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THE THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

In the silence of the cries... Where to find the light?

Dominique Bouday, artist photographer, present on our camps next April.

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Who are we kidding?

The appalling indifference.

The deaths are multiplying inexorably in the Mediterranean.

The Laws are predictably flouted.

RIPAM* totally ignored.

And today The UN prides itself on having put in place a treaty:

An international treaty for the protection of the high seas!

And this, without batting an eyelid.

Without worrying that the first miles are managed in total defiance!

Who are we kidding?

Jean-Claude Lenoir.

RIPAM **International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.*

A MAN DIED.

On the Mardyck camp.

Shot in the head in his sleep.

He didn't stand a chance.

The horror.

It was the night of Monday 13th / Tuesday 14th February.

He died on Wednesday at the CHR in Lille, alone like a dog. His brother arrived in time but could not access his room.

Something is wrong in our civilized world.

Farewell to Halo:

(Text read at the commemoration ceremony at the Human Rights event in Dunkirk, February 22).

“Halo”, that's what Peter and I used to call you.

You were our friend.

Every evening you came to meet us, whatever the weather and your smile was a light for us.

You were always in an mellow mood. We took care of you

as best we could, but you took care of us too, always attentive, and grateful.

Halo, we miss you so much.

We also think of your brother, family and friends who cherished you more than anything.

Halo, we will never forget you.

Rest in peace.

Pascaline and Pierre.

We put a rose on him on Saturday. No one deserves to die like this ...



That morning, on the camp, it was fear.

Families hang out in the parking lot. They dare not return to the tents. AFEJI does not come to offer shelters like every morning. The authorities banned them for security reasons.

Fortunately "Help 4 Dunkirk", Utopia and Salam are there and offer a night in a hotel to the five families who are in demand. They will finally leave, some in the morning at the Sesame House, others in the afternoon in CAES, with AFEJI.

But when AFEJI returns that day (and the following days), it is accompanied by Law Enforcement. We have never found a better way to scare away exiles... This is simple common sense and experience, day after day, has confirmed it, in particulier at the time of total confinement for COVID.

On February 23, the day of dismantling, a dialogue between one of the HRO members and a CRS confirms this reality (HRO video of 10:07):

There are a lot of people who do not know where the buses are, who want to be sheltered and who are on the other side of the ring road...

(...)

The difficulty is that we recover them from the camp, we direct them, and it starts as "flocks of sparrows", so we cannot welcome them and give them the information...

Many associations are also withdrawing, as last May: shots had sounded on a Sunday at noon at the distribution centre. Salam had been alone in the field on Monday.

This time at least the local humanitarian associations that donate food have responded.

Since life has dragged on to resume a normal course, if it is possible to talk about normality in a place without water point and toilets!

Tuesday 14th at noon the distribution car park was cordoned off by the police. The Salam team distributed only about forty meals, a little before on the access road. But on Thursday the 15th we only had 7 people who showed up for lunch. Never seen before...

Very quickly the number of people present at the distribution points becomes more substantial.

132 on Friday 16th at the Emmaus meal, 125 on Saturday 17th for Stand by You, but 60 on Tuesday 21st.

It is still not huge but the attempts to cross and the crossings to England have been numerous. The weather was favorable.

DEMANTELEMENTS:

Dunkirk side:

The only dismantling of the month took place on February 23rd. There has not been one since January 26th. Let's not dream of a monthly rhythm, the following one took place on March 1st...

Only one in February, but muscular...

From 7am, an impressive convoy is formed: 8 gendarmerie vans, 11 CRS, 5 PAF, 2 civil protection, three bailiffs, 5 dump trucks, a backhoe, several small LOXAM tractors. A cleaning crew of at least 15 people. 2 buses.

