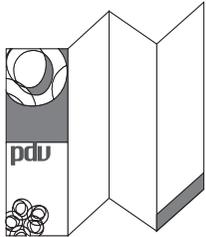


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**BE OPEN
AND LISTEN
TO OTHERS**

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WORD OF LIFE

**“He did all things well.
He made the deaf
hear and the mute
speak.”**

Mark, chapter 7, verse 37
look it up and read the whole story!

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From a comment
by Chiara Lubich
Adapted by
the Gen 3 Center

The miracles that Jesus performed show us his love for everyone he met.

**THEY ARE THE VISIBLE
“SIGNS” OF THE NEW
WORLD HE BROUGHT
ON EARTH.**

With this Word of Life he invites us to be open and listen to each person we meet, especially the smallest ones, the poor, people in need, so that we can create a dialogue of love with everyone.

**How can we live this
Word of Life?**

By silencing all the “noise” inside of us and around us, because it prevents us from hearing the voice of God, and our conscience, and other people.

**MANY PEOPLE
ASK FOR OUR
HELP.**

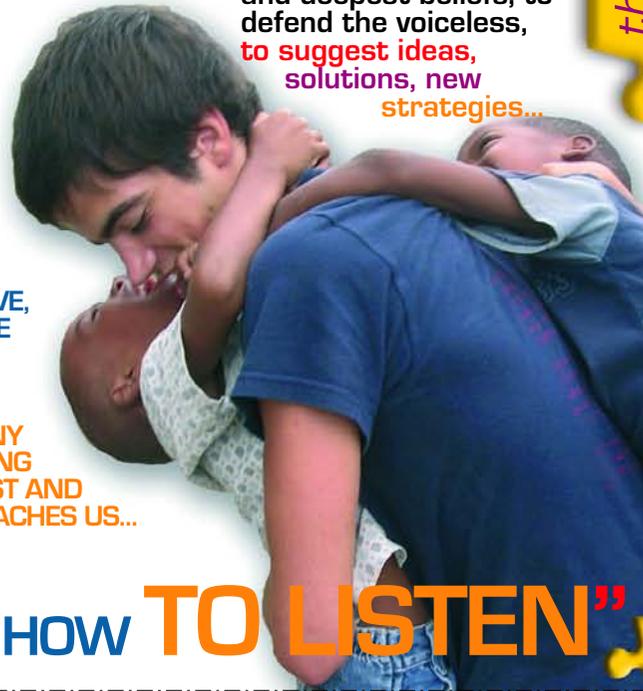
**THERE MIGHT BE
A LITTLE CHILD
WHO WANTS
OUR ATTENTION,
OR A SICK
PERSON, OR AN
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OUR HELP.**

**THE CRY OF MANY
WHO ARE LOOKING
FOR A MORE JUST AND
LIVABLE CITY REACHES US...**

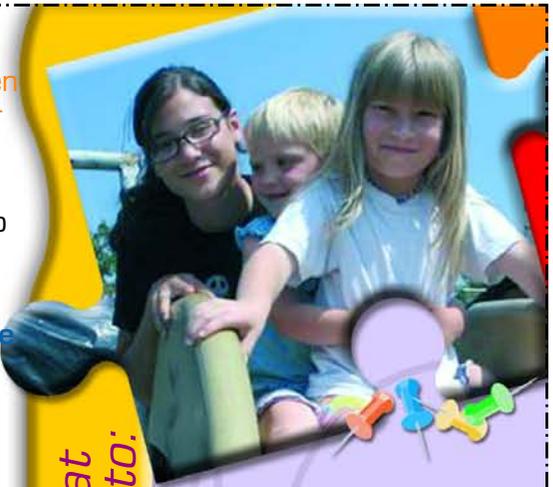
We get distracted by a thousand things and often our hearts are not sensitive to those around us. Or we may be thinking only of our own needs, and so we pretend not to hear.

The Word of Life asks us to “listen” so that we can share the worries and burdens of other people, as well as their joys and desires, and find a sense of unity with them.

It also invites us not to be “mute,” but find the courage to speak out to share our experiences and deepest beliefs, to defend the voiceless, to suggest ideas, solutions, new strategies...



“KNOW HOW TO LISTEN”



*that's what
happened to:*

I liked the idea of using part of my vacation to help others in a poor area of our country. I usually want to plan every single minute, but I had to learn how to love in the present moment and change plans if that was necessary. I wasn't alone. I was part of a group of the Young for Unity and we all had the same experience. Comments from the others

were: “That was amazing!” “Powerful!” “The most beautiful experience of my life!”

We all felt it was a unique opportunity to share the difficulties and burdens of those people who live with the bare essentials, not able to buy whatever they want, like we do.

When we were helping some of the refugee families to fix up their houses, we heard the story of what had happened to them and understood how we can live with much less and still be happy. We don't need brand name clothes and shoes to make us happy! I decided to go home and look at all my things and decide what is really necessary to keep and what I can share with others!

(Eleonora, Italy)

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