17 October 2013
World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty

Working together towards a world without discrimination
Building on the experience and knowledge of people in extreme poverty

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Dear Friends,

In this special edition for 17 October of Letter to Friends Around the World, we will be sharing with you experiences from Forum correspondents about how they celebrated the World Day in 2012.

The important thing isn’t to organise big events, even if several did take place in different countries last year. What’s more important is to reach out to those who aren’t normally noticed, and to take time with them; to let them speak, and listen to what they have to say.

This day is an opportunity for us to share our long term commitment to build a world where everyone’s dignity is recognised, and where everyone can find their place and give the best of themselves. This is a day for festivity, joy, friendship and meeting others.

Please tell us about your own projects for 17 October 2013 and what you will be doing on the day. You can write to us directly via the website, or send us a letter or email.

This year, the International theme of the World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty is:

**Working towards a world without discrimination**

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You will find a poster on the back of this Letter to Friends.

The Forum on Overcoming Extreme Poverty Team

**WHENEVER MEN AND WOMEN ARE CONDEMNED TO LIVE IN EXTREME POVERTY, HUMAN RIGHTS ARE VIOLATED. TO COME TOGETHER TO ENSURE THAT THESE RIGHTS ARE RESPECTED IS OUR SOLEMN DUTY.**

F. Joseph Wresinski

If you would like to know more about 17 October, the World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty, please click on the following link: http://overcomingpoverty.org/rubrique/26