continued to make the two founding concepts of the Emmaus movement a top priority: active international solidarity and the global combat against the causes of poverty. This is illustrated in our activity report. In the months and years ahead we must use these twin values as a powerful antidote to rising fatalism and fear. Above all, we must, together with all those of good will, make them the only credible way to prevent further breakdown in society and to bring about changes full of potential to which we're totally committed.

"The power of the weak, when it shines forth in places, is sometimes so strong that it can paralyse those considered masters of all" Abbé Pierre.

Jean Rousseau,
Chair of Emmaus International

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ABOUT US

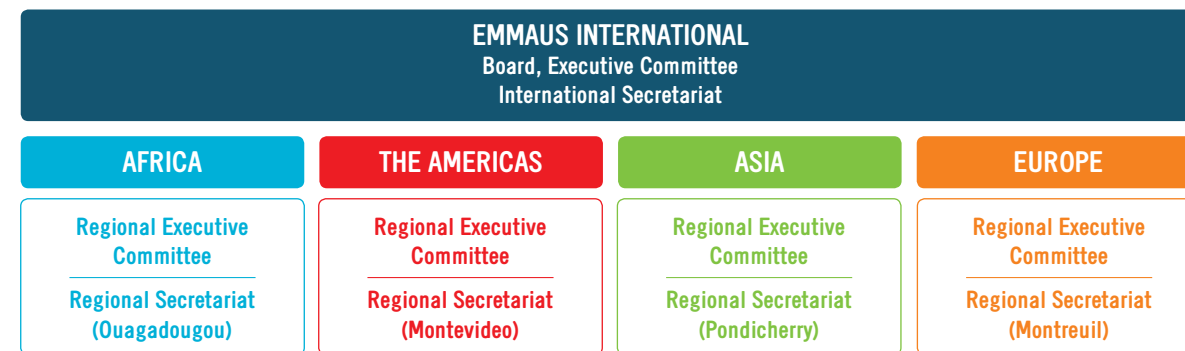
Emmaus International, founded in 1971 by Abbé Pierre, is a secular movement of solidarity working to combat poverty and exclusion. It brings together 350 organisations in 37 countries across 4 continents. All promote the same values of sharing, humanity and justice, in very diverse social, economic and political contexts. Their common goal is to empower the poorest in society to take control of their own lives and to show that a fairer world is possible.

Emmaus International also coordinates the collective commitments of its organisations around 6 programmes of action and engagement: the right to water, health and education, ethical finance, human trafficking and international migration. It promotes solidarity between its organisations, based on the pooling of human, material and financial resources.

As Abbé Pierre's sole legatee, Emmaus International represents "the voice of the voiceless" all over the world.

OVERVIEW

ORGANISATION



GOVERNANCE

Emmaus International coordinates the movement's activities at global level and is governed by representatives of organisations from all four continents. Every 4 years, the 350 member organisations meet for the World Assembly to set the movement's main policy direction. Strategic guidelines are set out by the elected governing bodies (Board, Executive Committee and regional executive committees) at the international and regional levels (Africa, the Americas, Asia and Europe). They oversee their implementation with the support of staff who work at the international and regional secretariats.

EMMAUS AROUND THE WORLD



EMMAUS ON 4 CONTINENTS

AFRICA

ASIA



Everyday life in Burkina Faso.

WORKING IN UNSTABLE POLITICAL CONTEXTS

2015 has seen political instability in several countries of the region. In Burkina Faso the chaotic situation led Emmaus International and Emmaus organisations from the country to voice their support for a peaceful return to democracy. In Burundi, the Emmaus A.L.D.P. team were confined to the organisation's premises and gave shelter to dozens of people fleeing their homes in fear of massacres following the violent political crisis.



Work and training camp in Cachoeira (Brazil), January 2015.

KEY INFORMATION

15 member organisations
9 countries



Newly elected Board members of the region in 2015

- Nantegue Kone (Ivory Coast)
- Jean Berchmans Nsengiyumva (Burundi)
- François d'Assise Tokpo (Benin)
- Suzanne Ware (Burkina Faso)

In 2015, **1** new country, Angola, was added to the list of African countries where Emmaus has a presence.

