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Have courage!

Tell others about the hope that fills you!

(cf. 1 Pet 3:15)

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Dear friends of go4peace,

In this Holy Year, Pope Francis has invited us to journey as *pilgrims of hope*. This September, Xhesilda from Albania shares with us a powerful moment of hope from her own life:

"As a teenager, I came to Germany with my family as a refugee from Albania. We had hoped to be allowed to stay. But our asylum application was rejected and so we had to go back to my home country. Still, my dream remained — to complete vocational training in Germany. So, I came back.

I completed the training, but recently I started to fee very alone. My family was far away and I had to get by somehow. There were days when I didn't know what to do. In church, met a priest whose sermons spoke to me deeply. I had come to trust him.

Gathering all my courage, I asked if we could talk. He listened patiently and encouraged me on my journey. We began meeting more often, and I found I could tell him anything. Every time I went home afterward, I felt joy and relief in my heart. My zest for life had returned."

Let us unite this September with Xhesilda in the motto: Have courage!

for the go4peace team

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