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Isn't she darling?

## VISITED 34 VERY NEEDY HOMES

In my letter to you from Korea I said I expected to visit and investigate at least 26 Homes seeking our help and having about 1,500 children. But I actually investigated 34 orphanages with about 2,000 children, all in desperate need. Words could not describe some of the circumstances these children are living in. Now that the severe cold weather has come, I wonder how they can live!

ESEA has promised help for 10 of these orphanages that are truly Christian Homes. There are several hundred children. Thus far we have only 2 children sponsored. We have sent funds for temporary aid, but it only amounts to about \$1.00 per child! Many hundreds have been rounded up by the police this Fall and dumped in our orphanages. The new military government is working hard to remove all begging children

from the streets. Last week I received pictures and case histories of 65 new children in one of our Homes. Many, many more have come from other orphanages we support.



At the Seoul Airport a few minutes before I left, Superintendent Yoon of our Chunnam Christian Orphanage in Kwangju handed me the above picture of 150 boys. He said: "Last Sunday the police brought all these boys from the streets and told me to take them in and care for them." I said, "Where did you get the clothing for them?" (I knew they would be in rags when brought in.) He told me he borrowed the money. I gave him \$200 as emergency aid. But where would they sleep? He already had 310 children. We had just completed a new dormitory to relieve the crowded conditions. Now we must begin all over again!

As I look at the faces of these boys who have lived by begging, stealing, selling scraps of paper and junk, shining shoes, etc., I know Christ died for each one. I know GOD sent them in to us, that they might have a chance to hear the blessed gospel that Jesus Christ died for them as He died for me. I know they must be fed, clothed, housed and educated. I know, too, that somewhere God has people with COMPASSION who will sponsor one or more of them by sending in to us the \$8 a month it requires. Perhaps you are one of them.

I am enclosing a sheet of pictures that you may show your friends or choose from yourself. These are all from one of the new Homes we have promised to support. We have not yet received the papers of the 150 boys, but by the time you have this we expect to have them. We will be glad to assign one to you.

Please pray for us as we carry on this thrilling work through God's blessing and your loyal support.

Prayerfully in Christ,  
EVERETT F. SWANSON.

#### ORPHANAGE CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

Through many grants and loans we have been able to build many new dormitories, warehouses, dining rooms, bath houses, chapels and other buildings in 1961. Here you see the new dormitory being built at Forest and Lake Angels Orphanage in Pusan. This was a non-Christian Home until Mr. Swanson got the lady superintendent to agree to have a Bible School graduate live in the Home to teach the Bible to the children. Later Mr. Swanson led her to the Lord, and when all Board and staff members were Christians, ESEA took on its support.

There are yet so many very urgent needs in our 118 Homes. We need \$100,000 right now in our Building Revolving Loan Fund. We charge no interest to the Homes, but make a small deduction each month from their regular allotment. Interest rates in Korea are about 5% per month! If you have money or property you would like to "bank in heaven" and get "eternal dividends," here is a wonderful opportunity. Gifts to this fund, large or small, are much needed.

#### URGENT PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray for hundreds of additional sponsors of orphans.
2. Pray for 25 more native evangelist supporters. You support for \$10, \$15 or \$20, depending on the size of his family. Every month you receive a personal letter from him and a complete report of his work. A great blessing to you to have your own native missionary.
3. Pray for wisdom as we make preliminary plans for a FARMING—BIBLE TECHNICAL SCHOOL for our maturing orphan boys and girls. Extremely important for the future.
4. Pray that God may lead the right man to us to go to Korea as ESEA Field Director. This is very urgent. He may be a minister or a qualified layman.
5. Pray for funds or property for an ESEA office building. We own no property at present. The basement of Mr. Swanson's five room home has served as our office, but rapid growth has required several more workers to care for the daily mail. Something must be done immediately. Perhaps someone in the Chicago area or elsewhere has property they would like to give for this purpose. Call or write us SOON. Mr. Swanson will come and talk with you about it. Jesus said, "Ask and ye shall receive."
6. Praise God for His marvelous blessings and for problems caused by growing opportunities.

#### WHY ARE THERE STILL MORE ORPHANS?

We are receiving many abandoned children these days. So many people are without work and physical necessities, they are forced to abandon their children. Many commit suicide, go insane, succumb to disease. Here are some explanations of what happened to parents, copied from recently received case histories. "Killed by Communists," "Mother insane," "Died of TB," "Killed in Action," "Frozen to death," "Army car accident," "Starved to death," "Died in shipwreck," "Committed Suicide," "Parents unknown, found sleeping in orphanage garden," "Father died, mother killed in a fall while gathering brush for fuel on the mountain," "Died of leprosy," "Drowned in Typhoon flood," and so forth.

