

# The Ketteler Legacy

## *Children of War*

A month or so ago, there was a picture of a little boy in an ambulance sitting quietly, in shock while tears rolled down his face. His home had been bombed. Another picture that haunts me was of a little boy around six years old selling candy to support his mother and sisters. His father had been killed in the war and he is now the sole support of his family.

One must ask the question “How will the horrors these children see and live through affect them as they grow into adulthood?” Each night when they go to sleep, they don’t know if they and their family will be alive in the morning. Will they have food to eat and water to drink? What will be the long term effect of the horrors the children have seen and experienced?

Questions that we need to ask ourselves are:

1. How can we encourage our government to aid these children and their families to end the war and help rebuild their country?
2. What can we do as a community to aid the children?
3. Are we willing to open our home and hearts to the children and their families?

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*“War will exist until that distant day when the conscientious objector enjoys the same reputation and prestige that the warrior does today.”--John F. Kennedy*

*“War begins in the minds of human beings. Since this is so, the minds of human beings must also be capable of ending war.”*

*—Preamble to the Constitution of UNESCO*