

## News from Portugal

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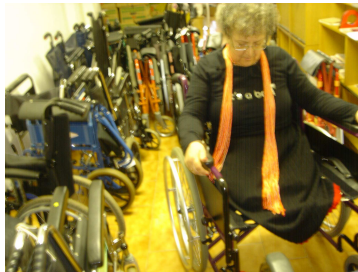


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On every wheel-chair there was a label tied up. On the back there were the initials of the person who had restored the chair.

The whole lot came directly from a prison in England. The Inmates had as their job, restoring old wheel chairs.

Only one single chair have we kept for emergencies. The rest have already found the right person or the organisation that has been lacking for a long time. Especially fantastic was it to be able to give to two youth from the country side in Portugal, who had been handicapped since their birth.



### **Give a gift to the Maj-Lis Foundation!**

The Foundation thanks for the gifts received. The gifts are used to help more people.

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# A Hope in the Dark



A Newsletter From  
**Maj-Lis Humanitarian Foundation in Portugal**

March - May 2009



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## **Everybody can do something: Prisoners send aid to Portugal**

Right in the busy times before Christmas, we got a message in which we were offered a shipment of goods from the Siloam Mission in England. After a few days notice, they arrived here in Portugal. In the crammed truck there were wheel-chairs of different kinds for big as well as small. All were in great condition and seemed like new, but their colours, such as light blue and orange, told us that this was something special...

Cont. on back

Carcavelos, February 2009

Dear friends,

It's interesting with God. When we give everything we can, he rewards us in some way. When we emptied our shelves and store rooms of everything that could bring pleasure to somebody, we suddenly were surprised when a school in the neighbourhood wanted to do collect things to give to somebody who really knew where the most needy were.

They asked us - and we took care of their collected bags with food and clothes. Then we also received donations that we had not dared to hope for, so **finally this formed an aid which gave joy to them with necessities of life.** For that we thank both God and the givers. Financial crises, close down of enterprises, companies cut down their employees, persons in need of social assistance increases, more than before people abuse alcohol and feel miserable and need solicitude and help in their situation. I am happy to be here again and do my best - in order to give courage to go on living - not only to survive, but with the help of God be able to see the beauty that life can bring us.

**I want to extend a warm thank you to each and every one who in different ways have contributed and made it possible for us to help others.**

We are ready to reach out a helping hand to the small human beings. In the middle of the cold winter months with rain, cold, mud and hopelessness, we want to give hope.

Continue to be with us!



"Pay attention!" says Jesus. "I am coming soon, and my rewards are with me to give to each person according to what he has done. I am the "A" and the "Z", the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." Rev. 22:12.

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## Everything Can Be Reused.

Everything Can Be Reused. Everything is sent to where it's most needed. Apart from those we support in Portugal, we also bring assistance to the former colonies. Here comes an example of how the aid reaches Chis, whom we have known and worked with many years. Every little amount



we receive in the foundation really makes a difference.

"-It is good to read that your work is still going strong, and that you are able to meet the needs of many people. I shall always remember the times I used to come to Carcavelos to assist you



and to learn.

Both Cámica and I and our children are keeping well, and we are very encouraged with the way the work is going here in Mozambique. I am



writing to say that **all the books you gave to us**

**arrived safely.** It took a while for it all to get here as we had to find a way of sending everything. We



heard of a woman who wanted to send a container from Portugal with goods to help



different missions and an orphanage. She was able to put all the boxes with school books, writing material and your Bible-Picture-Books, which was sent to Maputo. I then drove to Maputo to collect everything. The books are being a great help and a blessing to the people here."

Chris, Mozambique

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