



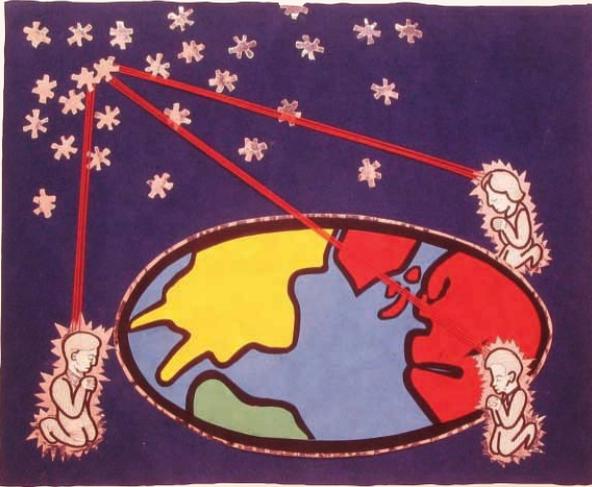
A Hope in the Dark

Newsletter

Maj-Lis Philanthropic Foundation

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About this century's scientific discovery OF MEASURED TRACES OF NEW PLANETS...



The Bible says:

**“...Though the earth shakes
and all its people live in turmoil,
yet its pillars are firm,
for I have set them in place.” Selah
Psalm 75; 3 The Living Bible.**

This illustration I made some years ago, when I thought the family saw each other too rarely, although we kept in close contact via the Internet. Suddenly I saw that wherever we were in the world, it is the same distance to God, so we could meet at God's throne, when we prayed for each other. Then our farewell wasn't so drastic any more...

TRACES OF NEW PLANETS... The Bible promises new heavens and a new earth. The World News on 2 September 2016 announced that for the first time ever scientists had managed to depict traces of when a new planet was formed. Gravitational waves; when two black holes are fused together. From the Research and Progress 5-2016; “It happened about a billion light years away from us.

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Dear friends and supporters!

Christmas Letter 2016

Firstly, I want to thank you for your perseverance in supporting and helping us so we have been able to continue working all year. Our co-workers are also fantastic. They come and give their time, even retirees, and see with their own eyes what a difference our efforts make. One of them said yesterday after having been with us out delivering food bags, "I couldn't imagine how anyone could be so incredibly happy for a filled plastic bag." We have learned that the one who goes to bed hungry, often fears the next day, therefore we as the Foundation will continue, as long as we have something to give. Rejoice with us as well you who are supporting us, you are all part of it. It's also by now we start to make important plans for the summer camps for children. Every gift, small or large, is welcome.

In the Christmas Letter, we usually have some news about our family. Daniel's home is in Portugal with Oscar, seven and Oliver, five. His workplace is in Oslo, but most is done through the Internet and travels around the world.

Samuel and Karin's Lucas is now aged six and is in preschool and Isabella is growing up and is already four.



Mikael and Ida have moved closer to the center of Stockholm, to Hammarby, a lakeside town. They are continuing to build the church. Find them on www.t-way.se



The Foundation's board, our co-workers and our family wish you a
Peaceful Christmas and Happy New Year 2017

News from Portugal

Most of those supporting us practically here in Portugal are mainly foreigners who see the needs and hear about our work. Thanks to all of you who come with your bags, not least the WRVS. It has become too expensive to import from Sweden, so we use what we get here. The distribution of clothing is made primarily through local congregations, to where we also can channel new ones. Fabian from Belgium and Siloam from England continue to help us. All of you are needed, for we are here, not only at Christmas, but throughout the whole year.



ST. JULIAN'S
SCHOOL

Recently the English School, where our children went and where our grandchildren are, collected groceries for four organizations which included Maj-Lis Philanthropic. We were extremely happy because we had a lot on our waiting list. The school's approach is through competition: which of the four houses in the school can collect the most. Though it's equally important for the school that the pupil himself can see how privileged he is, and by this experience learns to make a gesture to help others. Some selected students will come and visit the organization and ask their questions and then give a presentation to the school and to their peers.



This photo was taken on the day of delivery by Zoe W.

Cont. From page one: measured TRACES OF NEW PLANETS ... “Then the black holes moved in circles around each other for about ten billion years after they were formed, two billion years after the Big Bang. Their paths became closer to each other until they finally fused - that was over in 0.02 seconds.” Joanne Rose writes: “The star is only 175 light years away from us and is similar to our sun... Close to the star a new planet is created that is the same distance as the earth is from the sun.”

The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul;
 the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.
 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
 the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.
 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever;
 the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold;
 sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.
 Moreover by them is thy servant warned;
 and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Psalm 19: 7 – 11, King James

A girl that has been with us for some time, offered me this drawing. What wonderful art!

Thank you
 Ingeborg Pegado

A visitor said; “Oh, I did not know you think of people’s well-being as well. I thought you just gave away things.” We, as a philanthropic organization, think of both body and soul. We want everyone to know that there is a God who loves us, as this daughter writes in the email we got this week... “My Dad made me feel like I was the most important thing in his life. What a gift he left me. God’s love and values. He was the one we never heard lie...” his soul was filled with love.

Can it be said about us one day? Never lied! Do we need to obey the law? No one seems to care. Although our society has changed its comprehensions, God hasn’t. If we go against God, we feel bad. To approach God is not like going to a dentist, who look for faults. God is puzzled how you feel. He extends his welcoming arms and says: You are forgiven. Jesus took the punishment. Receive!

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