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Don't stop giving!

Give, and it will be given to you.

(Lk 6:38)

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Dear friends of go4peace,

all of a sudden, there you were, born into life – naked and helpless. And next to you were people who were there for you. They took care of you, midwives, doctors, your mother, your father, your family ... Unbeknownst to you, they gave themselves away for you. That's how you were able to find your way into life, step by step. At some point, you started talking, giving the things around you a name, saying "mom" and "dad." And then came the moment when you learned to say "I". You discovered that you are someone who can do something and who can even give something to the "YOU". You made little drawings and gave them away and you were happy about the smiles of the recipients. You gave and you were given! (cf. Lk 6:38) You discovered how beautiful it is to live in relationship with the people around you, because that's what we humans are made for. The "I", which is given away to the "you", becomes a living "we".

I had met a couple for a cappuccino. In the café we were served by a teenage waiter. She seemed new to the business and still seemed a little shy. She sensed the lively togetherness at our table and came again and again to ask if we had another wish. Each time, I tried to cheer her up a little and make her laugh. After the cappuccino we drank rhubarb juice and because I enjoyed the juice very much, I joked that I wanted to found a "rhubarb club". We asked her if she was also interested in joining. She was beaming. In the end, I gave her our calendar "Words - like stars in dark times". She happily accepted it. When we left the café, she called out to us: "Thank you for your kindness and take a look!" She pointed her finger at a wall next to the exit door. The calendar now hung there – like a star in dark times. – **Don't stop giving! - Don't stop giving!**

for the go4peace team

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