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## **NEWSLETTER DE JUILLET 2022**

### **THE THOUGHT OF THE MONTH**

Your Prime Minister said that "VIOLENCE has no place in a DEMOCRACY"! She talks about WHAT, she speaks for WHOM?

*Calogero Galante*, in a past letter of 6<sup>th</sup> June.

### **A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT**

#### **INCREASE THE POWERS OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE?**

"The campaign of the last presidential election was marked by the poverty of the debates but especially by its obsessive security excesses. All the speeches have almost sunk into the resumption of security themes. Today, municipal councillors want to strengthen the prerogatives of the municipal police. This requires a change in the law.

Two remarks can be made beforehand:

\*\* The dismantling, bitter failures of the government immigration policy, would therefore be the flagship arguments of municipal elected officials for a thoughtful, positive, humanitarian and successful immigration policy? The dismantling now trivial and daily would miraculously be more effective with municipal police!

\*\* the question of the need for the existence of municipal police in our Republic where the national police and gendarmerie forces are very numerous and very diverse: at the beginning of the creation of the municipal police one could innocently see a nostalgia for the country guard, a territorial official often full of bonhomie ensuring the harmony of rural life.

It could have been made into a body of local officials who could combine information, prevention, conciliation for conflicts over use or neighbourhood, etc.

It is clear that quickly the municipal police multiplied the skills and quickly poured into the security only.

Our Republic has a very large number of different bodies of police officers with the prerogatives of identity checks. The defenders of rights regularly communicate on this delicate subject: methods, respect for the laws, multiplicity of certain controls suspected sometimes of being carried out overtly.

On the other hand, in addition to the fact that the controls must respond to an objective and well-substantiated offence or suspicion, the controls are essentially subject to compliance with the directives of the Public Prosecutor's Office. It is simply a question of respect for the laws of our Republic? Moreover, how to interpret the offer to see municipalities relieve the State and its officials of these tasks! So, have the municipalities fattened up so much financially? So, the municipalities have solved the social difficulties of their inhabitants?

Today would be added the dismantling of "small" camps (what does "small" camp mean! Subjectivity must be banned, if only to protect our police forces, which must be able to rely on concrete laws!) These dismantling, multiplied and ineffective, are the result of a political failure. Abolishing these camps requires a complete change in the current policy: prevention (care upon arrival, as is done for Ukrainians, instead of abandonment to the street), implementation of a thoughtful, shared and humanitarian reception policy.

If this does not take place, France will just become with imbued with the endless stream of human beings just pointed out: as the foreigner! »

*Jean-Claude Lenoir.*

### THE EVENTS OF THE MONTH.

**This month of July was marked by great heat.** If the rain, the cold, makes life particularly precarious in camps, like the ones we know, the heat is not necessarily more comfortable: the lack of water is extremely serious: to the problem of discomfort caused by thirst, are added t with health problems: dehydration causes kidney and urinary disorders... The heat added to the garbage so rarely collected creates a particularly unhealthy climate (in the photo: Marck, July 22)...



Some places such as the Loon-Plage camp, and most places in Calais, are not equipped with a drinking water point. Associations (ROOTS in Loon-Plage and CFC in Calais) devote their energy to filling containers that they call IBC, and that we called "tons of water" in the years when the camps of Grande-Synthe and Tétéghem were already devoid of water points. Indeed, these large tanks are cubes of one meter side, which contain 1,000 litres a ton of water.

These containers have a very serious disadvantage: heat and sun proliferate germs in the water, making it unfit for consumption.

Salam supports as best it can: distribution of jerry cans in Calais, supply of water to the distributions in Loon-Plage.

The state authorities have not realized the gravity of the situation or do not they care:

In Calais, the associations (whether mandated by the State or non-governmental) have received a joint letter from the DDETS which urges them to strengthen their aid in this area to the exiled populations:

*Given the weather forecasts announced for the coming days (warnings of a heat wave) including for the Hauts de France region and the Pas de Calais department, I ask you for each of your intervention colleagues to take the necessary measures to:*

- **strengthen** the protection,
- **extend** the openings of day care,
- ensure the **supply** of individual water bottles to mobile teams,
- **mobilise** accommodation places, including in hotel rooms if necessary.

*For the humanitarian system in favor of the migrant population in Calais, thank you to La Vie Active for ensuring the supply of jerry cans and doubling the distribution channels to meet the needs on the usual points. Marauding teams will also be vigilant in conveying messages of caution.*

*You will be kind enough to inform the DDETS of the actions implemented. Of course, my teams remain at your disposal for any difficulties encountered during this period.*

*I know how to count on your mobilization and that of the professionals present on these actions on the ground.*

Have the authors of this letter forgotten that they have done everything for months to prevent associations not mandated by the State from distributing food but also beverages, by the prefectural decrees renewed from month to month from 10 September 2020 to 4 May 2022, that prevent associations from stopping in certain places of the city to distribute food and drink, by the PVs regularly put to the vehicles of the associations (Salam among others of course) under the pretext of "troublesome parking" or "very embarrassing"...

