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REVEREND EVERETT F. SWANSON
December 13, 1913 — November 15, 1965

Founder of Compassion Called Home

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Reverend Swanson's life was so rich and full in Christian service that it is difficult even to begin to relate the many ways in which he was used by the Lord. Saved at the age of nine, he began preaching the Gospel in his early teens. Testifying and speaking at various meetings opened the door for a dynamic evangelistic ministry. After his marriage at the age of 21, he and his wife Miriam, embarked upon nationwide evangelistic work.

From evangelism he accepted the call to various pastorates. His pastoral ministry was highlighted by seven blessed years at the Central Avenue Baptist Church in Chicago, from 1944 to 1951. He resigned his pastorate

at this church to heed God's call to worldwide evangelistic work.

As he embarked upon his first worldwide preaching tour, he was moving fully in obedience to God's call. Only eternity will reveal the burden this man had for the souls of men. In Korea his heart was stirred as never before when he saw the desperate plight of this needy people. He had to return home and tell others of this need!

As others heard the story, a wave of prayer went up for Korea. God answered prayer, and a ministry was started which today is the largest of its kind in any single country of the world — the ministry of Compassion. Tens of thousands of orphans have found hope and salvation, hundreds of students and evangelists have been able to carry on, and an effective Christian literature program has been undertaken — all because of the obedience and dedication of Everett F. Swanson to the call of God.



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1. Reverend Swanson was an active administrator, as well as missionary statesman.

2. Thousands of starving, homeless children found compassionate care through Reverend Swanson's ministry.

3. Mr. Swanson initiated a program of support for more than a thousand evangelists, like "blind evangelist Pak" in the photo.

4. Wherever he went in Korea, seas of happy grateful children surrounded him and expressed their love.

5. Highest recognition came from the President of the Republic of Korea who personally awarded him the Korean Public Welfare Medal.

6. His happiest moments were visits to the orphanage, when the children would greet him.



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David Swanson

It was a Memorable Year

The year 1965 was one of blessing, heartache and rededication for those in the ministry of Compassion. Here is a review of the outstanding events in one of the most memorable years in the history of Compassion.

Yes, it was a memorable year. During 1965 many dramatic events took place within the ministry of Compassion. These events brought mixed reactions. Joy, praise, blessing, and sorrow were frequently intermingled. Yet, in all of these happenings there was a firm confidence in God who, "doeth all things well."

— **In April** the Annual Bible Conference was held in Seoul. Reverend Swanson attended accompanied by Conference speaker, Dr. Gordon C. Johnson. The four services a day averaged from 800 to 1,000 in each meeting. God blessed mightily.

— **In July** Reverend Swanson was sent to Mayo Clinic for a complete medical examination. He had been ill for several months. The doctors determined he had a brain tumor, and surgery was performed. The months that followed were difficult, but his testimony for the Lord grew stronger each day, even though his physical condition grew gradually weaker. He died on November 15. Even after his death his testimony was given expression in a triumphant funeral service.

— **In October** Mr. James E. Johnson was called as Stewardship Representative. His coming marked the establishment of a Stewardship Department for Compassion. This is a step that had been long envisioned as a means of furthering faithful stewardship.

— **In November** 113 sponsors and friends of Compassion undertook one of the largest pilgrimages ever accomplished to any mission field of the world. For three weeks these folks traveled throughout the Far East, with most of the time being spent in Korea visiting orphanages and viewing other phases of the many ministries of Compassion.

These are the outstanding events of the past year. We now look forward to the new year. It promises to be a year filled with hope and possibilities in service for our Lord Jesus Christ. May each of us yield anew to His plans and purposes in our labors for the Lord.

JAMES JOHNSON APPOINTED STEWARDSHIP REPRESENTATIVE

On October 15, 1965 Mr. James E. Johnson was called to the position of Area Stewardship Representative. In the following article Mr. Johnson discusses some of the privileges and responsibilities of Christian Stewardship.

Two years ago I became shockingly aware of the necessity of being a good steward, as at Los Angeles International Airport, I disembarked from an airplane, that I had boarded only hours before in the Christ-needy land of Korea. I couldn't remove the thought from my mind that it wasn't just for us to have so much, when Korea, only hours away, had so little. Here Bibles often gather dust; in Korea they gather souls. Here food is often wasted; there, for lack of it, people die. Here babies are cuddled and cuddled, and there they are abandoned on the street.

