

# Compassion

Published Bi-Monthly By COMPASSION, Inc.  
7774 Irving Park Road Chicago, Ill. 60634

I have Compassion on the multitude — I will not send them away. — Matt. 15:32



## DEVOTIONS IN COMPASSION ORPHANAGE

The chief purpose of Compassion is to win the lost to the Lord Jesus Christ, in Korea. This goal is accomplished in several ways. Compassion sponsored evangelists proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to multiplied thousands throughout the highways and biways of Korea week after week. Perhaps the most fruitful spiritual field, however, is found in the thousands of boys and girls in Compassion orphanages. Every Compassion orphanage is a truly Christian orphanage. The children are taught God's Word, and brought to personal faith in Christ. Chapel services are held at least once a day, and in many homes twice a day. Children at the Chinju Faith and Love Orphanage (above) are shown in prayer at their chapel service. Jesus said, "Suffer little children to come unto me . . . ."

# 75 Students Now Ready For College And Seminary Need Your Help

Word has just been received from Korea that 75 young people from Compassion orphanages will be ready to enter colleges and seminaries in March 1965. This is one of the greatest challenges imaginable. Most of these fine young people came into Compassion orphanages at a very young age. Now, they wish to progress with their education and prepare for the fullest and most effective Christian lives. This is the fruit of years of labor. Surely the means must be found to provide these dedicated young people with this opportunity.

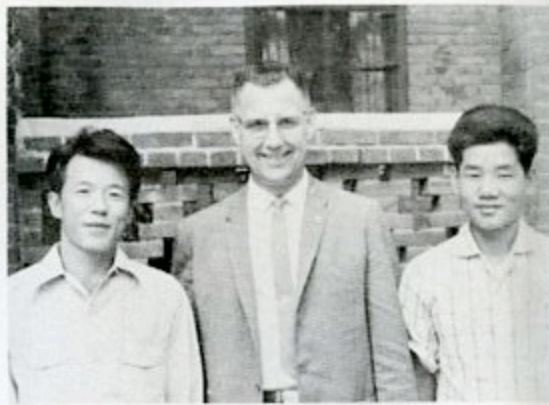
Fifty-five of this group have sponsors. These sponsors are being contacted by special letter, and they will have the opportunity to provide for their child's higher education. The remaining 20 do not have sponsors. They are in special need of assistance. If help is not provided, they simply will not have the opportunity to go to college or seminary. Surely there are many warm hearted Christians who will help with this very worthwhile need.

Of the 75, it is interesting to observe that 13 plan to enter seminaries in preparation for the gospel ministry or other phases of Christian work. This is clear evidence of the fine Christian training they received in the orphanages. The remainder plan to enter various fields including education, law, engineering, music, forestry, pharmacology, and others. In nearly every case the course of study will take four years to complete.

The actual total cost of providing a student with a college or seminary education is from \$23 to \$29 a month. In the United States it would cost at least 5 times as much! Imagine, you can actually provide a college or seminary education for one of these fine young people for such small amounts (plus 10% for administrative and translation expenses). Where else could so little accomplish so much?

In some cases a student might be able to get by with \$15 or \$20 a month and have a part time job. So please do not hesitate to reply if you cannot quite afford the full monthly support. It will even be possible to arrange for a co-sponsor. If you can afford \$10 or \$15 a month we will arrange for a co-sponsor and let you know the name and address of the other sponsor. Remember, Compassion has no undesignated funds to use for this purpose. High School graduation is next month, so a decision must be made immediately.

Please write our Chicago office today and let us know of your willingness to help one of these worthy students. Their future is truly in your hands.



Reverend Swanson during recent visit to Korea spent time with two fine seminary students he and Mrs. Swanson have supported for years.

## WARM PROGRAM BRINGS BLESSING



Thanks to many generous sponsors who supplied the WARM funds, the children of the Loving Light Orphanage will be warm and snug during the bitter Korean winter. Just look at the stacks of WARM clothing ready to protect little bodies from the bitter winter winds.

Today, during the coldest part of the winter season, thousands of boys and girls in Compassion orphanages are protected from the freezing weather because they received WARM winter outfits. This was made possible through the sacrificial gifts of many Compassion sponsors and friends. To each one who had a part in providing snug winter clothing for the precious children in the orphanages we say — THANK YOU!

More than 7,000 faithful friends of Compassion responded to the WARM appeal by sending slightly more than \$100,000. Although we have made an annual WARM appeal on behalf of the needy orphans of Korea for the past several years, this is the largest amount ever received. Needless to say, this generous response has brought untold joy to the orphanage superintendents and staff workers. Kim Maeng Kyoo, superintendent of the Eastern Brightness Christian Orphanage wrote, "We never cease praising the Lord for His blessing bestowed upon our orphanage. I wish to give my special thanks for the support and the WARM funds which we received in delightfulness and thankfulness."

