

RECAP QHS EARTHSTRONG GATHERING 2026:

From the 23. to 26. of July 2026.

Organized by RUN in cooperation with Sister Caro, at her yard near Beaune, France.

Attendance of about 54 souls spread across the days.

First and foremost, give thanks and BigUP! to Ras Karma and Sister Caro and all those who lend a helping hand, for all the efforts and work they put in this Gathering. Also, Iman would like to thank those members who traveled all the way to attend it.

Organizing a Gathering is always a big task, more so, if it must be coordinated by Ones living far apart from one another, or never met before. So, despite some bumps, it was a pleasure to see a successful event taking place, that enabled old friends to come together and strangers to grow closer.

It also was a good way to introduce InI Organization to those present, and we had the blessing to witness positive reactions and feedback about InI work and visions.

For a more detailed and personal insight into the Gathering, here are the reports from Ras Karma (in French and English) and Lioness Cristal (in English).

Give thanks!
Baba

FR :

**Compte rendu de Ras Karma et Sista Caro concernant le rassemblement pour la
nativité de Sa Majesté Impériale Qedamawi Haile Selassie. Le 23 juillet 2026 à
proximité de Beaune, France.**

Du 23 au 26 juillet 2026, le RUN a organisé un rassemblement rastafari en France pour la naissance de Sa Majesté Impériale Qedamawi Haile Selassie, avec le soutien de la communauté locale.

Durant ces trois jours, une cinquantaine de personnes se sont réunies pour animer diverses discussions, présentations et expositions.

Ce rassemblement international a réuni des rastafaris et des sympathisants venus de pays et régions variés, notamment la France, l'Éthiopie, la Suisse, la Jamaïque, la Guadeloupe, la Martinique, le Cameroun, la Côte d'Ivoire, l'Allemagne, l'île Maurice et l'Italie. L'évènement s'est déroulé sur un terrain privé mis à la disposition de la communauté par Sista Caro et sa mère.

Tout au long de l'évènement, un espace de lecture était proposé, présentant une sélection d'une cinquantaine d'ouvrages issus de la collection personnelle de Ras Karma et Sista Caro. Une exposition de photographies grand format de Shashamane, réalisées par Raphaëlle Brui et imprimées spécialement pour l'occasion, était également présentée.

L'évènement a également été couvert par AG Godjo pour Godjo TV, qui a réalisé plusieurs interviews de participants et d'intervenants au cours du rassemblement.

Jeudi 23 Juillet :

Le rassemblement a débuté par une cérémonie Nyahbinghi, suivie d'un repas et de la diffusion de discours de Sa Majesté Impériale Qedamawi Haile Selassie.

Un cercle de présentation a ensuite permis aux participants de présenter leur parcours. Baba the Fyah Student, Crystal et Binghi Pele ont présenté l'organisation « Rastafari United Nations » ainsi que leur histoire familiale et leur travail en lien avec le centre rastafari en Jamaïque. Sista Crystal a également proposé une exposition consacrée aux Anciens de ce centre.

Brother Guillaume a animé un atelier d'initiation aux principes de l'Ayurveda.

Un repas éthiopien, préparé par les sœurs de l'association Babour Tsion, a ensuite été servi. L'association soutient notamment la scolarisation d'enfants à Shashamane, en Éthiopie, ainsi que différents projets éducatifs, culturels et de sensibilisation.

Avant la cérémonie Nyahbinghi du soir, Binghi Pele est intervenu sur le rôle des percussions, de la prière et sur les dispositions spirituelles qu'il estimait nécessaires pour participer à la cérémonie.

La soirée s'est poursuivie par une cérémonie Nyahbinghi conduite par Binghi Pele.

Vendredi 24 juillet :

La journée a débuté par une séance d'échauffement physique animée par Ras Karma, à laquelle quelques personnes ont participé.

Des chants accompagnés de percussions ont ensuite été conduits par Binghi Pele.

Giulia Bonacci a présenté son ouvrage « Enter the Lion: The 1966 State Visit of Emperor Haile Selassie I to the Caribbean. »

Après un repas Ital préparé par Ras Karma, Sista Caro a partagé un extrait du Kebra Nagast, accompagnées aux percussions par Massa Jah Den, Jah Tiss, Jérémy et Ras Guillaume.

