



## Fletcher (Pakistan)

One day I went with some boys to play cricket. Nearby was a restaurant where they sold hamburgers. One of my friends got one but, as he ate, he realized that he had no money to pay for it and came to ask me for a loan. I had no money at that time, but I felt I had to love him as myself. If I were in his place I would have wanted someone to help me.

I went straight to the restaurant owner and I offered him my watch, but he did not accept it. I was not able to go home to get the money because it was too far away, I remembered that there was a store nearby where I often got candy. Then I asked the owner to lend me 30 rupees and he gave them to me. So I was able to help my friend.

My companions, who had seen how I had taken his problem to heart, wanted to know why I acted that way. I said I wanted to build a united world where everyone loves others as himself. Since that time they also try to help others concretely and actually one of them has left bad company.

## Giusy (Brazil)

I suffered because I could see that many kids in school think only of themselves. It was even hard to say "Hello!" I decided to take the first step, however, and started making friends.

One boy in particular seemed very sad. He didn't speak to anyone. I became interested in him and, one day, he told me he was desperate: he had everything, but was dissatisfied with life. He was looking for the truth in books and wondered how to believe in God when there is so much suffering. Finding no answer he had even thought about suicide. I assured him that he could count on me, and to make him feel useful, with my other companions, we asked him for help in certain subjects. He started to feel better. He often asked questions about the faith and so I invited him to a meeting with the Teens for Unity.

At the end of the meeting he said: "I see you for the first time, but you gave me the answer I was looking for: God is love and when we love, He is within us." Then he went to confession and returned to Mass after a long absence. He told me: "You and your friends have saved my life."