



Dear Reader

The first stayConnected of 2021 is ready. Our theme is "social justice". Steve Schallert, who taught at our last DTS, sets out with an inspirational for reflection. Pedro and his family in Brazil then give us an insight into their daily lives during the pandemic. Sjellebro has got a new staff! Meet Emma here in this email.

You will also find information about outreaches to Mexico and Latvia, our family camp and the next DTS as well as of course our prayer topics and calendar at the end of this email.

Enjoy!

Mette



This morning I took my girls down to the [Lorraine Motel](#) in Memphis, TN. We have as a family spent many months in Memphis waiting for South African borders to reopen as the current global health crisis rages, amplifying the ever present crisis's of racial and economic injustice, food insecurity, lack of access to health care etc.

On our way down to the motel we listened to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s [last public speech](#) about how "he had been to the mountain top ...how his tired eyes had seen the coming of the glory of the Lord ...that it was only a matter of time now for justice to roll down ..." We talked about fear and power and racism and how dangerous but necessary love is. That love, in fact, is not passive nor weak, but that love is a transgression of the lines we are constantly drawing in the sand.

Love is what gets you into that 'good trouble' as [John Lewis](#) used to say. Love taken all the way, can even get you killed because loving those, the powerful deem unworthy or inconvenient to love puts you on a cross or a balcony. (Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was shot on a balcony, ed.) But we also talked about how love is stronger than death, that death doesn't have the last word, so even if we meet ridicule, hostility or death in the pursuit of loving others we win.

Justice is what love looks like in public and we need to learn how love publicly even if it costs us something; or maybe so it will cost us something, because that's the only way we can tell that what we are doing is indeed loving. It has to cost us something, because love is a transgression to the way things are. Love is both the means and the ends in the process of becoming.

As we walked back to the car my daughter Vera said, "so Martin was like Jesus's helper right? He loved the people the government said should not have love and he died on that balcony, just like Jesus died on the cross." I said, "that's exactly right darling." As she got in the car she leaned over and whispered into my other daughter Margot's ear, "I wanna be Jesus's helper too."

Me too Vera, I think we all should be. Maybe Vera can show us the way.



Written and translated by Núbia Corneliussen.

We sit in the kitchen and have a nice chat while my wife makes lunch. We are talking about the amazing women we serve in our ministry with prostitutes. Some of them we have not seen recently due to the shutdown under corona. We are reminded of Arlete, a 72-year-old woman who still works at one of the 25 brothels in town. We call her and she says she misses us, and that she has no food at home. My wife and I are crying with her. It is hard to think of Arlette's situation.

During the pandemic, all brothels were closed. There is no help for the women from the government. Some of them ended up living on the street when the only roof over their heads was their brothel room. So instead of visiting them at the brothels, we came to their home or on the street with food. We knew it was risky and that we could get infected, and we did. We are now healthy again and are back at work.

We have learned incredibly much in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic. We have learned about grief with so many who have perished. We have practiced spending time with the family and time alone. We have learned how much our actions can affect the society of which we are a part, and that compassion can also be keeping a distance and

taking care not to be infected or infect others. Solidarity ties have become stronger. Although social distance is needed, we can be available to those who need it.

What can I do here where I am?

Pedro, Regiane, Ana and Yohannã are a missionary family working for YWAM in Contagem, Brazil. In the last thirty years, they have reached out to vulnerable people in many different ways. When I read their life story, I sit with a smile on my face and get so inspired. My question to Jesus is: What can I do for my neighbor, here where I am?



My name is Emma. I am a staff at Sjellebro and started in November 2020. Already in the first weeks there were exciting YWAM events, and I want to tell about one (a week of teaching for all staff), and about what became personal for me.

The teaching itself was based on Romans 4:13-6,12 and was about the good gift God has given us: Righteousness. Through the teaching, God spoke to me not to strive for or try to attain righteousness, but that Jesus has made me righteous.

When Jesus died on the cross and rose again, he took my guilt and shame, and he changed my identity. I used to be a sinner, but now I am righteous! I am accepted and sat right with God! Even in the midst of my sin, it is still righteousness that counts, because my righteousness does not depend on myself, but on Jesus alone. I am God's own righteousness through Jesus Christ.

This sentence has become mine, both in mind and heart, because it destroys a lie I have believed. The lie of being able to strive to deserve my own righteousness and thereby be accepted by God. That lie has now been destroyed by the truth - that I am righteous, and there is nothing I can do to win or lose that righteousness. It depends on Jesus alone!

Who is Emma?