Yes, they are all innocent victims of tragedy. But to us, wonderful opportunities to show Christ's love, to lead them to the Saviour and to train them to be His servants in future years.

#### SUNDAY BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHERS

Herewith the Sunday School Bible teachers are pictured in one of the pioneer churches aided by a supporter of a native evangelist (center seated). This fine farm



Building under Construction



family in Nebraska is thus helping to establish a self-supporting church in this village where Christ has been unknown. The 210 evangelists ESEA is helping reported 3238 new believers during August, September and October. We now have pictures, testimonies and case histories of about 25 more men very much in need of help. Will you support one for two years? Support is \$10, \$15 or \$20 a month, depending upon the size of his family. Write us today.

#### MR. SWANSON HONORED IN KOREA

On October 25th while Mr. Swanson was inspecting ESEA work in Korea, the Korean government called him to the "Blue House" Presidential palace in Seoul and presented to him their highest honor, THE PUBLIC WELFARE MEDAL. Only 13 others have received this in Korea's history. In accepting the Medal, Mr. Swanson told President PO SUN YUN that he did not feel worthy of it, for so many others had helped to accomplish what has been done for the Korean people. Above all else, God had made it possible.

Dr. Jung, Minister of Health and Social Affairs, Mr. Peter Kang, ESEA Korean Secretary, and others were present. After the reading of the Citation and presenting the Medal, President Yun, himself an earnest Presbyterian layman, said warmly, "May God bless you." Here is the text of the Citation:



#### CITATION

In recognition and appreciation of his outstanding and meritorious service, I take great pleasure, in accordance with the powers delegated to me by the Constitution of the Republic of Korea, in awarding the PUBLIC WELFARE MEDAL to REV. EVERETT F. SWANSON. Rev. Swanson, evangelist and social worker, first visited our country during the Korean conflict in 1951 to observe and promote missionary work here.

Deeply touched by the plight of thousands of children, widows and wounded veterans who were innocent victims of this terrible war, he immediately appealed for help to the people of the United States of America. He also toured the front lines to preach the gospel to both Korean and United Nations' servicemen, giving them comfort and stimulating their morale.

For ten years, Rev. Swanson's devoted and unceasing activity on behalf of the Korean people has never wavered. He has not only exerted every effort in the construction of numerous welfare institutions and churches throughout the country but has provided the scholarship for needy students.

Rev. Swanson's warm-hearted humanitarianism and dedicated interest in the spiritual, social and physical welfare of our people, especially for our children, have earned our abiding appreciation, and his unselfish ministrations as a true apostle will never be forgotten.

Signed, P. S. Y.

#### DOES ORPHANAGE WORK PAY?

Look at these three fine young men. All of them are attending seminary, their tuition and expenses paid by their sponsors. I knew these nine years ago when, with many more beggar boys, they were first rounded up off the streets of Taegu (a whole truck-load), and brought into our new makeshift shelter, which became our New Life Boys and Girls Home. A fourth young man from the same orphanage, also in seminary, was not present for the picture.



These boys were about as rough a lot of ragamuffins as you could imagine. But Christ was brought to them. Their lives were transformed. Step by step through the daily Bible teaching in the Home, attendance at church services and reading, these young fellows have matured spiritually. Though orphaned by the war, they will go out to preach the gospel to their own people. Many more young people from our orphanages are now training in Bible Institutes, seminaries and colleges in Korea.



#### ORPHANAGE SUPERINTENDENTS MEET

In addition to visiting a total of 104 orphanages in his recent Korean tour, ESEA Founder-Director Everett Swanson called all the superintendents together for a conference. He reports that God blessed each session in a wonderful way. Announcements were made of the total of \$66,000 he brought for the WARM clothing program. Plans were laid for the distribution of the \$300,000 worth of vitamins and medicines soon to arrive.

These men and women are some of Korea's biggest hearted Christians. Some are ministers, doctors, elders, deacons and deaconesses. All agreed that ESEA has a blessed spirit of mutual love and Christian fellowship. Pictured here are less than one half the total. The photographer had to have two sittings. Only two were unable to come.

Later 200 ESEA aided evangelists met for a conference with much blessing. We expect to publish a picture of them in the next issue of COMPASSION.

