

Compassion



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



In Korea, COMPASSION cares for more than 20,000 children—all kinds of children. Some are wonderfully healthy, and some are blind, lame, crippled or mentally handicapped.

I want to tell you about a little boy by the name of Joo Jong Tae, who lived in a very large orphanage in southwest Korea. He was so hopelessly crippled by polio when a baby that he could only sit on the ground, or scoot himself along with his arms. The children considered him marked by God because he was lame. Sometimes they would be cruel and tease and make fun.

Then one day a COMPASSION nurse, Miss Molly Holt, came to

The LAME are Healed

this home. Molly is the daughter of Mr. Harry Holt, founder of the Holt Adoption Agency. She has a heart as large as all of Korea, and takes in every child she thinks needs help.

Jong Tae immediately attracted Miss Holt's attention. After looking at his limbs and their bone formation, she decided that he might be operated on, and with proper care might learn to walk and be like any other child. She then talked to the superintendent and received approval to take Jong Tae into the city of Kwang Ju, in southwest Korea, where there is a fine Presbyterian Hospital and a COMPASSION orphanage nearby.

So, loading Jong Tae into her Japanese station wagon, Molly



Miss Molly Holt and Joo Jong Tae.

bumped the 46 miles of rough roads into Kwang Ju and there persuaded the superintendent of the Canaan Widows Home to take him in while he was being treated.

When the doctors first looked him over, they decided there was little they could do. They did say, however, that a specialist in bone surgery was coming from the United States, and they would let Jong Tae stay in the hospital until the visiting surgeon arrived. When the doctor came, he examined Jong Tae and said, "Here is an unusual bone formation that we don't see in the United States very much, and I think maybe we can do something for this boy."

So, they arranged for a very complex operation that would cost probably a thousand or fifteen hundred dollars in the United States. This man performed the surgery, and Jong Tae was given the very best care. He was immobilized until the bones had all knitted together and the false joints they had prepared were ready to receive his weight. Then, a little at a time, Jong Tae was allowed to move about. First, just in bed, then he could sit up, and finally was allowed to get down on the floor.

"... LOVE NEVER GIVES UP."

I Cor. 13:7 (Good News translation)

Jong Tae couldn't stand without help, however, because his right leg was too weak and the muscles were so far gone. Miss Holt, true to her profession, took him all the way across Korea to the city of Pusan, where a company manufactures braces to fit small legs. With money from his sponsor and others, Jong Tae was soon fitted with braces. Much to his surprise and joy, he could stand up. Jong Tae was a very proud and happy boy.

When he went back to visit his original orphanage, the children marveled that this boy whom they had seen scooting around on the ground had suddenly come back walking on his own two feet. They praised COMPASSION's nurses very much.

Jong Tae still lives in the Canaan Widows Home in Kwang Ju. His fine sponsor gave him a birthday present of ten dollars, which purchased a tricycle. He likes to ride, and it does his legs a great deal of good. He can walk now, and he is quite proud to show everyone who comes along how good this brace is and how well he can use it.

As his legs grow, he will have to go back periodically to Pusan to have the brace made larger. And, of course, the more he uses his legs, the more they become alike. Though he may wear a brace the rest of his life, at least, due to the love of an American nurse, he is a happy, healthy, normal, walking boy who can now go to school and enjoy playing with other boys. Though he may never play football, he can hold his own in a land where a malformed limb can mark anybody as having been cursed of God.

Rev. Henry L. Harvey

INTRODUCING A NEW STAFF MEMBER

Reverend Donald J. Smith,
recently of Porterville, California,
has been named by COMPASSION
as Director of Stewardship
and Promotion.



Born in Hammond, Indiana, he spent most of his youth in East St. Louis, Illinois, then graduated from Campbell Union High School, Campbell, California, in 1947. From Olivet Nazarene College, in 1951, he received an A. B. degree with major in Philosophy. Continuing his education, he was graduated from the Nazarene Theological Seminary in 1956.

Mr. Smith has pastored four churches: Deepwater, Missouri; Atchison, Kansas; Elgin, Illinois; and for the past 3-1/2 years, the Porterville, California Church of the Nazarene. During that time he has directed many district youth programs and served on several district boards, and most recently the Central California District Advisory Board.

We welcome Rev. Don Smith with his wife and four children to a rewarding association with COMPASSION.

COMPASSION EXPANDS

into the Caribbean...

HAITI — DOMINICAN REPUBLIC — PUERTO RICO — JAMAICA

Many parts of the Caribbean area are characterized by poverty, disease and overpopulation. During a recent survey trip, COMPASSION Administrative Director Everett L. Franklin consulted with missionar-

Rev. Franklin and Dominican friend.



ies, government officials and private citizens concerning child-care work. Here and on the following pages, he shares with you some of the facts and observations which indicate that COMPASSION'S ministry should be expanded into the Caribbean area, and in time on into other parts of Latin America.

HAITI

A unique island indeed, Haiti cannot be compared with any other country in the world. Within 10,000 square miles (about the size of the state of Maryland) are 5-million people—or, 500 for each square mile. The average annual income is \$60 per person (just \$5 a month). Malnutrition can be seen everywhere, and leads to diseases of

OPPORTUNITIES in the Caribbean . . .

every kind. One of the most prevalent among children is TB of the spine. On every hand I met little children in need of medical care.

While in Haiti, I visited three institutions that COMPASSION is now supporting on a sponsorship basis. These include a crippled children's hospital, a girl's orphanage and a boy's orphanage. We have also been asked to help support children in a very large hospital and school for the handicapped in the

of fathers being killed during that war.

