



A Hope in the Dark

Newsletter

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THE TRUTH comes to the light

Amid all the jokes and all the fun, there is something **absolute**. *The truth shall set you free*, says the Bible. Today the Word is used to take an oath, to insure that you keep your promises. The truth needs to be confirmed. With your hand on top of the Bible one makes a solemn declaration before the people, but actually it is before God.

In the Bible, in John 3:21 it says:

he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, for they are done in God.

Dear friend and supporter!

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God was cool towards Adam. They talked. God said what regulations were applicable. There in paradise, he got to eat freely from every tree, except one, then "you will surely die". The agreement was binding: not to even touch that certain tree!

Adam felt free and delighted. He had all he needed. Both food and a wife. But one day, both of them hid when they heard God come. They had lost the peace and it had become dark in the soul. The fellowship with God died.

The same darkness came over all mankind. One wishes that the uncertainty inside oneself were either black or white. Life would be much easier like that. But unfortunately there are things that seem good which are bad, while others look bad but are good.



It was just that problem Adam and Eve had: the fruit that God had created was good. They only wanted to check it, for the serpent questioned God's word and tempted them to try it. But the agreement was not to even touch the tree in the middle of the garden. Here the door was closed. Both of them were shut out. They became sinners by God's contract and responsible for their decisions. And when the Creator questioned them, Eve blamed the serpent and Adam blamed Eve.

All mankind have since then, needed a Savior. Repenting, focusing one's mind and breaking with the sin, the light enters and shows what is right and wrong. Even angels can fall. The snake was an arc angel, who had fallen. Just because our culture allows everything, it does not mean that everything is good. But God is God, The Most High, who does what he says and keeps his promises. The more we read the Book, the more we will know our Savior and the more easily we can say forgive. Read the Bible, the most read book in the world. The more you know, the more you can have an opinion.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maj-Lis', written in a cursive style.



News from Portugal

On the thirteenth of October and May every year, Portugal celebrates Fatima. This year the 13th of May will be even more visited than usual. The country is spending millions to invite the Pope and expects millions of pilgrims to come.



Taken from two thank you letters:



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We take this opportunity to thank you for everything you do and also we want to thank you for the refrigerator which just became ours. We bless the Foundation's work in everything. PRA. Juliana

If every person in the world had adequate food, housing and income;
If all men were equal;
If every possible social evil and injustice were done away with,
Men would still need one thing - C H R I S T
J. W. Hyde

In Eskil's English Bible, we found this pasted note.



Apoio Social

... many of the young people would not have

been able to come along, without your support. During the summer camp we had 100 children and 33 leaders ... It was you who made it so good, both the accommodation and food. We hope to be able to count on you for many years to come ...



Image from the closing concert at Musical 2016 Cacém

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We have now completed 28 years since the Fundraising Foundation became an approved organization in 1988. Even back in 1974, we took the initiative to help Portugal which from one day to the next experienced revolution and people streaming in here from all the former colonies. We were in place and from this small beginning we grew rapidly. We are still alive thanks to all of you who in so many ways engage yourself.

In those days, there was an acute crisis. We worked on a large scale.

Now we work partly through the Homes we have helped to build, both treatment homes and homes for the aged, partly through the churches that do social service for the poor and hungry. It is urgent and we see results. I meet people all the time who have started to see that there is another way to see and think and act. Poor, disheveled and broken people find new hope. Every one of us is eternal and worth another chance.

And also we have the kids.

The time spent at Camp is very important. Many children have hardly been outside their own living area. In camp, they go away on a trip and spend some days with trained and loving people. The kids get to learn that they need to go to school, even if no one at home can read. Through camp activities we also want to help them to stand up for what is true and real. Some camps specialize in music and others in art. And sometimes it's on the spot day camps, in the street or the park nearby.

What do we want then? Camps for kids!

A monetary gift – big or small – would be hugely appreciated. We continue our common mission. We do it together.

P.S.

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