

Lemonade stand helps support Uganda youth

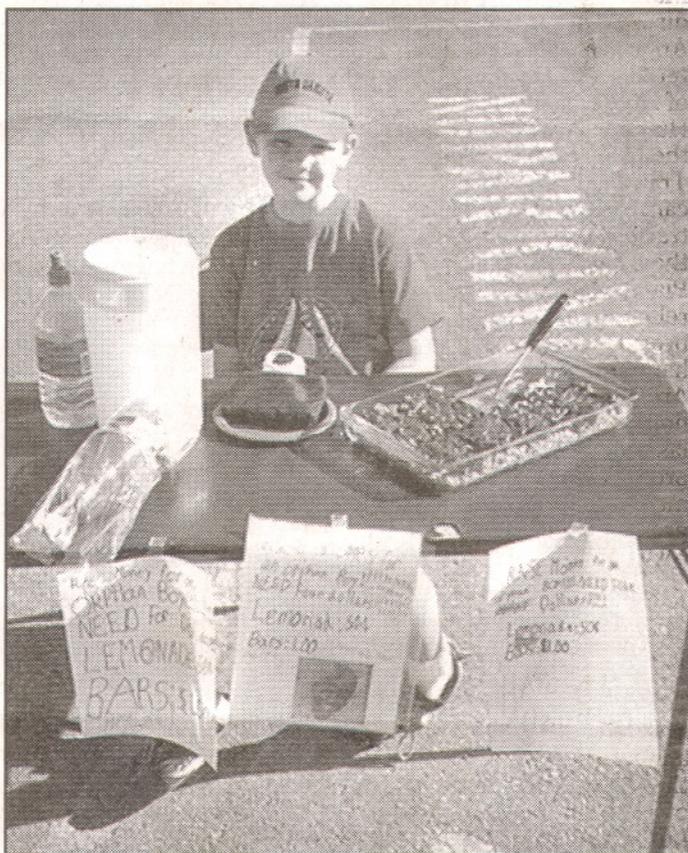
Effort raises much more than needed \$4

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Last spring, the Westby family of Aberdeen decided they wanted to help sponsor an orphaned boy living in east Africa. The family would toss all their spare change into a can until they'd accumulated enough to send \$30 per month for the daily care of 5-year-old Allan Agaba. Agaba, who has since turned 6, is living in a 24-foot-by-22-foot orphanage house with eight other boys in the village of Osanidde, Uganda. The name of the town is pronounced "oh sunny day."

When the change can came up \$4 short one month, 8-year-old Ethan Westby became concerned. "Ethan took the task on himself to make sure there was enough money to pay for Allan's care," said Tiffany.

Ethan thought a long time about how he would raise the \$4 and decided to set up a lemonade stand on the corner of Sixth Avenue Southwest and South Second Street. The stand was decorated with posters declaring that he was raising money for an "orphan boy" and that he needed \$4, with plenty of exclamation marks after those words. A picture of Allan was printed on one of the posters. "He made



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Raising money: Ethan Westby set up a lemonade stand several times during the summer to raise money to support a 5-year-old orphan boy in Uganda.

\$40 the first day," said his mother, Tiffany, who wants to thank all of her son's customers.

Ethan, now a third-grader at Warner School, set up the stand several more times over the summer and raised enough money to pay for five more

months of support.

Ethan is the son of Steve and Tiffany Westby. He has a sister, Hannah, and three brothers, Joshua, Micah and David.

The support of the Uganda youth is through an organization called Harvest Ministry.