

## News from Portugal

### Anita's initiative helps many

After receiving both small and bigger gifts from Anita to the Foundation, my curiosity got so big, to know who she was, that I wrote and asked.

Anita lives in Nordmaling, Sweden. In her home she receives gifts, repairs them and runs a second hand shop. With the profit she helps children both in our country and out in the world. Several rooms, storage and garage are filled with clothes, decorations goods and toys. With grateful heart Anita unpacks, washes and arranges to receive customers on Fridays and Saturdays.

Anita can identify herself with pain and suffering. Through a miracle, she has herself **recovered from cancer** in her liver. Soon a couple of decades have passed since Anita experienced **her miracle**. She does not downplay how she was healed, but stands up for God's defence and gives her testimony. The second hand shop activity has developed and there she can both tell her story and make money which she divides between children suffering cancer and children in other countries, among them Portugal.

There are real enthusiasts both here and there, who does more than all! And Anita is one of them! **Certainly, it is more blessed to give than to receive!**

### Summary of 2006

When looking through documents and lists for the annual report, we make a shorter summary of some of the things the Foundation could help with.

- Equipment to disable children for several organisation
- Wheel chairs to needy
- Food to our distribution places, rehabilitation homes for drug addicts, homes for the elderly
- Clothes, shoes and hygiene articles to our distribution places, etc
- Household utensils, curtains etc to homes for children and elderly
- Financial support to ACRAS, the Pentecostal Church social work
- Financial support to Bulgaria (see the article).
- Individual support for emergencies
- Contributing to fill containers to Portuguese-speaking Africa, as for ex. Angola and Guinea-Bissau.

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# A Hope in the Dark

A Newsletter From  
**Maj-Lis Humanitarian Foundation in Portugal**  
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## The Foundation helps poor children in Bulgaria through Hari and Penka

“They are uneducated and don't even know the alphabet. We are searching for ways to help them more.” this is Hari's voice as he's talking with Maj-Lis over the Internet.

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Dear friends,

**Do we dare to hope for good in days to come,** when the year that passed gave us so much conflicts, terror and catastrophes? Media does not give us security and one can think that no one dares to hope and believe any more. Though many things seem to go towards chaos, **God has the final control.** And the fact is that the Kingdom of God expands in the world.

Whoever does believe in the Son of God has eternal life, declared Jesus. John 3:36. **That dimension makes us pilgrims.** You and I can look forward to another day. Not with the main point to win the whole world, but yet, to save our soul. God has peaceful thoughts in order to give us a future and a hope, a whole eternity, when we fear God. Jer 29:11

In the Foundation we continue to share hope and practical help where it is possible. Join us, you too. Read about Anita's commitment in this letter. It is going to be a fantastic year and we count on you for the challenges of the Foundation.

People in different countries, really have different conditions. If we just think of water. We, in Sweden, are **taking our shower in drinking water.** And in Europe today, hundred of million are missing running drinking water in their homes, according to a UN report.

In our country, **adults can be paid to study.** In Portugal, hundreds of thousands of illiterate cannot even write their name but sign with their fingerprint. And we have similar situations in other countries.

In Sweden T.B. has been practically eradicated for the last decades. In Portugal, **3400 new cases** were detected just last year. Now medical experts urge the isolation of victims, as a new variety, hard to cure, is uttermost resistant to medication.

**We** can't change the world's big problem, but **we** can do our part...



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**The Foundation helps poor children in Bulgaria by Hari and Penka**  
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“We are searching ways to help uneducated, poor in our neighbourhood,” continues the teacher and artist Hari, with his wife Penka, also artist, from Bulgaria. **The couple works hard and creates wonderful paintings, but lead an uncomfortable life while they live to lift the miserable into growing churches.** It is through their ministry we could participate last Christmas in Bulgaria.

“The church was crowded yesterday”, Hari explain enthusiastic. “We had expected 80 children and 140 came! And today we are going out to two villages further away. Most of them are Muslim families and ex-Muslims. Maybe 35% are Bulgarians and the rest Turkish Roma. They are not afraid to come, because we have been doing this during three years and visited them a couple of times a month.”

**Maj-Lis finishes the conversation with a reflection that it is really a privilege to support their ministry, and wishes that more would be possible to do.**

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