

Refugees, Foreigners, New arrivals, Immigrants, Homeless...

Now, the entire EU is affected by the tide of immigrants. *Now*, new laws are enacted so that everyone must pull together. *Then*, Portugal alone had to solve the tremendous problems when suddenly a revolution brought with it hundreds of thousands from each former colony pouring into the country.

Now terror threatens the Western World at the same time as people from the Middle East are arriving. *Now* everyone is needed and the public is beginning to take on more than when Portugal was standing alone. Today we still work with the consequences of that. Many have poor education and others can't even read. If you do not have the skills, then you cannot find a job.

A family friend, compatriot here, José Pegado wrote, among other things; "Large numbers of people in the country stand idle without work and without money for food and medicine, homeless or with threats of repossession from the banks, so it is understandable why only just under half the population came to the polls."



Thank you dear donors for your loyalty in supporting us. Many of you were there right from the beginning and you still continue! New donors needed. Give someone a Christmas present: Send a child to the next camp. A bag of food for a family in distress.

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It's certainly no paradise reported about in the News. The first people lived in the garden of "Eden." Eden should have been somewhere 'East'. And today there's really no garden of Eden there! Now the crowds of refugees are coming to us - from there.

We as the Foundation are on the spot and working among the poor in Portugal. In April 1974, when streams of refugees poured in, Portugal stood alone. Airports, hotels, barracks were converted overnight, in fact the mass immigration dominated everything. That was how it was, then. We could not just watch and do nothing about it.

Dear friends!

Carcavelos, November 25th, 2015

What did we do then? Well, we started to follow the poor who knocked on the door and check if what they said about their need, really were truth. In fact, it was worse than I had imagined and I talked about it to everyone who visited our family and little by little I gave away everything one could give away. After that, others began to come with more.

Today the Foundation has been going since 1988; Maj-Lis Philanthropic Foundation, MFS. Synonymous with Philanthropy is: love of humanity, altruism, charity. We chose Philanthropy, which relates to the whole, not just the body. As a whole I need to feel good. We love to share our faith in God and see the lift it can give. In our enlightened society, people have almost dismissed God.

Much of the alienation and hatred disappears when one understands how much God loves every human being and that he sent his Son as Savior. *The Christmas we soon are going to celebrate comes from The Christmas message. A Savior is born...* So it's not for Father Christmas coming or for sings songs about Lucia, but for the child Jesus arriving. He remained, however, not as a baby Jesus. Let us honor him for who he **is**. Well known, without a grave, and to return as the Messiah.

Everything about God seems almost outdated, too old, but God is so generous that he says, *"And call upon me on the day of trouble: I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."* Psalm 50:15
It could be good to remember, because even if we did not want anything to do with God in life's good days, but repent and he will receive! What a wonderful God!



As the Christmas greeting from our family I have a memory of the year;
Mikael, Daniel and Samuel with families on visit to Portugal.

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News from Portugal

Adonia Thanks from Paula.

From **summer camp** with three hundred and four children and thirty-one helpers, on behalf of everyone, individuals and families who got to stay and eat in this shared program, we thank you very much for the Foundation's contribution.

A handwritten letter with humble gratitude for food and clothing for the family, and ten others **"for you never forget me and the needy who come to our home. Just celebrated 84 years. Only God can fill all our needs. Thanks for partnering with the Lord."**

Laura, Cascais



Rut N, from Sweden, wrote; **"It is exciting to read the Newsletters. You are truly a role model for me and things that you have taught me, I carry with me. But above all, your life is an example of how God can use those who are willing to go."**

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