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«THEY SHOWED US UNUSUAL KINDNESS»

(Acts 28:2)¹



Dear Diary,

Today I was walking to school, when I saw a boy in a wheelchair.

His mom was with him and she asked me if I could

take her son to the cafeteria. I thought it was an opportunity to do a small act of love and so I said "Yes" right away. I was actually going that way anyway. We ate our lunch together, talking about what we do outside of school.

That's how we got to be friends.

His name is Luis and he was injured in a very serious accident.

That was his first week in school after almost a year

of treatments.

Then we exchanged phone numbers so that we could talk to each other again. We discovered that we liked the same things.

Today I had a great day with Luis. We always have lunch together and since we got to know one another a lot better, I told him my experiences and invited him to our Word of Life meeting.

I wanted him to get to know other teenagers from my neighborhood

who try to live the Gospel like I do.

SATURDAY IN THE PARK

(1) This sentence was chosen by Christians of various Churches in Malta as the theme for the 2020 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.



Today I tried to be a good friend to Luis. I went with him into the city to buy a gift for his mother and then I took him home. It's always a chance to be together. Then Luis was a little sad and so I gave up my plan for the afternoon and stayed there to listen to him.

Tomorrow, with some of the other teens in my group

we'll take him for a walk in the park,

just like we did last Saturday.

Carlos

TODAY:
I will take the problems of others as my own!



I copied down something that Chiara Lubich wrote. It helps me to live this month's Word of Life:

«Jesus showed us that loving others means to welcome them as they are. That's how he welcomes each one of us. Accept others as they are, with their ideas, defects, likes and dislikes, and even their diversity.»

Make room for them in our hearts, getting rid of any judgements or prejudice, and especially any thought of rejecting them.

The best way to give glory to God is to accept every person we meet, because then we are laying the basis to make humanity one family. Nothing makes God happier than to see true unity among people.

When we are united, we attract the presence of Jesus among us and he transforms everything!

Let's approach every neighbor with the desire to welcome him or her with our whole heart and sooner or later establish a relationship of mutual love with them.»²

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2) Chiara Lubich, word of life, December, 1986