

Airlifting a Bottle of Aspirin

A number of years ago, Matthew LeSage, a third-grader, wanted to do something to help the hungry in his city. So he started a program called Hams for the Hungry.

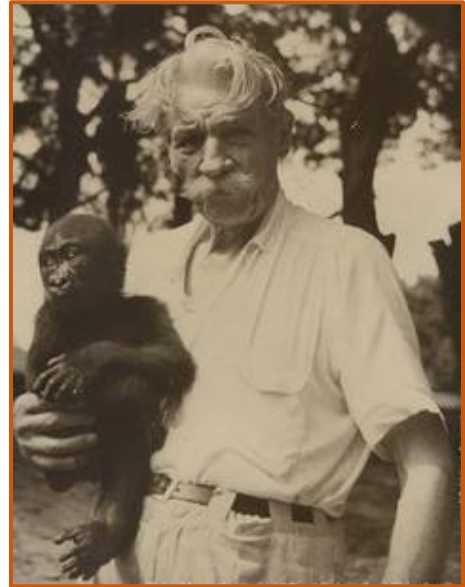
In its fourth year, Hams for the Hungry raised \$40,000 to brighten the holiday season for people with limited resources.

His story calls to mind what another young man did, 13 years old at the time, who read about Dr. Albert Schweitzer's missionary work in Africa. He wanted to help. He had enough money to buy one bottle of aspirin.

Undeterred, he wrote to the Air Force and asked if they could fly over Dr. Schweitzer's hospital and drop the bottle down to him.

A radio station heard about this youngster's concern for helping people. Others took up the cause and responded as well.

Eventually, the boy was flown by the government to Schweitzer's hospital, along with 4½ tons of medical supplies worth \$400,000, freely given by thousands of people. This, of course, would be worth millions of dollars today.



Amazed at the incredible amount of supplies he had received, and hearing the story, Dr. Schweitzer said, "I never thought one child could do so much."

It's obvious: One person – one child, even – with purpose, determination and compassion can accomplish much. Love, indeed, is a powerful force.

And love is on display every day in the centers of Life Care and Century Park. It's what we are called to do. And our associates respond with energy and sensitivity to those they serve.

And those on the receiving end of such kindness? They receive it with joy and gratitude.

God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them (Hebrews 6:10 NIV).

– Beecher Hunter