Hi, my name is Airton. I come from a big city in Brazil and this is my experience on forgiveness.



THE JOY OF FORGIVING

One day while I was going to church, I was thinking about the fight I had had a few days before with a boy in my class. We hadn't spoken to each other since.

I got the idea to tell him I was sorry, but it wasn't easy, especially because he didn't want to talk to me, and then because I was kind of embarrassed to apologize.

So I found of a lot of reasons not to do it and just kept avoiding him.

Then I decided to talk to another student in my school who lives the Word of Life, and talking with him I realized I needed to take the first step.

So the very next day I went to find that guy and I told him I was sorry.

At first he was scared, but then really happy. I went to receive Jesus in Holy Communion with great joy in my heart!

I have to admit that I am always surprised to see how the Gospel really "works"!

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"Go therefore and learn the meaning of the words. 'I want mercy and not sacrifice." (Mt 9.13)

> Mercy: to be compassionate, especially to an offender: to forgive even when justice demands punishment: to treat kindly those in distress. (from Webster's Dictionary)



'Jesus told us, "Be merciful just as your heavenly Father is merciful." This is perfection.



Why does God want us to be merciful?



Because he wants us to be like him, just like children look like their father and mother. Jesus addresses each one of us today and tells us. "Go and learn the meaning of the words..."



But where should we go? Who can teach us what it means to be merciful?



Occorre quardare a Gesù, rivelazione piena dell'amore del Padre.



"I want mercy...." What does that mean?



Jesus is telling us that love is the absolute value that gives meaning to everything else.

In fact, what God values the most is our concrete love towards others, which is expressed the best in "being merciful."



During this month how can we help one another remember this?



Memory Pad

KNOW HOW TO FORGIVE

To have a love that:

- > helps us to always see people with "new eves" all those we live with every day, in the family, at school, on our sports team without remembering any of their mistakes or defects:
- > makes us not judge others but rather forgive them immediately when they hurt us.

Action

I want to say I'M SORRY to...

I want to FORGIVE...

YOU'LL SEE HOW HAPPY YOU WILL BE EVERY TIME YOU CROSS OUT ONE OF THESE NAMES!