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As I learned about the education in poor countries and how so many children work in harsh conditions instead of going to school, it means we realize how lucky we are, and how we take our education for granted.

When I saw the videos of Geetha, Aarti and Laleeta, I couldn't believe that they were real girls living in present day. The world I saw they were living in was the world I thought had ended several decades ago. How could I be living a life like this, and girls just across the ocean be living in such terrible poverty? I couldn't believe my eyes. Moreover, what surprised me most was that, from all the things that lacked in their life, the thing they wanted the most was education. Education meant a brighter future, something very precious. On the other hand, if you ask a teenager living in a developed country what they want, I predict that they would say something like clothes, money, good food and electronics. I doubt that someone would say they want a better education, for we are given an education as a natural thing. Ironically, because we are immersed in education, people envy a life of not going to school, or even sleep during classes and ignore the education they are receiving.

This makes me wonder, what would Geetha think if she saw students sleeping during class? How would Aarti feel if she knew there were kids who decided to take a day off from school because they were sleepy? I think they would feel angry, annoyed and filled with other complex feelings. Education, something that a child in poverty would do anything to get, is thrown away by a child living in wealth.

As this tragedy continues every day, what we, who live in wealth, can do is to acknowledge the importance of education, and do the best with it. 2年ICA組女子  
Girl's education in India

Human rights should always be kept even though people have different thinking and opinions. Education is one of the biggest and most important human rights. However, in some developing countries, it is not always respected because of poverty and traditional thinking. As a result, there are 870 million illiterate adults in the world, and more than half are women. In India, many children, especially girls, find it hard to go to school even though the government is making incentives for this purpose.

A lot of girls in India can't go to school and their dreams have been shattered. Many poor children can't go to school especially girls. Some of them have no house and job so they live in insanitary places. Also they don't know what is good for person's health because of they are not educated. Not having an education make their life hopeless, because uneducated people have difficulty to find their job, and of course their dream will not come true. It is safe to say that girls in India who can't go to school are hopeless for their future because being uneducated keeps them poor and dependent.

The main reasons why girls can't go to school in India is poverty and traditional thinking. Many people who live in small villages think education is not important for them because their parents also weren't educated. Also they think the most important thing for girls is do house work such as cooking and help their family. For example, Geetha's father and other elders in the village will not change their mind even though teacher told them about government incentives and the benefits of educating girls. Another reason is poverty. This is sometimes caused by children's father's passing away. Their mother were not educated because they were girls. They can't find jobs easily. Having no money, no time makes children not be able to go to school. These two big reasons are why many poor Indian children, and especially girls can't go to school.

There are many solutions by the government and volunteers to help girls and children who are born poor to go to school. First, the Indian government offers incentives for poverty children. They give them things such as uniform, books and stationery. Also, some volunteers do help get their jobs and open free-school. In Aarti's case she could find her day time job and can go to school by volunteer group's help. They are good way to solution that children can go to school.

Educating girls will derive a lot of benefits for society. Girls who are educated teach what they learned to neighbors who can't go to school. Also they are able to survive and be independent because they can get a better job than if they had no education. Further more educated girls will know what is good for people's health. This means their family live long educating girls will bring world good future.

In India still many poor children, especially girls, can't go to school even though the government offers incentives because their parents also didn't have an education, so they can't understand the government benefit of it. Recently some children able to go to school by government and volunteer groups, including Unicef's, help. Their conditions of education is becoming better and better. If more people cooperate with volunteer group and are active to help solve that problem in the world and if poor children's parents who have traditional thinking changed their mind, more children will be able to go to school. As a result that will make the world's economic environment become better.