

WFP Germany - Supporting refugee families in Giessen, Germany

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“Wherever love is sown, there will be joy...”

During a meeting of WFP Giessen/Germany in the summer of 2015, one of the ideas discussed was that of initiating local projects to help refugees. With this in mind, I sent out invitations to members of the Giessen-Wetzlar group for a ‘Women’s Breakfast Meeting’ on 20 Nov 2015.

I personally like to knit during the winter months, and so I wanted to combine our breakfast with the project ‘knitted love’. So I gave it the motto: ‘Knitted love at breakfast time-Support for refugees’.

I was really pleased that a more than a dozen women, aged between 70 and 21, took up my invitation. And not only did we have a cozy breakfast and inspiring conversation, but we also knitted industriously the whole morning with the goal of making a patchwork blanket (20x20cm) with the knitted squares, which we would then offer to a refugee family.

Thanks to the wonderful participation of all the women, we were able to make 2 blankets within 2 weeks!

Glenys Claus and I presented one blanket each to two refugee families from Afghanistan on 07 Dec 2015 in the Free Protestant Community in Huttenberg where refugees regularly meet for German lessons. This surprise present just before Christmas was very well received. Both refugee families offered their profuse thanks.

A third blanket has been presented to a family from Afghanistan at the beginning of the New Year.”

