

Our first project
December

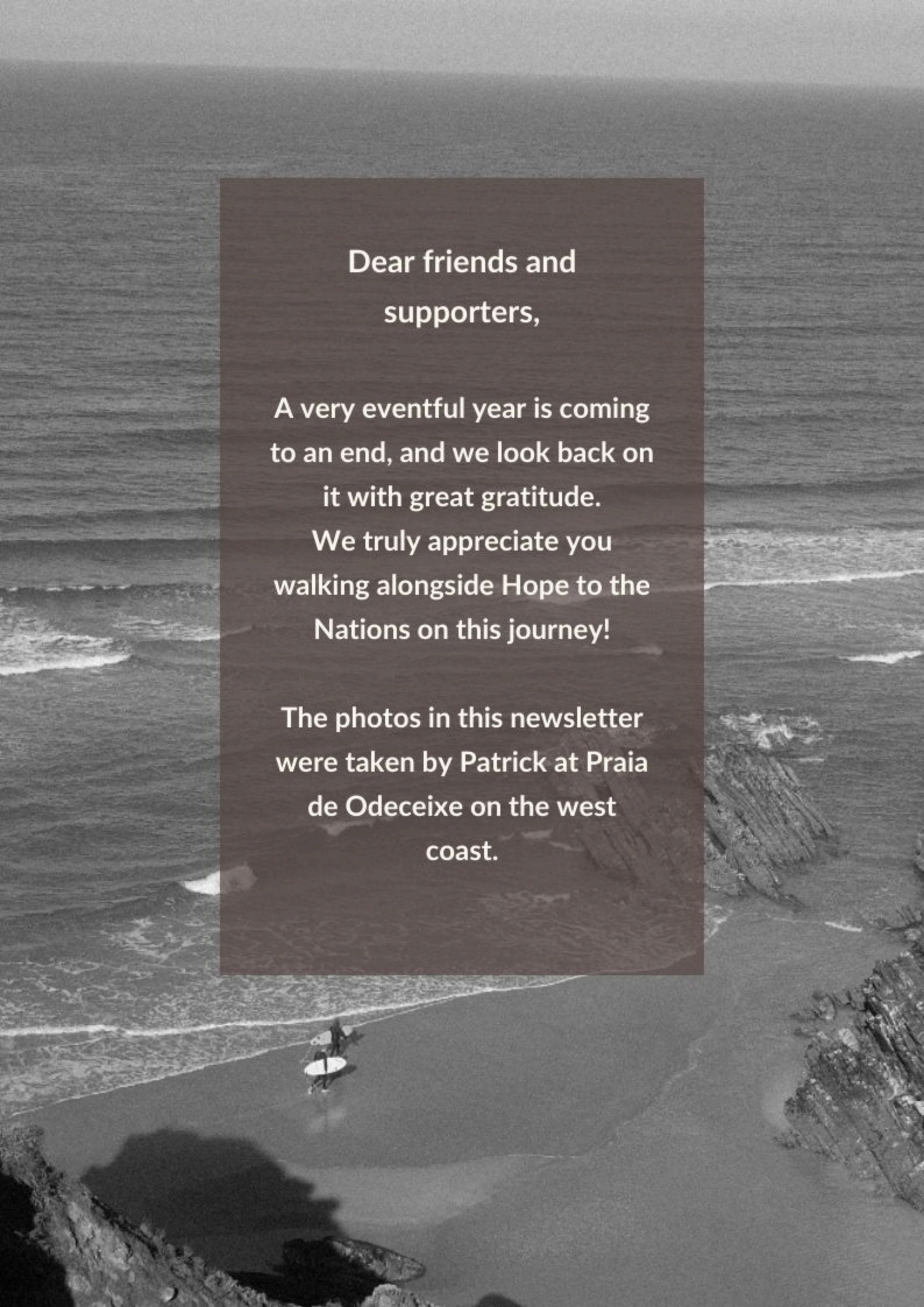
Newsletter

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Dear friends and
supporters,

A very eventful year is coming
to an end, and we look back on
it with great gratitude.

