

# My Dream with Children

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What do you know about “Peace”? I often hear people use clichés such as, “OK. Let’s work for world peace.” But what is peace really like? I didn’t have the answer to this question until I fortunately found the book, “I am Malala”. You probably know her name. The author, Malala Yousafzai, claims that every child needs education to live in peace.

Does education really bring peace? At first, I doubted it. Going to school and studying are everyday experiences for me. I thought they had nothing to do with peace, but when I finished reading the book, I understood how important education was in making peace. I also found that “uneducated” people are more vulnerable to conflict, misunderstanding, or prejudice.

264,000,000 people - Can you imagine how many people that is? This is the number of Children who couldn’t go to school around the world. Why aren’t they educated? This is because the family is poor and the children have to work, and conflicts force them to fight on the battlefield.

The lack of education can cause various problems. They can’t get enough knowledge, can’t get a stable profession, get involved in conflicts or force poor life. This vicious circle continues from parents to children and children to grandchildren.

I learned about poor people especially children from UNICEF staffs during our summer program. I didn’t know that there were still so many children who couldn’t go to school around the world. Surprisingly, most of them were in conflict and were death. If they were able to go to school, they might understand each other, and they may not have caused any conflicts.

By learning about the current situations of poor children around the world, I decided to follow UNICEF’s example and do something to support them. My school teacher recommended that I should watch a movie called "KAZE NI TATSU LION", a Japanese movie based on a true story. In the movie, a Japanese doctor moved to Kenya and dedicated his life to helping the local people hurt by continuous war. It’s something I never really thought about.

In Japan, we go about our daily lives, oblivious to these tragedies, because they never happen here. I think that those of us who are fortunate to exist in peaceful, rich countries, should lend a hand to children stricken by war and poverty. In fact, some studies have shown that children from rich countries like Japan are mostly well educated.

My dream is to make sure that all children around the world can be educated and live in a more peaceful world. Then, I have decided that I want to make an English website. I want to identify areas most in need and organize fund-raising so that education to the children in these poor, war torn countries. I also want to share information and ideas on this website with students who want to help poor people all over the world. I believe it could be the first step to reach out and help children in need. Through my website, I want to let people know what’s happening in these areas. I want them to consider what they can do for the children and possibly donate money to help them.

This is my dream, and I believe you too can join me in saving them. Come on everyone, let’s cooperate and make this world a better place for all of us!

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