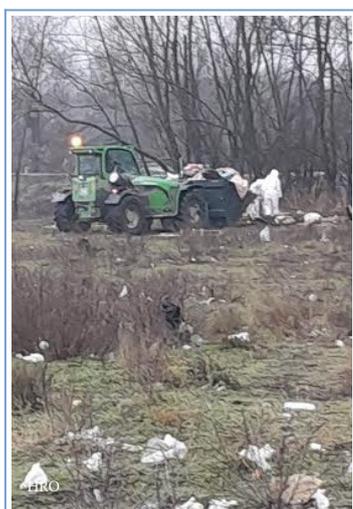
It is the new camp that is targeted this time. Until then, it had been spared.

The location of the former camps on Loon-Plage had been dug over, so as to make any resettlement impossible.



One had the impression that there was a desire to regroup all the exiles on Mardyck and therefore to tolerate this new camp... Well, no...

February 23rd, therefore: controles of identity for the HRO from 7:21 a.m., then two more times. Controls also for exiles. Between 8:15 a.m. and 8:30 a.m., the HRO was escorted outside twice. Then at 10 am, identity check with pat-down for "Help 4 Dunkirk".



The dismantling equipment is still impressive and has worked at full capacity.

Many tents were seized.



Exiles are not allowed to go in to collect their belongings. The stalls are collected and the structures at the bottom distribution point are destroyed.



The convoy leaves behind only ruins.

The police have not been kind. The gaseous were on their way. Under the bridge and on the road, the smell was characteristic.



Calais

The pace of evacuations remains the one we have known for years now: every other day. Two days in a row on February 5 and 6.

But the exception was nothing on 16 February: no doubt the forces of order had been deemed more useful on the routes of the demonstrations against the reform of the pensions. What an astonishing relaxation: never at the height of the yellow vest movement, the choice had been made by the authorities to lower (even by one day) the pressure on the migrant camps of Calais...

We note a relaxation in the pressure on our camps, not in the rhythm, but in the duration and number of camps evacuated each day: since mid-January it is 4 or 5 camps, sometimes even only 3, which have been visited by the Police. On 12 February, we even saw an evacuation without CRS, only two vans of the National Province!



The evacuation machines are not as imposing as at Dunkirk: two vehicles each day (a van and a small dump truck).



This is not to say that evacuations are smooth. We regularly see heavy weapons, sometimes held threateningly, sometimes less so, as on Judean Street on February 19:



We see the police forcing people to evacuate their camp their tents (photo of February 8)...

... Even when the wind disturbs them (photo from February 1st):



The perimeters that are still called "security" prevent access to the sites to associations but not to passers-by (photo of February 3, Mollien bridge):
What danger has met this lady, through the negligence of the police who let her pass?



Arrests are not uncommon. On the other hand, it is exceptional for an exile to escape. But it happens, for example on the 10th February in the City Center:



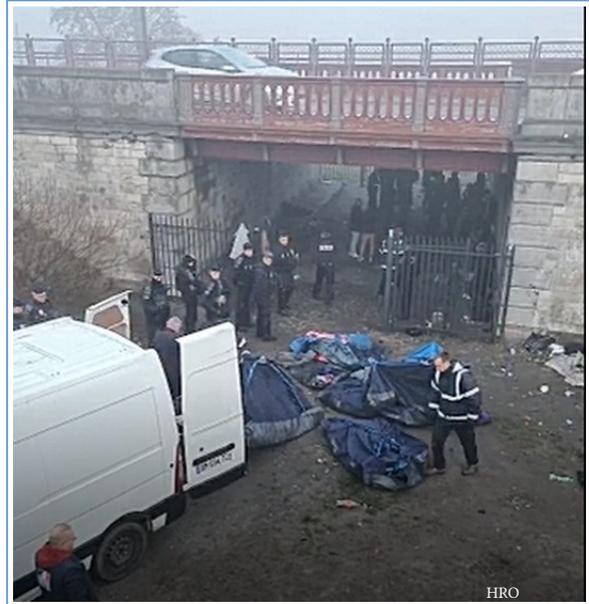
Marck, February 1

The belongings of the absentees are collected:



Pont Mollien, February 3

Often in quantity (photo of February 10, Pont Mollien):



A shelter is destroyed with a knife (photo: February 12, rue de Judea)



But the material is sometimes also taken from people while they are present: On February 17th, for example, Pont George V, a gentleman is awakened by the police, he undergoes a pat-down before being arrested and then his belongings are picked up...

