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WILL ROGERS' OWN LABEL

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THE QUALITY OF WATER AND THE VALUE OF EDUCATION

Fair Oaks, CA (October 2003)

Nearly 150 students representing over 25 nations participated in *The Village for Village Challenge*. Students carried water from the American River to Fair Oaks Village as a symbol of their support for students who carry water instead of being able to attend school in Kersa Illala, a small village in Ethiopia. *The Village for Village Challenge* is another example of how Will Rogers Middle School students have exhibited character and concern for those who live in Ethiopia in abject poverty and in other African villages.



WATER BOTTLE CROSSES DESERT FOR AFRICA

their village. The Rogers' bottle was carried over 500 miles during the summer of 2003. Afterwards it was taken to the village with a humanitarian expedition in April of 2004. The village health care workers share the story of the Will Rogers water bottle with the villagers when teaching them about the importance of clean water, hygiene, and germs. In Ethiopia, the quality of life depends on the

quality of water. As teachers, our hope is that each student appreciates how the quality of life here depends on the quality of education. One day Kersa will have a well, clean water, and more girls will go to school.



Will Rogers' students sent their water bottle across the Nevada desert on recumbent bicycles for students in Kersa Illala, Ethiopia as a symbol of hope for a well in

A WATER BOTTLE IS A SYMBOL OF HOPE!



LABEL OF HOPE

We All Treasure Every Raindrop