The Lord continually reminded me of the necessity of good stewardship, and how the scales can only be brought into balance by unselfish giving. Why is it that many people do not give more? Many are saving it for a rainy day, some fear for security in their old age, and others are not aware of how much is in their power to give.

Did you know there are a number of ways you can share, and still maintain the amount given for a rainy day? There are numerous ways you can give, and still have security in your old age. Have you ever considered what you really have in your power to give? For example, you won't need your home after you have left this world, for the Lord has gone before to prepare a place for you.

John 14:2—"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

Galatians 6:7—"... whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Luke 6:38—"... For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."

Proverbs 28:27—"He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack..."

Luke 11:41—"... give alms of such things as ye have..."

You cannot outgive God. He doesn't ask for more than He knows you can afford, but let Him determine what you can afford since He gave it to you.

Christian stewardship is not an obligation, but an opportunity. It is an opportunity to help in winning



Mr. James Johnson

On October 15, 1965 Mr. James Johnson joined the staff of Compassion as Area Stewardship Representative. Pray for a rich ministry for this dear servant of the Lord.

the lost to Christ. We read in Proverbs 15:22, "Without counsel purposes are disappointed..." So Compassion is now offering you a new service. "Stewardship Counselling," that your purposes may not be disappointed. If you would like information that will assist you in planning your will, write to me today at 7774 West Irving Park Road, Chicago, Illinois, 60634.



Dr. G. A. Hemwall, President of Compassion, led the daily morning devotions.

Tour members saw famous Mikimoto pearl divers at work in Japan.

Mrs. S. Wiren of Sacramento, California enjoyed photographing lovely Japanese garden scenes.

Philip Markley and Mrs. Anne Markley of Lansdale, Pennsylvania, before the Grand Shrine of Ise.

Mrs. Lucy Baker, Mrs. Ruth Beaumont, Miss Elizabeth Busching, and Mrs. Bertha Russell enjoy snack.



Frank Woodliffe and Glenn Cleveland of Blenheim, Ontario lived "Japanese style."

The temples and shrines of Japan reminded the group of the blessing of salvation in Christ.

In Kyoto, Japan Tour members saw traditional Japanese flower arranging ceremony.

These four Japanese Tour guides received gospel tracts and a true Christian witness.

All aboard for the world's fastest train! Tour members enjoyed ride at 150 M.P.H.



Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gilbert of Spencerport, New York enjoyed the beautiful Japanese gardens.

Compassion **Orient Tour** Report

For three wonderful weeks in November 113 Compassion supporters toured the Far East and visited their orphans in Korea. Here is the thrilling picture story of that joyful journey.



The Japanese choir at the Orient Asia Christian Crusade brought blessing during stay in Japan.

On November 5, 1965 one of the largest groups ever to visit any mission field of the world left for Korea, "the land of the morning calm." As the group boarded the airplane at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, Reverend Everett Swanson suddenly appeared on the scene. His son, Jack, had brought him from his hospital room only hours before, and now from his wheelchair he waved a happy goodbye to the tour members.

Who could know at that moment that just ten days

later Reverend Swanson would finally succumb to the malignant brain tumor which had been with him for so many months? This was a moment of victory and triumph. It was a moment he had prayed for and planned for, and now it was a reality. Surely God had been exceedingly gracious in causing him to recover sufficiently to see this dream come true.

The Compassion Orient Tour had been conceived as an idea nearly two years ago. Weeks and months of planning were necessary to bring the idea to fruition.

Indeed, if it had not been for the tireless efforts of Tour Director Robert Forsyth of Blenheim, Ontario, Canada this could not have been accomplished. Mr. Forsyth is also the dedicated President of Compassion of Canada. His wife, Janet Forsyth, not only assisted him in the Tour direction, but also acted as official Tour reporter, thus making possible this thrilling pictorial report of the Compassion Orient Tour.

From beginning to end it was evident that God's hand of blessing was upon the Tour. Sightseeing in



Dr. G. A. Hemwall, President of Compassion was wreathed with flowers on arrival in Korea.



Banners of "welcome" were displayed on all buses and in all hotels.



Lines of eager children greeted Tour members. They were thrilled to meet their "mommies and daddies."



Robert Clay of Anchorage spoke to the children through an interpreter.



The Vice Mayor of Pusan welcomed Robert Forsyth President of Compassion of Canada.



Newspaper, television and radio reporters were on hand at Seoul airport to welcome the Tour.