From **24** to **28** March, 3 representatives from Emmaus Africa organisations attended the Tunis World Social Forum (Tunisia) where they talked about the alternative solutions they are developing locally, above all in terms of management and community involvement.

THE AMERICAS

KEY INFORMATION

31 member organisations
8 countries



Newly elected Board members of the region in 2015

- Jorge Ambiado (Uruguay)
- Juan Melquiades (Peru)
- Joshua Prochaska (United States)
- Gloria Zuluaga (Colombia)

70 Emmaus organisation leaders from the Americas came together in August to discuss working methods in the areas of economic activity in the community, social work and education.

On **30** October, the Emmaus organisations of the Americas region staged a conference on people's freedom of movement at the Museum of Immigration in Montevideo (Uruguay).

REGIONAL WORK AND TRAINING CAMP

In January, the 9th work camp of the Americas region took place in Cachoeira (Brazil). Training was also an important element. Around a hundred participants (companions, leaders and staff) came from all over the Americas region, as well as from France, Burundi and Burkina Faso. Regional trainers led workshops on self-sufficiency, political lobbying or the life of Abbé Pierre.

A MAJOR CHALLENGE: ACHIEVING SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Self-sufficiency has been at the heart of issues and concerns in the region in 2015. Member organisations were asked to consider this issue in a work session at the Regional Assembly which took place at the end of October in Pondicherry (India). Each group gave a presentation on its income-generating activities (ecotourism, fair trade...) and considered the challenge of breaking their dependency on the solidarity of European groups.



Asia regional assembly in Pondicherry (India), October 2015.

KEY INFORMATION

7 member organisations
4 countries



Newly elected Board members of the region in 2015

- Selva Arokia Raj Alexander (India)
- Josephine Pavithra Devi Martine (India)
- Hélène Sayad (Lebanon)
- Prabha Sheel - Moon Sharma (India)

In 2015, **253** people (individuals, self-help groups, farmers, entrepreneurs, single women) received microcredits from Emmaus Asia organisations.

On **8** March, 3 Emmaus Asia associations organised events and meetings for International Women's Day to celebrate the economic and social success of women, particularly in India.

EUROPE



Europe regional assembly in Manchester (UK), September 2015.

KEY INFORMATION

292 member organisations
16 countries



Newly elected Board members of the region in 2015

- Willi Does (Germany) → Julia Finer (Sweden)
- Michael Heap (UK) → Jean Karekezi (France)
- Jean-Philippe Legaut (Roumania) → Nathalie Martz (France)
- Paul Matthews (UK) → Silvana Nogarole (Italy) → Tobias Petersson (Sweden)
- Eduardo Sanchez (Spain) → Maria Luisa Testori (Italy) → Hans Van Beek (France)

A REGIONAL ASSEMBLY ON THE TOPIC OF DEGROWTH

The 5th regional assembly, held in Manchester (UK), brought together 175 organisations from 16 different countries of Europe. Terry Waite, founder of Emmaus Cambridge and Honorary President of Emmaus UK, spoke on the two main themes underpinning these days of reflection: relations with the world outside Emmaus, and ensuring sustainability and developing our activities based on the concept of positive degrowth.

33 European Emmaus organisations provided work camp placements for volunteers during 2015.

On **15** December, Emmaus members in Europe lobbied the members of the European Parliament in Strasbourg (France) on the European Union's migration policies and the future of the circular economy.

6 PRIORITY AREAS

A CLOSER LOOK...

EMMAUS PEREIRA (COLOMBIA)

Recycling rain water

In response to the extremely high price of water from a private company, Emmaus Pereira set up a system to recycle rainwater in 2010. The water, collected on the roofs, is filtered and used by the local community for drinking, washing, and cleaning or crop irrigation. Thanks to this system 240 000 litres of water are collected each year, representing an annual saving of 1,500 euros.



Emmaus Pereira's system for recycling rainwater.

WATER

Water is a shared resource of mankind. Emmaus International is campaigning for the preservation and non-privatisation of this resource.

PILOT PROJECT

With the inauguration of the Kinto site in March, all the facilities at Lake Nokoué are now finished. Access to water and latrines has become a reality.

