I. **Attention Step:** I know that when I’m hungry I can’t possibly keep my hunger in and I must get something to eat right away. With the few bucks in my pocket I can get a nice decent meal, like this one (show visual aid) at the Union cafeteria and I’m satisfied for the next few hours. I have never ever worried about whether I’ll have food on my table such as this simple meal. However, there are millions of families around the world who barely have two dollars to live on daily. While people like us can sit down at home for a nice meal when we are hungry there are millions of people around the world who are at risk of starvation. **Need Step:** Today I would like to persuade you to donate money to an organization called World Vision in order to help devastated countries around the world. First I will give a few examples and statistics of poverty stricken countries or countries that has had a devastating disaster. Then I will discuss what World Vision is and what they can do with the money we donate to them. Furthermore, I will explain how World Vision affects us and address some of the skepticisms people have against donating money. Finally, I will provide ways we can help by explaining a few different types of donations that can be given to World Vision.

II. **Satisfactions Step:** Poverty is a continuous problem in our world. These are a few examples and statistics of poverty and natural disasters that plague our world today.

A) According to the official site of the organization World Vision, there is a major drought and famine that is affecting 14 million people in Southern Africa. They are at the brink of starvation and do not have the supplies to grow food.

B) We have right here in our own country, the U.S. a disaster caused by Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita that has wreaked havoc in Louisiana. This disaster has misplaced millions of people while thousands have been killed.

C) In the Southern Congo, families drink and use water from dirty and unsanitary wells and streams. This causes adults and mostly children whose bodies are more vulnerable in catching diseases to contract deadly diseases
such as cholera, typhoid, verminosis, dysentery and diarrhea.

D) On the page, “Causes of Poverty”, from an award winning website that has been running since 1998 by a man named Anup Shah addresses and debates global issues around the world called www.globalissues.org, some shocking statistics, which are quoted directly from the site, are given about world poverty:

a) “Half the world- nearly three billion people- live on less than two dollars a day.”

b) “The Gross Domestic Product of the poorest 48 nations in the world is less than the wealth of the world’s three richest people combined.”

c) “1 billion children live in poverty (1 in 2 children in the world). 640 million live without adequate shelter, 400 million have no access to safe water, 270 million have no access to health services. 10.6 million died in 2003 before they reached the age of 5.“

Transition: These examples and statistics convey and stress the assistance that poor countries need around the world. Therefore, I will explain how World Vision can provide such assistance with the money we donate to them.

III. Satisfaction Step: World Vision is an organization that was founded to bring relief and assistance to countries throughout the globe. They can only sufficiently keep on working and fighting to tackle poverty with the donations people provide.

A) A variety of life necessities needed to take care of families and children will be available when you sponsor a child or a family. Not only in different countries but in poor or devastated areas in the U.S.

B) With donated money World Vision can provide a child or family with clean water, nutritious food, health care including AIDS prevention. This is extremely important because according to the scholarly peer reviewed article about AIDS induced by poverty, *Today's Children- challenges to child health promotion in countries with severe AIDS epidemics* by G. Foster he states that by mid-1996 there were an estimated 3 million children infected by the HIV virus and 9 million orphans due to AIDS. The number now has grown tremendously through the following years. According to World Vision an estimated 40 million people worldwide are infected with HIV/AIDS.

C) Also care for sick and dying parents can be offered, education, better housing, loans and tools for a starting a family business, and finally spiritual
nurture.

D) When a country is at war, World Vision provides rehabilitation centers for children who have escaped from being forced to become a soldier. Education, food, and clothing is provided to these boys and girls.

E) World Vision has created shelters and safe havens for refugees, homeless children, exploited children for the sex trade, and people who are dying of starvation and from disease epidemics such as AIDS.

Transition: By now you might be sympathizing with these countries in need but some of you might still be a little skeptic.

III Satisfaction Step: Some of your skepticisms might include

A) What does World Vision have to do with me?
   a) World Vision is a world organization that has offices and building set up throughout the world. Many of them are stationed in the U.S. If you think that donating money to World Vision will only benefit other countries you are wrong because World Vision helps provide supplies and resources for many areas in the U.S. Therefore, if we were in a natural disaster crisis like the one caused by Hurricane Katrina, we would know that World Vision will respond within 72 hours to bring aid.

B) How do I know that World Vision will not use my money for its own gain instead of sending it to its destination?
   a) World Vision is a non-profit organization that does not work for its own gain but to help others.
   b) World Vision would not be able to supply and fund hundreds of projects worldwide if they used their donations only for their own gain. Some of the things they have done are providing 4800 hygiene kits for earthquake devastated Northern Pakistan, supplying survival kits for 303 evacuated families from the mudslide that occurred in Leyte, Philippines, and assisting 251,785 victims that are enduring the severe drought in Kenya. Also, when Hurricane Katrina hit World Vision immediately responded in distributing goods funded by the donations of business and other corporations that were estimated to be 10 million dollars in value. They also sent 89 truckloads full of supplies. World Vision is quickly responding to the famine in Niger where 3.6 million people are in need of food and supplies by distributing 1480 tons of food along with another 10,000 metric tons of food.

Transition: As you can see, World Vision is answering to the calls of help from poor
and disaster struck countries. In order to do this, they need the resources that are bought from donations to continue to do their life-saving projects.

IV. **Satisfaction Step:** There are many different types of donations that we can give in a variety of areas in order to partner with World Vision in not only helping fight poverty in other countries but in areas of the U.S.

A) We can donate money to World Vision in many different forms. We can sponsor a child or a family in a different country. We can donate money to prevent sex tourism, for school tools in countries that are lacking for the funds to provide education for their children, for refugees, and to provide food in starving countries.

B) Donations that are needed can range from $15 and above. For example, to sponsor a child or a family you will need to donate $30-$40 dollars monthly. That may seem like a lot of money for you to spend $30-$40 dollars along with other bills, but those families lives depend on that money and on us to help them survive and find a way to make a living.

C) You can even give donations to where you think it is most needed.
   a) a $20 donation can provide a backpack full of school supplies for a child in the US!
   b) a $25 donation will multiply 20 times and provide $500 of medicines needed to save lives.
   c) a $31 donation will help move an abandoned or orphaned child to a safer environment
   d) and a $100 donation will help World Vision provide a family with a survival kit when there is a crisis.

**Transition:** Your money donations can help World Vision do so many things around the world. This organization has done many things with our money that has allowed World Vision to make life changing differences in countries around the world.

**Visualization:** What if we were in the midst of Hurricane Katrina with nowhere to go and devastation all around you? What if we were in South Africa and had our family members dying of starvation? What if we had less than two dollars a day to live by and filthy water to drink from day by day? Would you not want help? Would you not want to feel hope that assistance will come? It is now that we must take action and help bring poverty to an end, because without doing so, we will be affecting the future and many generations to come.

**Action Step:** With 15 to 50 dollars a month we can assist countries all over the world
through World Vision. We can help a child go through school. We can help a family grow and make a living. We can help countries feed their starving people. We can help children and their families suffering through AIDS. We can help the US victims of Hurricane Katrina. We can help. We can help through World Vision and maybe bring this world one step closer to world peace.

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