



# A Hope in the Dark

Newsletter

**Maj-Lis Philanthropic Foundation**

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Light **h a s** conquered darkness

When **I** called, **you** answered me -

with strength in my soul

**Though** I walk in the midst of trouble

Psalm 138: 3,7

Dear friends and supporters!

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In this Newsletter I'll share part of the Maj-Lis Foundation's annual report to the authorities. Most people receive their mail online. If you have e-mail, please send us your address. One message started like this: Best Aunt! Imagine Focus Europe, is what you are always reminded of.

We at the Foundation ask ourselves what more could be done about the situation? Please help us in our work in modern day Europe! This could be in the form of clothing and furniture but also money, which we are very much in need of. Even with the financial donations we have received since the beginning of the year, it is not enough for either the food or camps, nor for the normal running of our operations. I know that begging letters are frequent, however, I still want to tell you about our situation and hope and wish that this trend reverses by return mail.

Wiggo, a broken man who we helped, writes:  
Thank you for these beautiful lines that you wrote to me and I hope that God the Father if he writes letters no better aim could find with a heavenly word than to you, you good woman on a sinful earth



Without you we would not be able to do what we do. Ever since 1988, we've continued to look for solutions to the different needs that people come with. For those who do not have all we take for granted, such as food and a job to go to. Or a school to go to.

With 'social assistance in a Christian way' written in the Statutes, we are happy to remind about God. People talk about their chaos and we talk about God. An authentic prayer from our heart can bring us forgiveness and peace. A divine storm can change what we thought was impossible. 'With God in the boat' we sang in Sunday school, it is not dangerous even in the storm, and **with God with us,** we stand on the solid rock that cannot be dislodged. The light has conquered the darknes.



# News from Portugal

Part of **the Annual Report, inter alia**



The Maj-Lis Philanthropic Foundation has worked, all in accordance with the Foundation's statutes, to carry out social assistance in a Christian way and provide care and treatment to the needy, the sick, the disabled and refugees in Portugal and other countries.

Thankfully, we announce that the philanthropy has continued within the framework drawn up twenty-eight years ago in 1988. Despite the large refugee problem both in the EU and beyond, we have tried to help the country's most needy. The financial gifts received during the year have covered what we committed ourselves to in 2015 and concluded with a no-debt situation.



Above all, it is through our quarterly mailing of the Newsletter; **A Hope in the Dark** and the website **www.maj-lis.org** that gifts have come in. The Manager has, through both group visits and schools trips, informed people about the Foundation's work.

Objective and fulfilment. The Foundation provides for the care and treatment during the year through the support and advisory services to homes and organizations we help. Two homes for the elderly, in Bicesse and in Almerim, and two treatment centres, Desafio Jovem with ACRAS and Remar. The homes are supported with appliances, wheelchairs and other materials for the handicapped as well as food, whenever we receive something, and advice. Social activities in a Christian way is constantly our goal.

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The homes run by the Pentecostal Church's social division do not have enough financial support from the community and therefore we try to help them with PR.

Through ACRAS, we refer people to the treatment center Desafio Jovem. First they have a shower, a meal, to meet doctors and become motivated to start over again. As a rule, they help others in similar situations when they have gone through the treatment program. Remar has not as good an advisory service but does removal and cleaning jobs and provides transport for people. We cooperate with them, including sending the needy to them and donating good-quality items to their second-hand shop.

One of our ways of conducting help in 'a Christian way' is by organising camps for children and young people. We cooperate with Adonia and more than a hundred children were given the chance to go to camp during the year. We also held a daily program in two poor neighborhoods in Lisbon. Wonderful people step up and help and we see good results.

Romans 15:13 **May the hope of God fill you**

Romans 8: 3 **God - let his own son become like a sinful man**

Romans 12; 20 **On the contrary, if your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat**

Rom 12:21 **Defeat evil with good**

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