

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE (PHP)



"You should wash each other's feet"
(John 13:14).

People Helping People is a small project founded in the Chapel of Penha de França to help those in need. Our former Bishop D. António once said, "One must find new ways of helping the poor". A very small group of people attending the English Mass decided to do just that after the floods in 2010! In a short period of time we created partnerships with supermarket chains and restaurants; we have paid dozens of medical prescriptions, we have spent gallons and gallons of petrol riding across the island giving lifts, we have prevented families from going hungry, getting their electricity cut off, running out of gas, losing their homes. **We have tried to keep them warm, keep them hopeful, and keep them dreaming...**

The Mission Statement of People Helping People is... through social solidarity, to mobilize many people to help many people in a combat against poverty, hunger, illness, exclusion, indifference, intolerance, and social injustice, with a special preference for the last, the least and the lost, having as a model the person of Jesus, the «Good Shepherd» (Gospel according to Luke, chapter 15). Our wish is that it may always be an open door when all the other doors close, building in this way, different feelings and acts of Mercy (Gospel according to Luke, chapter 6 and Matthew chapter 25).

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>> TRANSFER TO BANK ACCOUNT IN MADEIRA:

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Associação Gente Ajudando Gente

BANK: Banco Santander Totta

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>> DONATIONS FROM THE USA:

Instructions for sending funds to People Helping People in Madeira, Portugal, from USA:

Write a check made out to: Fr Bernardino Andrade PHP
in the bottom of the check in Memo area add: **PHP**



Mail the check to:

Mr. L.A. Contreras
60 Meeks Lane
Oakley, Ca 94561

The funds will then be transferred to the People Helping People account in Madeira, at no cost.

Any questions or concerns please contact Larry Contreras at 707-333-5501 or email him at: l.a.contreras@sbcglobal.net

>> DONATIONS FROM THE UK:

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The funds will then be transferred to Madeira. Any questions or concerns about transferring to this account, please contact Sinead Moynihan at: sineadmoynihian7@icloud.com

Food items are also appreciated and can be left in the basket at the Chapel door on Sunday mornings. When sending any donation, please send an email to penhafranca.newsletter@gmail.com with the date, and name on the transfer so that Fr. Bernardino is able to confirm with you as soon as the transfer is received. Thank you.

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JOYFUL GIFT

9th of October 2022

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

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CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH IN MADEIRA

Good morning! Welcome to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França. This 10am Mass is the only Catholic Mass celebrated entirely in English on the whole Island of Madeira. At the invitation of Father Bernardino, this morning we are blessed to have **Fr. José Arun**, who is a Carmelite Priest, celebrating Mass for us today.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(2 Kings 5:14-17; Psalm 97(98); 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19)

Naaman, a leper, commanded an Aramaean army which was victorious over Israel. An Israeli girl, the servant of Naaman's wife, said the prophet in Samaria could cure Naaman's leprosy. Elisha told Naaman to bathe seven times in the Jordan. Initially Naaman refuses to do something so humble, but he is persuaded by his servant and he is cured. When Elisha refuses reward, Naaman takes soil home so that he may continue worshipping the God of Israel. **The Psalm** praises the Lord for he has given salvation to all peoples and all creation. Paul urges **Timothy** to pass on the gospel he has received, summed up in only six Greek words: Jesus, the Christ, anointed by God; descended from David, risen from the dead. Thus pointing to our bodily resurrection. In what sounds like a hymn from a very early baptismal liturgy we are told that "if we persevere we shall reign with him". Not just be with Christ, but joining him in his work of caring for the renewed creation. In **Luke's Gospel** Jesus is coming closer to Jerusalem and his death, while revealing more about his kingdom. Last week Jesus told his disciples to serve without expecting thanks. Now ten lepers are healed, like Naaman, through simple actions. Only the non-Jew returns to thank him.

PSALM RESPONSE: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

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The Scripture notes are sent to us every week by **Chris Oliver from the UK**. If you'd also like to have these sent to you by email or included in your parish newsletter, please contact Chris at: chris@chris-oliver.net

TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

Entry - "Holy Virgen..." - n. 231

Offertory - "Gifts of bread and wine..." - n. 159

Communion - "Sweet heart of Jesus..." - n. 521

Thanksgiving - "Give thanks..." - n. 164

Final - "Daily, daily sing to Mary..." - n. 120



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WHAT A NINE-YEAR-OLD TAUGHT ME

I met Ana different times in the lobby of the Hospital when I was a chaplain of that institution. Ana was nine years old. I had never seen her out of a wheel chair. Ana was brilliant, always happy and always attracted the attention of the people who passed by. As it is obvious, besides attention, Ana also attracted compassion from everybody. All people thought that a nine-year-old girl should never spend her time in a wheel chair. Girls like her should be in school, should be playing basketball and enjoying life.

One day one of my colleagues approached her for a little talk and asked her: «What can I do to make you happy?». Her answer was: «Who told you that I am not happy?». The following week I presided to her funeral.

I don't know if I learned anything from her life. I wish I had. But there's no doubt that her life and her answer to my colleague is full of inspiration for everybody's life.

She taught that happiness doesn't depend on what we have, but on our attitude before life. There are many healthy people and many people with lots of money who feel miserable. There are lots of sick people and poor people who feel very happy. And the secret of their happiness is their attitude of gratitude.



In today's Gospel (28th Sunday C of the Ordinary time) Jesus heals ten lepers from their leprosy. Leprosy was such a horrible disease. Somebody called them «walking things». From ten, just one stopped to say thank you. The attitude of thanksgiving is maybe the most important attitude to be happy. People who are ungrateful in general are always bitter and unhappy no matter how many blessings he or she receives.

2. A GRATEFUL WOMAN

Fr. Tony Kadavil tells the following story:

“I'm just so glad and thankful I can hear and see.”

Perhaps the most grateful person I've ever heard of was an old woman in an extended care hospital. She had some kind of wasting disease, her different powers fading away over the march of months. A student of mine happened to meet her on a coincidental visit. The student kept going back, drawn by the strange force of the woman's joy. Though she could no longer move her arms and legs, she would say, “I'm just so happy and grateful to God that I can move my neck.” When she could no longer move her neck, she would say, “I'm just so glad and thankful I can hear and see.” -- When the young student finally asked the old woman what would happen if she lost her senses of hearing and sight, the gentle lady said, “I'll just be so grateful that you come to visit.” (Rev. John Kavanaugh S. J.) (<http://frtonyshomilies.com/>).

Love & Peace, Fr. Bernardino Andrade

