

Compassion

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Eight Celebes girls live in this boarding house, Etty Hostel, while attending high school.



Asian youth go Back to Classes

" 'Tis education forms the common mind; just as the twig is bent the tree is inclined." Pope

Like Alexander Pope, Compassion also believes education plays a vital role in the lives of youth. The training we give our children today will form their character and control their future.

Here are several stories that show how Compassion is helping youth in Asia receive an education.

JUST GIRLS

In the Celebes, an island of Indonesia, high schools are very scarce. Elementary and middle schools are located in most areas, but the good high school is only

found in larger towns. Many of our children cannot continue their education because of a dual expense: the rising costs of a high school education, and the high cost of boarding and rooming in another town.

Ronny Wangke, Compassion's Celebes representative, has an answer. In January, 1974, with aid from the Education Fund, Ronny rented the building next to his home in Tondano and started the Etty Hostel for village girls. Then Ronny and his wife Hans became the house parents.

Compassion-supported girls from surrounding villages who are top students in their classes and who have graduated from middle school (9th grade) are eligible.

Eight girls are now living in the Etty Hostel and attending high schools nearby. Seven attend the Teacher Training Senior High School in Tondano.

One of the girls, Raty Suseno,



It's off to school, down the same dirt road six days a week, eleven months a year.



Raty commutes by bus to Economics Senior High School where she is studying pre-college subjects plus all phases of home-making.

commutes daily to the top senior high school in the Celebes, nine miles from Tondano. She received a scholarship from the Indonesian government because of her high scholastic achievements, and she currently ranks sixth out of 300 students.

The girls' routine, Monday through Saturday, is a busy one.

They arise at 4:30 a.m. for early morning prayer time. From 5:00 to 6:00 they clean their rooms and do other household chores. Breakfast is eaten at 6:30 with their house mother and dad.

At 7:00 a.m. seven girls walk to school; Raty rides a bus. They attend classes until 1:00 p.m. Back at the hostel a hot lunch is



Doing homework together makes the task more enjoyable.

waiting for them. From 2:00 until 6:00 the girls study, play a little, and just relax.

Every Tuesday afternoon the girls attend a two-hour Bible study, and every Thursday, a two-hour English lesson.

They eat supper at 7:00 p.m. and then study again until 9:00. After devotions they turn off the lights and climb into bed, tired, of course, but happy for the opportunity to attend high school.

The girls are active in church activities, too. Every Saturday evening they attend youth meetings at the church just across the street. On Sunday morning they each teach a Sunday school class. The girls enjoy singing and have organized their own hostel choir, singing at church services each Sunday.

This is just one example of what special contributions to our Education Fund can do. The returns on such an investment can never be measured. □

Young Christians train for service

Five Sumatran girls are among the 15 students who received the Compassion scholarships in Indonesia this year.

These young ladies are attending the Bible School in Pemanang Siantar, Sumatra, where they are studying to become better Sunday school teachers, or possibly Bible evangelists, and very definitely (if they can arrange it) pastors' wives. (Incidentally, this is a requirement to become a pastor's wife).

All the girls are Christians and have turned their lives over completely to the will of the Lord. □

Rev. S. M. Panggabean, Compassion representative in North Sumatra, (left) is proud of these girls who are attending Bible school.



Found — one bright miss

Saartje had to quit school before she completed 6th grade because her widowed mother could not afford to send her to school.

Then one day she received the wonderful news that she now had a Compassion sponsor. When she went to pick up her first support check, Mr. Wangke tested the bright-eyed little Indonesian miss



Saartje surprises Ronny Wangke, Compassion representative in the Celebes, by answering senior high math questions.

and found she was able to answer difficult mathematical questions more quickly and accurately than any junior high or senior high student he had ever tested.

Now Saartje is back in school.

If it had not been for Compassion, Saartje would have been doomed to a life of baby sitting, and later of washing other people's clothes, cleaning someone else's house or selling in the market.

But Compassion found her. Through the sponsorship program and the Education Fund, Saartje will now continue her education and we will make sure she goes as far as she is capable. □

Happiness is attending school

Seventy-five Korean boys and girls enrolled in middle school last year as a result of the Compassion Scholarship Fund. I wish you could read all their letters of appreciation. Here is an excerpt from the letter of Jung Chang Rae

in Eternal Hope Christian Orphanage in South Korea.

