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## Build bridges!

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**Tell others about the hope  
that you have!**

(cf. 1 Pet 3:15)

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Dear friends of go4peace,

In this Holy Year, in which Pope Francis invites us to walk as pilgrims of hope, Julian shares a "strong moment of hope" from his life in this February edition

"I had set out to spend a year in Latin America. There I met another volunteer who I didn't like very much at first glance. I hoped he wouldn't end up in my group home, but things turned out differently.

I decided to ignore him. That went well for a week but then he spoke to me. At first, I thought he would want to confront me. But he asked me for help. He told me his story and it touched me deeply. He had already been through a lot and had suffered so much. I discovered him as a person like me, with fears and hopes, with dreams and problems.

I was ashamed of my hasty judgment of him. We found a common ground on which we could exchange ideas. And all because he had had the courage to talk to me."

In this month of February, let's join forces with Julian in the motto: *Build bridges!*

for the go4peace team

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