

Successful Summer Camp

Children say their thank you, to you who gave a gift that allowed them to experience the highlight of their summer - coming to camp. It ended up that many children were given this opportunity. I remember as a child, what it meant to be able to go to a Christian



Camp. What would it not have meant to all these children you helped to go!

A professional management couple was supplied by Adonia, specialists in organising camps and events for children and youngsters, with lots of choir-singing tuition.

The last day of the camp was celebrated with a tremendous concert with a children's choir of more than seventy children. All the relatives and neighbours who could come, were invited and amazed by this huge concert.



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A Hope in the Dark



A Newsletter From

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A Hope in the Dark and Faith in a world of turmoil

Why is there so much sadness, we ask ourselves? How is it going to finish? How can a righteous God permit so much evil?

Ever since the innocent curiosity of childhood up to the learned discussions of the academic world, life has been full of questions. Some choose to live with their doubts, disregarding them and letting life go on. Others become cynical and hardened. But there are also people who search for an answer until they find it. There is A Hope in the Dark.

Read about the camp on the last page.

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Dear friends

Just like the man, Habakkuk, asked 612 b.Ch, we also ask ourselves sometimes.

Hab.1;3-4 "Must I forever see this sin and sadness all around me? Wherever I look there is oppression and bribery and men who love to argue and to fight. The law is not enforced and there is no justice given in the courts, for the wicked far outnumber the righteous, and bribes trickery prevail..."

Hab.2;2-3 The Lord said to me: "Write my answer on a billboard, large and clear, so that anyone can read it at a glance and rush to tell the others. But these things I plan won't happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches..."

Hab.2;14 *The time will come when all the earth is filled, as the waters fill the sea, with an awareness of the glory of the Lord.*

Towards the end of his scripture it is written in Hab.3;2 O Lord, now in this time of our deep need, begin again to help us, as you did in years gone by.

In Hab.3;17-18, he finishes his writing with this song.

Even though the fig trees are all destroyed, and there is neither blossom left nor fruit, **and though** the olive crops all fail, and the fields lie barren; **even if** the flocks die in the fields and the cattle barns are empty, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will be happy in the God of my salvation. The Lord God is my Strength, and he will give me the speed of a deer and bring me safely over the mountains.

Habakkuk realised his own limitation in comparison with God's omnipotence and total control over the world and everything that happens.

We can trust that God is God. He gives us **A Hope in the Dark**, exactly as our little Newsletter is called.



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News from the Foundation:

After an interview on Swedish radio, Monica wrote to Maj-Lis, *-It was interesting to listen to you last Sunday. I would have liked to hear more about your work in Lisbon. Who are your helpers?*

Many different people come to the warehouse to help – those retired from their careers who wish to do something meaningful, those between jobs, expatriate wives and students, all wanting to volunteer. As well, we help church projects by giving them volunteers. At our distribution points, we have mainly immigrant helpers.



Maj-Lis together with Paula Graf from Adonia Portugal

- Do you only get support from private persons or from other sources also?

We never know from day to day what we have to work with. Many years ago, we applied for contributions from different sources, but priority was given to the third world, and even though we worked with people from the third world in Europe, we did not qualify, so we finally gave up. Thus, it is individuals, and sometimes a church or a second hand shop, who bless us, so we can bless others.

-Who takes care of the ministry when you are not there?

The same as when I am around, only via computer.

- Do you have any plan for delegation?

All the time I have tried to share with others to take care of our fellow beings. Even if I multiply myself infinitely, there will always be more things to do, so I do not feel that others must work like I do.

A final question - *How do you get strength for everything?*

When, after years in the mission, I switched from radio to helping the poor, I did it because I saw that many would never learn to know God, if nobody came to them and showed love. That's that same conviction that prompts me today.

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