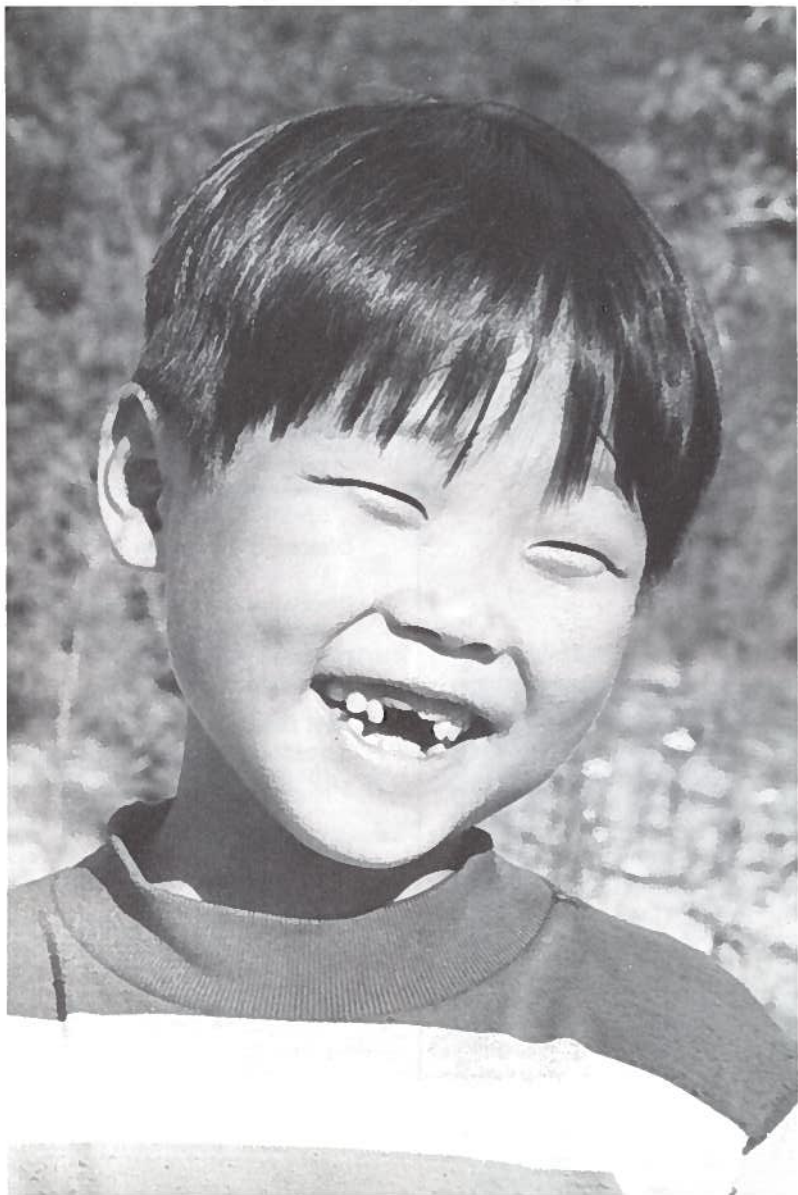


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Hong Kong	Spain
India	Thailand
Indonesia	United States
Jamaica	Venezuela

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Free Methodist Mission
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West Indies Mission
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*"... I have compassion on the multitude ...
I will not send them away."
Matthew 15:32*

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This group of children from Haiti are learning in an open-air "classroom" under the mango trees.

Education is a "treat"

*What do you want for your birthday?
"A chance to go to school."*

Going to school 9 months every year from age 6 to 18 is a way of life in America. Receiving an education is considered a luxury — a treat — for millions of children who are literally looking with longing eyes at those privileged to attend.

In Haiti — the poorest country in the western hemisphere — many of the families cannot afford to send their children to school.

Rev. Bob Stewart of the West Indies Mission wrote: "Many hundreds of children are not in school this year because the drought destroyed their crops and any available money had to be used for food. We have been besieged with requests

from pastors for help with needy cases."