Tour director, Robert Forsyth, flanked by Korean police escorts, provided superb Tour organization.



At Pusan Children's Charity Hospital sponsors saw first-hand some of Compassion's medical work.



Rev. Robert Morgan, Compassion's Field Director addressed Tour members at banquet.



A visit to "Freedom House" in the demilitarized zone was an exciting experience.



The Korea Tourist Bureau did an excellent job of caring for the needs of the Tour members.



At every orphanage visited smiling, excited children awaited the arrival of sponsors.



At Seoul Mercy Life Orphanage sponsors saw for themselves how the children are cared for.



Mr. Robert Kinney presented check for \$987.09, on behalf of Tour members, for Christian literature.



Mr. Glen Bloom led in prayer at the U.N. Cemetery in the demilitarized zone.

Japan and shopping in Hong Kong were a joy and delight to all. The greatest thrill, however, was the time spent in Korea, and especially those precious moments when sponsors and children met.

After the Tour, Miss Nettie Harman of Los Angeles wrote to express her joy. She wrote, "This Tour was a wonderful and thrilling experience, one I shall always remember with pleasure.

"It was a grand group of people to begin with. We had devotions almost every morning, and I wish you

could have heard the singing. On the motor coaches as we traveled along we sang hymn after hymn. Mr. Bloom, on our bus, sang "How Great Thou Art." They were a jolly group, and there was much kidding and laughing.

"The Korean Christians are devout, and they consider church attendance a great privilege. When they enter church they show reverence by refraining from visiting and by bowing their heads in prayer. I did not meet Kyung Ja (my orphan) until the last Friday

of our Korean visit. I am glad I had to wait until the last weekend, for that was the climax of the Tour in Korea!"

Yes, it was a blessed experience. It brought joy and encouragement to those in Korea, and it brought blessing to the lives of the Tour members. Surely this Tour will bear fruit for Jesus Christ for years to come! If these photos have aroused your interest, you will be delighted to know another tour is being considered for 1967.



Youngest Tour member, Miss Kim Forsyth, was fitted for her own Korean dress.



Sponsors saw the boys at Eastern Light Orphanage making lovely hand carvings.



Miss Mildred Huntey of Auburn, N.Y., hugs her little Lee Jong Pyo.



Mrs. Pauline Henard of Evanston, Illinois proudly hugs little Jay Yung Hyun.



A flower bouquet was presented to Mrs. Bertha Russell by Superintendent and orphan.



Miss Ella Skelton of Salem, Oregon brought 25 doll dresses for children at the orphanage.



Mr. Joseph Alcock of Covina, California enjoyed playing ball with the orphans.



Miss Shirley Bourquin, a devoted teacher, is the happy sponsor of six children.



The superintendent and his family were on hand to greet Mrs. Bertha Tillotson.



Three year old Lee hae Soon is greeted by her happy sponsor, Mary Ann Ahlstrom.



Mrs. Harry Sparks presented a supply of diapers to the superintendent of Weaver Memorial Hospital.



Mr. Elmer Wahl of Oklahoma City was warmly greeted by two happy boys.

The Joy of Being Together!

The greatest thrill of the entire Tour was when sponsors and children met for the first time. Tears of joy flowed freely. It was an experience never to be forgotten.



Tour members enjoyed services at the famous Young Nak Presbyterian Church in Seoul.



Lillian Trimble met her Shin Sang Hui at the Pajoo Christian Orphanage.



Mrs. Nancy Pope of Lexington, Kentucky received a corsage from her Lee Hong Soon.



Kim Yung Moon is proud to be sponsored by Miss Delores Bode.



Mrs. Isabelle Swank was thrilled to spend the day with her precious children.



Mrs. S. McInroy and Mrs. N. Cornell are excited co-sponsors of Im Jong Kyun.



A corsage for "mother" as Mr. and Mrs. Lonzo Maxville met their boy.



Superintendent and child greeted Mr. and Mrs. Harold Forsberg of Stratford, Connecticut.



Miss Marie Woodard of Whittier, California and Lee Pil Soon met at the Kwangju Airport.



Superintendent introduced Miss Mabel Ellis of Denver, Colorado to her "son."



Three delighted sponsors! Joyce Palm, Mrs. Eleanor Ore and Mrs. L. R. Stoner.



Mrs. Harry Sparks is the sparkling sponsor of Pak Kee Ok.