Have they forgotten that La Vie Active, the only association mandated by the State, has seen its distribution places diminish like a sore thumb and that there is only one drinking water point accessible 24 hours a day (rue des Huttes) throughout the city?

And the worst thing is that in the days following the sending of this letter, the obstacles to distribution have not ceased: Behind the station, on July 19, Salam was forced by the CRS to interrupt its distribution. Yolaine, the CRS person in charge, reminded them (were they aware?) that there is no "prefectural authorization to distribute", the Salam volunteers presented the letter of the DDETS asking the associations to intensify their aid...

As a result, the CRS used a new, surprising argument: the distribution disturbs the people of Calais who pass by and come to rest in this part of the city ...

Besides, the proof: there is a bench!

That some pass there, because it is their usual route, it is undeniable ...

That some come to rest on a site on which are installed about fifty tents of migrants ... we are amazed to learn it. And we are told that the Calais people do not tolerate the presence of exiles on the city! Finally some good news...

Anyway, the Salam team, which creates

a harmful crowd that day, is forced to repack its tables, drinks and breakfast and settle 200 m away, where no doubt their customers will not disturb anyone by changing places and by reassigning elsewhere a crowd ... And from there they will have to make the journey in the opposite direction carrying jerry cans of 5 litres.

Salam is adapting its distribution locations according to the situation: a new point in the city centre since 10 July (many new arrivals, especially of Syrians) and a move from rue Ader to rue de Judée on 26 July, for all distributions, at the request of the sub-prefecture: the owner of the land wishes to recover the enjoyment. All the distributions, including those of the Active Life, it makes the world, overflows on the public road ... We'll try and we'll see.



In Loon-Plage, no ban on distribution, but still not even the smallest water point. The tonnes of water filled daily by ROOTS are generally respected during “dismantling”.

On July 13, some representatives of associations were invited to meet the sub-prefect (for the first time since April 2021). The discussions were described as courteous.

The sub-prefect recognized the need for garbage collection, and the following Monday a beautiful red dumpster was present on the camp, oddly at the opposite end of the one where the distributions are made, but at least it is there...

On the other hand no water point. M. the sub-prefect also recognizes the need to give water, but finds that it would be recognizing, and therefore favoring, a point of fixation to install one...

Besides, he says, they have water, referring to the presence of tons of water filled by ROOTS...

And yet! On Wednesday 20, during the next “dismantling”, the tanks of water are collected by the cleaning company that accompanies the Police. No one can stop the movement and impossible to get them back. We hear each other say on the ground: we would have to pay for a second bailiff's trip. That's out of the question!



Three of the people who had met the sub-prefect on July 13 sent him an email in the afternoon. At 7:42 p.m. that evening, we could see on the HRO's Whatsapp that the containers had returned.

It therefore happens that the representatives of the State are anxious to keep their word... Thank you Mr. Sub-Prefect, we are pleased to see that.



The simplest, the most obvious, would still be to suspend evacuations during heat waves... Moving the tents, often full of equipment, is exhausting when you are already soaked in sweat without doing anything!

This is what we are already asking for during the extreme cold, this is what Salam is asking again on 13 July through the voice of Jean-Claude Lenoir, his president, in a press release which is a response to the letter from the DDETS.

It ends with these lines:

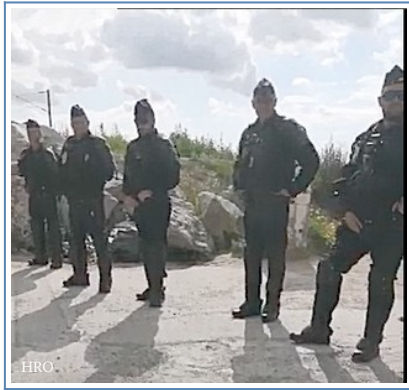


*So why  
in a period of so-called heat wave dismantle the summary shelters of our Friends sheltering them  
somewhat from the ardor of the sun. In fact, would it be scandalous communication in these  
difficult times?*

*However, the solutions are simple: do not add precariousness to precariousness!*



The security forces are not aware of the violence that simply means moving everything you have every other day: in Marck, 2 July, a CRS of the perimeter claims to have never witnessed violence in the course of his work against the exiled people and he adds that the HRO will be disappointed because it will have nothing to make the buzz. These moves are harsh, and even more so when children are involved (always numerous in Loon-Plage): on July 27 in Loon-Plage, the HRO reports to the police a baby less than a month old. The video shows the CRS responding with indifference that the family only has to join the AFEJI bus on the side of the road...