Another of our supporting missionaries, Ethel Doner of the Unevangelized Field Missions, wrote: "Many parents do not have proper means to send their children to any school. Last fall a mother came with her little girl who looked about 8 years old. However, her birth certificate proved she would be 12 years in January. Her young brother would soon be 8 years old and neither have been to school."

Compassion wants to help these destitute children receive at least an elementary education, so in addition to our Family Helper Program we

lend our support to over two dozen school projects in Haiti. All these schools are operated by established missions and provide both a secular and a Christian education for needy children.

Your support money provides for school fees, books and the uniform; medical care; a hot noon meal (for many children, the only good meal of the day); and in some cases it helps pay the teacher's salary.

In some areas classes are held in church buildings. Sometimes the "schoolhouse" is a cement building with a tin roof, but more often it's a thatched roof supported by four poles, or perhaps an open air classroom under the mango trees.

Classes are large and equipment scarce, but children are highly motivated and well disciplined—proud of the opportunity to learn while others look on with envy.

In a country where there's an illiteracy rate of 90%, a basic education is vitally important. Without it a child can never rise above the status quo nor lift himself to a productive way of life. The future of the country also depends on its youth. If this

generation does not learn the "3 R's" the country will be no better off tomorrow than it is today.

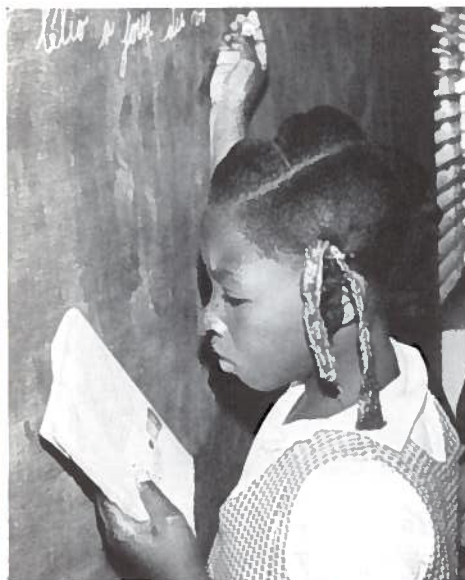
Receiving an education is so important that often a child will spend his birthday money to help pay for his schooling.

Gloria Loyer, one of our field workers in Haiti, wrote of such a case.

"Abonite and Sarah live with their old grandmother, and the Compassion money is their *only* source of income." The cost of living has doubled here in the past year. These people live a very basic life and a birthday treat to them is not what it is to us. A "treat" is having a little something in your stomach every day.

"When school started in October, the children each had to have a pair of shoes (\$3 each), a uniform (\$8 each) tuition (\$6.69 each) and books, paper and a pen (\$2 each). That's why their birthday gift money went on schooling.

"They can save nothing during the year as it costs so much for food. So you see gift money is seldom used for fun things—it usually is



Learning to read and write is a treasured gift for Compassion children.

spent for clothes, food, schooling, or basic necessities.

"Without your help these children wouldn't be able to go to school at all. Some families borrow the money to put their children in school, then repay each month with the Compassion money when it comes.

"Many children in Haiti eat only once a day, and about 3/4 of the children here in our area do not attend school ever."

In a letter from Sister Anne Marie of Trinity School in Port-au-Prince we read: "There are many children who could be given an education if funds were available to help them. This is such a vital need in this country . . . It goes without saying that there are ever more children in need than we can provide for."

Compassion wants to help these children in Jesus name. We want to help provide food to sustain them today, an education to prepare them for tomorrow, and a hope for eternal life in the hereafter. □

2 Important Messages To Our Sponsors:

1. Medical Fund – Once a year we ask for your assistance in caring for those of our sponsored children who have serious and costly medical needs.

When a child comes to us with major medical problems which cannot be covered through regular sponsorship support, our only recourse is to draw from other funds. That is why this appeal to you is so very important.

