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There is no source of Peace, of protecting 'rights', except when we are all convinced that Love alone can unite us and help us to move forward together." Abbé Pierre INTERNATIONAL ACTIVISTS FOR CHANGE



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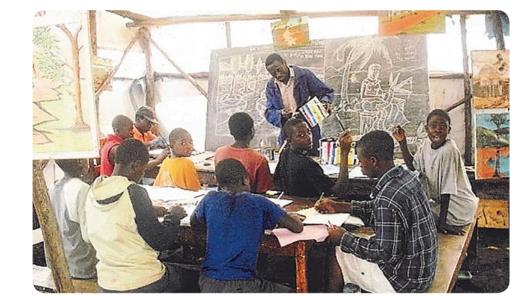
Patrick Atohoun, Chair of Emmaus International

t the World Assembly in Jesolo we adopted three struggles to fight against poverty. Of **I** these the struggle for 'Peace, Free Movement' and Settlement of People and Universal Citizenearly days of our Movement.

Emmaus was born from a desire for peace and a wish to allow all people to move and speak freely thanks to our practice of unconditional welcome. With increasing numbers of migrants the same rights. Only by keeping the peace can all live together in harmony.

and maintaining freedom of movement and settlement can we guarantee the economic, social and political development of our world. In Chili, Rwanda, Bosnia and Benin... Abbé ship' has been part of our initiatives since the the Emmaus groups are continuing to offer Pierre never stopped fighting for peace. As his welcome and continuing to hammer home the sole legatees we have to share what we have message that everyone should and can have inherited from Abbé Pierre in order to ensure we

e of protecting 'rights', except when we are all convinced that Love alone can unite us and help us to move forward together.



AFRICA | Faustin Busimba, programme manager in the Emmaus CAJED group in Congo (DR).

"Our association is committed to protecting children and armed groups. We make these groups aware that they could conflict which has had a long-term impact on civilians. carried out by the Pakistani army, they killed all the men in urgency of the situation we decided to focus our solidarity be prosecuted for this and we also help re-integrate these 60% of the people that come to our group for help have my village. I later joined Emmaus Thanapara Swallows as I action on helping migrants and refugees. Via three partner children into social and economic life in their communities. been displaced because of the conflict. Emmaus gives them felt a responsibility for helping the women to carry on living organisations we provide these people with material support Since 2005 this activity has helped get 10,047 children out of opportunities to socialise, become independent, have and for ensuring their rights were respected. When law and and help them access housing and healthcare as well as food armed groups. We work on the grassroots level and we also training and gain employment. My role in academia meant order is flouted injustice rises and threatens peace. With our and legal support. In recent months we have been present in lobby the government on children's rights. Our initiative is that I closely followed the peace process in Colombia and association we have developed mediation activities. When a the political debate in Sweden, denouncing violations of right becoming more difficult given the current context of political I work with different stakeholders from civil society rights violation is reported to us we try to find a compromise of asylum. One of our challenges is to change public opinion, instability and security risks in the DRC. This situation has (economic and educational stakeholders, trade unions, the on the local level. We also raise awareness with the local which is currently strongly against migrants, with awareness led to displacements, a lack of schooling for children and Church) to implement the La Havana peace agreement. people so that they know their rights and their duties. We are deepening poverty. But we remain hopeful for the future. I think that Emmaus Pereira is a true example of reconciliation all the guarantors of law and order and this helps to calm the We should continue to show our disdain and be activists for thanks to our recycling activity which means that we work majority of the tensions on the local level." change in order to reach out to the hearts of leaders and to with businesses as well as with families and associations and strive for peace".



THE AMERICAS | Rosa Stella Cano Arango, a volunteer in the Emmaus Pereira group in Colombia and political specialist who focuses on matters related to peace.

we also join government campaigns."





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ASIA | **Raihan Ali**, the leader of the Emmaus Thanapara Swallows group in Bangladesh, was recently given an award for his commitment to peace keeping and human rights.



EUROPE | Johanna Azar, Project Manager and Head of International Advocacy for Emmaus Bjorka in Sweden.

"A few months ago Sweden suddenly adopted one of the we work alongside the UN to help get child soldiers out of "For over 50 years Colombia has been in a situation of armed" "At 13 years of age I miraculously survived a massacre strictest laws on migration in Europe. Bearing in mind the raising initiatives (demonstrations, shop windows on different topics). We need to strive for freedom of movement and residence and universal citizenship but we have many small steps to take before we make it there."

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Michel Frédérico is a companion and librarian at the Emmaus community in Pamiers, in the South of France. On 22 January 2017 he arrived in Paris, completing a 900km walk across France to defend Article 13.

w was this project started? We were involved, alongside Emmaus France, in the discussions for an event with a powerful impact to start this year of commemoration after the loss of Abbé Pierre 10 years ago. I've always enjoyed walking so the idea came to me quite naturally. I departed from Toulouse (France) on 27 December 2016 and I walked between 25km and 40km per day all the way to Paris. The idea was to remind people of the existence of Article 13 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which guarantees that "everyone has the right to freedom of movement and residence within the borders of each State" and that "everyone has the right to leave any country, including his **Did your march give you strength?** During the march I own, and to return to his country."

elsewhere simply do things "in a different way". We all live been depicting.

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in the same world, on the same planet. For me talking about borders, homeland or countries is just absurd.

talked to the communities and Emmaus Friends Committees who hosted me but I also spoke a lot to people I met on the Why are you committed to this cause? My family was living road and they were very interested in this struggle. The in Algeria but we were repatriated to France when Algeria march has given me a desire to keep moving forward and became independent, I was 5 years old. So I know what it (why not!) visit all the capitals of Europe in 2017 - but maybe means to not be able to move around freely in a war-stricken not on foot this time around! I also got involved in Emmaus country. I've lived in Crete, India, Afghanistan... I think that France's 'Lobbying' committee. I think that, fundamentally, it should be compulsory for every young person to spend a people are good and understanding. I haven't witnessed the year or two elsewhere so that they understand that people inward-looking France that the media and politicians have