



WORD OF LIFE



## An Experience of New Life and Peace



Read John 20:21

«Peace be with you!  
As the Father has sent me,  
so I send you»

THE RISEN LORD WANTS US TO HAVE AN EXPERIENCE OF NEW LIFE AND PEACE BY LIVING WITH HIM. THEN WE WILL BE ABLE TO SHARE THE SAME PEACE AND LOVE WITH OTHERS.

Jesus sends us out to bear witness to our encounter with him. He asks us to **“GO OUT” OF OURSELVES**, to forget about our limitations, to go beyond our comfort zone, so as to extend throughout time and space the same mission he received from his Father:

**TELL EVERYONE THAT GOD IS LOVE!**



## «WORDS ARE NO LONGER ENOUGH!

The announcement of the Gospel will be effective if it is based on the witness of our lives. We should be able to say, like the first Christians, **‘We declare to you what we have seen and heard...’**<sup>1</sup> We will be credible if people can say of us, too: **‘Look at how they love one another and are ready to die for each other’**<sup>2</sup>.

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- 1 Cf. 1 Jn 1:1.
- 2 Tertullian, *Apologetica*, 39,7.
- 3 C. Lubich, *Word of Life* 5/2005.

«OUR LOVE WILL HAVE AN IMPACT ON OTHERS IF WE EXPRESS IT IN CONCRETE, PRACTICAL WAYS, BY HELPING THOSE IN NEED. WE CAN FIND WAYS TO GIVE FOOD, CLOTHING AND HOUSING TO PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE THEM. WE CAN GIVE FRIENDSHIP TO THOSE WHO ARE ALONE OR DESPERATE. WE CAN GIVE COMFORT TO THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING, JUST BY LISTENING TO THEM.

Living like this, we will show the world how attractive Jesus is. If we are another Christ, his work will continue through us.»<sup>3</sup>

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## In Action

# Let's highlight the positive



The «Teens» magazine aims at giving a positive view of the world, with the goal of emphasizing **all the good things** that are being done by young people, and for them. We want to highlight the “Good News”!

Would you like to be part of the international editorial staff?

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## Experiences around the world:



We often only hear about bad news in the media, and so we decided to launch a project to all the media outlets in our region of Switzerland. We challenged them to something new and original:

**DEDICATE ONE DAY TO GOOD NEWS ONLY! ON YOUR COVER PAGES REPORT ALL THE POSITIVE AND GOOD THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING.**



Our proposal was signed by 376 students and teachers in two different schools. We explained in the letter that giving space to good news will help people to be more optimistic about the future and work together to improve conditions for everyone. Many newspapers agreed and gave the idea full coverage

**ONE JOURNALIST WROTE: «FOR ONE DAY THE NEWS WILL BE ABOUT THE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WHO SMILED AT SOMEONE, OR WHO ACHIEVED A FORMIDABLE GOAL, OR WHO HELPED SOMEONE HAVE WHAT THEY NEED FOR A DECENT LIFE.» AND ANOTHER SAID: «REPORTING GOOD NEWS STARTS WITH PEOPLE LIKE ALL OF YOU WHO BELIEVE THAT GOOD WILL ALWAYS WIN OUT, EVEN THOUGH IT ISN'T ALWAYS NOTICED.»**

One of the editors invited us to read his paper and give him our feedback about it. Now every year on the ‘Day of the Press’ he will dedicate a full page of his paper to our proposal.”

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