Une discussion collective a ensuite porté sur l'unité au sein du mouvement Rastafari et les relations entre les différentes Maisons.

Sista Berenice a livré un témoignage sur son expérience de vie à Shashamane et ses relations avec différentes organisations rastafari.

Binghi Pele est intervenu sur l'histoire de la concession de terres en Éthiopie et sur sa lecture du plan d'installation proposé sous le règne de Haile Selassie Ier. Il a également présenté le travail réalisé par certains membres de sa famille, notamment Salomon Wolf.

Massa Jah Den a partagé son expérience de son installation en Éthiopie, du travail d'entretien et de culture des terres, ainsi que sa conception du rôle de la communauté rastafari installée dans le pays. Il a notamment abordé la transmission des savoirs et du travail aux nouvelles générations.

D'autres participants ont témoigné de leurs expériences en Éthiopie, particulièrement à Shashamane. Les échanges ont porté sur l'organisation du mouvement Rastafari, son histoire, la spiritualité, la vie en Éthiopie et la transmission aux nouvelles générations. Ces questions ont constitué l'un des principaux sujets de discussion du rassemblement.

Par la suite, Frère Ras Guillaume a partagé plus en profondeur ses connaissances et son expérience de la pratique de l'Ayurveda, donnant lieu à de riches échanges sur la nutrition, les remèdes naturels, la méditation, entre autres sujets.

La journée s'est poursuivie autour d'un repas Ital, accompagné d'infusions d'herbes et de racines.

Certains participants ont dû reprendre la route et quitter le site.

Les activités communes se sont terminées par la projection d'un film sur la communauté Rastafari à L'île Maurice et la visite du chanteur « Ras Kawintseb » intitulé « Rastafari Nou Lidentité »

Samedi 25 juillet :

Ras Karma a proposé une nouvelle séance d'exercices physiques doux au lever du jour, suivie par quelques participants.

Une collation, du café et des jus frais ont été préparés par Ras Robin et Sista Caroline. Des chants et percussions rastafari ont ensuite eu lieu

Après le repas, Sista Berenice a organisé une cérémonie traditionnelle du café éthiopien remplissant le camp de l'arôme agréable du café torréfié et offrant aux participants l'occasion de savourer la saveur unique des grains issus des hauts plateaux africains.

Mama Askale, sa fille et sa petite-fille ont rejoint le rassemblement.

Jekos a installé son système de sonorisation « low-tech » fonctionnant à l'énergie solaire, démontrant ainsi à la communauté son ingéniosité dans la réutilisation de matériaux.

De la musique « roots and culture » a résonné tout au long de l'après-midi, portée par des MC et des selectas qui ont su maintenir une ambiance joyeuse et consciente. A savoir : Sista Blunty, Sista Caro, Ras Karma, Selecta Kty, Massa Jah Den, Jah Tyss, Zela, Supa John, Likkle Sister et d'autres ont pris part à l'événement.

En fin de journée, Mama Askale a partagé son vécu et présenté ses activités, livrant le témoignage émouvant d'une femme rastafari ayant parcouru le monde pour accomplir sa mission : mettre en lumière l'Empereur Haile Selassie Ier et de l'Impératrice Menen Asfaw.

Ras Arni a ensuite présenté son travail ainsi que les initiatives menées au sein de sa ferme végane en Suisse. Il a également partagé son expérience en matière d'agriculture internationale. Ce fut l'occasion de réfléchir ensemble aux défis climatiques émergents ainsi qu'à l'adaptation des espèces végétales et des semences ainsi que leurs conservations au sein de la communauté.

Le rassemblement s'est clôturé par un cercle Nyahbinghi de chants et de prières dans l'unité, guidé par Mama Askale.

EG :

Report by Ras Karma and Sista Caro regarding the gathering for the birth of His Imperial Majesty Qedamawi Haile Selassie, held near Beaune, France, on July 23, 2026.

From July 23 to 26, 2026, the RUN organized a Rastafari gathering in France to mark the birth of His Imperial Majesty Qedamawi Haile Selassie, with the support of the local community.

