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### "The Truth to Lending a Hand for Social Justice"

Social justice is extremely important. Even now in some countries it has been an unresolved problem. It hurts me to go to another country and see how the ruler is controlling them in such harsh manners. Along with when you are free, there are still those who struggle with speaking up to be free from torments and bullying in their own homes and towns. This has started to spread to the youth, the future of society which has led to numerous suicides.

Let me tell you about how justice is being overruled in our minds. When the harsh voices slash their ways into us, it makes us think that this is how we will live eternally. Then there will soon be days when the governments of their countries control the food the citizens eat and their lifestyles. When you see this, justice is being destroyed, thoughts will become a crime.

Once there were two new students from Jordan, Africa. They came to this country for freedom from the rich who treated them with terrible harshness. On the first day of school they were shunned by the way they dressed and parents didn't want their children around them. On the playground the other students went about and ignored them. The bullies gave them a lesson in "Teasing 101."

No one spoke to them they believed that just the sight of them would make them look like freaks. Even kindergarteners made fun of their names and accents. All they could do was stay inside with teachers to stay safe from the bullies. All night and throughout the day, I watched them from the lounge as I served as a teacher's aide. It killed my heart to see the pain they suffered. The very next day, I walked out of grade 3A with them. We stood on top of three soap crates out of the janitor's office. We yelled and screamed louder than roaring winds. All of the attention was on us. "Quit making the new students miserable. This is abnormal of people so young. They have feelings and they are different from us. They came to this country to get away from this. Now they must relive it? This is absolutely

wrong. It is their birthright to be a part of a great learning environment." Every teacher came outside to back us up.

From that day on, they were looked at as if they had been here their entire life. No longer being tormented, they felt more welcomed here. If speaking up was that important to these youths, it would have made an even bigger impact if it was an entire country. I have learned how this will impact our future.