The Republic has a yearly birth-rate ranked among the highest. Just to keep pace with the growth in student population, educators claim two new classrooms and two new teachers must be added every day from now to the year 2000—when the population is to exceed 12-million.

There are needy children every-

In a personal visit to a housing area, I was in the home of a mother and four children who have no father and must exist on a total of \$60 per month. Since this must cover food, rent, clothing, education and medical care, you can see how great is the need for financial assistance. It was a very heart-moving experience as I talked with little Noemi Rivera (see photo) and her family. During further investigation, I saw many, many children also in need of a sponsor's help.

As of this date, COMPASSION has approved the support of two homes. One of these is operated for deaf children and is staffed by foreign personnel who are also deaf, yet willing to share their training with these needy Jamaican children.

After having served as a missionary on the impoverished island of Haiti for three years and then observing first-hand the great physical and spiritual need of children in other Caribbean areas, I am re-



Destitute living conditions in Dominican Republic.



Rev. Franklin visits hospital and school in Haiti.



Getting an education in Haiti. ▶



Crippled girl rehabilitated in Haiti.



Medical care in Haiti.



Noemi Rivera of Puerto Rico.



Crippled girl in Haiti knows a sponsor's loving care.

Orphan boys at work in Dominican Republic.



Church and school for orphan boys in Dominican Republic.

capital of Port-au-Prince (see picture). And, we have been asked to support some Christian workers on a sponsorship basis.

Physical and spiritual help for needy children is perhaps more urgent in Haiti than in any other country of the Western hemisphere.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Occupying two-thirds of the island of Hispanola in the West Indies, this small Caribbean country has not yet fully recovered from the Civil War of 1965. Many of the institutions visited were opened, and many of the children I spoke with were placed there, as a result

where. Visiting many areas, I was cordially received by missionaries and government officials. One Dominican doctor said, "I want to thank COMPASSION and its sponsors for offering to help us care for our needy children."

PUERTO RICO

This beautiful island has its measure of affluence, but on the other hand, there is great need in the area of child-welfare programs. A former San Juan juvenile officer, now superintendent of a boys' ranch, told me, "Our hope for the future lies in the immediate care of homeless and needy children."

JAMAICA

Forming a part of the West Indies group, the island of Jamaica lies about 90 miles south of Cuba. Most Jamaicans earn a living by farm labor. Over 250,000 students attend the elementary schools and the government is attempting to assume a good deal of the burden of child welfare. Nevertheless, as I visited institutions and listened to missionaries and local officials across the island, we received many requests for the support of homeless and needy children.

minded of the scriptural admonition to each of us—"Take care of orphans and widows in their suffering."

It is certainly a joy to share with you, our COMPASSION sponsors, a report concerning this new venture into the Caribbean, and in the future, on into Latin America. We solicit your prayerful concern that many new friends will join our family of COMPASSION sponsors and enter into the thrilling experience of personally sponsoring a child or Christian worker.

Everett L. Franklin

REV. HARVEY VISITS —

Chen Su Lan Orphanage in Singapore

One does not think of Singapore as being a land of orphanages, and it really is not. But, that doesn't mean there are not parents who die and leave little children all by themselves. One of the church organizations in the city (through the generous donation of a very wealthy Singaporean) has built a beautiful orphanage on the outskirts of town. It is situated on about six or seven acres of land and is named "Chen Su Lan" for a famous person of the city.

Part of the expenses are defrayed by the Methodist Church in Singapore, which gives a certain number of offerings per year. Because it is indeed expensive to run an orphanage in Singapore, COMPASSION has the wonderful privilege of sponsoring these fine children.

As you can see from the pic-



Rev. Harvey with boys.

tures, some of the children are Indian, some are Chinese, and a few are Malaysian—the local tribesmen of the mainland just opposite Singapore. Both the superintendent and her assistant are Chinese. Both speak English, and the superintendent is a very highly trained and educated woman. The motivation in this orphanage is very great to see that the children are prepared for life, and that everything is done in order to make the home seem like a real home.

The buildings are built on the cottage system. Some six or seven children, and not more than twelve, live in one home with a mothering

lady. Each is quite like a real home, except that all cottages join together for at least one and sometimes two meals a day. There is a great feeling of brotherhood and sisterhood among the children living in this particular home. In the pictures you can see by their faces that they are indeed a happy and healthy lot.

I think the general health and body build of these children in this home is the best I have seen in almost any home anywhere in the Orient. We were certainly delighted to see the vivaciousness of the children—just like you would find in the States. In so many orphanages in the Orient, we notice that the children have no desire to be mischievous—simply because they have barely enough strength to live and to get along from day to day. Not so at Chen Su Lan! The children have meat quite often, and they live well in comparison with the surrounding countryside.

We were treated very much like royal visitors when we arrived at the home. We were given instant coffee and tea, as well as biscuits and cookies, and many things which showed this home to have more affluence than some homes in the



A happy group of children.

Orient. We could also see that the COMPASSION support was being used to buy books for the children who go to school and clothes, so that they compare well with other children in the school.

Chen Su Lan is not a large home. It has only some thirty children. But, it is a delightful place to visit. If you should ever go to Singapore, you might look up the Chen Su Lan Home and see just what is being done for the children of Singapore.

Miss Lim Cheng Kiok, Superintendent with her assistant and Rev. Harvey.



Korean children welcoming 1969 Orient Tour Group. (See back page)



4th COMPASSION TOUR TO THE ORIENT

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