

## Reed City Area Public Schools Graduate Highlight

**William W. Fiebig, Ph.D.**  
**RCHS Class of 1967**



Dr. William Fiebig gets around – the world that is, doing his best to feed the hungry and help needy children.

I can't possibly put in this highlight everything that this amazing man has done; however I'll try my best to give you a glimpse of this talented "bushman" (his self description).

Dr. Fiebig's fields of expertise are Agronomy (crop production) and Information Management. He was a graduate of Michigan State University in 1971 with a BS degree in Fisheries and Wildlife; an MS degree in Agronomy from the University of Florida in 1987; and his Ph.D. in Plant Breeding and Genetics in 1990.

Dr. Fiebig is currently working as a Technical Advisor, Food Security Unit, Save the Children Federation in Washington, D.C. His responsibilities include implementation of food and livelihood security programs and projects and the coordination of technical advisory groups throughout the country.

This 1967 Reed City High School graduate speaks English, French, and Kikongo fluently and also has a working knowledge of Lingala. I'm sure this a tremendous asset to someone who has traveled to Angola, Botswana, Cameroun, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Jamaica, Kenya, Nicaragua, Thailand, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe – and this is just a *partial* list, having visited and worked in over 28 different countries!

Farming and the development of rural areas along with providing people with assistance in overcoming numerous struggles in life is what makes this man tick. And, though I've never actually met Bill Fiebig in person, I get the feeling from a review of his résumé and some exchanged e-mails that he really prefers to be working out in the fields with local folks in whatever part of the world in which he happens to be.

A lot of times when we talk to our students who are ready to graduate, we tell them, "Go out and experience the world, don't let anything hold you back." William Fiebig did just that and continues to do so. I'm not sure if I've been able to convey the true talent and character of this fine man. I know, however, that Reed City is truly proud of Dr. William W. Fiebig, Reed City High School Graduate, class of 1967!