Yet the forces of law and order seem convinced of their usefulness and their humanity. A CRS can be heard justifying his presence in the HRO video of 10:18 a.m. on February 10 on the hospital's website.

The discussion with the HRO is quiet, the end of the operation has been indicated:

- I think you come in with preconceived ideas: we bad guys...

Frankly, we should not see it like that.

You know, if we do nothing, we leave them like this, there will be dysentery, typhus, many diseases...

Because actually, it's for them. What happens here is to help them...

We think we are dreaming...

SHELTERED FOR EXTREME COLD.... AND TRUST BREAKS...

It was very cold on February 7th , then on the 27th , and the following days (photo of February 28th in Mardyck) .



Dunkirk on February 7th .

Message that day from the Carrefour des Solidarités:

"The gymnasium system is working from this Tuesday 07/02.

A Space from the esplanade in Dunkirk for migrant families (tonight opening at 5:30 pm, closing tomorrow at 9 am).

The deadlines for the organization of this shelter do not allow the establishment of an AFEJI maraude today, but it will be effective from tomorrow. »

The reception is scheduled from 5 to 8 p.m., and only for women and children.

In fact people do not jostle (23 people the first night) and the staff also lets in the men alone.

The gymnasium is closed on the morning of the 11th.

Dunkirk on February 27th:

Message from the Sub-prefecture transmitted by the Carrefour des Solidarités:

More offers to CAES:

"In view of the drop in temperatures, AFEJI will double its marauding today and tomorrow.

A shelter, to the usual shelters, will therefore take place in the morning and afternoon. »

Then next afternoon, are announced in addition first hotel places (you have to call 115) and finally the opening of a gymnasium:

Estimated duration: evening and tomorrow night.

But in the afternoon of the following day in we learn that the gymnasium does not reopen in the evening...

Impossible to trust:

On the evening of February 28th, the reception in a gymnasium is therefore proposed but the next morning, March 1st, when everyone has been invited to stay warm until 9 am, a big dismantling of the camp takes place.

The convoy of the Police arrives at the entrance of the camp at 8 a.m. ...

Once again, if there was a gram of confidence vis-à-vis the state authorities among the exiles, everything is done to destroy it...

Calais :

February 7th and 8th only:

No opening of premises for the night, but more buses for the CAES:

Message from the DDETS of 7th February :

"I inform you that a second daily sheltering time, for the CAES of the department, will be organized this Tuesday, February 7th and tomorrow afternoon, February 8th at 4 pm from the rue des Huttes. Morning departures are maintained as every day. »

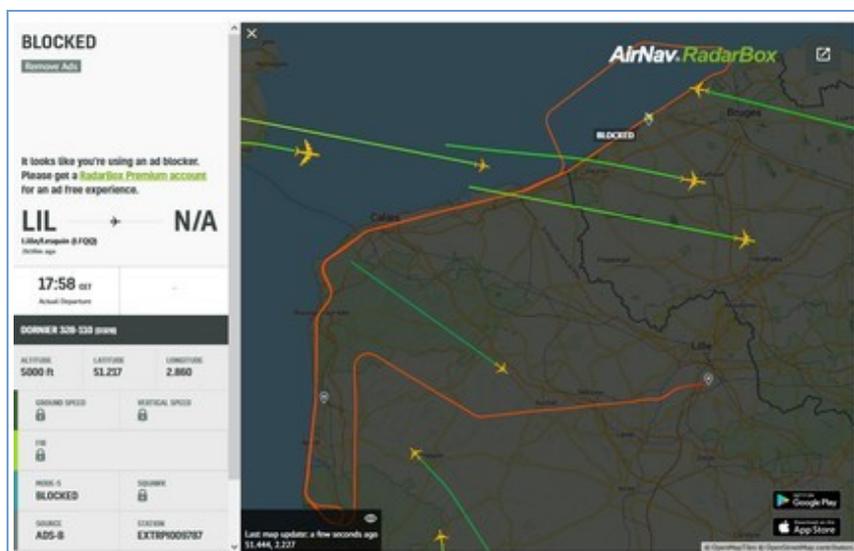
THE UNITED KINGDOM'S APPEAL.

