



**We want to continue reaching out a helping hand**

Thousands have been helped.

Our four-paged magazine **A Hope in the Dark** ends with this issue. We started it in 1999. Samuel did the design. We will continue to communicate to you what we are working on, but more like Eskil and I used to send out to friends, before it became a newsletter.

To you, the few who support us but have not yet sent us your e-mail address, we send an envelope with a greeting, hoping that you also will find an email address. It is thanks to you donors that we can continue to help others. We need your help and want to be able to tell you that your gift is delivered and is useful and much appreciated.

To all. *On this age's transition, a ruler shall set his mind to change sacred time and laws... Unexpected... behave arrogantly against all that is God. Yes, against God of gods, he shall speak of such that one must marvel.* Daniel 11



My advice. Do not let yourself be fed by everything you get from the media and everything superficial. Let us see each other and take time to help each other and give of what we have and give thanks to God for every new day. The money here to the left, I got from a man from Angola who fled the revolution in 1974. He hid his money in his shoes, but on reaching Portugal, the money had lost its value. The man one day told me his story and gave me a bunch of thousand bills.

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# A Hope in the Dark

Newsletter

**Maj-Lis Philanthropic Foundation**

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This picture is number one in a whole series of biblical images that were made in 1969, before our first child arrived. The very first was supposed to show that it is not at all boring, but vice versa, both nice and fun to believe in God and to go to church.

**Celebrate 30 years with us.** MLF began with a single person's initiative to unconditionally help others and today it is a recognised Foundation with board, bylaws and bank certification. Its full name is: Maj-Lis Philanthropic Fundraising-Foundation. On November 20, 1988, we signed the papers. It's been 30 years, but already fourteen years earlier, in 1974, we experienced Portugal's revolution and were invaded by nearly one million people from former colonies. That was when we began.

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Dear friends and supporters!

Carcavelos, August 2018

Some carefully plan their schedule not to miss the football World Cup, like stay at home dad, with the baby in his arms, as well as the politician. Others, thousands of them, are drowned in inflatables in the Mediterranean, attempting to find a dignified life.

Some have luxury surgery like facelifts, breast augmentations or sex changes. Others manage to make it to the border checkpoint, but are not allowed in.

Some look on the world map where to travel and search on their app for flights to decide where to spend their next free time. Others live on the street. They have tried everything and have destroyed so much that they have nothing to come back to.

This is what the Bible says. *This is Solomon's proverb, David's son, the King of Israel's. Save those who are being dragged to death, and assist those who stumble to the place of execution. If you say: "See, I did not know this" consider if he who judges hearts will not notice it and if he who sees your soul won't know it. And he will punish each for his deeds.* Proverb. 1:1, 24:11-12

Who do we help then? Those who go down usually do not seek help until they reach the bottom. Who manages to be bothered then? Jesus is the only one. He came as a man and he is and was God. He knows how he can help. He says straight away: do not give up. I have you recorded in my hand. It will be alright. You are a survivor. You will sing Hallelujah your whole life. Honour Him who calls you out **from darkness unto his wonderful light**. Praise Him!

When I explain about Heaven and hell, that to come to Heaven we have to decide and stand up for God, the 10-year-old boy says, "I think I choose to sit in between." If we get it wrong, I continued, no help such as the boys in the cave in Thailand got, will not be found there. We must choose to live life here and now, with God.

John 1:3 - 5. *All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light for all people. **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.***



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## News from Portugal



**From the fires.** We keep in touch and are met by incredible gratitude. Everything we have sent has been received and distributed between the most needy. Even the communication is complicated, because electricity grids and everything else were damaged.

**Camps and summer.** We prepare as if everything will go well. Not knowing if what we get is going to be enough for both a music and an art camp. But now, just before starting, we know that it will be possible. We know that for every one that gets an opportunity, it can mean something for the rest of their life. We believe what we pass on is very important.

Isaiah 52: 15 *For what has never been told them, they may see, and what they have never heard, they may experience.*



Jorge, Maj-Lis and Helder outside the warehouse in Carcavelos

Fun getting to send new beautiful things too



**From slave to self-employed** The man from the Propaint Workshop came with my car and brought someone else. "Do you remember us?" Maybe, I think. Tell me. "Well, we lived in the slums and came to your summer camp". Helder points to his friend from Mozambique and says that both are believers and Jorge Machado is a pastor and he also wanted to see 'Madame'.

Since that re-union, a number of boxes with clothes have been sent to Jorge's parish. Helder has come to get them. And now, a year later, Helder went back to S. Tomé where he came from 30 years ago when he was one year old. He had no memory of how it was in S. Tomé. He had saved for a long time and now he has been there for a whole month. "There is nothing there and nothing works," he says. S. Tomé was populated with slaves from Angola. Helder and a cousin will share a container and Helder wants to send everything he can gather. We have helped him fill his car several times, and soon the ship will leave with the container.

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