If you have not already sent your gift and you would like to share with us in this, please send your gift to:

Compassion, Inc.
MEDICAL FUND
7774 Irving Park Road
Chicago, Illinois 60634

2. Update on Un-sponsored Children – Earlier this year over 8,000 needy children were waiting for Compassion support . . . some had waited for nearly a year.

Since our last issue of Compassion Magazine we have found sponsors for more than 1000 of these children. We're happy to report that many of our sponsors helped us by finding sponsors from among their friends. This has been a big encouragement to us.

The number of children who are waiting for Compassion support has been reduced, but nearly 7,000 still remain un-sponsored.

Please pray with us that these very needy youngsters will soon be able to share in the sponsorship program and receive the care they need.

If you would like Compassion information folders to pass along to your friends, please write to us. We will be happy to send you as many folders as you can use.



These happy Haitians have hand-embroidered their names on their school uniforms.

Guatemalans who survived the earthquake clear away rubble.



Unbelievable devastation in Guatemala

by Ed Kimball, Field Director of North and South America

During my recent visit to Guatemala, I could not believe my eyes. City upon city, village upon village were completely leveled to the ground as if an "atom bomb" had been exploded over Guatemala.

As with most natural catastrophes, the poor were most severely affected by this disastrous earthquake. Their homes, made out of mud adobe, crumbled to the ground, killing thousands and leaving approximately one and one-half million people homeless.

Working in conjunction with the Central American Mission and the Southern Baptist Mission, Compassion has already purchased seven block machines and cement which will enable many hundreds of families to rebuild their homes.

We have also sent money to purchase tin roofs for 220 families who lost their homes in Chimazat. In the

city of Paramos we will help 58 families rebuild their homes.

As Christians, we especially feel the need to help the widows and orphans, and are planning a home-building program for families whose husbands were lost in the earthquake.

I want to personally thank the many friends of Compassion who have made these home rebuilding programs possible. What a wonderful way to show your Christian love to these very needy people in Guatemala! □

Ed Kimball stands beside a block-making machine which will help rebuild homes.



The Crooked made straight

Love a lot—share a little!

Five-year-old Bieulan Estilus lives in the jungles of southeastern Haiti. At the age of three he began to feel pain and a stiffening in his right elbow.

During the next two years he became withdrawn and less active in his play as it became more and more difficult for him to move his right arm.

Finally, missionaries from the West Indies Mission took the child to Port-au-Prince for an examination. Doctors were afraid that the large bump on the end of his elbow might be a tumor. X-rays would be needed to properly diagnose the stiff joint.

Compassion's LOVE SHARE (a fund for very special needs) stepped in and paid for the x-rays which revealed that Bieulan has a calcification in the elbow joint. The doctors have prescribed a medicine that they believe will dissolve the calcification and give Bieulan normal use of his arm once again. □



1976 Oriental Tour

Every sponsor dreams about the possibility of one day meeting face-to-face that precious child he supports. We want to help make that dream a reality—at least for some of you.

In October we will be taking sponsors and friends on a 23-day tour to the Orient—visiting Japan, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Korea, and to Hawaii.

You'll be able to do some sight-seeing in Japan and Hawaii, but the most exciting days of the tour will be spent in the Philippines, Hong Kong, and Korea as you visit Compassion projects, meet national field

workers, and visit with your very own sponsored children.

If you would like to receive more information about the 1976 Oriental Tour, please fill in and mail the coupon below. □

Please send me more information about the 1976 Compassion Tour to the Orient.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____



Arturo Tapia- Bolivia
Born October, 1964. Parents are very poor. Without sponsorship support, Arturo will not be able to attend school.



Letty Runkat — Indonesia.
Born June, 1968. Father abandoned family, mother is extremely poor. Letty is a shy little girl.

Sponsor one of these children

The needy children pictured on these pages are waiting to be sponsored. Each of them has been visited by a Compassion field representative and recommended for sponsorship based upon their conditions of poverty.

