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Dear friends of go4peace,

She had lost her husband. Now she was alone, an old widow. She had lived her life. She had given herself away and was filled with a deep gratitude. She was poor and grateful for every gift she received. She lived frugally and took only what she needed. Everything else she passed on. Part of her routine was the daily walk to the temple. She knew her life was rooted in God. She trusted him. So, with a pure heart, she could give away everything she didn't need

During one of her visits, Jesus had watched her. Many rich people left a lot of money in the temple. The poor widow gave "only" two small coins, but with that she gave EVERYTHING she owned. She showed her endless trust in life and in God. Jesus immediately shared this experience with His disciples. Thus, for all of them, this unknown poor woman became a welcoming teacher of "trust" and "generosity."

During these Covid times we received a call for help from Albania. In a poor neighborhood, many children were in danger of being cut off from education completely, due to a lack of infrastructure and services. They spent all their time on the streets. A group of the go4peace network had set up an educational program for a three-month period during summer. This required a larger sum of money. "Can you help?" we read in an e-mail. We said yes, although we didn't have the money readily available. — A single woman learned about the project in Albania through the grapevine. She had had a difficult personal time behind her and was grateful for the gift of her life. Spontaneously, she donated half of the money needed. When children of a primary school class learned of the plight of their peers, they themselves took the last cents out of their pockets. They all made us understand: Life is gift, and it is fulfilled in giving! — Don't stop giving!

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