Because the dismantling continued during the month of July as during the previous months.

This is the case, every 48 hours in Calais, and three times in the month of July in Loon-Plage (July 7, 20 and 27) even if on July 20 rue de Judée, a CRS claims that it is not an eviction "they are just cleaning ... »

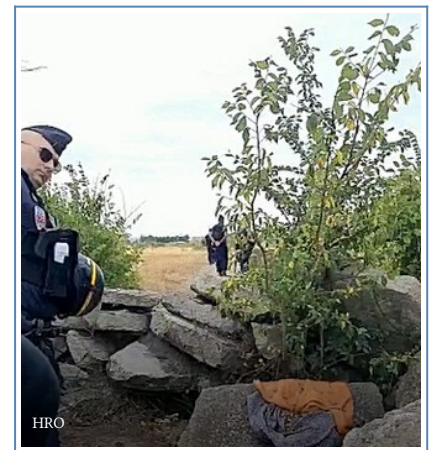
The observation conditions of the HRO, to which we owe almost all of our photos in Calais, and we thank them for this, are far from improving: there are always security perimeters that expand over the months and make it more and more difficult to observe... often these perimeters feature only 2 or 4 police officers. But the HRO is still often entitled to the traditional line of defense, for example on July 4 in Marck.

In addition, the material obstacles to sight are multiplying: we have already seen the last time the CRS vans put in the way of the road, therefore of the view.



This month the HRO sometimes has to manage through a fence (in Marck, 22 July for example)...

... or behind a pile of rocks that they are forbidden to climb: on July 18, Quai du Danube, the CRS prevent the HRO from moving to have a better view on both sides. They also do not let them climb on rocks to see better (private land and dangerous observation point: 30 to 40 cm high!) It's the same on Judean Street on July 22.



Evacuations have been going the same way for several months at both sites:

Preventing the attachment points means having everyone move all their equipment each time (and we know that in Calais it is every other day), which makes it possible to remove all the rest of the belongings that are considered abandoned (Photo of July 8, rue des Huttes).



In Loon-Plage where the pace is less sustained, we realize the waste of equipment and therefore the difficulty for associations to replace what is confiscated! (Photo of the backhoe filled with confiscated belongings).

In addition, exiles are not always allowed to retrieve their belongings even when they are present (for example on July 8 at the Hospital and Judean Street)."

Often the displacement is done on the public road and at the end of the operations, it becomes urgent to clear the road, as if it was a choice of the exiles to block the road at that moment! In Loon-Plage, on July 7, even boasting that the exiles were allowed to return to the camp, the CRS pushed them to clear the road on which they had made them spend the morning: we hear clearly on a video of the HRO: "we tighten them, clear the road!"



The police are still as numerous as ever (photos of Calais)...

... often overarmed (our photos: heavy weapon in Loon-Plage on July 7 and automatic rifle in Auchan, Calais on July 16).



They are afraid, no doubt:

- On 10 July, on the Danube wharf, a man was arrested and immediately handcuffed while he was not struggling.

- In Marck, on July 8, the CRS did not let an exiled person in: "I can't let people pass behind my back, it's for safety." As a result, the person must go through the rails to get his belongings... And others also have to go through the rails to get out. However, we have known for several months, after the death of two people hit by a train, that everything must be done to avoid the presence of people on the tracks...



(About the railway, on July 7 in Loon-Plage, we learn from the conversation between HRO and CRS that being on the railway tracks is prohibited, but also that being on the tracks is an offense punishable by imprisonment... Oh! )

Probably because of the heat, the Police do not have leggings or shoulder protectors, most often they have the rest of the heavy equipment, but, on July 16, not even armor, buckles, LBD, grenade launchers. Only a CRS had an automatic rifle in the parking lot of Supermarket Auchan. The heat must be more dangerous than our friends! A second piece of good news this month...

As always, there are small moments of grace:

- a CRS agreed once to move the perimeter near the operation so that the HRO could document a minimum. We will not mention the place or the date to avoid trouble to this man who took the risk of disobeying orders.
- At the Hospital on July 18, a tent, already put in a van, is returned by the commissioner to someone who claims it.



But conversely, the HRO still encountered many shocking behaviors: Some cleaning staff remove the hoops from the tents, which makes them impossible to reconstitute (as all the equipment is mixed in the vans), while in Calais the exiles are told that they can go to the Ressourcerie to pick up the collected belongings.



This happened at least on July 10, Danube wharf, for three tents, and the 12th Faidherbe Bridge for several others.