Right now, nearly 7,000 needy boys and girls are on Compassion's waiting list. Will you bring help and encouragement to one of them?

As a sponsor, you can have the joy of sharing with one special child who really needs you. Your monthly support will help provide food, clothing, medical care, and the most treasured of all gifts—an education.

You may exchange letters with your child, and you can provide a

small gift for birthdays and Christmas.

And your child will be cared for in an environment of Christian love—Compassion works in cooperation with evangelical missions and organizations overseas.

Please choose one child to love and help. If the child you select is already taken when we hear from you, we will substitute another child of similar needs.

To begin, fill out the Sponsor Application attached to the envelope in the center of this magazine. Mail it with your first monthly check. You'll receive your child's photo, biography folder and full sponsor information in about 10 days.



Jung Kil Dong — Korea.
Born June, 1967.



Berenise Joseph — Haiti.
Born March, 1964.



Meydi Kumendong — Indonesia.
Born May, 1967.



Damis Legitime — Haiti
Born February, 1966.



Suseela Eggada — India.
Born January, 1968.



Chella Rivero—Bolivia
Born November, 1967.



Chinna Sundarapalli — India.
Born August, 1967. Father died of cholera, mother is unable to get work. Chinna has 1 brother and 2 sisters.



Choi In Hee — Korea.
Born September, 1965. Father abandoned the family, mother is unable to care for children.



As a child, Rev. Baik was one of thousands of orphans left homeless by the Korean War.

Once he was an orphan

Now Rev. Baik is an example of how Compassion can change a life.

**by Dr. Wallace H. Erickson,
President**

In 1952 Compassion began its ministry in South Korea, caring for the children left hungry and homeless by the devastating Korean War. Now one generation later many of these same children are helping spread the gospel of Jesus Christ in their own land.

In making plans for our 25th anniversary, we have chosen a project we believe exemplifies Compassion—our beginning, our ministry, and the real meaning of our name.

All of this is embodied in the life of Baik Ei Sun, one of our early orphans who doesn't even remember his parents or how he came to live in a Compassion Home.

God's great love for this cast-off boy was demonstrated in the lives of

many individuals with compassionate hearts:

—the one who placed him in a home where he would find shelter, food, and security;

—the superintendent who became his father image and contributed to his character growth and value system;

—the mothering ladies who shared their love, time, and energy;

—the Bible teacher who led him into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ;

—the sponsors who helped fulfill his needs through their love, letters, prayers, and monthly support;

—the school teacher who encouraged this orphan boy to study hard and make something of himself in spite of his social handicap;



Today, Rev. Baik is sharing his love with needy people — as a pastor and as a Compassion staff member.

—the Founder of Compassion, Rev. Everett Swanson, and his wife, Miriam, who were so impressed with his enthusiasm and sweet Christian spirit that they personally provided for his seminary training.

Ei Sun was receptive to these compassionate influences in his life, letting them mold him into a strong Christian character.

After his graduation from seminary he served for two years in the army as a chaplain.

Then, in 1967, Mr. Baik returned to Compassion—this time as a staff member. His chief responsibilities were giving spiritual counsel to our

staff and homes and the handling of all legal affairs.

While working for Compassion he also put in his apprenticeship as an evangelist and assistant pastor in the Suwon Central Baptist Church.

For 9 years Ei Sun traveled 60 miles, round trip, everyday by bus to fulfill his responsibilities to Compassion and his local congregation. When I was Field Director in Korea, I asked him how he found the strength to carry a double load—leading 4:30 prayer meetings every morning, calling on church members at night and on weekends; and working days for Compassion.

Next year will be a very special year for Compassion because it marks our 25th anniversary—25 years of loving and caring for suffering children around the world.

He replied, "I want to serve and help my younger brothers and sisters— orphaned and abandoned children like me who are now in Compassion's care."

After his ordination as a Baptist minister in 1974, Rev. Baik responded to the call of God to go into a new section of the city of Seoul where there is no church and where new homes are springing up among the shanty dwellers. With his devoted wife and three children, he moved into the small house that he had rented.