Over the course of these three days, around fifty people gathered to host various discussions, presentations, and exhibitions.

This international gathering brought together Rastafarians and sympathizers from various countries and regions, including France, Ethiopia, Switzerland, Jamaica, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Cameroon, Ivory Coast, Germany, Mauritius and Italy. The event took place on private land made available to the community by Sista Caro and her mother.

Throughout the event, a reading area was provided, featuring a selection of about fifty books from the personal collection of Ras Karma and Sista Caro. An exhibition of large format photographs of Shashamane, taken by Raphaëlle Brui and printed especially for the occasion, was also presented.

The event was also covered by AG Godjo for Godjo TV, who conducted several interviews with participants and speakers during the gathering.

Thursday, July 23:

The gathering began with a Nyahbinghi ceremony, followed by a meal and the broadcasting of speeches by His Imperial Majesty Qedamawi Haile Selassie.

An introductory circle then allowed participants to share their personal journeys. Baba the Fyah Student, Crystal, and Binghi Pele presented the "Rastafari United Nations" organization, as well as their family histories and their work connected to the Rastafari center in Jamaica. Sista Crystal also presented an exhibition dedicated to the elders of the center.

Brother Guillaume led an introductory workshop on the principles of Ayurveda.

An Ethiopian meal, prepared by the sisters of the Babour Tsion association, was then served. The association supports, among other things, the schooling of children in Shashamane, Ethiopia, as well as various educational, cultural, and awareness-raising projects.

Before the evening Nyahbinghi ceremony, Binghi Pele spoke about the role of percussion and prayer, and the spiritual mindset he considered necessary for participating in the ceremony.

The evening continued with a Nyahbinghi ceremony led by Binghi Pele.

Friday, July 24:

The day began with a physical warm-up session led by Ras Karma, in which a few people participated.

Percussion-accompanied songs were then led by Binghi Pele.

Giulia Bonacci presented her book, **Enter the Lion: The 1966 State Visit of Emperor Haile Selassie I to the Caribbean**.

After an Ital meal prepared by Ras Karma, Sista Caro shared an excerpt from the **Kebra Nagast**, accompanied on percussion by Massa Jah Den, Jah Tiss, Jérémy, and Ras Guillaume.

A group discussion followed, focusing on unity within the Rastafari movement and the relationships between the various "Mansions."

Sista Berenice shared her personal experience of living in Shashamane and her interactions with various Rastafari organizations.

Binghi Pele spoke about the history of land grants in Ethiopia and his interpretation of the settlement plan proposed during the reign of Haile Selassie I. He also presented the work carried out by members of his family, notably Salomon Wolf.

Massa Jah Den shared his experience of settling in Ethiopia, the work involved in maintaining and cultivating the land, and his perspective on the role of the Rastafari community established in the country. He notably addressed the passing on of knowledge and work practices to new generations.

Other participants shared their experiences in Ethiopia, particularly in Shashamane. Discussions focused on the organization of the Rastafari movement, its history, spirituality, life in Ethiopia, and passing the tradition on to new generations. These issues were among the gathering's main topics of discussion.

Afterwards, Brother Ras Guillaume shared his knowledge and experience of Ayurvedic practice in greater depth, sparking rich discussions on nutrition, natural remedies, and meditation, among other topics.

The day continued with an Ital meal, accompanied by herbal and root infusions.

Some participants had to hit the road and leave the site.

The group activities concluded with a screening of a film about the Rastafari community in Mauritius, featuring singer "Ras Kawintseb" titled "Rastafari Nou Lidentité".

Saturday, July 25:

Ras Karma led another gentle physical exercise session at daybreak, joined by several participants.

A snack, coffee, and fresh juices were prepared by Ras Robin and Sista Caroline. Rastafari songs and drumming sessions followed.

After the meal, Sista Berenice organized a traditional Ethiopian coffee ceremony, filling the camp with the pleasant aroma of roasted coffee and giving participants the chance to savor the unique flavor of beans from the African highlands.

Mama Askale, her daughter, and her granddaughter joined the gathering.

Jekos set up his solar-powered "low-tech" sound system, demonstrating his ingenuity in repurposing materials to the community.

