

Everyone smiles in the same language¹

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Abstract

A smile has the power of a common language for people around the world, bringing peace and understanding, no matter where we are from. As said, “everyone smiles in the same language”.

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A few years ago, I was on a trip when I saw the words of a poster that immediately caught my attention: "Everyone smiles in the same language". Since then, the image of that poster and its message have remained with me along my journey.

Smiling is a universal language, which creates goodness and beauty around us, while at the same time it does not make a difference among countries, cultures or languages; whenever we see someone smiling it transmits joy and confidence, it makes us feel good both for seeing that person smile and for the positive feeling that creates on us, even leading us to smile ourselves. What a nice feeling!

Actually, regardless of their place of origin or residence, most people have something very in common: the desire to be happy, to love and be loved, to make their dreams and projects come true, to see their families united, their sons and daughters growing up healthy and, as a consequence, the desire to live in a peaceful environment that can enable the right conditions for all that.

Empathy, tolerance and respect are very human values that bring people together and make us feel safe to grow and develop.

On the contrary, a war means sadness, fear, fights, broken dreams, lack of understanding, the lost of loved ones, forced to another life, even to another country; why destroy?

A smile kindly welcomes people who approach, softness difficult situations, calms and communicates, even if it is not possible to understand each other with words.

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We can speak different languages and have different traditions, but a candid smile is that universal language that brings us together, that makes us feel welcome. And if we combine a smile and a hug, the positive multiplier effect is exponential as the hug also reassures, heals and transmits comforting energy to the other person.

Conclusion

Projects are to build and reconstruct, to create a present and a future of peace and hope; never to destroy. And let the smile be that common language that brings people, countries and their projects together towards a better future. Everyone smiles in the same language!

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