"I can't express my joy of being a Compassion student in a middle school. My superintendent and the Compassion Scholarship Program have done such a great favour to me. I made up my mind to study hard to meet your expectations. I was the top student in my class, and it gives me confidence in my study. I am as happy as those who are studying under their own parents." □

Compassion scholarship is well invested in Jung Chang Rae, top student in his class.



Special Report to Sponsors

Compassion needs your help!

Right now, our overseas staff reports that 3500 needy children are currently waiting for our help. *3500 precious little lives . . . each desperately poor, very desperately needy.* We urgently need to find



sponsors for these children. *Will you help us?*

Most of these children are living from day to day on purely an "existence" level . . . your heart would ache to see how they live. Because you sponsor a child, I know you share our concern for little ones in need. That's why we are turning to you for help.

Perhaps you have a friend, relative, or someone with whom you work who would enjoy helping a child as a Compassion sponsor. One of the most important ways you can help us is to share Compassion with your friends . . . and at this particular time we would be so very grateful for any new sponsors you could find for us.

To make it easier for you we've prepared a special information packet that you can use to give to your friends. It includes a brochure, application card, and a postage-paid return envelope—all packaged in a handy folder entitled "Here's how you can care for a needy child."

Please be sure to request as many of these packets as you feel you can use. They are free, of course, and we'll be more than happy to mail them to you.

By sharing Compassion with your friends, you can be a vital part of our ministry, and perhaps one, two, or even more needy children will come under Compassion's care as a result.

Please write today — we need *your help.*

Christmas gifts for your child

About this time of the year we receive many requests from sponsors asking, "May I send a Christmas package to my sponsored child?"

We are sorry to answer, "NO!"

We ask that you **DO NOT SEND ANY PACKAGES** to your child or to this office for several reasons:

1. Many packages become lost in a foreign postal system.
2. Contents are often pilfered.
3. Strict custom regulations will not allow many items to be brought into their country.
4. Excessive amount of duty charged by foreign governments often exceeds the value of the package. Your child is very poor and cannot afford to redeem the package at any price.

So the quickest and safest way to send a gift to your child is to **SEND A MONEY GIFT** through Compassion's office.

We will forward 100% of your gift directly to your child. Concerning the purchase, it's best to leave the choice of what to buy up to the project supervisor or staff worker. He'll know best what is available to buy, and what your child needs.

You may send a check for the amount you wish to give. (Limit per child: \$10 for Korea and U.S.; \$5 for all other countries.)

The gift money should be received by our Chicago office, eight to ten weeks before date for which the gift is intended.

That means that gifts for this Christmas should be received by our office *by October 15*, in order to assure arrival on time.

There are two exceptions to our \$5 limit. If your child lives in an institution, you may give additional money (up to \$20) for a party or home gift. If your child lives at home under our Family Helper Program, you may send an additional \$5 for other family members.

If you cannot or do not wish to send a money gift, your child would enjoy receiving a Christmas card and a photograph of you. Please do not enclose gift items in your letters; they cannot be forwarded.

Letters from our sponsors

Sponsors often share with us that they are sharing Compassion with others.

One teenager wrote: "A teacher of mine, after I had written a short paper on my 'son' Dicky, expressed a desire to do something of the same nature as I am doing. Your material came at just the right time. Perhaps I can get you a new sponsor."

A private stationed in Korea wrote: "I was recently sent a number of your brochures by my fiancée . . . I would like to sponsor a child in Korea. I am only a private and I am saving for my marriage, or I would gladly do more. I will definitely try to encourage my fellow soldiers to participate in your programs."

Sharing Compassion

I'd like to share Compassion with a friend. Please send me _____ special information packets about sponsorship.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____



Korean teenagers enjoyed four days of fun, fellowship and worship at the 1974 Summer Youth Camp.

Self-images improve at youth camp

During the month of May, thirty-four teenagers from Compassion homes throughout South Korea gathered for Summer Youth Camp.

Away from the bustle of the city, these teenagers met on the island of Yong Jong Do in Incheon Harbor at Eternal Hope Christian Orphanage where they spent four days singing, playing, praying and studying God's Word together under the supervision of three national Compassion staff members. The special speaker was Rev. Lee, a Youth for Christ evangelist.

"This conference has been a big blessing and help to the children in their teens," said Rev. Baik Ei Sun, the camp director.

The youth had good reports, too.

Jung Hak Soo of Mercy in God Christian Orphanage shared his impressions of the camp.

