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VOICES AGAINST POVERTY



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Please do your part.

The millennium campaign was created in 2000 by the United Nations to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger by 2015. Please help. Please read on to help and wear a white band to show your support. White bands are available for \$1 from www.millenniumcampaign.org.

If you are going to doubt something, doubt your limits.

Global Citizenship and Solving World Hunger

In the last newsletter, June, I discussed how important self-leadership is. To be conscious of the effect that your actions and choices have on other people, your surroundings and your environment. And to make these choices in congruence with what is important to you and how you want to live or set an example for others. This eventual consciousness and congruence translates into being good global citizens.

Our initiative, Children without Poverty, revolves around the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), of which “eradicate extreme poverty and hunger” is the first. These goals cannot be achieved by countries in isolation. Our decisions and choices impact other countries. Resolving these 8 MDGs can be hugely influenced by grassroots organizations, personal leadership and good global citizenship. It is personal leadership and grassroots organizations that demand the governments and businesses be accountable and reflect the choices of the people, to have a right to basic life necessities (proper food, shelter and clothing).

United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger.
2. Achieve universal primary education.
3. Promote gender equality and empower women.
4. Reduce child mortality.
5. Improve maternal health.
6. Combat HIV/Aids, malaria and other diseases.
7. Ensure environmental sustainability.
8. Develop a global partnership for development.

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Look at goals 2 through 8 slowly. Think of each one and what it means to you. As you assess each of these Millennium Development Goals you will notice that solving the others will lead to solving the primary one of world hunger. Solving world hunger in third world countries is a focus for the United Nations where many families live on less than \$1 per day.

Think of goal 6 - combat HIV/Aids, malaria and other diseases – minimizing the effects of these diseases would allow more adults to survive to tend the farms, earn income and look after the children. Think of the woman who does not die in child birth, because she has proper medical attention (goal 5). This allows her other children to have a mother, reducing the impact of poverty on this family. Although these two examples speak more specifically of circumstances in Africa, think about the work that is being done to create gender equality (goal 3), so that a single mother can earn a living that is above the Canadian poverty line and her kids can have the basic necessities like a nutritious lunch or shoes that fit or aren't worn out.

What about where consumers demand the opportunity to purchase lumber that is certified grown in a way that is environmentally sustainable (goal 7), due to replanting practices of the company. This moves the retailers toward demanding this type of product and ensuring the sustainability of the land, to ensure we do not have soil erosion to our farms and we can sustain our lifestyle and guarantee our food supply for generations to come.

My point is. No matter what is important to you as a global citizen, act on it. It all translates into very powerful actions for our world, our country and our children. Underlining many activities, you will see the reduction in poverty for children.

Tired, just plain tired of the 'hands in your pockets' wanting your money, and the people at your door wanting your time?

If you do donate \$s to your favorite charity, consider your cause and donate to an organization that can leverage your \$s. Do they get matching funds, can you get matching funds or do they have more leverage through their purchasing power than you do as an individual?

...did you know that the Food Bank with \$1 can purchase \$3 worth of goods due to their purchasing power. As an individual will you give the \$1 or will you donate groceries. If you give them the dollar, your dollar does 3 times more.

Just remember: You cannot make a difference through a single action. Commit yourself to a consistent policy of actions over the duration of your life.

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