



A HEART IN ACTION

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THIS IS HOW WE LIVED IT...

We, the teens from Manila in the Philippines, looked around us to find those people in our city who need to be comforted.

We soon discovered the situation of many children who have no family and live in an orphanage.

We immediately got an idea: WE COULD BE A FAMILY FOR ALL THOSE CHILDREN!!

We gave our time, playing games and becoming friends with them. We had so many beautiful moments together.

All of us, even those who do have a family, now feel we have an even bigger one!



PHILIPPINES

It was the first time I interacted with such little kids, so I didn't really know what to do. But the children themselves helped me overcome my shyness.



>> Starting point!

WORD OF LIFE

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Rom 15:7

«WELCOME ONE ANOTHER, THEREFORE, JUST AS CHRIST WELCOMED YOU, FOR THE GLORY OF GOD»

THIS IS THE FIRST WILL OF GOD FOR US: **TO TRY TO WELCOME EACH OTHER IN THE SAME WAY THAT JESUS WELCOMED US.**



THESE WORDS REMIND US OF ONE OF THE MOST TOUCHING ASPECTS OF JESUS' LOVE. DURING HIS LIFE ON EARTH, **JESUS ALWAYS WELCOMED EVERYONE WITH GREAT LOVE, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO WERE OUTCASTS, WHO WERE MOST IN NEED.**



THE ACT OF WELCOMING OTHERS WHO ARE DIFFERENT FROM US IS BASIC FOR **CHRISTIAN LOVE.**

TOGETHER
WE CAN OVERCOME
EVERY DIFFICULTY



THIS WORD OF LIFE DRAWS OUR ATTENTION TO ONE OF THE ASPECTS OF HUMAN **SELFISHNESS** THAT IS MOST COMMON AND MOST DIFFICULT TO UPROOT, THAT IS, **THE TENDENCY TO ISOLATE OURSELVES, TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST OTHERS AND EXCLUDE THOSE WHO ARE DIFFERENT, OR WHO DISTURB OUR COMFORTABLE LIFESTYLE.**

IN FACT, WELCOMING OTHERS IS THE STARTING POINT, THE FIRST BRICK IN BUILDING A CIVILIZATION OF LOVE AND IN PROMOTING A NEW CULTURE BASED ON SHARING. THAT'S WHAT JESUS IS CALLING US TO DO, ESPECIALLY TODAY.

From a commentary by Chiara Lubich - Adapted by the Gen 3 Center

COLOR ONE LETTER EVERY TIME THAT I WELCOME SOMEONE WITHOUT DISCRIMINATING

WELCOME

