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# A Hope in the Dark

Newsletter

**Maj-Lis Philanthropic Foundation**

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A new need that has arisen is for **transport**. Money is needed **just to pick up** what we are offered. In the past, we said: *when we get something at our door, we always know who we can give it to*. Today, people ask if we can accept things, but they cannot bring them. Now they give, because they themselves have left their homes, because they could not pay their rent or their loans. They tell us that the electricity, gas and water have been turned off, and so they themselves had to go. Others tell us about relatives who have died. And ask us to clear the homes and deal with clothes, furniture and other items, as they do not want to do it.

Another transport need is **to be able to deliver donations**. For instance, the Swedish school here in Carcavelos, has offered its benches and chairs for they have bought new ones. In Orei's work in Guinea Bissau, they have schools without tables and chairs, but to get to his schools, the tables need to be transported to them. Who likes to organize the transport? You may take a look at the website and read more about those we work together with: [www.maj-lis.org](http://www.maj-lis.org)

## From children's summer camps



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## God's name is: I am

God is so great that  
no one can have him in the heart  
without others noticing it.

37 years ago I made this collage. I wanted to explain that you can see,  
when a person is really convicted.

When one of our  
three sons was 3  
years 8 months  
old and we had  
our evening talk,  
he say's with both  
arms straight out,  
and with a strong  
voice: "God is so  
great, that he  
cannot come all  
the way down  
here, for then he  
gets stuck in the  
trees in the yard.  
God is really,  
really big! Yes, so  
great that he can  
live in everyone  
who loves him.



He can be in everyone at the same time. And he has such big ears that he can hear when everyone prays" continued Samuel. "But one cannot really see God." continued mom. "You know he lives in the heart, although it is not visible. But there is one thing God cannot do. He cannot live with someone without being noticed".

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Where there is ignorance of God, the people run wild: Prov.29:18.  
Perhaps this is the case, according to the TV news now.

Dear friends!

Carcavelos, August 18, 2015

Greetings from the Maj-Lis Foundation, MLF's board, staff and volunteers, to you who have the interest and hearts and pray for us and send gifts. **Thank you!** Everyone who is able, organizes their holiday. However, there are others who cannot, but with your help they have gone to camp and had a great time. Their guardian, mother/father/relative or institution, is grateful to get their youth back and see them happy and thankful. It is fantastic to see and experience their enthusiasm. Kids from different neighbourhoods singing and jumping and thriving. At the time of writing, there is still another camp to go.

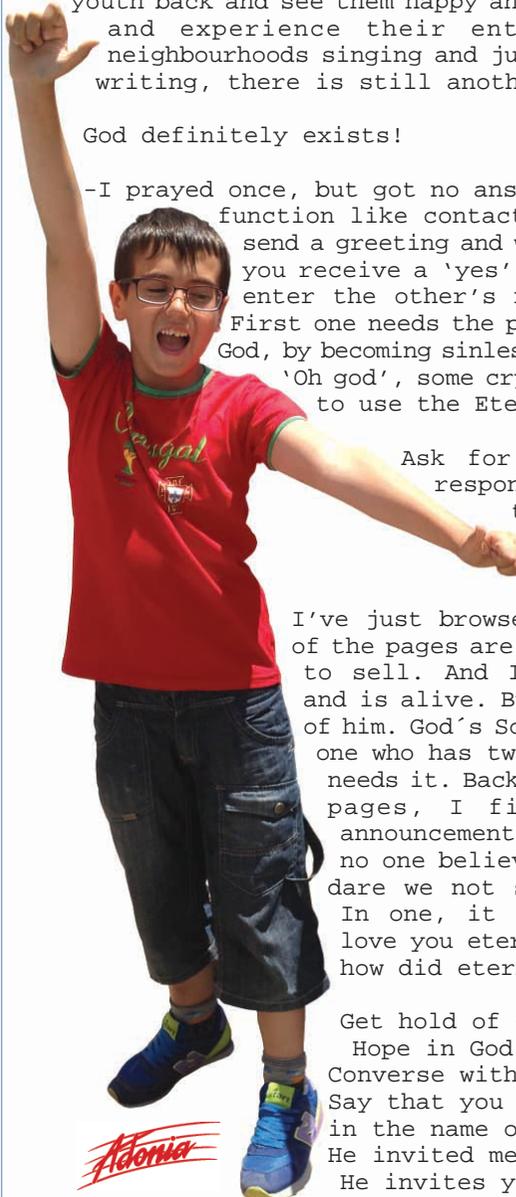
God definitely exists!

-I prayed once, but got no answer, say some. To pray to God can function like contacting someone on the internet. You send a greeting and wish to become someone's friend. If you receive a 'yes', you have access and the right to enter the other's network. With God it is similar. First one needs the permission to enter the presence of God, by becoming sinless, then one can ask and get answers. 'Oh god', some cry, in whatever context. It is a sin to use the Eternal's name in vain.

Ask for forgiveness and cleansing. God responds, through Jesus. It is the way to access God's territory, the heart of God. Then one knows, one is a child of God.

I've just browsed the daily newspapers. The bulk of the pages are selling something. Everyone wants to sell. And I want to sell that God is real and is alive. But it cost 'the shirt' to get hold of him. God's Son's forerunner John cried out: the one who has two shirts, give one to someone who needs it. Back to the newspapers. On the obituary pages, I find only a few crosses. Most announcements have other kind of symbols. Does no one believe any longer? Or dare we not show our belief? In one, it is written: I'll love you eternally. Where and how did eternity come in?

Get hold of God.  
Hope in God.  
Converse with God.  
Say that you come  
in the name of Jesus.  
He invited me!  
He invites you!



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## News from Portugal

*When Maj-Lis needed to be in Sweden to help her husband Eskil, during his last years, Magdalena came to assist. Here she is with her family, Mark and Ruby.*



Photo: Rune Olsson

### The Big Narrative Breakdown

There is much talk about new stress-related illnesses. We read alarming statistics on long-term sickness and disability pensions. Such new words as exhaustion, depression and burnout have found their way into our vocabulary.

The little man lives in an increasingly incomprehensible reality where he has the feeling that everything is going on above his head, so there is no point in trying to influence. Many people have a feeling of powerlessness in a world of multinational companies and global coalitions. It is difficult to discern a meaning, the context of the whole. There are no more visions and religion plays a peripheral role in most people's lives. This is usually described as "the great narrative breakdown." We believe that it is only our own body we can influence. But many have been hurt in the soul. **Without vision, people are going under**, says the Bible (Proverbs 29:18)

Without The Big Picture, life becomes incomprehensible and fragmented. Imagine a football game where none of the players know it's a game of football, but everyone has his own idea of what they are doing and no one knows the rules of football and thinks that everyone can do whatever they feel is right.

Magdalena

### In Brussels it is not only EU meetings!

In the congregation of Fabien's church there was a party organized for his retirement. I had the pleasure to be there and thank him for all he has done, driving through Europe and also coming to us in Portugal. Fabien and his wife are still passionate to continue. Here he is with his children and grandchildren, who were also celebrating.



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