"When I came to the Seoul station and saw many children like me, I wondered whether we would get on well with each other. To my surprise, we arrived at an island. Within a day, we all became good friends, and I felt very happy to be with them. On the first day, Rev. Lee said,

'Cast away the idea that you are an orphan but have a confidence that you can do anything.' And the word touched my heart. I will have this word engraved in my heart and tell my friends when I go back."

Koo Won Ja of Fragrant Forest Christian Orphanage wrote,

"I had a vision for my future and had my own plans. But they were not perfect ones, and I had no confidence in myself. The speaker at the meeting said, 'Do, then you can do. Have a confidence in yourself.' And it gave me a big strength and encouragement. I used to feel very humiliated being an orphan and inferior to others. Others seem to laugh at me and look down on me. But through these meetings, I was encouraged to believe in Jesus alone and be patient until I achieve my hopes for my future."

Rev. Baik Ei Sun, who is an orphan and was reared in Compassion homes, is hoping they can plan for another youth conference soon. He said, "We need to have more opportunities like this so that the seeds of the Gospel may be sown in their hearts directly." □

Choose one of these children to sponsor



Yung Kwon—Korea



Satyavathi—India



Gebin—Haiti

Ernestold, Gebin, lives

SPONSOR APPLICATION

- Yes!** I want to sponsor a child for \$12.00 a month. My first support check enclosed is for one month (\$12.00), three months (\$36.00), one year (\$144.00). I understand that if it becomes impossible for me to continue sponsorship, I may discontinue at any time.
- My choice is _____ from the pictures shown.
- Please select a child who needs me most.
- I would prefer a boy girl, about _____ years old.
- Sorry, I cannot sponsor a child now but want to help by giving \$_____ enclosed.

My name is _____
(Mr., Mrs., Miss) (Please print)

Address _____

City _____

State (Province) _____ Zip _____

All gifts are tax-deductible. Make checks payable to COMPASSION, INC. Thank you very much!



HIS COMPASSION OR MINE!

I have long since ceased to pray, "Lord Jesus, have compassion on a lost world." I remember the day and hour when I seemed to hear the Lord rebuking me for making such a prayer. He seemed to say to me, "I have had compassion upon a lost world, and now it is time for you to have compassion; I have given my heart, now give your hearts."

—A. J. Gordon

Choose one of these children to sponsor



Yung Kyun—Korea



Satyavathi—India



Gebin—Haiti

5-year-old Gebin lives in great poverty with his aunt. He desperately needs a sponsor if he is to have enough to eat and be able to attend school.



Marie—Haiti

This pretty little girl is 5 years old. She lives with both her parents, but they are completely destitute. A sponsor's help is urgently needed.

as a sponsor. Your supplies, clothing, elementary schooling.

your child with a gift for Christmas letters and photographs.

presence in the life of a child if for any reason you are unable to sponsor at any time. There are 3500 needy children in need of a sponsor when we hear from them. Please hurry, a child



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Yung Kyun—Korea

Yung Kyun is an abandoned child . . . he was found all alone on a train. He is 6 years old.



Satyavathi—India

Satyavathi's father had died in 1972, and her mother is extremely poor. She lives in the very needy land of India. She is 7 years old.



Gebin—Haiti

5-year-old Gebin lives in great poverty with his aunt. He desperately needs a sponsor if he is to have enough to eat and be able to attend school.



Ester—Indonesia

Ester's father died of a disease, and her widowed mother is desperately poor. Ester is 8 years old, and will be starting the second grade.



Das Pedapati—India

Das Pedapati's father died of tetanus, and his mother abandoned the family. Das now lives in great poverty with a relative. He is a friendly 8-year-old.



Marie—Haiti

This pretty little girl is 5 years old. She lives with both her parents, but they are completely destitute. A sponsor's help is urgently needed.

Each of the 6 children pictured above currently needs a sponsor. Your support for one of these children will help provide food, clothing, elementary schooling fees, basic medical care *and* Christian training.

You'll have the special opportunity of providing your child with a gift for his birthday and for Christmas, and you can exchange letters and photographs too.

As a sponsor, your help can make a genuine difference in the life of a very needy child. The cost is only \$12.00 a month, and if for any reason you are unable to continue, you may discontinue sponsorship at any time.

In addition to these six shown, there are more than 3500 needy children waiting for help. If the child you select is already taken when we hear from you, we will substitute another child of similar needs. Please hurry, a child is waiting for you!



The girls present Lynette with a handmade necklace and a bouquet of flowers to show that they love her.

