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When I was in 3rd grade, my Mom and Dad began paying me an allowance for doing chores around the house. My Mom and I talked about the importance of saving some of my allowance and using part of it to help others. I decided to give one third of my allowance to the church and to charity. Every week, I put 10% of this money into the Sunday collection to help our Church. The rest goes to charities that help kids in need.

Every year, I give part of my charity fund to Sister Rose and the Holy Childhood Association, to help kids in orphanages and poor areas of Haiti and Latin America. My money helps them to get the food, medicine and shelter that they need. I have also used my money to buy school supplies and Christmas presents for the kids at the St. Joseph's orphanage here in Cincinnati.

This year, in addition to HCA, I am giving some of my money to help two small Brazilian villages, Emliano Zapatta and Flavia Nunes, buy back their land and support their schools. Our 8th grade teacher, Ms. Bihr, works with these villages and her stories of their situation made me want to help them. I am planning to give the rest of my charity fund to the Procter and Gamble Children's Safe Drinking Water program. This program sends PUR packets to 3rd world countries to provide the children with clean, safe drinking water.

My parents have always taught me that it is important to give back to others and by making these small donations to kids around the world I hope I can make a big impact in their lives.