



# Lights OF THE World

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improved by their efforts. Given their great efforts they raised enough money to provide a scholarship for a student in the Philippines for a year.

"I have always wanted to help people in the world, and it especially breaks my heart when I hear of the terrible suffering of innocent people. Jesus meant his words, "Whatsoever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto me." I believe that God gives each of us talents, and expects us to use them for the good of others. With his help, amazing things can happen! I am just trying to do what I can to help the world around me."

One day many years ago, while working on a rummage sale, I started to price a small wooden sign. After a closer look, I knew it was meant for me. It is now in my religion classroom to remind me, and my students: "Working for the Lord doesn't pay much, but the retirement plan is out of this world."

## Saints Peter & Paul Catholic School

Mrs. Haberl's 4th Grade Class Sponsors Student in the Philippines

Mrs. Judy Haberl, is a teacher at Saints Peter & Paul Catholic School in Waterloo, IL where she has taught for the last 41 years. She has taught 2nd, 3rd, and 5th grades, and is presently the religion teacher for 3rd through 5th. During her 10th year at SPPCS she was struggling to find room in her house for the toys which her two children had received for Christmas. That week their school had a Mission Week. She told us, "I remember watching a video showing a little boy who was starving. He was about two years-old, just like my little son. I thought of how terrible it must be to have absolutely nothing to feed your child, and then I thought of my overflowing closets. That was the beginning of what I called the "Kids Rummage Sale".

Her 5th grade class was eager to help. They discussed the facts.

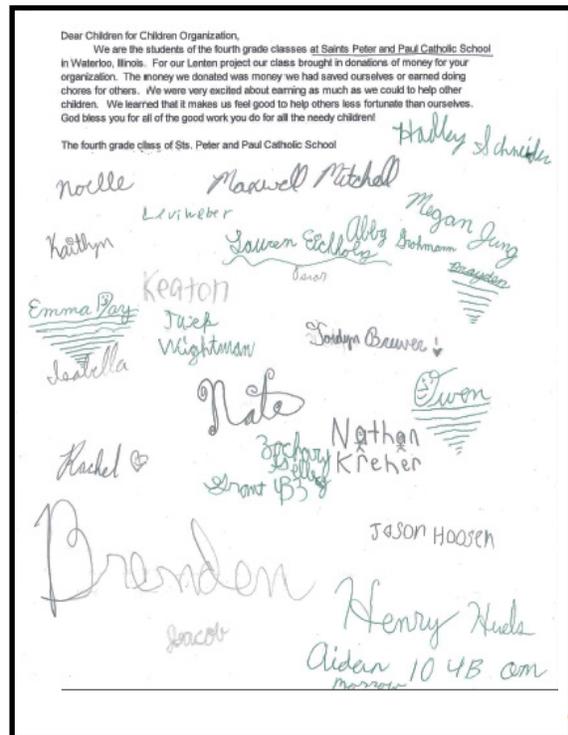
1. There are millions of children without the necessities of life.
2. We have a surplus of material things.
3. We cannot help ALL the needy kids, but we can help SOME if we work together.

The students made signs, and helped sort and price their used toys, books, games, and jewelry, for the sale. The whole school brought in items and in that first year they made \$400, and sent it all to a charity which helped children obtain the necessities of life.

Each year since 1984, the 5th graders and Mrs. Haberl have sponsored the "Kids Rummage Sale," and it has grown into a huge school-wide event. Now the sale fills a gym, brings in thousands of dollars, which they divide among many charities, including Catholic World Mission.

"It is a fun, exciting, and exhausting project! Each year I wonder if I will have the energy to do it again, and I rely on God to give me enough help. As I tell the 5th graders, it is a project worth being tired for."

Principal Buchheit shared, "This Lenten project we ask our parents not to just "give" their children money to donate but rather to have them do chores or tasks in order to "earn" funds to donate to help others." Each grades adopts a different children's mission and the teachers educate their students on their particular mission in order to truly make a connection for the children. This year, the fourth grade helped CWM, and their hope is for some children's lives to be



You are the light of the world ... your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.

Mt. 5: 14-16