The weather has often been favorable in this month of February and the crossings numerous.

The authorities are on edge to prevent the departure of people who are prevented by all means from staying there!

Wednesday 8 at 20:47, Jean-Claude Lenoir, president of Salam, reports a helicopter and a boat of the Maritimes Affairs almost stopped (very short) near Gravelines.

Arnaud sends us on February 15, a screenshot of Flightradar:



This is, in red, the route of the Frontex plane.

Arnaud comments: "Tonight he has just passed over Dunkirk, for his second loop of the evening.

For your information a loop is at least 700 km ... and he does several a night! »



Even on earth, everything is done to discourage exiles from moving away. Agnès, one of our amateur volunteer-reporters, spots the police first seated at the Burger King, then stopping and searching people at the nearby bus stop, in front of Auchan Grande-Synthe.

A CHLORINE LEAK AT THE MARDYCK CAMP.

On the afternoon of 20th February, a fire in a factory near the former Loon-Plage camp caused a cloud of chlorine to cross the Mardyck camp.



The firefighters are on site. The sub-prefecture is announced. Seventy guys are on the run at the Auchan bus stop.

The next day, the Red Cross tried to obtain the results of the tests carried out by the firefighters. In vain. A week later, le 27, the Mardyck fire brigade replied to one of our telephone calls where the toxicological result was zero, i.e. there was no conclusive trace of product in the air...

It is hard to believe that the samples were taken at the same place and/or at the very time when people were inconvenienced....

The advice found on the internet, in case of exposure to chlorine, are first to remove your clothes and wash your whole body with soap and water...

Very funny for people who are outside without access to a shower and without a change of clothes...



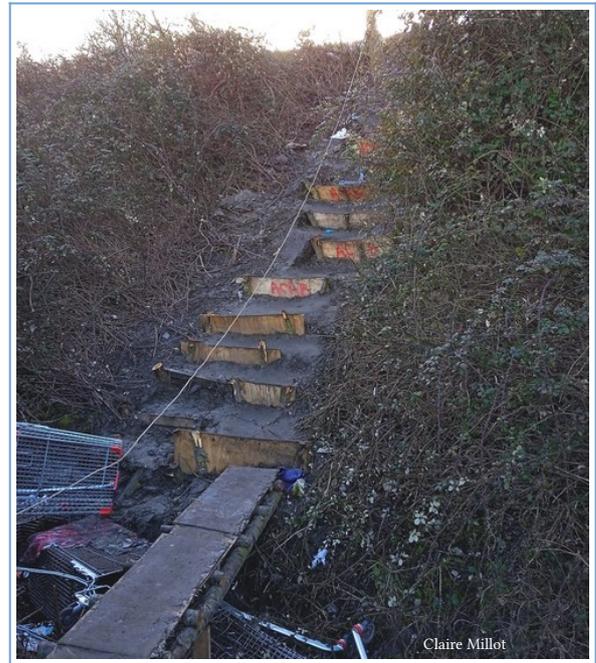
SOME GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS, to end on a positive note:

Garbage collection in the Calais camps:

The associations mobilized on February 4 and invited Calais residents to join them.

The next day the collection by the municipal services had not yet taken place and the photo gives an idea of the extent of the work done.

Constructions by the exiles themselves: the staircase that allows access to the road, from the camp of Mardyck below



Constructions by associations: this one is the work of Dutch, manufactured to shelter the presence on the Mardyck camp of "Help 4 Dunkirk".

Of course, this construction did not survive the dismantling of February 23rd...

Deforestation to make the exiles more visible, destruction of shelters for which young trees have been cut down and there is no hope that this will not happen again, since we do not offer alternatives to those who are hunted ...

But where are the environmentalists?

