

In 1974, when Eskil and Maj-Lis had just started up a very strong radio transmitter in Portugal, which was directed at the countries within the borders of the old Soviet Union, a revolution suddenly broke out in Portugal, resulting in hundreds of thousands of colonies beginning to pour into the country. Within a short time, the support work had started from our own home. That was 38 years ago. Now, we celebrate 25 years from official set up. After a report in 1987 about a Maj-Lis' day to day life popular TV programs with Annika Hagström and producer Bengt Jägerskog, more and more people wanted to participate and help Portugal. What had started as a simple gesture from one fellow being to another in need, gradually grew to



The basic cost of camp per child this year is € 77, about £90. For a child, the camps are worth so much more than the money. To be together with loving grownups, who let them feel and know that they are fine and that they are not second class human beings. With God, they can be winners, even if their surname, the colour of their skin or the area they happen to call home, is not exactly what they would wish. Thank you dear colleagues and friends for making all this possible. Now we look forward to new challenges, with your help.

- **We are looking for** someone who can help us with the regular **book-keeping** for the Foundation, from the end of this year. Everything can be done on the net, via the computer, so the task could be done from the home, if wished. It should take a few hours a week. Please e-mail Maj-Lis if you would like to volunteer in this way.

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A Hope in the Dark

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Find the strait way! Choose Life! Choose Goodness!

Would a DNA-test have been the answer?

In our work we often meet people who do not know whose son or daughter they are, who do not even know the name of their own father. How undeserving. The Messiah also had to experience how it is to be an outsider. Not even in his own country did they receive him. Some were against him because he compared himself equal to God, but he was God, but they could not accept it. He was scorned at and hurt until his last breath. He could have called for angels if he had wanted, but he knew he had a mission to accomplish, and he did it for us. Continues on page 2

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Dear friends,

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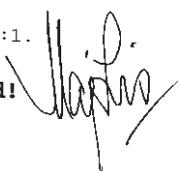
Would a DNA-test have been the answer? There, in the palace of the high priest, in the presence of the whole Council, false witnesses tried to criminalise Jesus, but he did not defend himself, remaining silent. The high priest got up and said: "I beseech you in the name of the living God to tell us **if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.**" "You yourself have said so", answered Jesus. The priest tore his clothes and said: "He has blasphemed ..."
And the death sentence fell on the Son of God!

It was not the miracles of the Messiah that irritated them, but they did not want to believe that God himself had come in this simple way. God, in his own person, was there. Why at least did the priests not understand? God's Son had shown his power over wind and water, death and life. Why did they not understand? God had let his voice be heard, like a loudspeaker from above, saying: "You are my own dear Son." Luke 3:22 And earlier God's angel said, "Joseph, son of David, don't hesitate to take Mary as your wife! For the child within her has been conceived by the Holy Spirit..." Matt.1:20.

God had planned that His Son would become the "sacrificial lamb of God who takes away the world's sin." John 1:29. He had to die. The only one who had lived without sin, would die. It was a spiritual fight that had to be won. Now God (the good) is killed. BUT he came back alive. He won!

Jesus had said "**after this** you will see the Son of Man sitting on the right side of the Power, coming on the clouds of heaven." Eye witnesses physically met Jesus and could touch him, thus being themselves convinced. From all the facts we have, we know that everybody has the possibility of living an eternal life. I always want to include something about God, but this time it is about the very "core" of the whole gospel, God's secret.

The Son of God grew up under pressure from his half-brothers. Sometimes they teased him, and **only after** his death and resurrection did they become confessors of **their half-brother's divine identity** and became some of the leaders of the first church. So for example, the Lord's brother Judas calls himself in the first verse of Jude's letter "the servant of Jesus Christ". Jude 1:1. Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God! He is the answer! **He is the DNA of God!**



A mother in Sweden wrote that her 9 year old son Johannes, wanted to help poor children and is planning a **Club to help poor children.**

Good luck Johannes!

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News from Portugal

"How is life in Portugal these days?" many ask.

I answer with three items from today's news on RTP1,

- The Prime Minister Pedro Passos Coelho says, "Overcoming the current crisis situation we are in today is difficult, but there are signs of improvement. Portugal had the EU's highest unemployment rate of 16.5% and now our country is in the fifth from bottom position, with a rate of 15%."
- 800 firemen are fighting to extinguish many forest fires in different locations at the same time, and at least five of them have died throughout the last few days. After weeks with temperatures of 35/40° C and incredibly difficult days, the outcome is "uncertain". 53 people have been arrested for arson.
- Twelve children under nine years of age have recently been hospitalized with alcoholic liver cirrhosis.



A good idea from Kenneth and Elisabeth who held a party for their 60th anniversary and instead of presents asked for money for children in Portugal.

The Maj-Lis Foundation has initiated several camps this summer and has paid the costs for children who otherwise would not have been able to participate. For instance, seven children from an orphanage took part and had the opportunity to meet other children. **We were all affected by the stories these orphaned children told about how it is to live without a father and mother.**

The last camp of the summer is in Bairro do Condado, Marvila-Chelas, near Lisbon airport. Without counting the kitchen staff, eighteen people have been trained as supervisors to give 42 children an unforgettable summer camp. Another camp had 37 children. Paula and Rolf from Adonia are responsible for the organisation and the local Pentecostal Church with Dr Ana is the local unit responsible. The camp finishes with a concert, to which the children can invite whom they want. They sing a musical about the Prodigal son who returned home. In cooperation with



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