Annual report of the Seva for refugees.

"Sai Ram, Sai-friends,

First of all I wish you a New Year full of Ananda for everyone!

Last year we again organized some important collections of goods for refugees in the north of France with the Belgian and Dutch Sai organization. In fact, the situation has become even more serious than last year. People are being pursued even more. Bushes where they could shelter are cleared. Controls become stricter and evictions are increased.

More and more violence is taking place and more and more goods are being taken away and destroyed. As a result, people are taking more and more risks and often try the perilous crossing over the Channel in rubber boats.

Without the help of the active organizations and the many volunteers organizing collection campaigns throughout Europe, these people are lost.

Gerard Deweerdt, Seva coordinator in the Netherlands, wrote a very clear report about the help that we, the Dutch and Belgian Sai organization, offer to the people fleeing in the north of France. The videos referred to are also very realistic and give a correct image of the situation.

The world of violence and war, already in this early new year, is again very threatening. Again, this could scare many people away. I would also like to ask you this year to offer your help to these totally helpless people in the midst of us. Let us not forget them! We can address people in our environment and organize collections ourselves. Or we can offer our help and sacrifice a few days to help in Calais or Brussels. You can always ask me for information about this.

In the name of those many people, each with their divine core, I offer you a huge thank you!

Loving greetings

Johan Van Heddeghem"