

Wanted

I am a typical example of the financially broken middle class but, even when standing on the remains of that group (almost extinct), I have enough self-preservation left to try another possible way out of this quagmire.

The first thing I think is that I am not unique, since I am probably not the only one going through this situation.

The second thing which comes to mind is what my old man never got tired of repeating: "Alone you can't do it" and "Union makes for strength".

They say (even the ones that got us into this predicament) that the good thing about crises is that they bring about many opportunities and awaken creativity. Will this be true? My purpose, through this letter, is to call on every one whom is willing to share their own "remains"; be it knowledge, tools, assets of any kind, merchandise, vehicles, ideas, money. In sum, I refer to everything that, on its own, represents an incomplete potential and is exposed to the fierceness of avaricious lenders or con men.

I would like to bring all these loose pieces together, using them to create small businesses, permanent or temporary, through which common initiatives, cooperative work and union work together to generate a joint project, transforming these loose pieces into a productive enterprise.

Utopia? Maybe. But this is also the proposal of a citizen who says no to unemployment, no to despair, and no to the common notion that "There is nothing left to do".

I am convinced that there are many, many things left to do in this country and many people willing to unite in this type of project.

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