**Education of Child Labourers**

           Did you know that on the other side of our world, there is a gigantic number of children working painfully every day and have to work in hardship for the rest of their lives just because of their lack of education? We are really fortunate to be in a developed country like Canada, where we never have to worry about schooling, so we need to help those children get a stable education, which is the only way to abolish issues in developing countries such as poverty, health, and child labour. In this essay, you are going to learn about child labourers, what they do, where they are located, who they are, and most importantly why they have to be child labourers. With this information, you will have a better understanding on why they need an education, and why we should help.  
  
          Do you really know what child labourers are? Child labourers are children that are exploited and do jobs that are hazardous and will get in the way of the child’s education or be harmful to the child’s health or physical, mental, spiritual, moral, or social development (27, Sok). There are about 250 million of child labourers, they are between the age of 5-17(V, D’Adamo). Child labourers are located all around the world, however, Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia seem to have the largest number and percentage of child labourers. Now you have background knowledge about child labourers, you will need to know the education issues they face.  
  
           There are many reasons why children can’t go to school and have to work as child labourers. The main reason is poverty. Just as what a farmer said in the book Iqbal, “Schooling is only for the rich” (77, D’Adamo). Even if the child gets a chance to education, they will be pulled out in a few years to work for the family to survive. What always happens is that “…there was a bad harvest or an illness, the family had to ask for loans from the moneylender. Then the families had to bond their children to pay the dept.” (95, D’Adamo). If children just work instead of getting an education, their children will face the same fate as they do, and the cycle of poverty will continue.  
  
           There are many things we can do to help with the lack of education of child labourers. First, you can start by just raising awareness. Talk to your friends and relatives about child labour, or suggest them to read the book Iqbal. Next, you can raise money by doing bake sales, penny drives, and car washes to help these children. Also you can be a volunteer for organizations like Free The Children or UNICEF. If you would like to go even further with helping, you can go on a trip with Free The Children to build schools or start your own organization with a group of friends and relatives. Just as what Rodger, a human rights activist said, “Action can be as small as speaking out, or as large as organizing a rally”, all of your actions counts!

Have you felt how lucky you are to be in Canada? If you have, you should take some action! It is a right of the children to get an education, “You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.” (Article 28, Children’s Rights). We can no longer say it’s none of our business, because “If we don’t care about others, who will care about us?” (8, Rodger). So we need to do something no matter how small it is, because it will all add up!