In Korea there are no gas furnaces, no houses with storm windows, no heated school classrooms, and no thermostats to turn up to drive away the cold. We are very grateful that, in such a land, God has provided the means to supply WARM winter outfits for our orphans. (We still need several thousand dollars to repay what we advanced from our general fund—so, if you have not yet sent your WARM contribution please do so today.)

# FIRSTHAND REPORT FROM KOREA

By Mrs. Janet Forsyth



Mrs. Janet Forsyth and So Ja

*Mrs. Janet Forsyth is a member of the Board of Directors of Compassion of Canada, Ltd. She is the wife of Robert Forsyth, Treasurer of the Board of Directors of Compassion of Canada. Last October Mrs. Forsyth visited sixteen Compassion orphanages in Korea. After her return to Canada she wrote a letter expressing her reactions to what she saw. Her letter was so expressive and moving that we decided to share it with all the sponsors and friends of Compassion. Mrs. Forsyth wrote:*

In my recent trip to South Korea and 16 Compassion orphanages, I have been afforded a heart-rending experience for which I am humbly thankful to God.

My heart was broken to see the tremendous need, but quickly mended in the knowledge that in this paganistic, war torn, poverty stricken land, these children's lives and souls were being placed into the hands of Almighty God. Reverend Everett Swanson and Compassion have seen to this with Christian Superintendents and teachers who give them spiritual as well as physical nourishment.

It thrilled my heart to at last meet the young man who has become an important part of our family, our sponsored son, So Ja! They all look alike in some ways, just as we must do to them, but arriving by train at Kwangju in 5:00 A.M.'s darkness, one boy stood on the platform. I could have picked him out of a crowd as his face lit up and he came to me with open arms and said, "Hello Mudda!"

I questioned Mr. Nim Nam Shik, Superintendent of Treasure of Truth Christian Orphanage later that day about his background. He had an unusually difficult life of heavy work, parents killed by Communists, living as a beggar, starving and sick. It showed in his frail body, but not in his spirit. Seven years of tender Christian training had placed a drive in him to study endless hours in the hope that after college, seminary, and the compulsory three years of Korean Army, he might have the privilege of becoming a minister. His eyes glistened and a smile broadened as he commented about his life, "I am the luckiest boy in the world! I owe a great debt to God!"

As I waved goodbye and "com-som-meda" to my many new friends, I could not help but realize that, but for the grace of God, I would have been born in a mud hut of Korea instead of our beautiful land of Canada!

Yes, we are our brother's keeper!



A royal welcome will await you at the Kimpo International Airport when you arrive at Seoul. This is one of many wonderful experiences being planned for next Fall's Orient Tour.

## Compassion Orient Tour Scheduled

Definite progress has been made towards forming a Compassion Orient Tour group for next Fall — probably the first three weeks of October. Present plans call for several days in Japan and Hong Kong, as well as approximately one week in Korea. Of course, the Tour will provide each sponsor an opportunity to visit personally with his orphan!

Normally, tours of this scope cost about \$2,000. However, through very careful arrangements it appears that the cost of the Compassion Orient Tour will be between \$800 and \$1,000 a person, depending upon how many actually go. This sum covers jet air transportation, sightseeing trips, meals, and lodging. The only expenses not covered by the Tour price will be expenditures for souvenirs and other personal items. This is truly the opportunity of a lifetime!

Compassion had tentatively scheduled an Orient Tour for the Spring of 1965. More than 150 sponsors wrote and expressed a desire to be a part of this Tour. However, it became necessary to delay the Tour until the Fall of the year. Those who wrote expressing interest in the Spring Tour need not write again. However, all others should write at once. Reverend Swanson will personally accompany the Tour group. You will cherish for years the memories of a visit with your orphan, and the sights of the Far East. Return the coupon below TODAY to learn more about this grand opportunity. Your immediate response is extremely important.

Reverend Everett F. Swanson  
Compassion, Incorporated  
7774 West Irving Park Road  
Chicago, Illinois 60634

Yes, I am interested in the "Compassion Orient Tour." Please keep me fully informed as plans for the Tour develop.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

## DATES SET FOR THIRD ANNUAL BIBLE CONFERENCE

For the past two years a week long Bible Conference has been held in Korea for evangelists and orphanage superintendents. Many orphans and students have also had opportunity to take part in these Conferences. Great blessing has resulted from past meetings. The annual Bible Conference has been a deeply strengthening factor in the ministry of Compassion.

This year the dates of April 25 - May 1 have been set aside for the Third Annual Compassion Bible Conference to be held in Seoul, Korea. Every evangelist and orphanage superintendent will be invited. This means that nearly 600 will attend from these two groups alone. Of course, if each one of these dear servants of the Lord is to attend, funds must be made available to take care of the expense.

The average cost for attending the Bible Conference is only \$12 to \$15 a person. Most of the evangelist sponsors are glad to contribute this extra amount. However, this still leaves 175 orphanage superintendents whose expenses must be paid. It is our heart's prayer that this year many of our friends will send a general contribution to the Chicago office to help make it possible for every superintendent to attend. Just mark your contribution "Bible Conference" and it will be applied for that purpose. We hope that many will send the full \$15, but any amount — no matter how small — will be appreciated. Won't you please do it now, and know the joy of helping in this worthwhile program?