Months of personal visitation brought results. Currently he is using his living room and bed rooms as a meeting hall for his small but faithful congregation.

Recently I visited Korea and preached to his congregation of about 70 people—wall to wall, sitting on the floor in every available room. On Sunday afternoons they hold Sunday school classes for about 60 children.

Yes, I want to help Rev. Baik's young church.

I am enclosing a gift to help purchase land and build a church so that Rev. Baik's congregation will have a place to worship and room to grow.

\$10 \$25 \$_____

Name _____

Address _____

Please make checks payable to Compassion.

The Compassion Board of Directors has designated Rev. Baik's young congregation as one of our special 25th anniversary projects. This section of the city certainly needs a tangible example of Christianity and the new converts need a house of worship where they can meet together, grow, and share their faith with others.

We've chosen this—the building of a Memorial Church—as our special project because we see in Rev. Baik the perfect reflection of Compassion. What he received he is now living and passing on—the same devotion, the giving of self, the sharing of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The work of Compassion does not end when a boy becomes a man, but our purpose is truly being fulfilled as Rev. Baik has become a responsible citizen and an effective Christian witness in his own country.

We're sharing his story with you because Rev. Baik has asked for our help. His young congregation, comprised mostly of very poor people, needs financial assistance to purchase land and to build a church. They need a place to worship and room to grow.

Your contribution, whether large or small, will be a real encouragement to Rev. Baik. We invite you to send a gift today . . . 100 per cent of your gift will be passed on to help this worthy project get started.

For your convenience, you can send your check in the postage-paid envelope in the center of this magazine. Thank you for your support. (Gifts are tax-deductible.)



Samuel's Story

When we asked for stories concerning a typical day in the life of a child, ten-year Samuel Saporas of the Philippines told us his story.

"Mama calls me Sammy. I'm her only boy. I have two younger sisters.

"When my Mama wakes up early in the morning to prepare breakfast, I watch her cook. She will boil water for our milk. Sometimes she boils bananas or sweet potatoes. We call it "kamote." If Mama has enough money, she buys bread. We have breakfast at 6:00 in the morning.

"After breakfast, my youngest sister goes to kindergarten. My other sister and me are left at home. We go to school in the afternoon because our schools are so crowded.

"Mama goes to work. She is a street cleaner. While Mama is away, I take care of my sister. I help Mama, too. I pick up firewood for our fuel. I do it because I'm the only boy. Mama could not cook without fuel.

"When Mama comes home at 11:00 she cooks our dinner. I like

so much the food Mama cooks for us at noon—fresh fish with vegetables and soup. We eat rice, of course.

"After dinner, my sister and me go to school. Our classes start at 12:00. We are 30 in my 2nd grade class. We study reading, writing, arithmetic, art, music, physical education, and our national language—Philippino. We go home at 5:00.

"When I reach home I gather more fuel and also fetch water from a neighbor's well. When Mama comes from work she prepares our supper of rice and fish.

"After eating, Mama helps us clean ourselves. Mama does not like us to sleep very dirty. I wash my feet, my hands, and my face with soap and water. When I'm clean, I get my book and study. Mama teaches me to read. I teach her the song we learned at school that day. I like music very much.

"I do not stay late at night. I go to sleep at 7:00 because I know I must have enough rest and sleep."

Although Sammy's father is dead and his family is quite poor, I sensed a note of contentment in Sammy's story—an atmosphere of happiness and togetherness. I read between the lines about a mother who has great concern for her children and loves them very much.

Her street cleaning job doesn't pay much, but because of the support she receives for her children through Compassion's sponsorship program they can remain a family unit. She can maintain a home, feed, clothe, send the children to school, and then tuck them into bed each night.

An old Jewish proverb says: "God could not be everywhere, and therefore He made mothers."

We think mothers are important, too. The purpose of our Family Helper Program in the Philippines is to help widows and their children—help them so that they can stay together.