Claire Millot.

GOODBYE UP THERE...

Clio is one of the leaders of "Help 4 Dunkirk" an association which, for several years, has been spending the winter at the Dunkirk camp and tirelessly helping our exiled friends by offering them, among other things, showers in a truck, hot drinks and wood deliveries.

Clio spent a few more days with us on the Mardyck camp and back in the south, she sent us a warm audio message, the text of which I transcribe:

In my brain, everything still resonates from above.

A human adventure of only a few weeks.

It is impossible to describe everything we felt.

Migrants, exiles, refugees, undocumented...

Arrived there, in France, on a land that seemed to have lost all humanity.

Vietnamese, Pakistanis, Sudanese, Kurds, Afghans,

All there to escape blood-curdling stories.

Exodus, exile, such a long road for all these human beings, all forced to leave everything, to go so far, to save themselves from conflicts, misery and war...
Clinging to life, so far from Mother Earth. The road was long and so dangerous for all these men, women, children...
Widiana, brave little girl.

"France Land of welcome", they said...
"Country of human rights"...
"You'll see, you'll be safe, my little man"...
Indignant...
For this is nothing but lies and cruelty.
The French state is a murderer for undocumented migrants...

Thank you to the associations, volunteers, who do a hell of a job. I think of all of you,
on the jungle of Grande-Synthe, up there, where the cold and the state do not give you gifts.

So many encounters, extraordinary people, all with the goal of a visit to England.
To your distress, the French state is doing feats, cruelties, thefts of hope and dignity.

Fortunately, in this land that should be without borders, beautiful souls resist for whom will always resonate, like the truth: "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity".

And long live solidarity,
You won't be able to stop us...
To all our friends we met up there...
Let's keep hope...

Long live solidarity,
You won't be able to stop us...
To all our friends we met up there...
Look, look, look, look, look...

Long live solidarity,
You won't be able to stop us...
To all our friends we met up there...
Look, look, look, look, look...

Clio (February 3, 2023).

***FORTY ASYLUM SEEKERS WELCOMED BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR IN A SMALL VILLAGE
IN CORREZE***

There is a lot of talk about welcoming "refuge seekers", as Damien Carême says, in villages of France.

A month ago Callac abandoned his reception project.

One of our former volunteers forwards me an article from "La Montagne" of January 31st, 2023.

Her daughter has set up market garden in this village and will try to get out for a few hours to help if she can.

The full article can be found on our website www.associationsalam.org under the heading "We read, we saw".

Here are three excerpts, and the photo that illustrates it:

The decision has only been official for a few days: the State opens a reception center for asylum seekers (CADA) in Beyssenac, a small village in the Lubersac sector, in Corrèze and entrusts the management to the Viltàis association. Forty people will eventually be welcomed in the former hotel-restaurant of La Mandrie.



Viltàis will create three jobs to manage the center: recruitment is underway. Twenty places will be immediately available when it opens in April, since the first comers will be installed in the small chalets that surround the hostel.

(...)

" We will solicit local companies, we hope to finalize the receptions by the end of the year," explains Karine Bouteleux. In particular, the association must find a solution for the hostel's swimming pool. "Unlike most of us, the pool and the sea are not necessarily good memories for some asylum seekers," says the director. We are looking for a solution to secure it, or even dry it. »

Eric Zemmour organized a demonstration in this small village of Beyssenac , tells us our friend a few days after .

Fortunately, it is impossible to cancel this project because the association has already signed the purchase.

Claire Millot.

VICTIMS-HEROES-ANGER

More than a week since the catastrophic earthquake in Turkey and Syria. Rescuers are making heroic efforts. We admire them, we are grateful to them. We feel sorry for these poor victims whose lives are shattered. All this is normal, it's human, it's good. But at the same time, day after day in Calais, heroes dedicate their lives to helping other people who are living a nightmare. The efforts of care givers are hampered by the authorities, victims, despair.