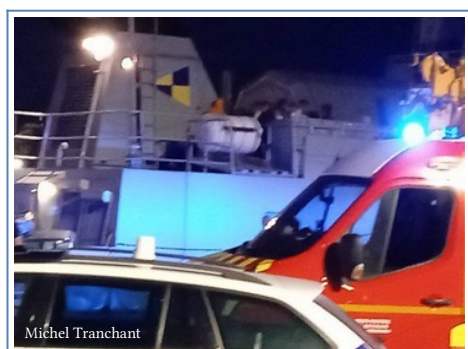
On July 22, the insensitivities accumulated on the Danube wharf:

- A man is pulled from his tent with these words of the CRS "Go stand up, don't take your time".
- Cleaning staff wake up people who are sleeping in the grass.
- A person with his arm in the arm is forced out of his tent and shaken by the Assistant Commissioner.
- A CRS pushes a person who is trying to get his tent back.

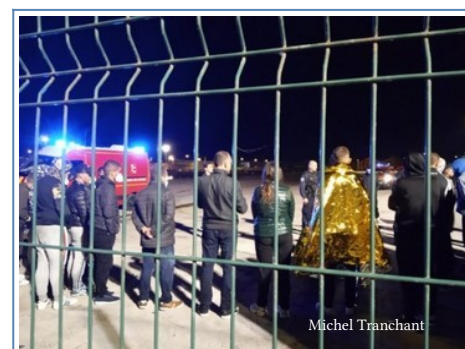
The exiles were fewer than usual at the same time: they arrived and passed through England by sea, even if it often took several attempts:

SMS from Jean-Claude Lenoir on July 8:

*"600 migrants stranded yesterday in Etaples to board boats ... the others succeeded!!  
Thousands of migrants arrive towards the coast ... including hundreds of Syrians certainly following the fall of Boris !!! »*



And one of our former volunteers, who went fishing, witnessed by chance on July 12 the return of a rescue boat with 48 people (including 5 wounded without seriousness).



A very large number cross... even though a network of smugglers was dismantled (39 people arrested on 6 July).

This is good but it is only one sector among others, we have not seen a significant increase in the number of people waiting on our coast. (And that's not the point...)

It's even very good. No one can take pity on these unscrupulous people who treat human beings as commodities, even if one cannot help but think of those who have lost thousands of euros that they will never see again, paid in advance to these scoundrels.



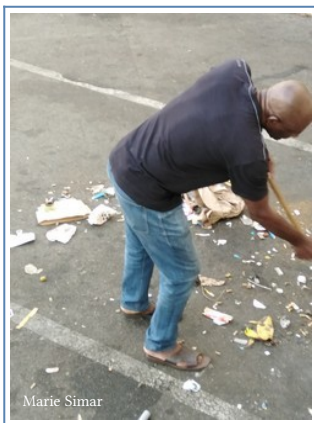
The seashores continue to be controlled.

On July 20, one of our volunteers said: "Summit meeting between CRS and Rangers this afternoon at the Leffrinckoucke rescue post! Not all heard from their jokes about migrants that made them laugh a lot, I was discreet by passing by them and not sure that I would have appreciated their humor ... »

### **Tensions in Grande-Synthe with the young people of the district:**

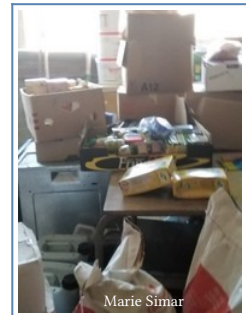
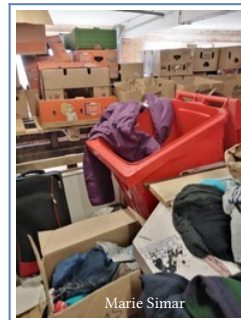
The young people of the neighborhood have always dropped us off in the parking lot, in front of the Guérin room,... no, not bags of bread or crates of warm clothes (we sometimes find some) but cigarette butts, empty cans and small sockets of laughing gas.

The heat made them go beyond the limits of the tolerable: as they were too hot, in addition to the usual dirt, picked up immediately by Sunny...



... they brought a small inflatable pool and found nothing better on July 18 than to force one of our locks to access a water tap and fill their pool...

A lot of disorder inside, discovered on the morning of the 19th, made us fear a descent of migrants destitute of everything, or angry smugglers. But no: no theft (no pants, no blankets, no food, not even bananas...)



The scientific police called elsewhere for more serious incidents and the municipal police not ready to confront our "young heated coyotes" (the situation was very tense on Wednesday evening, July 20) did not seem in a hurry to intervene.

We feared a recurrence every night as long as it was hot...

A call to the town hall fortunately paid off: on Thursday morning, when the meal preparation team arrived, the pool had disappeared: the municipal police (or municipal staff) had probably come very early in the morning. Thanks to the municipal team!

But on July 27, we discovered in the morning that two tyres on our van had been punctured...