CAMPAIGNING

This successful scheme, managed jointly by the public sector and the local community, has been presented at various international forums (WSF 2015 in Tunis, 2nd Meeting "Water, Planet, Peoples").

MIGRANTS

Emmaus International is calling for an urgent rethink on international migration policy, and for policy to be based on the principle of freedom of movement and settlement.

PILOT PROJECT

In partnership with CCFD-Terre Solidaire, Espacio Sin Fronteras (South America), the Center for Migrant Advocacy (Asia) and Alternative Citizens' Space (Africa), the OUC organised a seminar on 22 and 23 May entitled "For an alternative governance of migrations", the results of which were published.

CAMPAIGNING

In May, Emmaus International joined forces with 50 organisations to condemn Europe's migration policies and pay tribute to the loss of life in the Mediterranean.



Alain et Maria traversent le détroit de Gibraltar, le 11 août 2015.

A CLOSER LOOK...

EMMAUS SAINT-ETIENNE (FRANCE)

Crossing the Strait of Gibraltar

On 11 August two members of Emmaus Saint-Etienne (France) swam and kayaked across the Strait of Gibraltar, to pay tribute to all the migrants who drowned at sea, to condemn the absurdity of migration policies and to demand the application of Article 13 of the 1948 Declaration of Human Rights, which affirms people's right to the freedom of movement.

A CLOSER LOOK...

EMMAUS ASSOCIATIONS IN BURKINA FASO

A health insurance scheme to facilitate access to healthcare

It was in 2013 that the constituent General Assembly of the health insurance scheme was organised in Burkina Faso. The members of the scheme take the decisions: membership fees, refunded benefits, implementation of third party payment, etc. In 2015 the scheme had 808 members, and 605 cases were taken on.



A health centre in Burkina Faso.

Access to health care is a fundamental right. Emmaus International is supporting mutual health schemes which make it possible for people facing social exclusion to gain access to health care.

PILOT PROJECT

Evaluation missions took place in Benin in July, India in October and Bangladesh in January 2016 to assess the health initiatives.

ETHICAL FINANCE

Building a solidarity economy

A just world is based on the fair distribution of wealth. That's why Emmaus International is promoting and developing an economy based on solidarity.

PILOT PROJECT

2015 has been dedicated to rethinking the partnership with Banca Etica within the framework of the Emmaus Ethical Fund and to considering a possible expansion to include new partners.

CAMPAIGNING

As a founder of the Roosevelt Collective, Emmaus International campaigned against the TAFTA agreements, in particular supporting the global mobilisation on 18 April.



Women at the Thanapara Swallows workshop (Bangladesh).

A CLOSER LOOK...

EMMAUS THANAPARA (BANGLADESH)

SAVING TO FINANCE MICROCREDITS

The Emmaus Thanapara production centre employs 350 women who make clothing and embroidery for fair trade networks. Part of their salary goes into a fund to finance micro projects. In 2015, 207 women benefited from the fund to buy cows or goats, or to develop small businesses.

6 PRIORITY AREAS

EDUCATION



Emmaus Iasi (Romania) takes in young orphans, providing them with accommodation as well as social and professional support.

Access to education is a key tool in the fight against the causes of poverty. Education empowers the least privileged in society so that they can play a part in a fairer world.

PILOT PROJECT

All over the world, Emmaus groups take action to give children from the poorest families access to education, to

provide professionally oriented training courses for young adults, and to raise awareness through education.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The fight against human trafficking is a huge social challenge for the world. Emmaus International is campaigning for legislation to be strengthened in order to protect victims and their rights.



Emmaus Prinsegracht (the Netherlands) regularly takes in female victims of human trafficking for short periods.

PILOT PROJECT

Even though there has not yet been a collective pilot scheme in this area, numerous organisations within the movement are taking action in the 4 Emmaus regions.

SURVEY ON POLICY & CAMPAIGNS AND INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY

In 2015 Emmaus International reviewed the commitment of its member organisations with regard to policy and campaigns and international solidarity. Six volunteers visited 134 Emmaus organisations in 29 countries to review their commitment.

