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**Topic: My most heart-felt concerns (3 Pages)**

 Though I am only eleven years old there are some issues that scare me and would continue to do so in the future if solutions are not found. My deepest concerns are about child abuse, the increase of diseases and global warming because these are matters I notice not too much people are really focusing on and may not take theses matters seriously, but I think they are some of the most important matters that this world has to deal with if we want to live in a peaceful, lovable world. And through this essay I will let my voice be heard!

 Child Abuse is a disturbing matter. But for these past years it had become an unjust case. Many people all over the world abuse their child/children for sometimes psychological reasons, stress, and frustration or even because when they were younger they were abused as well. Child abuse is more than bruises and broken bones. While physical abuse might be the most visible, other types of abuse such as emotional abuse and neglect also leave deep lasting scars. Child abuse is the physical, sexual or emotional maltreatment or neglect of a child or children. In my country, more people are being educated to ‘break the silence’ too. Some ways to prevent child abuse from occurring are: public awareness, parent education and home visitation. So, from all of this I will just say that child abuse is a serious matter so where-ever child abuse has occurred, I will love for the authority to be aware of it and step in and do something about it for a better future.

The increase of diseases is on the rampage. All over the world there are new infectious diseases being discovered almost daily. Just a while ago, doctors got aware of a recently now spreading disease called the Chikungunya flu. Doctors said that it is one of the flues that are being transported through an insect called the mosquito. Some of the ways to prevent the population of the mosquitoes from expanding are: throwing out water that you’re not using so that the mosquitoes wouldn’t make their lava in it and make more, keep away from being bitten by mosquitoes and more. The disease comes with high fever, joint pain, rash, headache and vomiting. This disease is just one of the most recent diseases to be found, so my advice will be to everyone, to eat healthy and balanced foods and drink a lot of water so that you will have a strong Immune system to fight off diseases like this one and others.

 Global warming is a world-wide situation that can be managed if we as human beings try. We can stop it by simple ways: disposing of our garbage in garbage cans, cleaning our environment, reduce use of driving with our vehicles, to eliminate gas fumes that make people ill and also help eliminate pollution of the atmosphere, stop burning our garbage, etc. So in doing this we will be able to reduce global warming. Because of my age, I cannot make a lot of changes about the child abuse but when I grow up I can do my best to deal with that matter. As for Global Warming and diseases I can make a difference from now.

In conclusion, the three most important issues I am concerned with are: global warming, child abuse and the increase of diseases. This is because they can affect the existence of humans on the earth in the not too distant future.