

Bono's Help for the Suffering

Some of you may be fans of the Irish rock singer Bono of the band U2.

That's his stage name. His real name is Paul David Hewson, born in Dublin, Ireland. In addition to being a musician, he is a songwriter, businessman, venture capitalist and philanthropist.

He attended Mount Temple Comprehensive School, where he met his future wife, Alison Stewart, as well as schoolmates with whom he founded U2 in 1976. Bono soon established himself as a passionate frontman for the band through his expressive vocal style and grandiose gestures and songwriting.

His lyrics are known for their social and political themes, and for their religious imagery inspired by his Christian beliefs. As a member of U2, Bono has received 22 Grammy Awards and has been inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

During U2's early years, Bono's lyrics contributed to the group's rebellious and spiritual tone. As the band matured, his lyrics became inspired more by personal experiences shared with the other members. Since 1985, Bono and his wife Ali have been working for underprivileged children around the world, especially in Africa.

Bono recalls an incident that really affected his thinking about his responsibility to the world. In 1985, he and Ali spent one month living in Ethiopia near a feeding station. A man walked up to Bono and thrust his baby son into Bono's arms, saying, "You take my son. He'll live if you take him."

Bono thought to himself, "How deep could a country's suffering be that a father would give up his son to a stranger, if it might save his son's life?" At this point, Bono and Ali realized that they could not go back to the complacency in which they had once lived.

Bono understood that to be confronted with such misery required that he do something. It's uncertain how many people worldwide that Bono has helped since that awakening – probably in the thousands, perhaps in the millions.



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You and I don't have the kinds of opportunity that Bono has. But even if we help only one person, according to Christ, it will not go unrewarded.

And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40 ESV).

– Beecher Hunter