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You don't have to have a lot of hope. Just keep working. When we're involved in social change, the greatest thing is that we meet people who teach how to live beyond hope. --Fran Peavey

'American Willing to Listen'

Fran Peavey sat nervously on a bench in Osaka, Japan, next to a cloth sign that read, "American Willing to Listen." She tried to smile as people approached, checked her out, and then walked away. Thirty minutes passed before the first person, a man who worked in a shoe factory, spoke to her. What, exactly, was she trying to do? he asked politely. She was seeking "a global heart." Fran had sold her house in San Francisco, bought an "open" airline ticket good for a year, and struck off to learn about others' concerns and desires. Her strategy was simple: sit on park benches, smile and listen. Soon enough, her 'American Willing to Listen' project would probe hearts and minds on five continents!

Be The Change:

Try Fran's experiment. Go to a local park and put up sign that reads "Willing to Listen."