The shepherd's response to the shepherdess?

Salam continues, on both sites, our daily work and the work carried out in connection with the other associations on the ground, with obstinacy and serenity, even if the serenity has been a little abused in recent days...

**Claire Millot.**



***ALL ARE RECEIVED, THERE ARE EVEN MENTIONS!!!***

Tuesday, July 5, I had left the team in the morning to accompany the young people in LEP to the results of the Baccaalaureate examinations.

All are received, there are even mentions!!!

Yes, they are "bachelors".

They worked a lot.

It is well deserved.

And you should know that this result comes from a work started in September/December 2018.

Inza, in bodywork, with honors.

He has an employment contract in a body shop.

Makan, in carpentry layout, with mention quite well.

In addition, without show, he passed and obtained his driver's license.

He will have an employment contract.

Petit Barry, in training as a truck driver, with honors quite well.

In addition, he obtained all the truck permits

Hissein, in truck mechanics.

And on July 18<sup>th</sup> he got his driver's license.

Noufou, in boiler making.

Following his baccaalaureate, he enters a year of additional training to be able to consider a permanent contract.

Oussman, in coach. He is looking for a job.

Thank you to the Saturday team (Sabine, Valérie, Jacky...), thank you to my husband, for believing in this youth by the way.

For the most part, the family expects financial assistance from them.

I will remain marked by these children with their passion: to succeed.

Mission accomplished.

New adventure underway with Samba, Mohamadou, Ibrahima and the others.

These will be new results next year.

***Marie Simar.***

***WORKING WITH CHILDREN FROM IME DE ROSENDAËL.***

This project was born from the meeting of Emmanuelle, educator at the IME of Rosendaël, a Saturday volunteer in Salam, with the leaders of the association and the Thursday team, very tempted by the idea of trying to open our activities to children with disabilities.

Why not offer them an additional opportunity to get out of their usual reception structure, to make themselves useful, to develop themselves for the future in shared activities with other people?

An agreement was signed whose objective was to co-build a citizen and solidarity project for children with disabilities, to promote a better inclusion of the children of the IME through a citizen, solidarity, and humanitarian project.



And these little ones came, in groups of four at most, every Thursday morning of the school periods, from November to July (see for example our newsletters of last November and March) more and more confident, undisputed specialists of the salad of fruits!

On July 7, the last day, they were all there for a moment of conviviality.

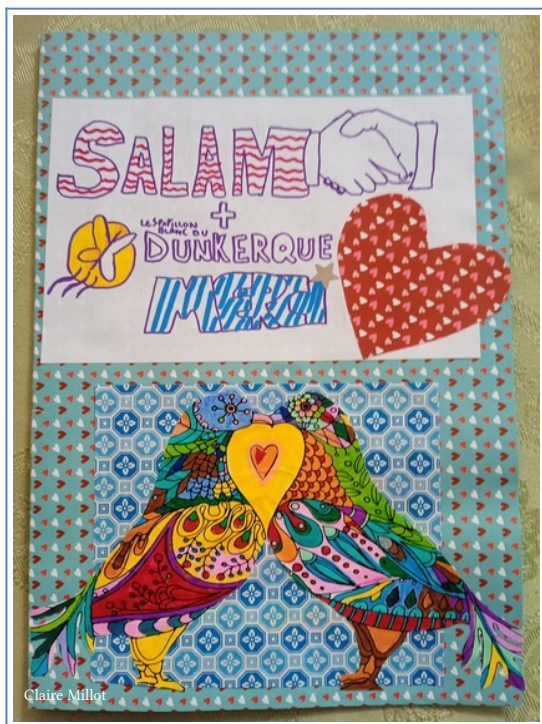
Salam offered them each a small leather strap with their first name embossed, "Salam" and the united hands of our logo.





The next day, Salam's team (represented by Ghislain, Claudine and me) went to share their meal in Rosendaël. We received flowers, the promise to continue the partnership and a magnificent card of thanks, made by the children, with an articulated part and on the fourth page the portrait of Ghislaine, recognizable by her apron and the dish she wears at arm's length, Ghislaine who supported them maternally Thursday after Thursday, throughout this school year and that they will not forget!

*Claire Millot*



**THANK YOU**

**THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEERS,  
To those who ensure, week after week, the collections, the preparations, the distributions ...**





Preparations in a good mood, on both sites:



for the pleasure of the stomachs  
but also of the eyes.



**And first, the summer volunteers:**

- **those who work overtime (additional days)** when there is a lack of people, Sunny at the Popote on Saturday 23, Ghislaine and Sabine on Tuesday 19 July, Gaby and Dominique on Monday to drive the truck ...