Lynette Walters— Ambassador to Indonesia

"We are all for real," says Lynette Walters. Compassion staff member based in Jakarta, Indonesia. "Ed Kimball, the men in the office, myself, and of course, all those hundreds of precious little ones . . . possessors of souls, smiles, sorrows and joys.

"Why not drop by, if you are passing this way sometime? We would love to meet you."

Since you may not be able to accept Lynette's invitation, we would like to introduce her at this time through this magazine.

For four years Lynette has been serving Compassion in Indonesia

as Financial Coordinator and as Correspondent. Her responsibilities are many and varied. She has this to say, "One of my main functions here is to see that the children get your (sponsor's) money and use it well and are brought up as good citizens of God and Indonesia."

From her home-base in Jakarta she travels hundreds of miles as she visits the fatherless children in Compassion's Family Helper Plan and she distributes support money to them.

In spite of the hot and humid weather, rough roads, and bumpy



Lynette loves the children and gives a bit of herself to each of them.

bus rides, Lynette finds a blessing as she goes out on her "paying trips."

"You might think that we in Compassion, with our ever-large bundle of money, are the ones who are giving a blessing away," said Miss Walters. "We may be all that, but we always receive a bigger blessing from these lovely happy Christians.

"As we sit there in a small church in the 'boon-docks,' with mud for the floor, open holes for windows, wooden benches to sit on, illiterate mothers without any shoes, and have a 'good old sing,'



Lynette not only delivers the support money on her "paying trips", but she talks with the children and mothers about the Word of God.

we receive a real blessing each time."

In between her field visits, Lynette finds plenty to do in the Jakarta office where she cares for secretarial work, files reports, and keeps financial records for all 4,400 children in her area.

Lynette is also in charge of correspondence. She reads thousands of letters from Indonesian children to their sponsors. Because she knows the Indonesian language, she often corrects all the translations and inserts personal notes to sponsors about the children. Her fluent French is invaluable when corresponding with French speaking supporters from Canada.

As Lynette travels she is aware of the medical needs of Compassion children. She makes decisions concerning those with the most urgent needs and personally sees that they are taken to the hospital for treatment.

"How did you first hear about Compassion?" we asked.



Lynette and her friends had a very friendly chat with the Queen of England.

"Through the Christian Service Corps," she replied.

When Lynette did visit her brother stationed in Singapore, she was impressed with the impoverished people on the islands of Indonesia. Desiring to return and help, she enlisted in the Christian Service Corps and she attended a three-month missionary training session.

In 1970 when Compassion did contact the Christian Service Corps in search of overseas personnel for Indonesia, Lynette Walters was loaned to us for a two-year period. Now she belongs to Compassion and we are proud to call her "Our Own Ambassador" to Indonesia.

"What is the most rewarding experience in all your work, Lynette?"

"Meeting the children, mothers, and pastors. Experiencing their strong faith and reliance upon Jesus Christ," she responded. "And hearing how they praise

Him for His goodness to them, when to all outward appearance to us, they have nothing."

Talking about her personal interests, we learned that Lynette has several hobbies—knitting, embroidering, working jig-saw puzzles and traveling.

"In my youth I enjoyed traveling and seeing new places," she said.

And she has traveled a lot.

Born in the United Kingdom, Lynette graduated from St. Godric's Secretarial College in Hampstead, England in 1955.

For the next fifteen years her love for travel and her employment took her from London to Canada to Rome, back to London and finally to Washington, D. C.

Her most exciting trip, however, was a 10,000 mile bus ride from Bombay to London in 1965. She has also traveled around the globe twice.

"Now the novelty has worn off." She laughed. "And one does it as a necessity."

Lynette has had many "never-to-be-forgotten" experiences, but last March she had the most exciting one of all—a chat with the Queen of England.

She wrote to us about the coming event:

"The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh are coming here on their Yacht on a State Visit 18-31 of March. Just this morning I got an invitation to a Reception for Britishers at the Residence. Hurray!"

After the visit Lynette reported "Just a brief line to say we had a lovely time with the Queen. I was

Future looks bright for "clever" lad

Making money multiply

In March of 1972, thirteen-year-old Han Tjun Kim invested 13,500 Rupiah in three piglets. (This is equivalent to \$32.50, which he collected by consistently saving gift money and a portion of his monthly support money.)

But wait . . . let him tell his own story.

"I have taken care of those pigs for one and one-half years long," wrote Tjun Kim. "When those pigs became big, I sold them all for Rp42,000 (or \$101.50). After getting that money I bought a bicycle which cost Rp25,000 (\$60.50). The rest of the money was spent on books and my study at school."