Tens of thousands of people are marching in the streets to defend the right to a state pension. And me with it. What if everyone got angry about the everyday cruelty endured around Calais? The more it goes, the more my head spins. Well, I'm not the only one who finds this incomprehensible. Excuse me for rambling.

Wilma (February 14, 2023)

And she adds the next day:

On the monument to the dead Intra Muros in Saint-Malo, on a panel dedicated to the deported resistance fighters, is engraved a stanza of a poem written by Micheline Maurel, "The Passion according to Ravensbrück". She herself had been deported to this camp.

I will have to remember,
Later in those horrible times,
Coldly, gravely, without hatred,
But frankly though.

THANK YOU

THANK YOU TO THE VOLUNTEERS.

To those who take care of food:

In Calais:

Those who prepare the distributions...



... who load the trucks...



**In Dunkirk:
To those who cook...**

(Special mention to Sunny who regularly starts cooking alone on Saturdays...)



... who distribute the meal...



**To those who take care of the changing rooms,
In Calais on Wednesday afternoon,
In Dunkirk, when there are enough people to distribute, in addition to the meal.**



Thanks to those who took work home:

Elisabeth and Josette still baked cakes at home.

Elisabeth makes mittens from old fleeces:



Thank you to those who took their personal vehicle the day the Dunkirk truck broke down:

Pierre on Monday, Philippe and Denise on Tuesday.

Without them the distribution would not have been possible.

Thanks to Ghislaine and Claudine who washed the tiles in the Salle Guérin.

Thank you to the young people who spent the time of one or more distributions:

Our trainees for two months, Marie and Imane, the young people of the AFEV every Thursday, the kids of the IME with Emmanuelle their educator, on Thursdays too, Marion, then again Marion of the Maison de Quartier de Rosendaël ...

Thanks to Guy who stored hygiene products and took a little for the parish of Lille "la Réconciliation" who gave us a lot of blankets, an exchange profitable to all.

THANK YOU TO THOSE, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, WHO GAVE US GIFTS FOR OUR EXILE FRIENDS (the example of Guy is a clever transition between the two paragraphs...)

To Nabil who offered us 100 kg of sugar,

To Pierre and Monique who gave us

First two boxes of dressings

Then, the following week, a big bag of knitted hats and gloves.

They will try to collect more to give it to us.

Thanks to Brigitte who came to their home and took care of the transport.

To the person who gave us venison meat, as well as vegetable fries. Everything was immediately put in the freezer.



To Eric who ordered ten tents for us at Decathlon.

To Bart, Philippe's friend, who came to distribute once again a truck of wood, which in such a weather (February 28th) was more than welcome...

To those who send us clothing parcels by Mondial Relay:

Rachel G. of Wasquehal in the North,

Olivier N. de Laxou in Meurthe-et-Moselle.

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

At the Secours Populaire (National Logistics Support Center) in the Indre, with clothing parcels by Mondial Relay too.

To the association of Saint-Pol sur Mer who gave us several large bags of textile on February 2nd.

In Adventices gardens for the new donation of 60 kg of potatoes and 20 kg of onions, on February 9th.



To Audotri who offered us palettes to allow our friends to make fire on the camps.

To Emmaus who gave us blankets (big and small) and sleeping bags.

At OGS rugby, which at the end of its flea market on February 11 offered us everything that exhibitors did not want to take back.

The participants in the flea market were warmly invited by a flyer and we filled the van to the roof!

SALAM Nord /Pas-de-Calais
AIDEZ-NOUS A LES AIDER...

SALAM (Soutenons, Aidons, Luttons, Agissons pour les Migrants et les pays en difficultés) est une association créée à Calais après la destruction du camp de Sangatte en 2002, pour aider les migrants en attente de passage en Angleterre, alors jetés à la rue. Depuis l'association les aide à survivre sur des camps insalubres, elle leur distribue principalement des repas, mais aussi des tentes, des vêtements et des couvertures. Elle vit presque exclusivement de dons.

A la fin de la brocante, vous pouvez laisser ce que vous n'aurez pas vendu et qui répond à leurs besoins dans les caisses prévues à cet effet.