We're twice proud



From abandonment to a bachelor's degree

About 12 years ago an abandoned young lad was brought to a Compassion Home because his father was dead and the whereabouts of his mother were unknown.

This year this same Korean boy, Joo Kwang Sup, graduated from a Korean university, having earned his B.A. in accounting.

There's a lot of living sandwiched in between, and although this story is not an every day occurrence, it does happen.

Back in 1968 the Bill Sanford family of Colorado thought it would be good for their two young sons to have an interest in the life of a Korean boy. For five years a relationship was enjoyed.

Kwang Sup had done well in high school. So well, in fact, that he was offered the opportunity of going on to business college if he could get financial help.

Could his sponsors, Tom and Bill Sanford and their parents, continue their support? "Yes" came a definite

reply. The monthly support was considerably more than it had been for child support, but it made graduation day possible.

What adds delightful spice to this story is that on the same day and at the same university, Compassion's president was given an honorary doctorate degree. We can be doubly proud, don't you agree? □



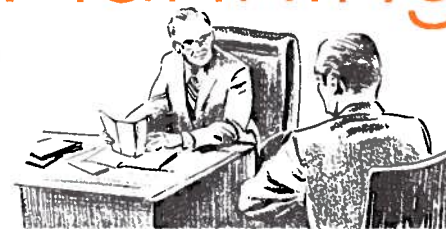
Compassion president honored

On February 20, 1976, Rev. Wallace H. Erickson, President of Compassion, was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Humanities by Keimyung University in Daegu, South Korea.

In making the presentation, Dr. Chang Sik Lee, Dean of the Graduate School, said: "Rev. Erickson has devoted himself to the welfare of Korean orphans for nearly a decade and has made outstanding contributions toward a mutual understanding and cooperation between Korea and other nations . . .

"His long and memorable series of contributions to Korea began in 1968 when he became Compassion's Field Director in Korea. Since then he has faithfully served society through Compassion by establishing and supervising organizations both in Korea and abroad." □

Estate Planning and Christian Stewardship



Do you know that it's possible to save thousands of dollars in taxes and other costs by carefully planning the distribution of your estate?

Here are some examples:	Estate	Savings Achieved By Planning
	\$100,000	\$ 8,500
	\$250,000	\$39,000
	\$500,000	\$85,200

It is also possible to increase current income, save on present income taxes, and realize many other benefits, as well as savings like those listed above, by taking advantage of Compassion's gift/investment plans.

But more important, you will be using money as God intended it to be used: to help the poor and needy and to bring the message of salvation to them.

Our Stewardship Department is pleased to furnish information on Christian Estate Planning upon request.

For more details, please return the coupon. ▶▶▶



Please send information on Christian Estate Planning.

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 State _____ Zip _____
 Birth Date _____ Occupation _____



First National Field-workers Conference

by Lance Renault, comptroller

Seoul, Korea was the meeting place for Compassion's first National Fieldworkers Conference, February 23-28. Attended by co-workers from India, Indonesia, Singapore, Korea and our Chicago office, the conference included a full schedule of reports, discussions, and visits to children's projects.

The purpose of the conference was two-fold: (1) To provide an opportunity for dialogue between the nationals of different countries so they could learn from each other's experiences; and (2) To improve coordination of programs and communication between the field and the Chicago home office.

It was a wonderful week: a time of sharing our experiences, discussing our programs, and praying together about our problems.

The success of this first Asian National Field workers Conference can be measured by the unanimous decision that it must not be the last. The next meeting is scheduled to be held in Jakarta in 1978. □

Fire hits Compassion home

We have just received word that a major fire destroyed the girls' dormitory, the houseparents' apartment, and another building at the Christian Deaf Fellowship home in Kingston, Jamaica. All the girls' clothing and personal effects were destroyed. However, we rejoice in that no one suffered injury.

Please pray for the children of this home and for the staff as they face many serious needs in the months ahead. □