

World Forgotten Children's Foundation

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**Providing Helping
Hands to Less Fortunate
Children of the World**

Reflections on the Meaning of Life

I am now seventy years old. As the years have come and gone, I sometimes look back at my life so far, and the life of friends and others that I have known, and ask the question,

What is the meaning of life?

When I contemplate the meaning of life, I frequently see the question as synonymous with another question, "How will you know if you have been a success in life?" About fifty-six years ago, I was active in the youth fellowship program at my local church. To this day, I remember the evening that our youth fellowship advisor posed that very question to us. We all answered with comments and thoughts about making money, getting rich, and living a good life—at least as our teenage minds defined a good life. In response, the advisor said, "No, you will have been a success in life if other people in the world have a better life because of you." Certainly, we youngsters did not fully comprehend the meaning of his answer. But his answer always stuck with me and became a part of my psyche. I was reminded of that experience about a year ago when I was in a shop that sold cards, stationery, and related items. In that shop I purchased a card that had on it a quote from the contemporary philosopher John Searles. The quote is, "The meaning of life is to love, to laugh, and to make a difference—to have it mean something that you lived at all."

By the time I got out of graduate school forty-seven years ago, with MBA degree firmly in hand, I believed

that I was well on my way to "success" with plenty of opportunities to make a good income and accumulate wealth. Getting to that point was not always easy. Both of my parents died while I was in undergraduate school, leaving virtually no estate. But a number of wonderful things also happened:

- Two of my college professors made it possible for me to receive a teaching assistantship and get that MBA degree at no cost to me.
- A partner in a major CPA firm made it possible for me to get summer internships with the Philadelphia office of his firm after my junior college year and through graduate school.
- Folks in my hometown helped me to get summer jobs while in my earlier years of college.
- People just kept helping me along.

All of that made wonderful changes in my life.

I had been truly blessed. I decided that it was now time to begin trying to pay back. I became a Big Brother in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. My "Little Brother" was eight years old. That program ends when the Little becomes 18 years old, if not before. But we have kept in touch. He is now 53 years old, married, and the father of three sons. We live far apart now, but we are in touch with one another frequently. I learned the joy and blessed feeling of reaching out and helping. I try to stay alert for opportunities to reach out and help—to help make a difference in the lives of others, to have it mean something that I lived at all. It matters not to me if the folks know from where the help (of a material, philosophic, or emotional nature) has come.

The World Forgotten Children's Foundation (WFCF) is a great opportunity for you to experience and enjoy the meaning of life; to have it mean something that you lived at all; to allow other people in the world to have a better life because of you; to be a success! Our mission, and your opportunity, is to "provide support to projects in third world countries that promote the nutritional and medical needs of those who are orphaned and disabled". Join us. Reflect on the meaning of life.

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As a privileged society, we take having our own bed for granted. Our disabled citizens are being included in almost everything we do in our daily lives, yet we forget the less fortunate of the world. There are many countries that do not have the resources or willpower to provide the less fortunate with the simplest of things, like a bed. Until two years ago, the children at the school were home bound. Some were mentally and physically abused. Some will never experience a child's pleasure of just running. Education and mobility was only a dream.

The challenged children at Chibolya Community School are striving to be involved in school activities and to learn. The playing fields of life are stacked against them, but the simplest things, like a bed and mattress, brings confidence to them, and we all know what comfort owning your own pillow can bring.

Recently, WFCF funded the African Community Project (ACP) for the amount of **\$1,235.00** USD, for the purpose of purchasing nine (9) beds, mattresses, blankets, pillows and bed linens, and a nominal transportation charge for the benefit of orphans living with severe physical disabilities in rural communities in Zambia, Africa. To learn more about this project, please visit **African Community Project**.



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A few ways that you can help WFCF:

- Let your friends and associates know about WFCF
- Forward a copy of the WFCF Newsletter to friends and associates
- Encourage friends and associates to inform WFCF about appropriate projects to fund
- Consider including WFCF as a beneficiary in personal wills