We truly appreciate you
walking alongside Hope to the
Nations on this journey!

The photos in this newsletter
were taken by Patrick at Praia
de Odeceixe on the west
coast.



Our first project: Casa Calma – a Community Hub

Some of you may remember that our house was previously called **Casa da Vida**. However, after conversations with local residents, we realized that this name did not fully reflect what we want to express here. A Portuguese friend told us that Casa da Vida strongly reminds her of a retirement home for elderly people – so we began looking for a new, more fitting name.

The new name carries something of our heart, our vision, and the character of our mountain village. One particular Bible verse spoken by Jesus deeply touched us:

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. (...)

You will find rest for your souls.” (Matthew 11:28–29)

The Portuguese word “calma” can be translated as rest or stillness. This is how we chose the new name: **Casa Calma**.

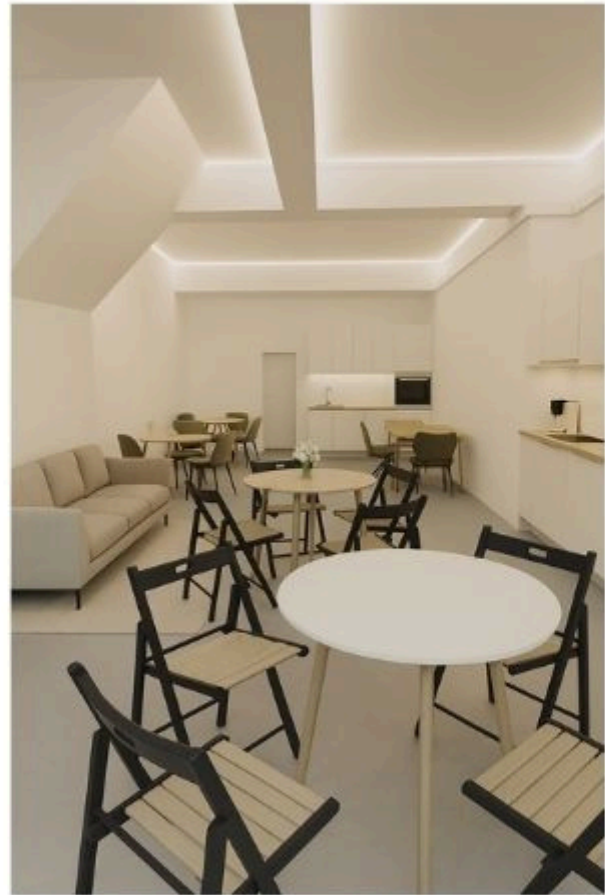
We want to create a space for people where, above all, they can find inner peace – **a peace that the world cannot give.**



Casa Calma is being created as a **community hub**—a place of connection, hope, and practical support. Our heart is to create a **space where people can come together and be strengthened in their personal development.**

Specifically, we would like to start **Alpha courses** as well as **Portuguese classes**, and offer **sports and dance classes** along with a variety of **creative workshops.**





