

Small Actions, Big Results

Adam was a brave young man. He began to backpack in poor countries when he was 21. At the time he arrived in India, he was both excited and nervous. One day, as he was walking in India, he came across a small boy. This boy was begging for money. Adam took pity on him. He stopped and asked the boy, “What do you want most in the world?”

“A pencil,” the boy replied.

Adam was surprised. He gave the boy his pencil. Then, a big smile appeared on the boy’s face, and he saw hope in the boy’s eyes. Later, as Adam continued his travels, he always carried lots of pencils and pens. By giving them away, he realized that these small things were valuable to some people. When people had pencils and pens, they had a chance to learn.

A similar story occurred in Taiwan. When Yang Yu-jen learned that some poor people in Kenya had no shoes to wear, he became very worried. He knew this could cause big problems. Without shoes, these people would easily hurt their feet. In addition, some bugs in Kenya would bite people’s feet and live inside them!

To help these people, Yang started to ask people in Taiwan to donate their shoes. As a result, many Taiwanese people got interested, and Yang received about 15,000 pairs of shoes in the first packs. He quickly sent them all to Kenya.

Adam and Yang are just ordinary people, but they show that everyone can make a difference. Even small things or actions can have big power.

You Can Do It!

Joe was a 9-year-old boy living in New York City. He was always bored in class, so he doodled on the textbook all the time. He enjoyed drawing pictures a lot and drew all kinds of things, such as animals, robots, aliens, and so on.

“Stop drawing pictures on the book!” the teacher said angrily.

His teachers couldn't understand his love of drawing. Therefore, they complained to his parents. However, this didn't make the parents angry; instead, they put him in an art class! Soon after, Joe's talent was recognized by his art teacher. Later, Joe's art teacher posted his drawings on Instagram. A restaurant owner saw these pictures and asked Joe to doodle on his restaurant wall.

At first, Joe's family was worried. They knew Joe had difficulty focusing for a long time. In addition, the restaurant wall was big, so Joe would have to create lots of new doodles. Joe's father thought his son would simply give up. However, Joe was not only very patient but also extremely determined.

After days of drawing, the wall was covered with hundreds of fun little doodles! The restaurant owner and his customers loved them. After that, Joe's parents set up a website to share Joe's creative doodles. Soon, his doodle wall became famous!

In the end, Joe's parents' support made his art a great success. With a little encouragement, anyone can do amazing things!