



A Hope in the Dark

Newsletter

Maj-Lis Philanthropic Foundation

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Here it's still very hot with sunshine every day.
The ground is dry and the news tells us that the farmers
are in despair because there is not enough water for their animals.
Many, many fires are reported.

Dear friends and supporters!

Portugal, August 2016

The best, the biggest and the first.

One may think what is going to be good or the best. Great or the greatest. And with God, it is the first that matters. When he say something, so it will be. When Adam, the first man, a living soul, came into being, the Creator told him what mattered. He was free, except for one thing. And the day he disgraced himself and took the forbidden, it crashed. He and Eve were thrown out. The door to the Paradise closed.

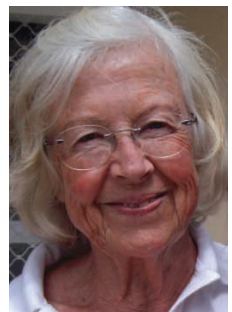
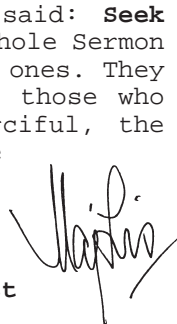
We have the same free will, but we have the human's guilt. And God's idea to have Jesus, was that one should suffer for us all. So even if we are good people, we need faith and also knowledge. It's still valid what God dramatically cried out from the top of Mount Sinai when sternly giving the Ten Commandments. Only ten, and one of them was not to take the name of thy Lord God in vain. Exodus 20:7

A whole-page in a Stockholm newspaper says: LET THERE BE ICE CREAM "And God saw that the ice-cream was awesome". It upset me when I saw it, that somebody wanted to misuse the Creator's word: "Let there be light: and there was light". This is today's World! Is God just going to keep quiet? No. God watches over His Word to see it is fulfilled. Jer 1:12 b. Put the bible on your bedside table and read it. Prepare yourself and the end will not surprise you.

Environmental deterioration can be improved, but when unnatural disasters suddenly occur, it's God who speaks and tells us to watch out. Jer.19, 22-25 "Why have you forsaken me..? I have placed the sand at the edge of the sea to a perpetual degree, so that it cannot pass it. Isn't it the God that man should fear and worship? ... Your repellent and rebellious hearts have made them out of order, and your sins have taken away this good from you."

God explains why disregard will turn into havoc. The Prophet Obadiah's only chapter, verses 10-12 show some examples. "You left him in the lurch. You stood there without lifting a finger to defend him. You shouldn't have been so spiteful". And a couple of thousand years ago, when the Son of God, the Son of Man was wandering here, he sat down and said: **Seek first** the kingdom of God. And the whole Sermon on the Mount was about the blessed ones. They are the poor in spirit, the meek, those who hunger for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who are persecuted, those who for my sake are treated badly. Mt.6 ; 33 ; 5 : 1-11

The best is to believe. **The greatest** is to love. We love because he **first** loved us. 1 Cor. 13:13



News from Portugal



Thanks to donations we have been able to hold summer camps for children. We made the best of our situation and supported Adonía's program for the summer and it turned into a really worthwhile camp. The children's relatives in particular have thanked us and were so grateful for this camp.



Another summer program for children, was held in conjunction with two artists who also are teachers. They go out to the poorer areas, outside the capital, and as they arrive, the children come running. Penka teaches them to paint and tells them stories from the Bible, while Hari Atanasov speaks to the adults, answering their questions about why they do so much for the kids and help them.

At the Foundation, when someone calls at the door or on the phone, we never know who and what they are coming for. A Swedish lady who moved here, for example, had to leave her rented house for a flat and there was furniture and heating system and other things left over. It came as a blessing for us. And an airline company changed their uniforms and gave us lots of new jackets, trousers and shirts. Although, before we could give them away, all the gold and silver braiding had to be taken off.



Other people empty their cupboards and come with everything from clothing to shoes and even ornaments. At the time of the last Newsletter, we had just received a lot of bags from Fabian, with items we get least of, such as children's clothes. As well as shoes which ACRAS and others need as they help men and women to become alcohol and drugs free.

Thank you all who help the Foundation to continue. **Our top goal is to help our neighbours to find peace and hope for the future as well as hope for time and eternity!** Those who can't look forward. Those who are without a job. Those who had to give back their home. Those who are sick and discouraged - those, those are the one we want to help.



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