> 73% of the organisations are committed in varying degrees to at least 4 of the 6 key areas. 85% take concrete action on the ground linked to these themes, even though proposals for social change and the move towards political campaigning still need to be developed.

> More than half of the organisations participate in Emmaus International solidarity activities (projects, sales, emergency appeals), an impulse at the core of our movement which needs to be further strengthened.

These surveys, as well as the work carried out throughout 2015 to redefine our strategy as the sole legatee of Abbé Pierre, will feed into the debates of our 2016 General Assembly.

INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY

Solidarity is at the heart of the Emmaus movement. Through Emmaus International's solidarity programmes, member organisations worldwide pool their resources to support member organisations with the least resources.

IN 2015

The solidarity sales organised by **200** Emmaus organisations raised **€560,703** which will finance local projects in 2016.

FINANCING LOCAL PROJECTS

Each of the movement's groups organises a solidarity sale once a year. The proceeds from these sales are pooled into a fund and are then redistributed to support projects to finance capacity building for the weakest Emmaus organisations.

In 2015, **52** shipping containers were sent to Emmaus organisations in Africa and Latin America by **24** Emmaus organisations.

CONTAINERS

Emmaus Europe organisations send shipping containers to groups in Africa and South America to share material resources with them. It's also an opportunity for the members from the 'sending' and 'recipient' groups to meet up.

Spontaneous acts of solidarity from Emmaus organisations totalling **€27,759** helped alleviate **2** emergency situations in India and Burundi.

EMERGENCY AID

When a member organisation is faced with an emergency situation and asks for support, a solidarity appeal is launched to all the groups of the movement. With the resulting aid it can then give assistance (reconstruction, distribution of survival kits, etc.).



Construction financed by Foundation funds in Piura (Peru).

DEMONSTRATING SOLIDARITY BY IMPROVING HOUSING

In 2015, Emmaus International and the Abbé Pierre Foundation for the housing of the underprivileged signed an agreement enabling 10 projects to be funded, to improve housing for Emmaus organisations in Africa, the Americas, Asia and Europe, as well as for the populations they work with. Through this initiative housing for companions was built or improved, communal areas were built to develop community life, and reception areas and lodgings offered by local organisations were extended.



Food parcels for Burundi, financed by emergency aid.

EMMAUS BURUNDI FACED WITH AN EMERGENCY

Since the spring of 2015 Burundi has been facing a violent political crisis, which from July onwards has become increasingly severe. The Emmaus organisation A.L.D.P., situated in an area of relative calm close to the capital, Bujumbura, has since November been sheltering refugees fleeing from the violence. The organisation requested emergency funds from Emmaus International and Emmaus Africa to help the 43 families taking refuge in their premises. The 3,300 euros provided by Emmaus helped to feed the refugees for 2 months.



VIDEO: SOLIDARITY, KEY TO EMMAUS MOVEMENT
From Cambridge to Krakow, discover how international solidarity works at Emmaus.

KEY DATES IN 2015

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A conference on migration

On 18 December the Organisation for Universal Citizenship organised a conference at the National Museum of Immigration in Paris, to coincide with its plea for a “change of course on migration”.

Read the campaign document at www.o-c-u.org/fr/nous_connaitre/plaidoyer

New web tools

At the beginning of 2015 Emmaus International's new website was launched, along with its Facebook page. We hope you'll visit the site and like our Facebook page!

[EmmausInternational.org](http://www.EmmausInternational.org)



Regional assemblies

In 2015 the Emmaus organisations of each region came together for their regional assemblies. They elected international representatives, decided on priorities for their region and prepared for the 2016 World Assembly.

- > Emmaus Europe: 3 to 6 September in Manchester (UK)
- > Emmaus Asia: 23 to 25 October in Pondicherry (India)
- > Emmaus the Americas: 28 October to 2 November in Montevideo (Uruguay)
- > Emmaus Africa: 7 to 9 December in Tohouè (Benin)



Preparing for the World Assembly

2015 has been a year of preparation for the World Assembly, a focal point in the life of the movement, which takes place every 4 years. All the members of the movement will come together in Jesolo, Italy, from 18 to 23 April 2016.