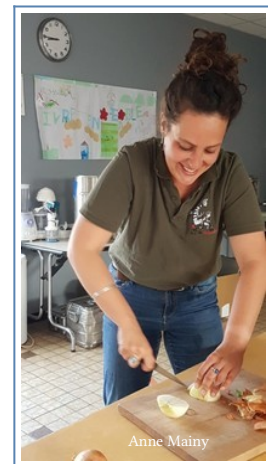
- **Josette** who still made cakes to enrich the distribution of Monday, July 11.

- **those who, on the contrary, take advantage of their holidays to return to Salam:** Cécile, Jean-François' friend, whom we miss so much that she came without him!) Soline (former Saturday volunteer, who never misses an opportunity to come back when she's in the area) ...

...Renaud (notre fidèle médecin de Nantes) et son neveu.

- **young people accompany Marie on Saturday morning for Emmaus collections.**

Samba, Mohamadou, Ibrahima and Sékou came even on July 10, when it was the feast day in their community.



Mamadou, Noufou, Samba and Sékou are also in reinforcement on Tuesdays during the summer. Makan, just of age, hurried to also come and help with the distribution on the camp. And Samba offers her help when needed, even in Mary's absence!

**Denis, from the Emmaus Community,** made the detour to Salam with the Emmaus truck because we did not have a driver to pick up the week's surpluses.

**Vianney and his children** were greeted by their referrals of Thursday 21:

"The father with his two active and voluntary start-ups ++: Barnabé and Anouk (who "enchanted" Ghislaine... and the team! ) Hope and confidence for today and tomorrow exist! " writes Geneviève in her report of the day.

And here is the SMS of Ghislaine who followed:

"Hello Claire our Thursday went very well, this association is magical, one day awful jo jo s despite us and upset our good will by trampling our daily life\* and two days after a wonderful little girl of almost 12 years old came with her brother and her dad, the courageous and generous Vianney, sets the record straight with his dedication, his passion, his desire to know everything in one morning; his brother is also very responsive. »

*\*see the intrusion into our premises at the end of the "events of the month" section of this issue of the newsletter.*

Vianney swims across the English Channel and this summer fund raising, half for our benefit. (see the June issue of this newsletter).

- **Josephine, volunteering at Maison Sésame**, diverted a Thursday to come and help Salam, and appreciated our work so much that she has already returned with her friend Allison, who is also a volunteer at Maison Sésame.

- **Aya, a volunteer at ADRA** throughout the month of July and all of August, completes her weeks with an assiduous and effective presence in Salam.

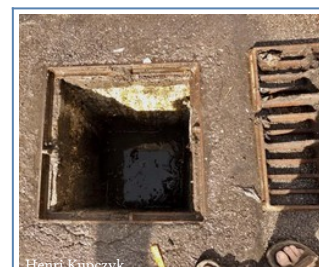
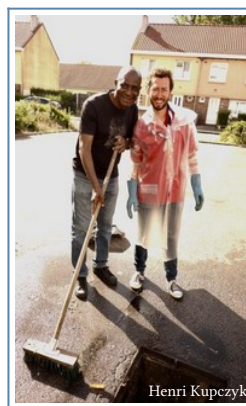
- **Alban** vient de terminer un mois de stage à Calais.

- **Two groups of scouts came to help us, whose presence was superimposed:** "two groups of scouts from different horizons but with the same energy, efficiency and capital sympathy" writes Ghislaine in the report of July 14.

The group of Solène, Yvonne, Aimery and Ella and the pioneers who arrived from Alsace



They did not even balk at the cleaning of the brown bins and the cleaning of the central sump of the courtyard, with Sunny. Two jobs, particularly repugnant that everyone postponed from week to week, with the secret hope that the next team would tackle it ...



Olivier, the scout leader of Strasbourg, had wanted to intervene with his boys during a day of freedom so that they could hear the story of Salam and migrations in our region, so that they could ask all the questions they had in their heads.





So I went on July 13 to Tardingham where they were camping.

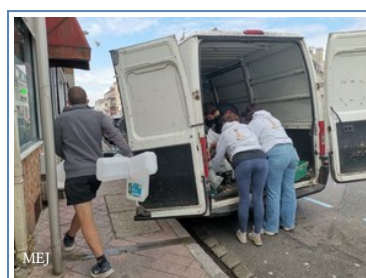
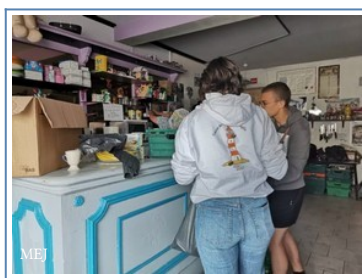
Behind me, it does not appear of course in the photo, but we saw England... which seemed so close, and made the discussion so much less abstract!