### YOU BROUGHT JOY INTO THEIR CHRISTMAS

The two orphans below are merely representative of thousands who were made happy this Christmas because of the thoughtfulness of their sponsors in providing them Christmas gifts. How much it means to a needy child — especially at Christmastime — to be remembered by someone who cares! To all Compassion sponsors and friends who helped make this the happiest Christmas ever for these lovely children we send our heartfelt thanks. Surely God will bless you richly for bringing joy into the lives of these little children.



## ORPHAN ITINERARY BRINGS GREAT BLESSING

"Only last Monday you were here in Rochester, and I cannot tell you how wonderful it was to meet and talk with you, and to see and hear those dear Korean children. I am so thankful that I have 'adopted' a little girl! For several months I thought I couldn't manage it . . . What care I if I never have another new thing to wear! It was wonderful to hear and meet Mr. Kang Ho Kil too. He is such a fine young man. Thank you again for coming to our city and for letting us share this with you." These words were



This group from Korea thrilled the hearts of audiences from Coast to Coast. Miss Sally Swanson (right) Compassion's missionary nurse accompanied the group.

written by a fine sponsor in Rochester, New York shortly after Reverend Swanson and the Korean orphans were there. This dear friend's comments are typical of the reactions of thousands of people who had an opportunity to meet the group from Korea during their recent series of meetings in more than sixty cities.

The itinerary began officially on September 6, 1964 at the Anchorage, Alaska airport when Reverend Swanson met the group from Korea. It ended with tears of joy mixed with sadness when the children departed from Chicago's O'Hare International Airport on December 1. During these three months the group traveled more than 17,000 miles, visited

more than sixty cities, presented their program more than eighty times, and appeared on numerous television and radio programs. They followed a hard schedule. They were not on a "joy ride" but on the Lord's business!

At the end of the itinerary more than 500 new sponsors had been found for needy Korean orphans. Freewill offerings taken at meetings paid for all expenses of the trip. Sponsors and friends were greatly encouraged as they heard firsthand of God's blessing upon the ministry of Compassion.

### BEST WAY TO OBTAIN NEW SPONSORS

Enclosed with this issue of COMPASSION you will find a packet of orphan photos. Experience has proven that these photo packets are real missionaries! Hundreds of new sponsors have been obtained through these packets. As you show them to your friends, church group, or Sunday school class, you can be a real missionary in obtaining new sponsors for many needy orphans. There are so many dear children without sponsors at the present time! Will you pray with us that new sponsors may be found, and then allow the Holy Spirit to speak to hearts through these photos as you show them? This is one of the most effective ways of obtaining new sponsors.



# Letters of Compassion

## SUPERINTENDENT THANKS SPONSORS

Dear Reverend Swanson: I am always glad to let you know that I received the monthly support and specially WARM fund with thanks. I could realize again that God supply all our needs if we ask to Him faithfully and sincerely. Reverend Swanson, thanks so much for all your hard workings for our children and at the same time I would like to express my thankfulness to all the staff workers at Chicago office and to all the kind sponsors. To me, all of these dear folks look like an angels.

*Shin Chi H, Superintendent  
Masan New Life Orphanage*

## DOING HIS BEST TO WITNESS FOR CHRIST

Dear Sponsor: It is wonderful to greet you in the love of God. I wonder how you are getting along. Thank you so much for your support which you send to me every month. I don't know how to express enough the full of thanks. I feel that I am insufficient, but I am doing my best to become a witness for Christ, thanking your constant love and prayers.

*Kim Tae Kyung  
Evangelist*

## LIFE SEEMS WORTHWHILE AGAIN

Dear Reverend Swanson: My life seemed useless since my children are all grown and on their own, and I have prayed to God to show me some way to make my life seem worthwhile again. Now I know He answered my prayer and has shown me the way . . . in sponsoring one of your children.

*Mrs. A. M. E.  
Costa Mesa, California*

## ABSORBED IN STUDY OF GOD'S WORD

Dear Sponsor: I am studying very hard to get gratifying results in school. To show good results is the fixed purpose of me. Finishing the seminary school I am going to be a pastor in charge of the church. How do you think of it? Thanks to your care and prayers, I am absorbed in study of God's Word and Jesus' teachings.

*Kwon Jung Yul  
Student*

## FILLED WITH COMPASSION

Dear Co-laborers: I have your papers concerning sponsoring an orphan. I am filled with compassion. I am from India, and I am studying here at State Engineering School. I plan to go back to my native land as a consecrated Christian engineer. Being a student I cannot help financially, and I regret that it is so. However, I assure you of my prayers and whenever I can, I shall give small contributions . . . Enclosed is a check for \$1. May God bless your ministry.

*Mr. C. I.  
Raleigh, North Carolina*