

## Find the Messiah

(cont. from page 2) The first question in the Old Testament is: *Where are you?* Why are you hiding? Adam and Eve in Eden had sinned, were ashamed and hid themselves. The first question in the New Testament is: *Where is He?* Joseph and Mary were searching for Jesus. We really need to find the Messiah, who takes away our guilt!

In the great, famous film about Jesus it does not clearly show that nobody took the life of God's Son. He gave his life of his own free will. He himself went up to Jerusalem, though he knew that he would be killed there. He who was spat in the face, carried away our sin. Instead of shame and dishonour, you shall have a double portion of prosperity and everlasting joy. Isaiah 61:7 God loves us and the Messiah opened the door to God's heart.

If you Google **sin** you find - a condition in which man is egotistical. Everything revolves around the self and can lead to alienation. As a theological term it means the violation of the divine will, to do wrong, a morally wrongful act. In reference books I find that "**sin and shame**" is to be washed away. In Denmark, March 29, 2013 sin and shame was "AF MED HOVEDET" (Off with his head); Punkboom, festivals, hard rock bands, movies, videos, CDs, etc. In the **Synonym** book **sin** is, amongst others, perdition, crime; and **shame** appears as conscience,

remorse, sense of honour. In the biblical dictionary there is page after page on **sin**, for example, "See the Lamb of God which takes away the sin of the world." Find the Christmas Messiah and become clean, forgiven and new.

### A hope in the dark

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**Food Collection and Distribution** Extracts from St. Julian's School newsletter - A Food-bank competition between the four school Houses where Franklin House collected for the ML Foundation. Team leaders and Year 9 students brought the food to our office to help sort it out and then they listened to Maj-Lis' story about how the Foundation's work became something other than just getting the highest score. They began to understand that **many in our neighbourhood need help** and that they can help...

"It doesn't matter about competition, it matters that we're helping people".

Max Hamill (Franklin Primary Captain)

"It feels really good giving stuff to people who really need it."

Olivia Harris (Franklin Primary Captain)



"For the past week the school was in a frenzy over the house competition, but after seeing what Maj-Lis had been doing, how much she had achieved and how happy she was about giving her all to this cause, I was humbled. I was mesmerized by her energy and I respected her all the more after realizing that I would probably never be that selfless. I am so glad that we had the opportunity to help, even if it was just a little, it has given me new found motivation and a much more positive attitude towards charities." (Luxi Xu yr 12 Sec Captain)

Dear friends,

Christmas letter 2014

### The Eternal dimension changes our existence.

In my letter I want to say that believing in why we really have Christmas gives us an eternal dimension! Jesus, as 'the Good Shepherd', helps everyone, both the sick and healthy. Those hurt on the inside are perhaps not noticed, but those with visible illness can be seen and sympathized with. He notices us all.

Last week, when I went out to pick up my mail, a neighbour approached dressed for motorcycling. "I just had one of my friends here, and what can I say. His 24-year old daughter threw herself out of the window and lay dead when he came from the grocery store. He has to move I think", pressing his helmet, he added, "and I have to move too. I must sort out my life", and off he went on his shiny, big motorbike. **There I stood without having said what I thought**, 'Even if you move or have to go somewhere else, you have to take yourself with you. You can't get away from yourself!'

The Christmas message of the Saviour can change us and helps us to live. A hurt man can be healed, have another chance. Mindfulness? No, no! Proverbs.14:13 *When the laughter ends, the grief remains.* Leave the sin, be forgiven and start over. Be Born Again as Jesus calls it, or as God says in 1 sam 10:9; God gave him another heart; He replaced the heart of stone with one of flesh and blood. The Christmas message is having another chance.

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The family Christmas picture taken at Maj-Lis' 75<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration April 2014.

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## News from Portugal

### Summer and Autumn camps.

Greetings from Ana Correia responsible for ACRAS preparatory work, before the treatment Centers. "Thanks very much for your help. It was very important and special for the youngsters who were admitted. Opportunities like these leave a mark for the rest of the life and the seeds that were sown will be remembered. **We have to continue** and set the dates for camps in 2015."



The 1st December begins the Christmas season. **We want everybody around us to feel good** and to be able to rejoice. On 13th October many thousands travelled to Fatima, where the statue of Mary was carried around by priests. They hope for something divine to happen, something that in fact God and His Son Jesus-Messiah are longing to give to every person. So even if we worry about all the changes in the weather, terrorist killings, killings in individual families and hatred towards everything Christian, even so there is hope.

The ML Foundation prepare **Christmas bags** for families and for the Homes. The Siloam Mission provides calendars, with words of hope for each day in the 2015. You are also welcome to join in and fill the bags. I think that "something extra" would mean a lot to those who don't expect anything at all, not from anybody.



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