**The young people of the "Espoir" group**, unaccompanied minors, were welcomed into the Calais team with two educators on 23 July.

Moved by the presence of very young children on the BMX site, these young people contributed to offer them a wooden puzzle, a small truck, a small car and two footballs.



**The young people of the EYM, whom the coincidences of the calendar have brought together with a new wave of FAR medical students, in sweatshirt decorated with a lighthouse.**



Here is their project, described by Alexandre, their manager.

"The EYM (Eucharistic Youth Movement) is a Christian educational movement that follows the Ignatian pedagogy, that of the Jesuit brothers.

We accompany young people from 7 to 18 years old to make them grow humanly and spiritually, with proposals adapted by age groups. The EYM is lived year-round in small teams of young people supervised by a facilitator, and then in the summer the young people can go to camp for two weeks. There they meet the other young people of their age all over the France!

This year I decided with my head of the camps of the movement, to set up for the first time the camp "Tremplin à Calais".

"Stepping stone" because it is intended for young people aged 17-18 who are doing their last camp before embarking on student life. The pedagogy of the EYM invites them to reread their lives and to make choices and commitments for the future, it's very rich!!





Calais was a challenge, we dared the human adventure, encouraged by our contacts, in particular the Jesuit Father Philippe Demeester\* and Clémence Dupuis who works at Secours Catholique and is a MEJ leader.



After a week of itinerant hiking from Boulogne during which we prepared the young people, they came for a week of service at the end of July with the associations in Calais. They all helped once on a breakfast distribution in Salam.

Our 14 young people from the camp come out delighted and grown, the heart full of the meetings they have lived with the volunteers of the associations and with the exiles.

We thank in particular Yolaine who touched us a lot by the simplicity of her welcome and her dedication to Salam!

We hope to be able to come back next summer to repeat this great experience.

**Alexander.**

*\*And a big thank you also from us to Philipe Demeester who sent them to us.*

**THANK YOU TO THOSE, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, WHO GAVE US GIFTS FOR OUR EXILED FRIENDS.**

**A lady from the neighborhood arrived on July 4 with a large bag full of frozen foods (vegetables and meat).** She was fortunately accompanied by her son who carried the bag to the freezers: there were 25 kg and I could not take it off the ground!

**A new donation of Véronique Decobert's blankets** was announced on July 11 by Guy: "Véronique DECOBERT, from Fleurbaix Solidarité, has recovered a batch of blankets following the death of his mother. Since I am not there to transport them, she will spend one morning in the Guérin room. I told him the possible days. »

**Elisabeth**, a Monday volunteer, bought a beautiful wooden spoon in Romania, to replace the one that disappeared from the basement of the Guérin room,

"Would the attackers of Monday-Tuesday have used it to 'row' in their pool? or some tougher fight, or barbecue, or..." commented Geneviève in her report of July 21.



**THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED US ON BEHALF OF A COMPANY OR AN ASSOCIATION THAT IS FRIENDLY OR IN THE PROCESS OF BECOMING ONE...**



**Eloïse and Charles, from Youth for Climate**, Thursday, June 30, brought us vegetables and salad, remnants of a meal organized the day before. They stayed to help, and were joined by Anatole for distribution. They promised to come back...

**Two friends of Maisons Laffite** (Fabrice and Sandrine) on 4 July, made the distribution in Calais and made the detour to Grande-Synthe with half of the load brought from their home.

**Two cyclists from the "OGS cycling"** brought bananas (superbly yellow) on the morning of July 4th. We distributed them the same day.

**A donation of potatoes was shared with us by ADRA.**

Henri was the searcher on July 12 and commented the next day:

" ADRA potatoes recovered: about 300 kg packed in 2.5 kg sachets and in cases.

Very good quality (the reds) and appearance. »

**The gardens of Cocagne**, Friday 15 and Monday 18 July, called us to come and get excess vegetables that they had available.

**A don of bequeathmes reached us on July 18, announced on July 15 by sms:**

"Good evening Claire, we send you a message to warn you of the donation of vegetables grown and harvested by **the farm of La Motte aux Oies in Le Doulieu**. They will be transported by Hubert. Best regards. Christine and Daniel. »

Christine and Daniel were brand new volunteers, and we hope to keep them for a long time!

Blankets were again gathered by **the parishioners of the small Chapel Notre-Dame-des-Dunes** in Dunkirk and brought back by Henri first on Saturday 16, then on Monday 18 (a lot of 27 news!))

On July 23, Nathalie arrived with **bags of Audotri (especially downs)**

And Julie with **courgettes from a grocery store in Saint-Omer**.

**Jean-Marc, deposited room Guérin Monday 25 a whole lot of** new wooden crates that will be very useful on the camp to make fire (essential even in times of heat wave to cook, and because the nights at home are very quickly cool ...) . He promised to bring more.