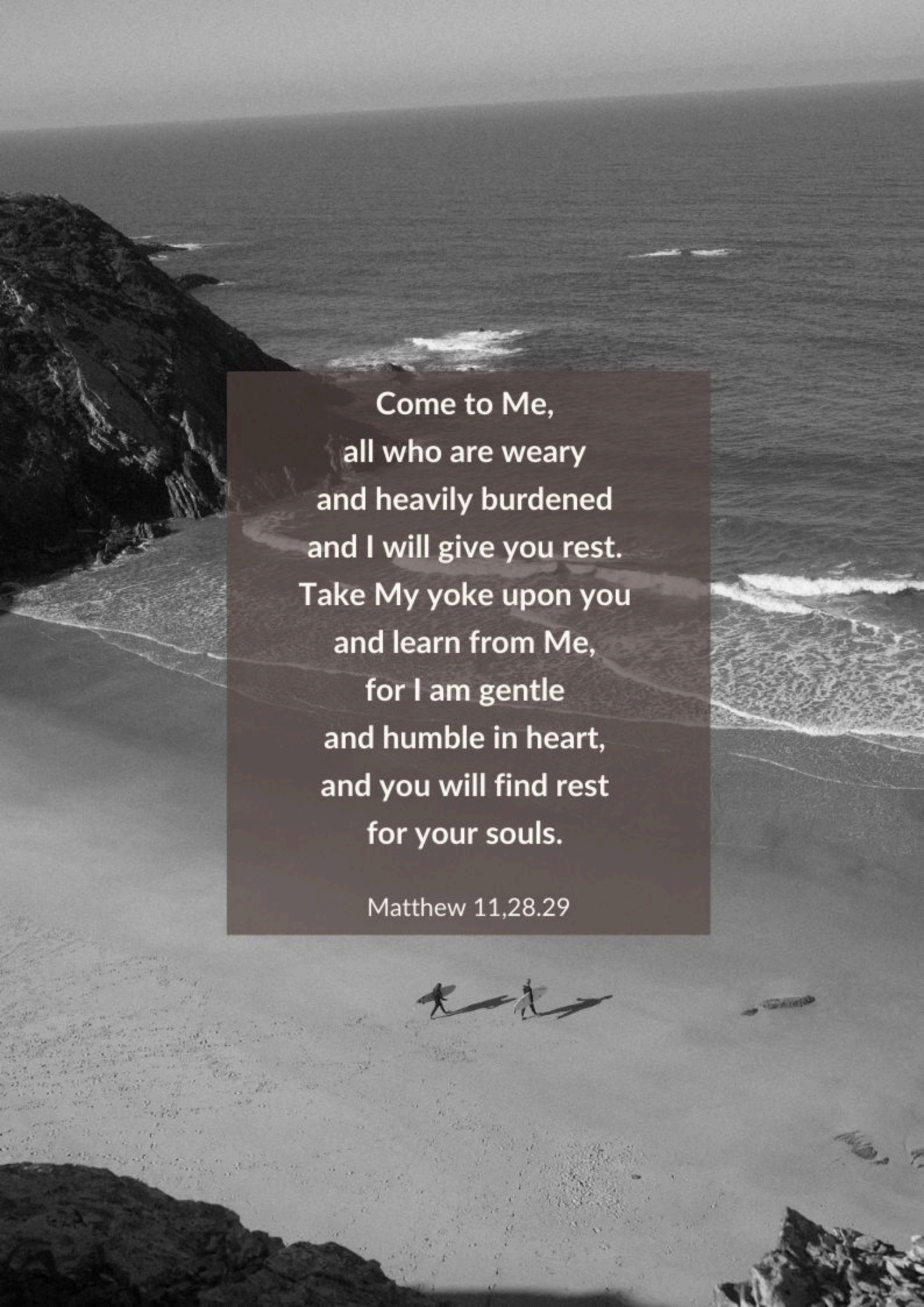
Encouraging News: First Project Funding for Casa Calma

We are incredibly grateful: **designated donations have already been received for Casa Calma!**

These funds are reserved exclusively for the Casa Calma project – and thanks to this support, we can already begin the **first small renovation projects** in the community hub space of our house.

Some initial steps are already planned to make the room welcoming, warm, and functional.

In the new year, we would also like to **rent out the completed space to local people**, who can then offer their own courses, workshops, or programs within the framework of Casa Calma.



**Come to Me,
all who are weary
and heavily burdened
and I will give you rest.
Take My yoke upon you
and learn from Me,
for I am gentle
and humble in heart,
and you will find rest
for your souls.**

Matthew 11,28.29



Good news: Patrick's employment is official!

We are very happy to be able to share with you that it has now officially worked out:

Patrick has recently been employed part-time through the association in order to make the work of Hope to the Nations and Casa Calma on site possible.

Monthly support

To finance the work sustainably in the long term and to secure Patrick's position, we rely on regular monthly donations.

Specifically, for the salary we are hoping for:

- **8 monthly partners at €30 per month each**
- **5 monthly partners at €50 per month each**

With this support, Patrick's salary would continue to be reliably covered – and we could invest even more of our energy into Casa Calma and additional projects.

Thank you so much for considering becoming part of this monthly support!