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Dearest friends, collaborators, and sponsors, as I was writing these lines, I received news that deeply saddened me: Jackson, 29 years old, one of our boys who was welcomed into the mission years ago, has passed away. His life ended after a long inner struggle, also marked by drug addiction—one of the hardest and most devastating realities afflicting so many young people in the most fragile environments. Jackson was the youngest of four brothers we welcomed many years ago. Among them, you may remember Marlon, whom some of you met in Italy during his stay in Fermignano, where he learned artistic gymnastics before returning here to teach it to the boys and girls of the mission.

This loss joins others we carry in our hearts: just last week, Victor Luan, who was also raised with us and had been out of the mission for years, was found dead. And years ago, Adamastor passed away in similar circumstances. Different stories, but bound together by deep wounds, often stemming from abandonment and the harsh trials faced since childhood.

For me, and for all of us, these moments of pain become a call to continue our commitment in the favelas with even greater dedication. We can only do so thanks to the trust and support that you continue to give us so generously.

Alongside these sad events, however, there remain many bright stories full of hope and life: they are far more numerous, and they grow precisely thanks to your precious and faithful help. To those who believe, I ask that you remember these young people in your prayers this Holy Easter, so that they may find the peace that was denied to them on earth.

As always, my warmest thanks. Sending you all a warm hug and my most heartfelt wishes for a Happy Easter!

Marco Roberto Bertoli

I nostri ragazzi



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