

*"I have compassion on the multitude...I will not send them away hungry..." Matt. 15:32*

# COMPASSION

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Dear Friends in Christ:

We have entered a New Year! Our Lord has tarried His coming and has given us life into the year of our Lord 1960. I am reminded of what David said: "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" Psa. 90:12. Then in Proverbs 27:1 we are admonished: "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." How true, how true!

On Sunday, November 8th, I concluded 15 days of fruitful evangelistic services in Olney, Illinois. I had sweet fellowship every day with Pastor and Mrs. Clifford Sandin. I have known them for many years, since the days when their whole family would come out to the farm to visit my parents. A few years ago I had a blessed time with them in Greenville, Illinois, in special meetings that finished up with large crowds in the High School. BUT on Friday, after the Olney meetings closed, the Lord took brother Sandin suddenly to himself while at the breakfast table! Bless his memory and work done for the Lord!

Yes, we know not "what a day may bring forth," so let us "apply our hearts to wisdom." This we are endeavoring to do. As you read the pages of this issue of COMPASSION, may these little messages speak to your heart. If we are intending to do anything for Christ, NOW is the time to be doing it! "Occupy till I come," said Jesus, which means literally: "Carry on business until I come." But what is our business? The business of every Christian? "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matt. 28:20. This is my main business and yours just as much. 1960 may be my last year, and yours, to serve the Lord. God help us to renew our consecration of all that we are and have to the end that our lives may bring many precious souls to saving knowledge of Jesus Christ in 1960.

Because of the large growth of our work in the past two years (from 12 Homes to 41 Homes now!), it is imperative that I go to Korea this Spring to survey the whole situation. I plan to arrive the first part of March and will be there approximately 10 weeks. Plans call for conferences at each Home with the staff members and the Board of Directors. One superintendent has asked for a three-day revival meeting in one place with all the leading staff members from all the Homes. We will also have conferences with the native evangelists, literature workers and students. Of course we will be taking many pictures and much film footage. Many opportunities will be given to preach the gospel and we trust many will be saved.

Right now we have many requests for support of new Homes, some of which are in desperate financial need. These will be investigated. The matter of self-help projects will be prominent in our Conferences with leaders. All of these matters require much wisdom. Please pray earnestly for me as final plans and preparations are made. I count so much upon your prayers. Thank you and God richly bless you.

Cordially in Christ our Lord,

EVERETT F. SWANSON



### HILLSIDE ORPHANAGE TO HAVE COMPLETELY NEW BUILDING

Work is proceeding on the new buildings at the new location of Hillside Christian Orphanage in Pusan. Pictured here are some of the materials given by the American AFAK program. They are valued at about \$2500. ESEA gave \$4000 and advanced support of \$1600 to pay for the land, added materials and labor. This will provide a very fine property. You can see some of our older boys making concrete blocks.

The present property is a very small wooden building built several years ago by an American Military Police unit stationed nearby. The Superintendent is Mr. Lim Sung Un, whose whole family was taken by the Communists in North Korea. He has a great heart of love for the 68 precious lives in this Home.

### THE NEED IS STILL GREAT

Everyone will rejoice at the happy faces of the children now in our 41 Homes, well cared for, fed, clothed, warm and educated and being taught every day to receive and love Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.



However, many precious orphans still sleep out of doors on the coldest nights in Korea. They wander on the streets, begging, stealing, starving and dying, without learning of Christ and His Compassion! Our new Bethany Home, just started a few months ago, now has 302 children like these. Two other Homes started in the last 3 months have over 100 beggar boys, and very poor facilities as yet, but they are not sleeping on the streets! These are marvelous evangelistic opportunities. We expect many to become preachers in the years ahead, if our Lord tarries. Mr. Rice has just written: "For each

one we have taken into the Homes, there are several on the streets that we could take in if we had the financial support and sponsors." So you can see that the job is not done by any means, and we intend to keep on telling people of these needs and opportunities of evangelism. There are thousands of American and Canadian Christians who would be THRILLED to sponsor a child if they only knew about this plan. Please help us tell others.

### BLANKET DELIVERY NEWS

Some Sponsors who ordered blankets through CARE are wondering why they have not yet gotten a signed receipt from CARE or a picture from the Orphanage. The reason is that CARE's supply in Korea became completely exhausted when help became so needed after the terrible typhoon. So please be patient and you will hear from them. Many hundreds of blankets have been delivered, but some have not. Today I received receipts for 3 more Singer sewing machines being delivered to Homes. Above are the Chin Hae Orphanage children with the 100 CARE blankets we ordered. Dr. Lee, M.D., Supt., is on the right.



### Yes, Christmas Joys Came to All of Our Orphans, Widows and Lepers' Children!

What a thrill it has been to get from day to day the monthly parcel reports that each Home Superintendent is required to send us, listing the date received, donor, date letter of thanks and picture were sent to sponsor, and contents. Most of our sponsors found it possible to send a parcel. Some are shut in and cannot get out to buy and mail things. Some are on pension and cannot afford to send anything extra. The parcels are all opened first by customs officials, tied up again and sent to the orphanage. Here they are immediately opened by our request so they can check any chance of thievery. Then in most cases they are

put away until Christmas, unless some of the clothing is needed immediately. So we say, a thousand thanks to all who have helped in one way or another to make this the most blessed Christmas these children have ever known. The Homes all had their own Christmas programs, reciting, acting out and rejoicing in Christ's birth. Many for the first time had this experience, because of being on the streets begging, etc., they had never before had an opportunity to learn of Christ.