Si vous voulez faire un geste, vous pouvez aussi acheter quelque chose pour eux que vous déposerez au même endroit...

ILS ONT BESOIN DE VÊTEMENTS :

- des boxers, des caleçons longs
- des chaussettes
- des jeans
- des T Shirts, des pulls
- des blousons chauds et imperméables, des bonnets, des gants, des écharpes
- des baskets ou chaussures de randonnée légères (du 40 au 46)
- des couvertures et des duvets.

MERCI POUR EUX...

To FTS who doubled his donation of airtight boxes to store pasta...

... and to the association that immediately helped to fill them by offering us about ten kilos of pasta.

To the young people of the Maison de Quartier de Rosendaël who prepared cakes. They were distributed on Saturday 25th with tea.

Thanks to Onjali and his association "O's Refugee Aid Team" who now offers us every month an important food fund:



And the worst part is that it is Onjali who thanks us while it is she who gives us this royal gift!
She wrote to us on February 16:

"It was such a joy to come to Salam once again yesterday and break bread (on delicious spinach) with the team, and I'm just sorry that my stupid car problems prevented me from spending more time with the team.

Ghislane was WONDERFUL, and it was so nice to meet her and receive your thanks - although I deeply deserve none, as Caroline does all the hard work. And it was comforting to do a little dishes with Régine and Fatima too.

I hope that the next time I come (in a few weeks) I can be more helpful - and that I will also be safe from car problems!

Thank you for your lovely message - it's an honor to do the little we can.

I look forward to seeing you soon and wish you a wonderful day of food gifts tomorrow. »



Thanks also to Caroline who does the shopping, always with a smile!

Thanks to Secours Populaire/Copains du monde, Christian Hogard, Caroline and their team. First, an exceptional gift from the organization. On February 3rd we receive this SMS from Christian:

The federation of SecoursP opulaire participates strongly in helping migrants:

- 1000 pairs of shoes,
- 1000 pairs of gloves,
- 1000 scarves,
- 1000 neckbands,
- 1000 pairs of socks,

Several hundred tents will arrive in the coming days.

But also a lot of sweets and goods distributed this Wednesday and Thursday with the complicities of our Friends of Salam Calais and Grande-Synthe and also with the Friends of ADRA today in Loon-Plage as well as the Friends of the Horizon association. .. This operation has faced enormous needs... A real humanitarian success.

Fraternal friendships and especially solidarity - Christian Hogard.

On February 1, it was a targeted Salam donation.

Thank you email of the same day:

New donations this morning, chosen for a team that makes breakfasts, it's magnificent:

- milk powder,
- chocolate biscuits,
- chocolate plates (two cartons!),
- spread (again chocolate because it's what does the most good, to the little hearts),
- peanut butter,
- gourds of compotes and small jars of individual jam,
- and small jars for babies who do not eat chocolate yet!

And because our friends (of the world) know that we also make soup:

- bouillon cubes.

Thank you to our friends from Secours Populaire/Friends of the World, always ready to help us...

A new thank you email from February 8:

Thank you Christian, Caroline and the Secours Populaire / Friends of the World, Tuesday, January 31 we went to pick up for Salam in Loon-Plage, at the local of the Secours Populaire, a big Decathlon order:

More than 500 pairs of shoes and more than 300 pairs of gloves for our two sites.



On February 7, it was hats and bananas, chocolate cakes and lemons..



All this makes it possible to improve a little the lives of our friends who survive on the camps: to keep them a little dry and to offer them a little sweetness.

From them, a big thank you, and from our association who knows how to count on you.

The same day a little later, a message from Christian arrives:

The tents purchased by Secours Populaire will arrive.

Décathlon delivered them to us today in Lezennes, we will repatriate them as soon as possible...

Fraternal and above all supportive friendships - Christian.

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 banknote, sent a cheque, made a transfer directly or by Helloasso.

