

A Helping Hand

Sort twelve pallets of seeds, pair fifteen boxes of assorted shoes and sneakers, repair thirty bikes, and couple twenty computers and mice. Can one man do all of it?

If there was one person in the world I could help, it would be Mr. Don Decker. He works at Bright Hope International, a Christian relief organization that helps the poorest of poor who live on less than a dollar per day. Mr. Decker manages the warehouse. He then sends all the supplies needed (seeds, shoes, bikes, Bibles, pencils, paper, and clothes) to some of the poorest areas in the world including the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Ghana, Kenya, and India. That's a lot of work!

I would help Mr. Decker in many ways. First, I would fill the boxes to the brim with supplies. Next, I would tape up the boxes and label them with a permanent marker and load the now heavy wrap on crates. Mr. Decker would then take a forklift and move the crates onto trucks. I would repeat this again until there were no more bulky packages. Then we would sort seeds. Twelve pallets is a lot, and Mr. Decker and I would get it done together. We would put the flower packets in one pile and the vegetable packets in another pile. Once that was done, we would pair fifteen boxes of assorted shoes and sneakers. I would find two shoes that are the same and hand them to Mr. Decker. Mr. Decker would take the pair and tie the laces together. After that was over, we would repair thirty bikes by oiling the chains and pumping up the tires. Then Mr. Decker and I would find the keyboards and mice and put them into a box. When there was nothing more to pair or sort, we would load the boxes on trucks. The trucks would take the boxes to the seaport and then some men would ship the boxes to where they are needed.

If I help Mr. Decker, I'm not only serving him, but I'm meeting people's needs all over the world. Kids and adults wearing rags would soon wear shirts with no holes in them. People walking down dirt roads in their bare feet would have shoes. Adults would get an education with the computers and mice. Farmers would have seeds to plant and grow for food. Kids would learn to write with their new pencils and paper. Kids and adults would learn about Jesus through the new Bibles. By helping Mr. Decker I'm serving the poor and honoring Jesus. I think that's the best part of all.