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cousin of the well known Indian woman Indira Ghandi). I have now finally understood that all these Portuguese women do not have the same name, Irma, but that is what the Christian believers call each other, and it means sister. (Brother is accordingly irmao).

What really characterizes the work here is both the meticulous organization and an incredible flexibility, when it comes to accept the situations as they occur. Not one day is like the preceding, but there is always time for the principal thing – the individual! **In the middle of piles of paper and accounts there is always time for the individual**, even though it might be only a couple of minutes at the garage door, but just those minutes might be decisive for the life of the person in question. It is a combination of hard, efficient and systematic work, while at the same time counting on God and asking for his help in small and big matters, often stopping up to say a prayer in the middle of the everyday tasks, for children succumbing in the drug world or for a paper stuck in the printer.



Magdalena Olsson

Christmas gift to the children in the slums 2004



As a Christmas gifts to poor children this year we hope for support for a hygiene kit. There are children who don't even own a towel of their own. But with your help the childrens hope of owning their own little toilet kit with tubes and boxes, will become a reality in thousand of homes.

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A Hope in the Dark



A Newsletter From

Maj-Lis Humanitarian Foundation in Portugal

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... always time for the individual

I have been in Portugal a little more than a month. I came to assist Maj-Lis and help her with her husband, Eskil, who recently has had a stroke and a tumble in which he injured his back. A week after my arrival here, I flew with Maj-Lis and Eskil to Sweden in order to arrange nursing for Eskil. After that, I took the first plane back to Portugal to take care of the work in Portugal. As Maj-Lis is my aunt, I have always known about her work and I have visited her many times. **But only now I have got a clear idea about the work carried out here.**

On October 29 a trailer arrived from Sweden, and then Maj-Lis was here. The date and the hour for the arrival were changed a number of

Dear friends,

December 2005

*God, all children's friend
guard and help me where I am.
Wherever in the world I roam
In your heart I have a home.
Luck may come, and luck may go.
As your child I'm guarded though.
Amen*



Our passage through life reminds me of this evening prayer. Luck comes and luck goes. When I write this, it is All Saints' Day. We remember and are reminded of all those who went before us and of the hope for heaven. It seems that "luck may go" is what most of us feel. But he who turns to God, will have luck.

"Luck may come" applies to everybody; "because a child is born and a son has been given to us". Jesus came and bears these names: Wonderful, Mighty God, Eternal Father and Prince of Peace. His immense Kingdom of Peace will never end. He will always reign in goodness and justice. And the Lord All-Powerful will let every nations on earth experience justice and peace.

So says the Bible. But we have not yet arrived to that point! That is perfectly clear! But in the meanwhile God comforts us. ...now he speaks to you ... Don't be afraid, I have paid the ransom for you. I have called you by your name, and you are mine. When you have to go through deep waters and great difficulties, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulties, you won't drown! ...because I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One in Israel.

Besides the support in lifetime, the happiness on the other side is waiting. And how do you get there? - follow Jesus! God, who exists from eternity to eternity, sent us his son Jesus. **It is for Jesus we celebrate Christmas!**

Merry Christmas



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times, which made it difficult for us to summon people to help us to unload. Finally we prayed to God that we would not have to make a lot of telephone calls, but that the bearers would come forward by themselves. Our prayers were heard! Americans from the Nato-base called, from the international church a German football player came with this wife, and when the driver of the truck learnt what he was delivering, he was amazed and told us that his wife belonged to the evangelical church. They both rolled up their sleeves and started to unload - something drivers just do not do!



The trailer contained a lot of things from clothing to catheters, crutches, sewing machines, armchairs and hospital beds for distribution to institutions and individuals. Later that same day we sent boxes which were prepared with toys, warm clothes, blankets, household utensils and other things. People came to fetch these things at nine in the evening, and

would have to drive five hours back again to the Northern part of the country with their little lorry. In spite of her artificial leg, Cati got up on the platform and arranged the loading.



Irma Graça, who only reaches up to my shoulder - an unusual experience for me as I am not considered very tall in Sweden - comes regularly to help. Another Irma was here today to pick up crutches, which we lent her for a coming operation. And Sister Gandhi keeps sending a flow of literature and different necessities to Mozambique - with helpful airline pilots. And everything is picked up at Maj-Lis' Foundation. (Sure enough - Sister Gandhi is a

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