



The love I miss for giving you, another needs it

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*In the following story you will read the importance of volunteering ...
people save lives without knowing it*

Death hurt my life, but it was only an impulse to give joy to those strangers that today I consider them part of me, and it is that I was not the one who taught them but they who saved me, my volunteering really helped me to win, since They welcomed me as one of their family, I thought as I smiled at the children laughing and shouting goodbye, thanking them for the timeshare and activities that we developed for the benefit of those families most in need, not only financial support, but mainly of empathy, we need more human beings to put ourselves in the place of others. I realized by participating in this experience that it is not only what you give but how you give to others. And yes, at the beginning it was very difficult, especially because my father had just passed away, that led me not to want to separate from my family, I thought, "my mother and my brothers need me, but I also need and want to be well for them " That's why I decided to invest my savings in the best experience of my life, a dream I had since I was little ... participate as a volunteer!

Soon an email came to me from a page to which I am registered (ICYE Colombia), it was an invitation to participate in a volunteer in Colombia, specifically in Cali. I read the bases, sent the required documents and when I had my acceptance letter, I decided to inform my family about the trip that was approaching, it cost them to accept the decision but my mother said something that strengthened my actions; -If it makes you happy, I support you. A cluster of feelings took over me, leaving everything and going to a place with different cultures and traditions, I was afraid, but the unknown always produces fear. I arrived in Cali on a Monday morning, excitedly went to the institution where I would receive the instructions and meet the team members. Despite the work we did, we always managed to draw energy to continue the work, the joy with which people received you was reason enough to continue. There I discovered that the love I still had to give to my father was what those people needed. If I learn to care for and love my fellow human beings, I will learn to care for and defend our common home (planet earth).