

Syria and Turkey, millions no longer have a home

Welcoming for all!

On February 6th, a very strong earthquake devastated entire areas of Turkey and Syria. Tens of thousands are dead, millions displaced.

It is a natural disaster, but it is worsened by politics. Politics which authorized construction with poor quality materials, sent relief supplies too late (as in Turkey) and intends to seize humanitarian aid diverting it only to certain areas (as in Syria).

Added to this, is the drama of war. Assad, the assassin/butcher who even in the face of rubble, has not stopped bombing the Syrian people, which have already been tortured for over ten years since the revolution of the common people was drown in blood.

In the face of this emergency, it is foreseeable that millions of people will choose to leave in search of safer places to live.

It is possible and it is dutiful to welcome our brothers and sisters. We say this because we practice it every day: getting to know each other, supporting each other, uniting with one another.

It's very different to the so-called State hospitality, which is consists of barbed wire, planned limited numbers and deportations; as is the case of an increasingly racist European Union which is more and more eager to build walls.

For us, welcoming begins with everyone being a protagonist in everyday life. It is beneficial for those who receive it as well as for those who give it and it is a way to create humane contexts where it is possible to live-well together in these increasingly violent and shattered societies.

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