Together at last! Mrs. Fern Johnson warmly hugs her beloved "Moonbeam."



Kim Jin Moon sparkled with joy when he met Mrs. Ivah Perry of Broadview, Illinois.



Welcome kisses were showered upon Mrs. Helen Auferheide by her two children.



Roy Miller of Walla Walla, Washington is the exuberant sponsor of these two darlings.



It was a happy moment when Leola Dougherty of Denver, Colorado met her "son."



Mr. and Mrs. John Cart of Van Nuys, California met their "daughter" at last.



A long awaited meeting climaxed the Tour for Mr. Edwin Lambrecht of Grandview, Washington.



Myrtle E. Berglund was greeted by the superintendent and his family.



Glen Cleveland of Blenheim, Ontario, Canada met his "sister" at Pajoo Christian Orphanage.



Vonda Lou Rogne of Stanley, N. D., was greeted by three lovely children.



Mrs. S. Campbell was greeted by orphanage staff members and her orphan boy.



Helen Deerberg of Indianapolis, Indiana cuddles her orphan Kim Sam Re.



There were tears of joy when Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey DeGraw of Worthington Ohio met their "son."

More **Four** Highlights

Tour members shared countless wonderful experiences. Sightseeing, moments of leisure, and the excitement of strange lands were all part of the Compassion Orient Tour.



Mrs. Violet Sigerist and Mrs. Muriel Kramer were delighted to use chopsticks.



Compassion's missionary nurse, Miss Sally Swanson, was interviewed by radio news reporter.



These four lovely sponsors took time out for sightseeing in Hong Kong.



This group of sponsors enjoyed dinner at Tay Pak Floating Restaurant in Hong Kong.



Mr. Lee Stoner of Markleton, Pennsylvania enjoyed conversation with Compassion staff workers.



Boat ride in Hong Kong harbor was an exciting experience for Tour members.



Shopping and sightseeing in Hong Kong made the days seem far too short.



The memorial service for Reverend Everett F. Swanson was a triumphant meeting.



Last stop before home was Hawaii. Here amid the swaying palms, under the bright Hawaiian sky, the group gathered for one last "goodbye"—the end of a blessed trip.

JOY THROUGH THE TEARS

Yes, there was joy through the tears as word reached the Tour group of Reverend Swanson's Homegoing on November 15. A memorial service was held in Seoul on November 20, and Mrs. Janet Forsyth, Tour Reporter, wrote the words she felt Reverend Swanson would speak if he were present . . .

"My dear Christian Friends whom I have left behind, I am deeply grateful today. Our Lord, in His wisdom, placed you dear sponsors in Korea to be with the superintendents and workers at the time when I was called to Heaven. I thank Him for the comfort it has given to them!

"Do not wish me back or mourn for me! My work complete, I am with my Lord at last, present with Him forevermore. Praise His Name.

"Those who remain to continue the work our Lord started through me, please carry on. There is much to do, and the future of our beloved orphans remains with you.

"I know now, from this side of the valley, God's blessed plan, and I thank Him for giving me faith to trust in His will and wisdom. God be with you 'till we meet again!"

From the feet of Jesus!
Everett F. Swanson



KIM JONG SUB—Though he was severely persecuted for becoming a Christian, he is now preaching the Gospel. (\$10 a month).



LEE SANG KYOON—In an area of 1,200 population this fine young man is faithfully "holding forth the Word of Life." (\$10 a month).



JANG DONG KOOK—Although he is married and has three children, this man is giving himself unselfishly to preaching the Gospel. (\$15 a month).



KWAK HUN YUNG—This man escaped from Communist North Korea and now has a small church in South Korea. (\$20 a month).



KIM DONG HUN—At great personal sacrifice this servant of the Lord is carrying out an extensive ministry of evangelism. (\$20 a month).



OH JOO BONG—In a pioneer church, and with a wife and six children to support, this evangelist is doing a wonderful work (\$20 a month).



SUH CHANG HEE—This evangelist needs support for his family of six so he can continue his ministry of preaching and evangelism. (\$20 a month).



KIM JUNG SHIK—This faithful servant of the Lord pastors a church in a rural area at great personal sacrifice. (\$10 a month).



LEE HAE CHUNG—A dedicated student of the Word of God, this young man is seeking to make Christ known. (\$10 a month).



BAK JUNG SOO—In a community where there are not more than a handful of Christians this young man is at work. (\$10 a month).