Special thanks to:

- UK ONLINE GIVING FOUNDATION for a large donation by bank transfer.
- Brigitte, Salam volunteer, who made a targeted donation for kitchen equipment near Dunkirk, after a wedding anniversary ceremony.
- Jean-Paul Maënhaut, who every year pays us the royalties he receives for his novel "Opale blues".
- Bernadette and Léa, bakers in the Tarn, who sold biscuits they made for the benefit of Salam . for the second time!
- Students from Sciences Po Lille who also made and sold cakes for Salam.

Message of February 13:

"I'm coming back to you a few days after the cake sale which went very well! I hope that you too will satisfy you because we collected 110 euros, the transfer was normally made. »

Fel Blanpain, solidarity pole of the BDA of Sciences Po Lille

THANK YOU TO BETHLEHEM, TO ABDELKADER AND TO THE ASSOCIATION RENAISSANCE, TO FLANDRES TERRE SOLIDAIRE, TO THE PROTESTANT MUTUAL AID, TO THE AUBERGE DES MIGRANTS who share with us the tonne of bananas offered by Dunfresh once a week, to EMMAUS who gives us surpluses every week, for Calais as for Grande-Synthe, to the Ressourcerie de Montreuil sur mer ("Il était deux fois") and to the Secours Catholique de Berck who provide each month clothes brought to Calais by André de Merlimont, at the JARDINS DE COCAGNE, at the COMORIAN DAMES, at the RESTAURANT DU CAP in Escalles, at the bakeries opposite the Noordover, "La mie du pain" and "Au bon pain d'ancienne" in Coudekerque. Week after week, they are there to help us. Thanks to HRO and Olivier Schitteck who allow us to publish their photos.

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

THANK YOU to Michel who ensures the layout of this newsletter, without fail, for years,

to Chris O'Grady who translates it into English, month after month, for our website,

to Antoine who manages the Facebook Page, also without fail, since 2017.

Claire Millot.

OUR NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS

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 outside France 00 33 6 74 27 43 39

Calais:

Salam continues the distribution of enhanced breakfasts every morning with tea and coffee. But we are sorely lacking volunteers, especially volunteers with driver's licenses: Meeting at 8 am at the local, 13 rue des Fontinettes.

Call Yolaine at 06.83.16.31.61. From outside France 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 missing...

Visit the association's website: www.associationsalam.org
Section : "Support us"

Go through HELLOASSO:

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PO Box 47
62100 CALAIS

You are entitled to a 66% tax reduction on these donations, in cash by one of our volunteers, by check payable to SALAM, or by bank transfer (direct or by Helloasso) (please check your local tax laws)

A big thank you to all our generous donors!

TENTS AND TARPAULINS!

From dismantling to dismantling, the tents are removed at both sites, and we are unable to replace them. Many people sleep with nothing 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 3m by 3m (or 2.50m by 3m), cost much less and allow an honest man to spend a night in the shelter.

Otherwise, the most pressing needs on both sites:

BLANKETS (DUVETS, SLEEPING BAGS).

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

men's clothing from XS to XL: underpants, thermal leggings and thermal sweaters, socks, jogging pants, jeans, shorts, t-shirts,

SHOES for men: trainers or light hiking shoes (European sizes 40 to 46),

sandals, caps.

backpacks,

lamps and batteries,

water packs,

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

Food for Calais:

Milk
tea and sugar, instant soluble coffee,
cans of sardines and cans of tuna,
cream of cheese,
dried fruits,
Power banks

To drop off 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 fresh food for some time),
bags of pulses, spices,

Drop off your donations in the Salle Guérin, 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 take your membership for 2023.
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 2022, help us to exceed this threshold.

CONTACT US

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And the brand new LinkedIn page, available at the following link:
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Bulletin d'adhésion 2023



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 :

Association SALAM-Nord/Pas-de-Calais

BP 47
62100 CALAIS

Monsieur/
Madame : _____ Prénom _____

Adresse _____

Code postal _____ Ville _____ Pays _____

Téléphone _____ E mail _____

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

(5 € pour les étudiants et demandeurs d'emploi , adhésion valable jusqu'au 31/12/2023)

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.