Child Labour

Do you know how much it feels for a child younger than we are to work from dawn to dusk without having the right to be free and the right to go back to their families? Probably not. Many of these children are forced to be child labourers that go through conditions like slavery, bonded labour, and poverty that do not have the right to be children again. Children are that are living all around the world are forced to do something they don’t want to do. *We need to make a difference by stopping child labour and giving all the children the right to freedom.*  
  
 “Globally 218 million children are child labourers” (Free the Children- Child Labour) and all of those 218 million children are forced into slavery and bonded labour. In the novel *Iqbal* the children in Hussain Khan’s carpet factory are forced to work like slaves and work from dawn to dusk. Children are taken away from their families to pay off their families debt, but in the novel the debt was never paid off.“The debt is never erased.... It doesn’t matter how good you are” (D.’Adamo,20). These children have been beaten and maltreat, not feed, that have been turned into slaves and child labourers. “Change will not come overnight” (Fighting Slavery Today). But these 218 million children need the best chance of success. “Nobody has the right to make you a slave.”   
  
 Children and their families should “have the right to the best health care possible, safe water to drink, nutritious food, a clean and safe environment” (Children’s Rights). One of the number one reasons why child labour occurs is because of poverty where children are being bought and sold from their families. Just like Maria from the novel *Iqbal* by Francesco D’Adamo, whose dad was a teacher that could not pay off his debt because he did not have any money, so he had to sell his one and only daughter (D’Adamo). Children work as young as five just to earn money to keep their families safe and healthy and have a better future.“Ending poverty and increasing access to education are therefore crucial tools to fight against ending child labour” (Free the Children-Child Labour).  
  
 We will one day make a difference if we stop slavery, stop poverty and give all the children the right to freedom. Just like Iqbal and all the other children in Hussain Khan’s factory that got the chance to be free and the right to freedom. They got the chance to go back to their families and live a better life.Kids are taken away from their families that don’t even get to experience what freedom feels like. Those children who have been taken away from their loved ones at such a young age never got the chance to know the feeling of being happy, laughter, and just being themselves. We want these children to grow up to experience what life gave them. “Our greatest natural resource in the minds of our children.” -(Walt Disney)   
  
  
 We NEED to end slavery and poverty so that we will finally free all the child labourers and give them all a better future. Even though we live countries away we can still help on making a difference by getting the word out to everyone. If we end poverty families all around the world wouldn’t have a hard time paying off debts and wouldn’t have to let their own children work at such a young age and turned into slaves just to earn money or pay off the family’s debt. We need to give these children a better life and grow up with the freedom they have and make decisions on their own without anyone else telling them something their not meant to do.

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