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My neighbors are everyone around me. My neighbors are everyone in the world. They all affect me in ways I don't realize, as I do the same to them. I can show the love I have for others by remembering the love Jesus had for us when he died for our sins. I can show the love I have for my neighbors by doing community service, showing kindness, and following the expectations that Christ has for me.

I realize that I am very fortunate that I live where I do in this world today. I am thankful for the men and women keeping my family safe. I don't have to worry about where I'm going to sleep or when I'm going to have my next meal. I've been very blessed to live a comfortable life. I'm saddened when I hear about people living in third world countries that have to travel long distances just to get a sip of water. Many times they don't have food that is nourishing or no food at all. I can help these people by volunteering my time at Feed My Starving Children, donating money to charities and praying for their needs to be met. These simple efforts can help potentially change a little boy or a girl's life.

I was able to show love and compassion for a boy my age who goes to a neighboring school. This boy was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma, a type of blood cancer. My class and I were able to organize a fundraiser for him and his family. We held a Cap, Hat, and Funky Sock Day so that the students at our school could donate money to his cause. We raised over five hundred dollars for this stranger that many of us had never met. The little bit of time, money, and prayers we donated could make a big difference in his life.

I can do many simple things to show love for my neighbors. For example, our school visited the elderly in the nursing home during the Christmas season to sing for them. I can also smile at strangers at the grocery store. I can open doors and greet people while walking into church. These are small ways to show love for others.

Praying is one of the most effective ways of showing love to others. If someone I know is hurt or suffering, I will ask God to show love for them. I will pray for those who I see need my prayers. It is easy to show love for your neighbors if you treat them how you would want to be treated. I pray that all people will follow God's commandments and beatitudes. The world would be a better place if we all treated each other with the kindness we would treat God with.