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A Hope in the Dark

A Newsletter From

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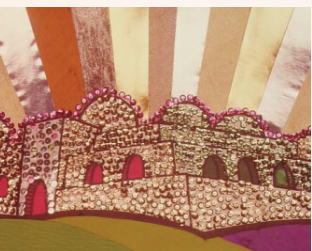
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If I give everything I have to the poor, and if I so am willing to die for my faith, but if I have no love, what I did, would still be of no value. 1 Cor. 13:3



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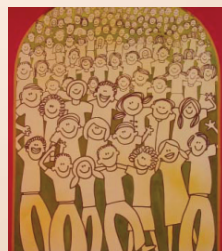
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Help her in every way you can, for she has helped many in their needs, including me.

Personal greeting from Paulus. Rom. 16:2



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From the summer camp

We organized a creative summer camp for the children from groups from nine villages and our friends from Sofia helped us. We organized art and drama studios, we gave bible lessons, went swimming and played games. By teaching art we made new contacts and were accepted into the community, and as a result the local authorities gave us an official room for drama rehearsals and the final performance. It was through God's help and yours that we made it. Thank you for both spiritual and financial support this summer.

Hari and Penka

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Dear friends

September 2011

Children are a target group we believe are of special importance. All of us start as a child and need models that can help us dream and go forward. The Christian life is both a hope for the future and for the life we live today. When we see examples of people who live with eternity in mind, we are inspired to use our limited time in a more determined way, not living just for the moment.

Incidentally, I got the opportunity to visit Ingrid Jansson, 97 years old and a relative of Lisa, who had worked many years in Portugal. After 20 minutes by car we are there. A quick knock on the last door at the end of the corridor, and there is the silhouette of a straight-backed, slender lady with a stately bearing.

Here she is sitting, at her big, round table. The walls are decorated with photos of children. The newspaper from the day before, with the royal wedding lies open and mother Ingrid manages to say, while my eyes glance round the whole room, that she hardly slept at all so she could look at all the wedding pictures. Under the paper peeps out a Book with words underlined in red and I read: **That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are gradually decaying, our inner strength in the Lord is growing every day. So we do not look at what we can see right now, but we look forward... the joys to come will last forever.** 2 Cor. 4:16-18.

-Yees, that is correct, I try to speak loud enough to make her hear. In a strong, yet soft voice, she answers: God is so big. He rules over all the worlds. His words determine all the ways of the suns, but can also live in my heart.

-Then she quotes a verse: I am invited to a wedding into the wonderful, heavenly palace, adding: We are invited. People are proud of being guests at the royal wedding, but when Jesus invites to a big party, some excuse themselves that they cannot come. I like royal weddings and I shall take part in a heavenly wedding, says this lady of almost 100 and her only question is: Could it be today or will it be within a month?

Those were strong words from a veteran, who will soon have lived a century and managed to see many kings take their throne. Ingrid Jansson has found "something" to wait for - that takes her forward. She seems happy while she is living and is full of implicit faith that she will reach the goal.



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News

We, the Board, have decided to focus more on the web. Through the Internet we can reach more people at a lower cost. Those who so wish can share our digital connection and join us in what we are doing and with whom we are cooperating and so more easily support our different projects. This is for us a challenge. Everything we do is financed by voluntary gifts. Many thanks to you who join us and support our international efforts. Our partners are essentially private persons, families and churches who have decided to stand with us. Already now you can receive your Newsletter by e-mail. Just send your e-mail address to maj-lis@johansson.com

The Pentecostal Church in Vale de Lobos is very grateful for both the clothes and the food articles that we distribute to the needy in our congregation and to other needy families. This is important and essential work in our current situation. *1Cor. 15:58 Since future victory is sure, be strong and steady, always abounding in the Lord's work, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever wasted as it would be if there were no resurrection.*

Pastor António Lucas



Extract from e-mail:

Whenever I get the opportunity, I recount about ... When I look back, my life today is marvelous. No drug addicts at my door and no drunken people trouble me in my home. And all this is special, of course. By God's grace I have stayed both sober and clean, and I thank God every morning for the day I got to live. And as long as I follow this road, I need not fear anything. And I have my dear handbook that I read every day. I am so glad that you exist ...
Birgitta Johnsson from Sweden

Extract from a prayer by God's man Moses, psalm 90:6:

We glide along the tides of time as swiftly as a racing river, and vanish as quickly as a dream, when we wake up.

These words I found in Eskil's folder with words of wisdom:

Do not keep wondering where every step will lead you; Only the one, who sees far away, will reach the right goal.

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