

## Now it's time for camp again

Already in April we have scheduled the summer camps for children - dates, location, staff and preparation for those who can come along, and writing to ask for help to pay for the costs of as many poor children as possible. Through the Newsletter, we want to make it possible for those of you who read this to help one or more disadvantaged children to have their chance. We want to let the children experience days with loving people as well as eating as much healthy food as they want, without any worry or distraction. We hope to invite many children to the music camps and others to art camps.



When you have read A Hope In The Dark and see that you are needed, please feel free to give your contribution. Also, have a look at the 3-minute short film on [www.maj-lis.org](http://www.maj-lis.org) about Marvila, where many of the less fortunate are located. Just such children are those we want to reach this summer.



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## A Hope in the Dark

Newsletter

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### News

Read about  
the criminal's hope  
Remember me...

Today you will...

A man, who had  
gone to summer  
camp as a child,  
met Madame  
again

Don't forget  
to help us to get a  
stock of food again

Now is the time  
to prepare for the  
camps.  
Join us and pay  
for one child  
or more.



The criminal actually confessed: that the soul does not die with the body, that there is another world, that the Messiah, although he suffered, had a Kingdom to inherit (possess or own). That Jesus was the key to the Kingdom, although he now hung on a cross and suffered. The convict did not want relief from the cross but the salvation of his soul. Condemned to die, he received Jesus in the last minutes of his life, and would be with him in paradise.

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Dear friends and supporters! Carcavelos April 2017

Once again, we are sending out our Newsletter, A Hope In The Dark. We need someone or something to pin our hopes on. We can see what became of vital importance in the discussions between two bandits. Both had scoffed at first, but as they were stuck and could not fail to see and hear how the third behaved, one woke up and saw that he needed to repent, and if he was able to live, to live righteously.

This is what is said in the gospel of Luke 23; 39-48, quoted directly from the Bible: And one of the criminals who was being hanged kept deriding him and said, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "*Jesus, remember me* when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, *today* you will be with me in paradise." It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying out in a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I command my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts.

Jesus was truly the expected Messiah, the Son of God and Son of man, the King of Kings and God's sacrificial lamb. The price of our salvation. He rose on the third day and is alive today. It was not a black Friday but A Day of Victory. HE had you and me in mind!



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## News from Portugal

### One of the many who came to camp is Néni.

One morning before 9 o'clock when I was sitting in the car waiting for some voluntary helpers outside the local train station here in Carcavelos, a man rushed past in front of the car, but then turned quickly and came running and stopped beside the driver's seat. I looked at him but didn't recognize him but I could see that he definitely wanted something. I opened the window a bit and the man bent closer and excitedly cried out: "Madam! Madam! Madam!"

Once he understood that I remembered who he was, he was very happy and eager to take a photo of us. I had to open the whole window for him to lean his head in and put his arm out in front of the steering wheel, with the phone in his hand. "I'm only here for a little while today. I live in France. I lived in the slums over here and Madam always came and helped us..."



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get a stock of food again*

I wanted to know more about him, but he had to go, so I asked for his name. Later I spoke to Graciela, now a sick retiree, who used to be a co-worker in the slums. When she talked about Néni, she said that he was invited many times to our summer camp and is today a fine man with a wife and a job and four kids. Néni's mother lives with them in France and would be passing by to see Graciela any day then so Graciela gave me the kids' names, ages and approximate sizes and asked me to organize some clothes for her to pass on.

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