"Roots and culture" music played throughout the afternoon, driven by MCs and selectas who maintained a joyful and conscious atmosphere. Participants included Sista Blunty, Sista Caro, Ras Karma, Selecta Kty, Massa Jah Den, Jah Tyss, Zela, Supa John, Likkle Sister, and others.

At the end of the day, Mama Askale shared her life story and presented her activities, offering a moving testimony as a Rastafari woman who has traveled the world to fulfill her mission: shining a light on Emperor Haile Selassie I and Empress Menen Asfaw.

Ras Arni then presented his work and the initiatives being carried out at his vegan farm in Switzerland. He also shared his experience in international agriculture. It was an opportunity to reflect together on emerging climate challenges, as well as on the adaptation of plant species and seeds and their conservation within the community.

The gathering concluded with a Nyahbinghi circle of songs and prayers in unity, led by Mama Askale.

RUN DELEGATION AT H.I.M. EARTHDAY GATHERING IN FRANCE 23+24 July 2026

On the 23rd July 2026, by the loving kindness of sista Luce I who had 3 places in her vehicle, I Lioness Cristal and Binghi Pelé trod (with our elder son “Ikemba”) from Sion-Switzerland to the place of the Celebration, near Beaune (place kept as secret as it was organized in a private domaine of sista Caro.) We met in Renens at 8am and Breda Momo was in the vehicle with Inl...5 of Inl!j

When we arrived around 1pm, we were welcomed by Ras Malo and Paolo, who were already there to get ready the venue from a few days. We hailed up the host of the gathering and her 93 years old mother (who already had plans to come listen to us chant, the next morning, with her neighbor friend at 10am. Inl also Hail up the Rastafari Ones present at the time and get ready Inl exhibition about the Portland Rastafari Community and Tabernacle.

At 3pm waiting a few more to come, Inl present the RUN to the Ones present at the time. Binghi Pelé explained the importance of Inl international connection, King Baba explained some of the work accomplished by R.U.N., and some of the objectives, and Lioness Cristal did the translation from English to French, with the help of some others. All of this around the walnut tree.

Inl took the pictures of Togetherness before the sunset...Inl could not light a fyah as the place did too dry

Ras Karma received some help from sistren to get ready the food for the evening time. Also, some Ethiopian food has been prepared by some of the sistren, injera bought and carry up by some, with shiro! A nice moment of sharing!

Inl help to gather the bench and chair for the Nyahbinghi evening chanting session, in cercle in front of sista Caro House. Inl burn the Spiritual fyah against all down pressors until 1am or 2 am the next day!

Friday 24th, Inl woke up, drink a tea and remove again the chair and bench, this time under the walnut tree beside the “conference room”. Granma and her neighbor came to fulljoy the music for one hour or more, and they did fulljoy it. I saw many sistren crying one after one, the way the drums and chant touched their soul Inl chant and each one salute each and every one who present themselves, standing in the middle of the cercle.

After that, Binghi Pelé was giving the Rastafari French community a few more explanation about his lineage. Unfortunately, he has been interrupted by Giulia Bonacci who had her conference planned a bit earlier... Binghi Pelé didn't get the chance to finish his presentation because of a tight schedule. Giulia was able to present hers, Jahlani and James Homiak's book about the visit of HIM in Jamaica. I Went help bredda Malo with the Friday Food as I realized he was alone to cook it – We ate Basmati Rice with Ital Stew and lentils + salad.

I had a little more time to do a small presentation of Inl work in Jamaica, but I cut it short. Also, many more things could have been said. But Inl had to leave with our sista Luce I.. Inl leave the rest of mission in trusted hand from the other member of the RUN delegation. Malo, Robin & sista Caro, Ras Baba, Ras Arni and his family who would come on Saturday...

Many sistren not seen each other for a while, so it was a good opportunity to see each other again!

I think that out of this gathering; a few connections can be made between the RUN and some of the participants... A few are already involved in many organizations, and I hope to see more involved in their Rastafari Communities. To organize themselves in the best of their abilities...and connect with the R.U.N.. Or just connect personally with Inl organization. Give thanks to sista Caro, bredda Malo and everyone who made this gathering possible.