

Helping Africa Get Clean Water

In Africa, about 5,000 children, mostly under the age of five die each day of waterborne diseases because they lack clean drinking water. I would try to help, first, by making people in America aware of the water problem in Africa and also by giving money I helped make from fundraising to a child in Africa. With this money, he/she could go to an engineering school and help fix the water problem.

One reason why Africa does not a lot of clean water is because the desert climate makes it hard to find water. When they do it has been contaminated with sewage because the pipes leak and there are not a lot of toilets. One way to get people clean water would be to fix the water system.

My idea is to raise money by getting my homeschool swim team interested into going to fairs or festivals and selling bottled water. I would put a brightly colored sticker on the bottles telling about the lack of clean water in Africa. I would also put on the stickers the website addresses and names of several organizations that repair pipes and build water stations in Africa. With the proceeds from the bottled water, I would give the money to a child in Africa who is interested in engineering school. They could then learn how to fix and build a clean water system and teach other people how to do it also.

If the pipes in Africa were fixed and the water stations were built there would be less chance of people dieing from waterborne diseases. I believe that by teaching one person to make a clean water system many could learn and benefit from him. It is like the old saying: You can give a man a fish and feed him for a day, or you can teach a man to fish and feed him for a lifetime.