Work on values

In July 2014, thinking ahead to the 2016 World Assembly, we began a wide consultation of Emmaus organisations across the world to reflect on and identify the values and guiding principles for the future. The results were compiled during 2015 and five values stood out clearly: welcome, openness, respect, solidarity and sharing. They are complemented by the respective guiding principles.



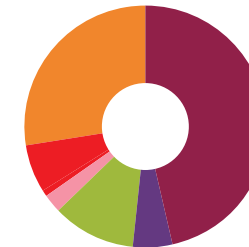
ALLOCATION OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

The year 2015 closed with a slight surplus of €26,108, which will help fund the cost of our 2016 World Assembly (the General Assembly meeting which brings together all of the movement's groups and takes place every four years). The accounts are balanced for our solidarity and policy engagement.

1 - OPERATIONS AND LIFE OF THE MOVEMENT: SURPLUS €26,108 (NOT INCLUDING EXTRAORDINARY INCOME OR EXPENDITURE)

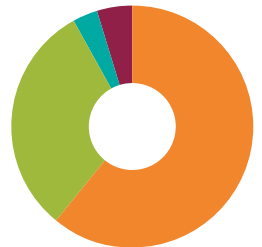
INCOME

- Group subscriptions €1,942,416
- Subsidies €22,716
- Donations and legacies €45,273
- Royalty payments €4,533
- Support of Emmaus groups €26,085
- Miscellaneous €113,921
- TOTAL €2,154,944**



EXPENDITURE

- General expenditure and permanent staff training €1,304,075
- “Life of the movement” action €661,273
- Communication €68,464
- Heritage of Abbé Pierre and the movement €95,024
- TOTAL €2,128,836**



2 - SOLIDARITY AND POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT: BALANCED BUDGET

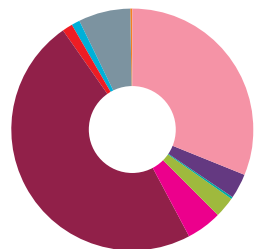
INCOME

- Support of Emmaus groups €365,777
- Subsidies €353,969
- Donations and bequests €101,768
- Sales and Salons €321,749
- Solidarity sales €560,703
- Previous dedicated funds used in 2015 €125,965
- TOTAL €1,829,931**



