RESPONSIBILITY

If you want to help for a day, give them rice;
If you want to help for a while give them a tree;
If you want to help for an eternity, give them an education

September 1, 2008

The Starfish

There was a young man walking down a deserted beach just before dawn. In the distance he saw a frail old man. As he approached the old man, he saw him picking up stranded starfish and throwing them back into the sea. The young man gazed in wonder as the old man again and again threw the small starfish from the sand to the water.

He asked him, "Why do you spend so much energy doing what seems to be a waste of time?"

The old man explained that the stranded starfish would die if left in the morning sun.

"But there must be thousands of beaches and millions of starfish," exclaimed the young man. "How can your efforts make any difference?"

The old man looked down at the small starfish in his hand and as he threw it to safety in the sea said…

"It makes a difference to this one."

Most of us have the same outlook as the young man: How can I possibly make a difference? There are millions of poverty-stricken people.

Well, there is one child living in a hovel next to the old **Tijuana garbage dump** waiting to hear just from you. This year we have 84 preschool and kindergarten students who need to find an "adoptive family" for the school year that will sponsor his/her education

The cost for one child to go to school for one week is $35; two weeks, $70; three weeks, $105; for 4 weeks, $140. If you would like to "adopt a child" giving him/her the one gift that will last for eternity, then please return the bottom portion of this letter.

We also have 350 computer school students who need sponsors to enroll in the computer school. The cost to sponsor one primary school child to go to computer school is $25 per month.

Thank you for being like the old man throwing the starfish into the sea.

Sincerely,
David Lynch and Students

School Year 2008 - 2009

Yes, I would like to "adopt" a preschool /kindergarten student for this school year. A photo and short biography of your "adopted 4 or 5 year old" will be sent to you within one week.)

Please print: Your name: _____

Address: _____

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I **am sending my child to school for**:   ___ **1 week** per month($35)   ___ **2 weeks** per month($70)

___ **3 weeks** per month($105)   ___ **4 weeks** per month($140)

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Or:_ **I am sponsoring one primary school child to attend computer school at $25 per month.**

Please (✔) check one: I will pay ☐ monthly   ☐ 2 payments (Sept. and Feb.), ☐ one total payment

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Or: I would like to make a general gift of _____ to support the various educational and recreational programs.