**Christian Hogard, Caroline, and their teams from Secours Populaire / Copains du monde** provided us with 60 kg of Nutella, everyone's dream, young and old for breakfast!

**THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO BRING TO LIFE THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE PAGES OF THE WEBSITE:**

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

You have to click on the small flag corresponding to the chosen language, at the top left of the home page.

**Chris O'Grady**, an English friend (see the Newsletter of April 2022, article "thank you") who has already translated the last three newsletters, for the page in English,

**MARIA**, Saturday volunteer who wrote an article for the Italian magazine "CONFRONTI" of July 2022. You will find it on the Salam website in the Italian page (the link can be found in the left column).

**AND FINALLY THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO MADE US FINANCIAL DONATIONS,**

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 all those (close friends and strangers) who slipped us a ticket, sent us a check, made a transfer directly or through Helloassos.

**THANK YOU TO BETHLEHEM, TO ABDELKADER AND TO THE RENAISSANCE ASSOCIATION, TO FLANDRES TERRE SOLIDAIRE, TO THE PROTESTANT MUTUAL AID, TO DUNFRESH who gives us a ton of bananas once a week, TO EMMAUS who gives us surpluses every week, for Calais as for Grande-Synthe, to the GARDENS OF COCAGNE, to the COMORIAN LADIES, to the RESTAURANT DU CAP in Escalles, to the bakeries in front of the Noordover and "Au bon pain d'autrefois" of Coudekerque. Week after week, they are there to help us.**

**THANK YOU to the diocesan association of Lille** which, through the parish of Grande-Synthe, has graciously made available the premises of the Guérin room for about fifteen years.

**THANK YOU to Michel who ensures the layout of this newsletter**, without fail, for years, **to Antoine who manages the Facebook Page** , also without fail, since 2017.

*Claire Millot.*

### **OUR VOLUNTEER NEEDS.**

#### **Dunkirk:**

We need people, on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from the beginning of the peeling chore (8 am) to the end of the dishes (between 2 and 4 pm). In between, we distribute the meal.

Call Michèle (06 74 27 43 39). From the UK 00 33 6 74 27 43 39

#### **Calais:**

Salam continues to distribute enhanced breakfasts every morning with tea and coffee.

But we are sorely lacking in volunteers, especially volunteers with driver's licenses:

Appointment at 8 am at the local, 13 rue des Fontinettes.

Call Yolaine at (06.83.16.31.61) From the UK 00 33 6 83 16 31 61

### **CALL FOR DONATIONS**

#### **MONEY NEEDS.**

Without state subsidies and with a very significant reduction in subsidies from local and regional authorities, we still need money to make the work of the association last:

Maintenance of premises and vans, fuel, purchase of food that is lacking...

Go to the association's website: [www.associationsalam.org](http://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:

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You are entitled to a 66% tax reduction on these donations, in cash by one of our volunteers or by cheque payable to SALAM.

*A big thank you to all our generous donors!*



## TENTS AND TARPAULINS!

From dismantling to dismantling, the tents are removed on both sites and we can no longer replace them. Many people sleep without anything on them, in all weathers.

But we hesitate to suggest you buy some: the life expectancy of a tent is a few days...

On the other hand, tarpaulins, pieces of e 3 m by 3 (or 2.5 m by 3), cost much less and allow an honest man to spend a night in the shelter.

### **Otherwise, the most pressing needs on both sites:**

BLANKETS (DOWNS, SLEEPING BAGS).

hygiene products (shampoo, shower gel, deodorant, sunscreen ...) especially razors, towels,

**men's clothing** from XS to L: underpants, long underpants and thermal undershirts, socks, jogging pants, jeans, shorts, t-shirts,

SHOES for men: Trainers or light hiking shoes (sizes 40 to 46), Sun hats.

backpacks,

lamps and batteries,

water packs,

bags (small backpacks, garbage bags, freezer bags, totes and plastic bags)

### **Food for Calais:**

milk,

tea and sugar, coffee,

cans of sardines and cans of tuna,

cream cheese,

dried fruit,

power banks.

To deposit your donations, RDV 13 rue des Fontinettes, and call 06 83 16 31 61.

### **And for Grande-Synthe:**

Especially canned vegetables of all kinds (we have been receiving much less fees for some time),

bags of pulses,

spices,

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

## CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

You can still take your membership for 2022.

The membership form is attached to this mailing.

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

Whether you are an active volunteer or not, becoming a member gives the association the strength of union!

We were already more than 250 members in 2021, help us reach 300.

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[And the brand new LinkedIn page, which can be consulted on the following link :](#)

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### 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 :

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

(5 € pour les étudiants et demandeurs d'emploi , adhésion valable jusqu'au 31/12/2022)

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.