EXPENDITURE

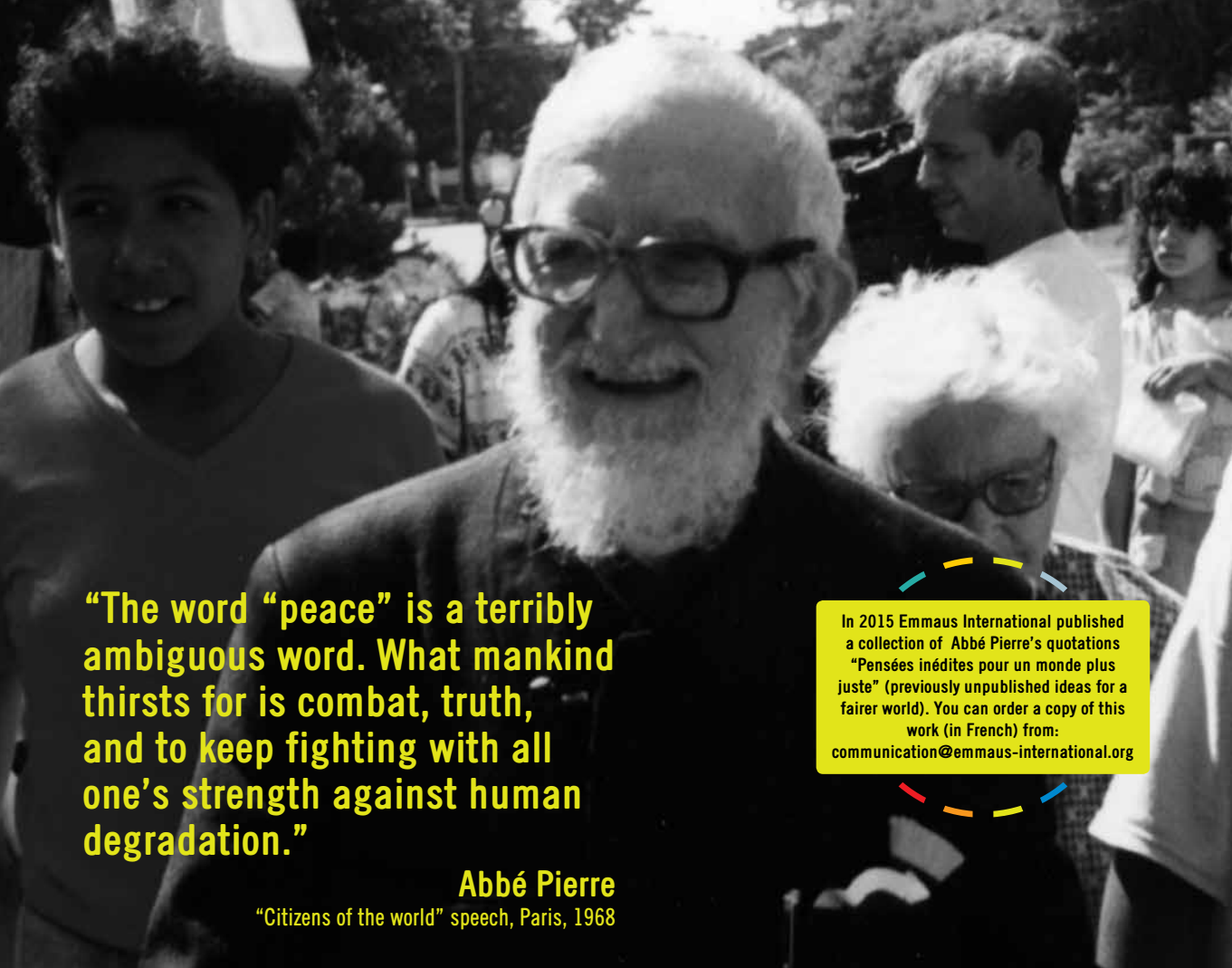
- Right to water €573,259
- Health €62,361
- Education €2,083
- International migration and trafficking €48,357
- Ethical finance/ social economy €2,550
- Archives and memory €90,107
- Support for group projects in Africa the Americas, Europe and Asia €878,903
- Support for shipment of containers €24,297
- Emergency appeals €21,256
- Other expenses €126,758
- TOTAL €1,829,931**



EXTRACT OF THE BALANCE SHEET (IN EUROS)

1 - ASSETS			ON 31/12/2015	ON 31/12/2014
	GROSS	DEPRECIATION	NET	NET
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	€2,251,839	€119,578	€2,132,261	€2,210,047
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	€2,562,056	€21,102	€2,540,954	€2,911,611
ASSET CONVERSION DIFFERENTIAL	—	—	—	—
OVERALL TOTAL	€4,813,895	€140,680	€4,673,215	€5,121,658

1 - LIABILITIES	ON 31/12/2015	ON 31/12/2014
	NET	NET
ORGANISATION'S FUNDS	€1,181,225	€1,155,117
RISK AND CONTINGENCY PROVISIONS	€66,013	€61,925
DEDICATED FUNDS	€1,757,633	€1,883,598
DEBTS	€1,668,345	€2,021,018
LIABILITY CONVERSION DIFFERENTIAL	—	—
OVERALL TOTAL	€4,673,216	€5,121,658



“The word “peace” is a terribly ambiguous word. What mankind thirsts for is combat, truth, and to keep fighting with all one’s strength against human degradation.”

Abbé Pierre

“Citizens of the world” speech, Paris, 1968

In 2015 Emmaus International published a collection of Abbé Pierre’s quotations “Pensées inédites pour un monde plus juste” (previously unpublished ideas for a fairer world). You can order a copy of this work (in French) from: communication@emmaus-international.org

HERITAGE

As Abbé Pierre’s sole legatee, it is Emmaus International’s responsibility to make his thoughts and work known, and to preserve his memory.

And so Emmaus International is currently compiling an inventory of Abbé Pierre’s archives, to put them to good use. As part

of this initiative, it runs the Abbé Pierre - Emmaus Centre in Esteville, where Abbé Pierre lived and is buried:

<http://www.centre-abbe-pierre-emmaus.org/>



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