If you sent a parcel and have not yet heard that it arrived, please wait at least 3 months from date of mailing. Then write directly to the Superintendent of the Orphanage and inquire. Most parcels arrive in 6 weeks, but occasionally it takes 4 months or more.



STANDING: LEFT TO RIGHT: GORDEN AND SHARON RONNE, AND MYRA AND DAVID SWANSON  
SEATED: LEFT TO RIGHT: MR. SWANSON, PAUL, JONATHAN, MIRIAM

Friends and supporters of ESEA often ask about the family of our founder and director, Everett Swanson. The Swansons celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on December 20th (actual date was the 16th), when their whole family was home. Mr. Swanson has been separated from his family for a total of about 7 years, because of his evangelistic work in the U. S., Canada and foreign countries. He often says: "I would not be a traveling man for any one except Jesus Christ." He loves his family, home, friends and church very much.

The Swansons' 3 sons are all in the U. S. Army at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, having enlisted for 6 months' active duty and then to be in the Army reserve. David is a brick layer, Myra (his wife) is an office secretary. Gordon is a crane operator, Sharon has been a comptometer operator, but has just made her parents into grandparents! Jonathan (Jack) was in 2nd year of College when he "joined up." Paul is just out of high school. All are members of Central Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago.

Mr. Swanson began preaching when he was 15 years old. He is a minister of the Baptist General Conference (formerly Swedish Baptist) in which he has had two pastorates for 13 years, was Conference evangelist and held offices of trust on its Boards until God called him into full time evangelistic work in 1951. He now works interdenominationally with true Bible believers everywhere. His evangelistic tours in

Korea during the war and in other countries changed the whole course of his life.

As he left war-torn Korea the second time, a missionary said to him: "Mr. Swanson, you have again seen the tremendous needs and unparalleled opportunities in this land, WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO ABOUT IT?" That question the Holy Spirit burned so deeply into Mr. Swanson's heart that he began to "do something about it." The Baptist General Conference had sent him \$1000 for "relief" (many times more since). He, through a Korean missionary, bought a Korean house. This became the first orphanage (Puk Pyung—Faith and Love). Then he sent money over to buy land and build a dormitory to bring in the beggar boys off the streets. This was the second Home (New Life Boys and Girls Home).

With God leading step by step since 1953, with the help of many missionaries, and the faithful support of thousands of interested individuals and hundreds of churches and groups of many denominations, this work has grown until now ESEA is supporting 41 Homes with well over 3000 to care for. Scores of pioneer, church-building evangelists, literature translators, Bible Institute, Seminary and College students are being aided in getting out the blessed gospel and establishing new self-supporting churches across the land.

Here is Mr. Swanson's verse: "We preach not ourselves, but Jesus Christ the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake."—II Corinthians 4:5.

THE EVERETT SWANSON EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION does evangelistic work mainly in the U. S., Canada, and Korea. It is supporting orphanages, widows' homes, homes for lepers' children, scores of national evangelists, literature, evangelism, etc. Our work is interdenominational, Biblical, evangelical. It is incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois as a non-profit organization. All gifts to our work are recognized by the U. S. Treasury Dept. as deductible on your income tax report.

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## MANY NEW CHURCHES BEING ESTABLISHED

During the last several years ESEA, through its supporters, has been giving financial support to scores of Korean evangelists. Some are deacons, elders, Bible women and some ordained ministers. They are Baptists, Presbyterians, Methodists, Salvation Army and Holiness—all true Bible believing, gospel preaching servants of the Lord. They undergo many real hardships and privations in order to go into unevangelized areas. There they preach the gospel, distribute tracts, sell Bibles, visit in the homes and start services. At times they are severely persecuted by the Buddhists, Confucianists, or Spirit Worshipers.

These men are sponsored much like orphans. The sponsor receives his picture, life story, testimony and mailing address. Each month the evangelist sends a report to the sponsor telling of his work, progress being made, new converts, etc. It is a thrilling thing to have "my own full time missionary" working to bring Christ to heathen people.

We help these men for a maximum of two years. By this time most of them have a self-supporting church and have built and paid for a little chapel. We do not pay for buildings, although we have bought scores of used army tents for them to use in the beginning of a new work. Most of these men receive \$10 a month, but some because of the size of their families must have \$20. (Some are more gifted also.) We also are supporting a number of men working in literature translation and distribution work, students preparing for Christian work and traveling evangelists. If you would like to have your own missionary working for you in Korea, please write to us about it. We will make the arrangements. We know of no place where your missionary dollars will do more, if as much, so quickly and permanently.



Mr. Chun Dae Sun has been the successful evangelist in this place. Here is his fine church of new believers and their own chapel they built and paid for, all in two years' time.