Now Tjun Kim has transportation and an opportunity to further his education on his own.

His sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gasparin of Chicago are proud of their industrious "son."

among the first group to meet her after the Embassy people. What an honour, for sure! She spoke with each and every person. It was most informal and delightful. Truly, I would not have had the chance at home in a million years."

Traveling in Indonesia is not easy for a single woman, but Lynette has adjusted well. Lynette loves the children and gives a bit of herself to each of them on her



Indonesian youth earns his own bicycle.

"A clever head like that should go far in Indonesia," said Lynette Walters, our Compassion representative in Jakarta. □

visits. All her co-workers are Indonesian.

"It is a privilege to serve the Lord in this way," said Lynette. "I cannot imagine working anywhere in the world with a more wonderful bunch of people."

And to her sponsors and to her friends she writes, "We are grateful for all your help and concern for these dear Indonesian children. Pray with us for help for more of them." □



Blind bell ringers tour Canada

Twelve blind orphan boys from Haiti thrilled Canadians with their musical talent while they toured Canada for four weeks in May.

The Haitian Bell Ringers held about five concerts a week. They also performed on a variety show, before women's groups, and for the Haitian Consulate.

The greatest portion of their program was made up of native and western folk music played on the bells. They also played classical numbers on the violin and the piano. Other instruments that

were included were the guitar, trumpet and double bass.

The boys proved they could not only play a variety of instruments but sing as well. They sang duets and trios in French, English, and Spanish.

One thing that amazed Westerners who traveled with the Bell Ringers was their large repertoire. Night after night the boys presented different songs, rarely repeating a number.

Mr. Onickle Augustin, who was their blind leader, not only directs the group, but he has arranged all their music. Many of these youth are members of the Haitian Trinité Philharmonic.

The Bell Ringers, blind because of malnutrition, have all been trained at St. Vincent's School for Handicapped Children in Port-au-Prince. Since their tour in Canada all have received sponsors. □

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Emergency and disaster relief—

Compassion, International

Compassion, Inc. is proud to announce the formation of a new, sister organization called Compassion, International.

The difference between the two organizations is basically the difference between long and short range. Compassion, Inc., formed in 1952, exists to help needy children month after month, year after year, on a long-term basis.

In contrast, Compassion International was formed to help people in need on an emergency, relief basis. The new organization will serve victims of famine, war, earthquakes, and other areas of immediate need.

Pray that Compassion International will truly be used of God and look for more specific information in the months ahead. □

Convention comments

Compassion, Inc., held its third convention June 24 through 28 at headquarters in Chicago. Field Directors and their families come home every two years for a time of sharing and planning with the home staff.

The entire Chicago office staff, field workers, and representatives from Canada and Great Britain met together each morning for devotions.

The rest of each day was a time of sharing and indoctrination. Departmental meetings were held and procedures were explained.

High points of interest were the special reports from the Field Directors as they brought us up-to-date concerning their progress and problems overseas. □

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Enclosed is my WARM gift of
 \$10.00 (1 outfit), \$20.00 (2 outfits), \$_____.

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Thank you! Your gift is tax-deductible.

1974 WARM Program

The WARM drive is already in progress. The appeal has gone out and thousands of sponsors and our friends have already responded. But we will need the help of thousands more if we are to provide a new set of clothing for all our Compassion children. Each set of clothes costs \$10.00.

Children in our semi-tropical countries will receive a new set of school or Sunday clothes, while the Korean children will be outfitted with a snuggly, warm set.

Our Korean staff are anxious to receive the money soon so that the clothes can be purchased before the cold winds begin to blow. When a superintendent sets out to shop for 100 winter outfits, he has a gigantic task.

We understand that some sponsors may not be able to send in \$10.00 for a WARM outfit. However, we are grateful for those who send in enough to cover two or more sets of clothing.

If you would like to participate, we'd be glad to have your help. You can mail your gift in the postage-paid envelope included in this magazine. □

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Compassion hall of fame



Fifteen-year-old Tjahja Mijanti of Java wins "Best Student" Cup.

Model Student

Tjahja Mijanti is proof that a woman can be both beautiful and intelligent. She was awarded the 1973 trophy for the "Best Student" of the junior high schools in the district of Demak, Java.

Having graduated from junior high with honors last November, she is now attending high school.

Mijanti lives with her widowed mother, a brother and sister.

Mr. Emmett Batson of Barstow, California has been her sponsor for over three years. □