

Let's Help Africa: A Brother and Sister Team Up to Help Others

When Bridget and RJ Keating went on v_____ to South Africa with their parents two years ago, they thought they would take a safari, enjoy beautiful scenery and c_____ a glimpse of exotic animals. B_____ a stop at a rural elementary school made them want to do more.

"We realized the type of vacation we were having, staying at luxurious r_____, was totally foreign to African kids," says Bridget, 16. She and RJ, 10, were shocked to see the school's bare, over_____ classrooms. "The only thing on the wall was a c_____, but it was from 1987!" says RJ. Many students were sharing chairs.

"As we left, the principal said, 'Don't forget us,'" says RJ. They didn't. This January, the brother and sister launched Kids for Africa, an o_____ that raises money to help rural communities in Africa. "We want African kids to have the same opportunities we have," says Bridget.

Through fund-r_____ at their schools in Summit, New Jersey, Bridget and RJ raised \$2,400. The money was used to buy h_____ water r_____ for the village they visited. In many small villages in South Africa, homes do not have r_____ water. Children have to get up early and walk many miles to get water for their families. They are often late for school. With the help of these rollers, kids will be _____ to do their morning chores faster. Bridget and RJ want to make Kids for Africa a national program. Besides raising money for supplies, they hope to foster a cultural ex_____ between kids in the United States and African nations. They are both heading back to South Africa this summer to deliver s_____, help tutor kids at the school and learn more about African culture. "It will be fun to make new friends," says RJ.