ONE MORE TRY

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It was a month ago since I last saw him. It was when we had an activity and he had nothing to share. It was quite a long time, but he had not shown himself again.

There should be no records of dropouts. There should be no records of missing students. There should no be records of failing students. But, what should I do? He had been missing since last month. I had been in their place and no one was there. I was not able to talk to his parents. I had never seen his guardian. What I should do now? It is nearly reporting period already. The end of the school year is nearly approaching. Where should I start again? How? Let me have it, one more try.

I start asking his fellow students again. They could see him near the port. He would carry heavy baggage from anyone one who is able to pay. He would sweep the front of the stores near the port. He would even fetch water for them. Then as he walked home, I followed him without his knowing. He did stop at the store in the neighborhood. After a while, he continued walking with two plastics bags in his both hands. A question popped in my head. Is he working for the family? What about his parents? Where are they? Why are they letting him do that task when he should be going to school instead?

Separated parents. The mother is nowhere to be found. The father is not home either. He had his own way of living his life alone. And my student stand tall for his siblings. What should I do now? Should I still insist that he should be going to school regularly? Should I ask him to stop going to the port? What about me? What about the reports that I should be submitting? What about the no reported dropouts and no failed students reports? What can I do? How can we extend in to this kind of situation?
Can we take consideration of this? Can we extend our hands one more time? Can we try it again knowing that we also have our own problems and knowing that we also have limited resources? Can we try one more time? How far can we extend for them?

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