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Dear Mike and Prosper,

I want to thank you for inviting us to participate in the Youth for a New World program. We have students from grade 4 to grade 8 involved in this worthwhile project. Everyone involved feels they are doing something to make the world a better place.

Those students involved this year in the Africa America Exchange Club have voted unanimously to continue the work of communicating with pen pals from our partner school in Burundi. We, also, want to double our fund raising goal in the next school year to enable two more homes to be built in Burundi, and to support our partner school in purchasing needed supplies.

I am so proud of my middle school students in particular for looking beyond their own needs. An opportunity to focus on the needs of others is so important during this "me" phase of growing up. While learning about the many needs of students in Burundi, they come to understand how fortunate they are to have families, homes and an education. Thank you for helping them learn this valuable lesson.

Peace in our lifetime,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'BJ Stephenson', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Ms. BJ Stephenson
Sponsor teacher for Madrona AAX Club