#### INFORMATIVE BOOKLET ENCLOSED

We are enclosing a wonderful little booklet published by the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade, entitled "Insurance Against Communism." We urge you to read it carefully and then order more from the publisher to give to your friends and acquaintances. You will notice that ESEA has printed a brief message on the back cover.

#### OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLE

For we are on our guard, intending that no one should find anything for which to blame us in regard to our administration of this large contribution. For we take thought beforehand and aim to be honest and absolutely above suspicion not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.—II Cor. 8:20 and 21, Amplified New Testament

#### HAVE YOU MADE A WILL?

If you don't make a will YOU lose your last chance to give your possessions to those you wish to receive them. You should remember your dependents, your church and other Christian organizations.

Many have written saying they want to make provision for their orphan child through college or seminary, etc. Some have sent in an amount equal to what would be needed. Others have included an amount in their wills for this purpose. If you have done so, or plan to do so, be sure to bequeath it to The Everett Swanson Evangelist Association, not to the child. Then notify our office of your action and desire. We will place this on our records, and in the event of your death it will be used strictly in accordance with your wishes. Be sure to have a lawyer help you draw up your will. It costs very little, and is very important.

We are stewards of all that we possess. We can honor Christ even when we go to our eternal home. If you have questions, or if we can help you in any way, please write to us. Mr. Swanson will give it his personal attention.

If God moves upon your heart to include ESEA in your will, you will obey Him, won't you? Please do not do this because I ask you. This is God's work, so gifts and bequests should be made in response to His prompting. We want only what God wants and will trust Him now and for future years, if our Lord tarries. Amen.

#### IF YOU HAVE NOT YET FILED YOUR INCOME TAX REPORT!

Perhaps you did not know that all merchandise sent in parcels as gifts to the orphans or as general parcels to the Homes is income tax deductible. You may deduct the actual cost of new merchandise, the fair market value of used items and also full postage paid. Enter the entire amount on your form, stating that it was given to Everett Swanson Evangelistic Association Orphanage. It is not necessary to give the Korean address.

THE EVERETT SWANSON EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION does evangelistic work mainly in the U. S., Canada, and Korea. It supports orphanages, widows' homes, homes for lepers' children, a home for deaf-mute and blind 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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#### MY TESTIMONY

Miss Moon Kyung Hwa

It is eight years since I found Jesus Christ as my Saviour. When I think of how I lived as a Christian during that time, I cannot help dropping my head in utter shame.

Here is the story of how I became a member of the church. One day a friend of mine invited me to play ping-pong at a church near our home. I found it interesting, so I went there quite often, even though it was not on Sunday. I was in the second grade of Junior High School and was enjoying the winter vacation when a friend of mine, an orphaned girl, came to my house in the morning on Sundays, trying to lead me to the church. However, my family was a Buddhist family since my grandfather's time, so that I could never even mention about attending the church. So my friend had to go on to church alone each time she came to take me with her. But somehow I managed to go to church, telling my parents there was a special school lesson given at the church during vacation time.

Going to church on Wednesday evenings and on Sundays became delightful and joyful times for me and soon after that I found myself unable to keep from going to church. By this time my father took notice of my church attendance and did all he could to stop me. Then Christmas drew near and I was to attend the choir rehearsal for Christmas. No matter how severe the reproach of my father was, I kept going. My father even threatened to cut off my school expenses, but I won the good fight. By the time I graduated from Junior High School and entered High School, my parents' attitude toward my religious activities became mild and favorable.

My family was very poor. At mealtime we had to cry instead of to fill our bellies. My father fell ill of disease when I was in the second grade of High School. All these hardships in life, however, strengthened my faith in the Lord. They helped me to rely on Jesus more and more. On my way home from school in the afternoons I could hardly walk because of hunger. However, I thanked God for it, for had I been well off I might not have had enough time to seek the Lord. In the meantime my father's illness got worse and he died. He died unsaved, so that it was an added sorrow to me. But my mother accepted Jesus as her Saviour. Going to church with her and singing hymns together was a joy unspeakable.

Since I became a Christian, I have learned to pray and receive of the Lord, to love others, to lead others to Christ, and to overcome all kinds of hardship in life through Jesus Christ, for He cares for us.

In closing my poorly written testimony of faith, I want to say that I am putting my future life in the hands of the Lord and am determined to follow the way of God.

(Miss Moon is in Nurses' Training in a fine Mission hospital, supported by a fine family in California. Her mother is in our Great Light Widows' Home.)