- **Age:** 21
- **From:** Karlslunde
- **DTS:** New Zealand with Marine Reach, outreach in Indonesia
- **Main responsibility:** Hospitality/hostess, cleaning, organizing the base and receiving guests
- **Loves nature:** The best is to be outside and enjoy nature and God's creation
- **Favorite Song:** Come to Me by Bethel
- **Favorite book in the Bible:** the book of Ezekiel
- **Calling:** Middle East, children and reviving flames in Christians
- **Fun fact:** I once gathered 100 jellyfish in an inflatable boat and wrote a song about it

STAND WITH US IN PRAYER

- **Outreach to Mexico** - Pray for the borders to remain open. Pray for wisdom and protection for organizers and participants.
- **Outreach to Latvia** - Pray for the family ministry we will serve this summer, for hands, materials and the final planning.
- **The ceiling and first floor windows at Sjellebro** - For the last six months the fundraising has been on. It is going well, but we are still missing a lot. Help pray for materials, finances and helping hands.
- **For our staff, new as well as "old"** - Pray for the protection of good health, visions and ideas and personal support.
- **DTS in September** - Pray for more students and staff and for the best opportunities for travel on the outreach.
- **Pedro's ministry with prostitutes** - Pray for protection, health and finances. Pray that more women will have a living encounter with Jesus also during corona.



Come and join our next DTS from September 16th 2021 to March 4th 2022

“One of the teachers (on last DTS, ed.) said that Jesus includes people, who are not usually welcome. He always invites people along. Along with some from our team, we walked around a brothel and we prayed for the prostitutes. One of them said, “Come in, I need Jesus.” Then she gave her life for Jesus.” Wimjan, 23, Netherlands

Hands & Feet DTS focuses on the heart of the gospel - loving people with a sacrificial love. Our desire is to be the hands and feet of Jesus. We believe that compassion is one of the callings over Denmark as a nation. Why not do a DTS in Denmark?

Teaching at Sjellebro, Copenhagen and the Faroe Islands. We aim for outreach in Eastern Europe and Brazil. Read more and apply on our website www.ywam.dk/en/hfdts/



Come and join next year’s fantastic Summer camp. Family camp at Fjellerup is about fellowship with God and each other with an inspiring teaching.

Our speaker is Sam Hoffman from Germany. He is a prayer missionary – currently living in Greece, where he works among refugees. Sam spends a lot of months each year in different countries – several of these are so-called closed nations. Sam is a very skilled teacher and teaches spiritual truths in a practical way with many amazing testimonies of spiritual breakthroughs. He will teach about our spiritual heritage and how we can pray for our family.

Corona or not... we are going to camp!

The camp will be with as many participants as the restrictions allow. We are looking at options for several smaller camps in addition to the family camp. We look forward to telling you about them! Read more and book on www.ywam.dk/en/home-2/



May 8th -15th you can make a difference by joining a short mission trip. Come with us on a missionary adventure and see God change the lives of those you serve, and watch him transform your own life.

It will be a week of wild experiences that will mark you for life! Get a new perspective and get caught up in building a home for the homeless and so much more!

So bring your husband, friend and grandmother along and come with us. Come to life by doing something for other people!

FOR EVERYONE BETWEEN 0-105 YEARS

PRICE: DKK 3,000 per person, excluding flight ticket.

Questions and other info: contact emilie on email or +45 26 44 29 09.

If you do not have the opportunity to join, but still want to help, you can see the possibilities for it on our facebook event. Read more about the base in Mexico and their work:

Email: emilie@ywam.dk

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/141699981111382>



We are going to help renovate a mission center in Latvia and create a good environment where families can come, seek restoration, find each other and find God.

Craftsmen and others with intelligent and generous hands, including families and children, who want to make a difference, are all welcome! There will be tasks for all ages and skills.

We must have great fellowship, high spirits and a delicious scent of campfire smoke and puff pastry. It is also an obvious option for a Baltic holiday, before or after the outreach.

From dust to dream!

It is no secret we need approx. DKK 100,000 for materials. One donor has already provided quite a few tools, which is absolutely amazing.

Donations to the project can be made via Paypal: ywam@ywam.dk or on bank account: 7734 1026373.

Contact us or take a closer look at our Facebook and on Youtube!

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/345457520186747>

Youtube: <http://tiny.cc/Letlandsoutreach>

CALENDAR

MARCH	11.	MMC	Facebook livestream 8 pm
MAY	8.-15.	Outreach to Mexico	Tijuana, BCN
JULY	dato!	Outreach to Latvia	Liepaja, Latvia
	25.-31.	Fjellerup Family Camp	Djursland boarding school Sjellebro,
SEPTEMBER	16.-	Hands & Feet DTS	Copenhagen, Faroe Islands

YWAM Copenhagen still has worship night every Monday night at 7-9 pm, but we "meet" on livestream on our Facebook site (YWAM Copenhagen). Keep an eye on our website and Facebook for both YWAM Denmark and YWAM Copenhagen.