



WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK
The Official UN Observance in the 1st Week of February



World Interfaith Harmony Week Report 2022 Lienz / Austria



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INTERRELIGIOUS HARMONY IN ACTION:

A group of likeminded people from different religions are working for peace and friendship in Lienz / Austria since 1995.

Since 2012 we joined the United Religions Initiative URI and since the beginning we took part with activities during the World Interfaith Harmony Week every year.

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January 26th

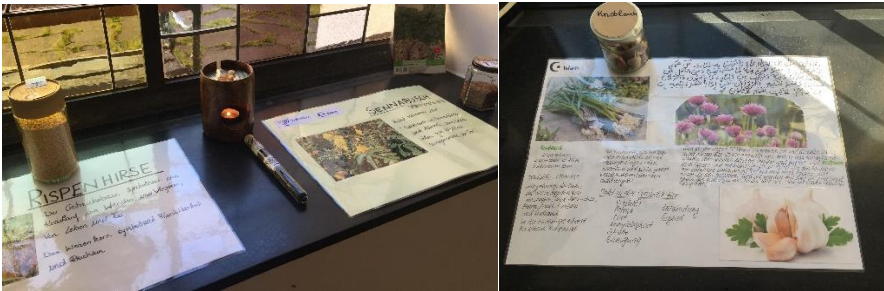
We hang posters about „Worldreligions – Worldpeace – Worldethics“ on the walls to discuss in a house for refugees in Lienz. Because of Corona restrictions we could not organize a meeting. But we also offered books about different cultures to read to the men, women and children from many countries. They get lessons in ethics.



February 1st:

ROOTS OF FRIENDSHIP PART 1

An exhibition with posters and a lesson about plants in the holy scriptures of different religions. So that people can see the similarities of the love for creation.



ROOTS OF FRIENDSHIP Part 2 – MARIAM MEETS MARIA

The girl on the first page is Zefra, she lives in a refugee camp in Northern Syria. For her and 350 other inhabitants we started some ideas, to make their living a little bit easier.

February 5th:

Every family got planting pots and seeds for growing some herbs, flowers and hope. The teacher Hassan and the children filled them up with mud and learned so how to plant.



A tent was supposed to be used as an agricultural training center, for children and adults but unfortunately a storm destroyed it on March 2nd. So we have to buy another one.



For there is no water in the camp, we could send the money for a tank to solve this problem. And the plants do well.

It would be good to organize some rainwater harvesting possibilities to save money for this in the future.



On February 12th:

Children in camp MARIAM and children in LIENZ got some woolen ribbons, with the same message: If you work alone, you only come this far, if you work together, your power reaches farer and farer, with everyone that joins the group with his special talents.





In Lienz we took part in a catholic ceremony in front of the church St. Andrews. About 150 People were asked to donate money for the children in camp MARIAM to bring some joy from country to country:



Sweets, toys together with some rubber boots and clothes



A happy day for women with 20 new possibilities to make bread. On March 7th the community kitchen will start to provide food for 350 people. The names and birthday dates of sponsors in Lienz will be seen in the tent in Syria. So greetings can flow from heart to heart. It makes happy to help others.

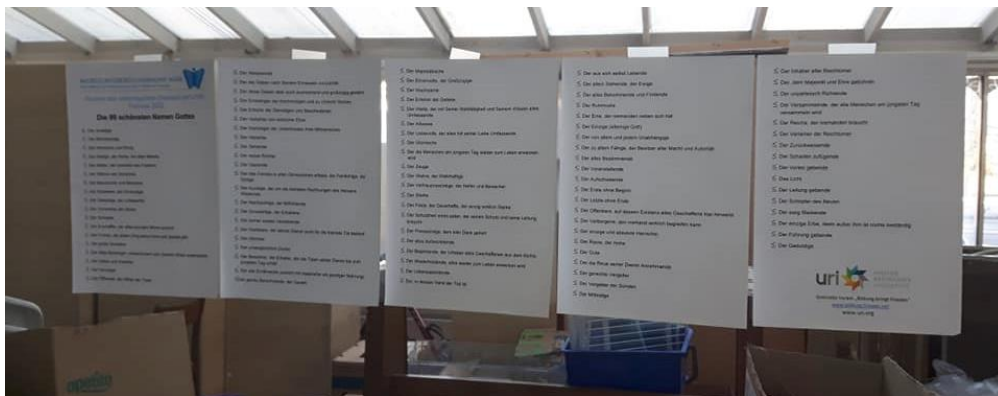


Syria - Soup to help Lienz – Soup to help

For a more sustainable food supply, we will spend money for chickens, for menure. They also help with eggs and new chickens.

Our next plans are a tent for prayers as a quiet room to get new strenght for the difficult times, that last now for about 10 years. With bombs still falling, no heating and not enough food.

In the prayer tent the children will write the 99 names of Allah on paper. Like they can be read in Lienz in the house of refugees



On our webpage www.bildung-frieden.net we put a link to a very nice song from Sami Yusuf

The 99 Names

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tTao6LY05zw>

ROOTS OF FRIENDSHIP PART 3 – The Future

It is our most wanted aim, that people from Lienz have a direct connection to the people in Camp MARIAM. It is not only about money but also about a lot of love.

We want to plant more fruit trees, start a community garden, with new gardening ideas like „Keyhole gardens“ and permaculture. Connection with similar projects like www.permacultureforrefugees.org and www.lemontreustrust.org will help to find good experiences. Our dream is Camp MARIAM as a role model for others.

A great wish from people in Austria is also, to donate some music instruments and radios for the camp. And a teacher to give lessons for the kids. Music can heal the wounded souls note by note.



In Lienz a restaurant from former refugees from Syria will offer a special meal to support with the money. The daughter is an artist and donates a part of her paintings to buy colours for the children to ban their fears and joys on paper.

A barber from Lienz donated for a nice hair cut in Syria. But the little guy did not like it, as it seems. This eyes open everyones hearts to love him and to try everything to help his family getting a better life.



Our children in Austria have a lot of things, many of them they do not really need to be happy. So we can learn a lot from the resilience of this little heros in the camps. They show us to be more thankful for our wealth, peace and freedom.

Our only problem is, not to be able to help the millions other boys and girls, who need help as much as those in Camp MARIAM.



Maria, mother of Jesus, paintet by Jos Pirker, an artist from Lienz.