LEE CHANG HEE—This devoted evangelist works among farmers, preaching Christ under conditions of extreme poverty and hardship. (\$10 a month).



SUNNO HEE—Among idol worshippers in a rural area, this married evangelist is laboring faithfully for the Lord. (\$15 a month).



KIM JIN PYUNG—Here is a married evangelist who is preaching the message of salvation in the midst of Confucianism and superstition. (\$20 a month).

These Evangelists are ready to Preach

BUT THEY NEED YOUR SUPPORT if they are to have the opportunity to evangelize Korea.

Many friends of Compassion do not realize that they can provide support for a native evangelist for only \$10 to \$20 a month! Imagine, you can actually sponsor your own missionary for just about fifty cents a day. Normally, a single evangelist needs \$10 a month, and a married evangelist \$20.

Compassion provides support for native evangelists for a maximum of two years. After this time most of them become self-supporting and have their own church building erected and paid for. But they do need help to get started in the

meantime. Of course, if for any reason a sponsor finds he cannot continue support for two years, he need only notify the Chicago office and return the sponsorship papers.

Every evangelist sponsor receives a monthly report on the activity of his worker. These reports bring much blessing as the evangelists tell of the way God is working to save souls in Korea. We do pray that God will lay this burden heavy on the hearts of many so that the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ may be declared in Korea. Won't you choose one of the evangelists on this page right now to be your missionary? Please act today.



SUNG JOO HO—Once a "savage sinner," in his own words, this man is now thoroughly dedicated to serving the Lord. (\$20 a month).



SONG DOO KYOO—Born into a Christian home, this evangelist has dedicated his life to the preaching of the Gospel. (\$20 a month).

● TO SUPPORT EVANGELISTS CLIP AND MAIL TODAY ●

Compassion, Inc.
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I want to sponsor a Korean native evangelist. My Choice is _____
If this evangelist has been chosen when this arrives, I will sponsor a similar evangelist.

With God's help I will send \$ _____ a month to Chicago office. Enclosed is support for [] first month, [] one year (annual payments reduce bookkeeping costs).

I would like more information. Please send me the pamphlet "Information about supporting your own native Korean missionary."

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP CODE _____

Oh, East is East and West is West and ~~never~~ the twain shall meet... KIPLING

These excerpts from letters demonstrate once again that East and West can be one in our Lord Jesus Christ.

I have been meaning to write to you for some time to let you know what happiness my twelve year old sponsored daughter is bringing me. I feel my life has a purpose now, and I look forward to her sweet letters.

Mrs. M. M. K.
Santa Barbara, California

Our church will never forget your favor. At first I worked in a tent church for a year without any salary or income. Later I received support from you through the effort of Compassion. Now our church has many organizations, and is going all right. God has blessed us in many ways.

Hong Soon Bok
Evangelist #861

I am thankful that you accepted me as your adopted son. It is a real privilege and honor to be your son and to have you as my wonderful mother. I received your support money through Compassion office. Thank you so much for it. I will do my best as your son in order not to disappoint you.

Kim Kee Sun
Student #149

Here I would like to express my profound thankfulness toward you and the kind sponsors for sending us such precious WARM fund so early. I could prepare warm clothing with it for our children.

Choi Yoon Ae, Superintendent
Zion Christian Orphanage

It certainly was gratifying to learn that Yoon Sun Ye's church is now self-supporting and, therefore, she no longer requires my financial support. I would be interested in sponsoring the leper evangelist you mentioned in your letter and will look forward to receiving papers on him.

J. S. C.
Dhahran, Saudi Arabia

I thank God because our children are able to live in peace and happiness in Christ. Specially I would like to express my deep gratitude to the sponsors and to you for your Christian love and help.

Shin Chi Il, Superintendent
Masan New Life Orphanage

When my Songdo Church in Inchon was suffering from financial difficulties, Compassion came to the support of me. Compassion helped me for two years, and Songdo Church has become a self-supporting church. If I had not received help from Compassion for two years, my church would not be a self-dependent church now. Great was your help to my ministry. I have a taste for the soul winning!

Lee Lak Joo
Evangelist #783

I am enclosing a check for \$100 for the Warm winter outfits for Korean children. May God richly bless the wonderful work you are doing. I am happy with the letter I received from my orphan whom I am sponsoring.

Mrs. J. W., *Chicago, Illinois*



Letters of Compassion

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