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**Celebrating
Our 35th
Birthday**

**Once-Sponsored
Children, Now
Adults, Share
Their Stories**

U P D A T E

Celebrating COMPASSION's 35th Birthday

This month and next are very special for us.

It was 35 years ago that an American Christian went to South Korea to preach the gospel. While there he saw the tremendous physical needs of Korea's children, and a ministry combining COMPASSION for souls and bodies was begun.

(For more on our history, see pages 10 and 11.)

I joined COMPASSION's work in South Korea in 1967, and for me there's been nothing more satisfying than seeing the organization mature and develop.

Watching it grow has been much like rearing a child. There have been headaches and happiness, tears both of sadness and of deep joy.

The stories in this issue of COMPASSION UPDATE are particularly encouraging to me. They're about some of the first sponsored children we helped in Korea.

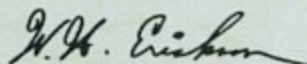
Now these people are strong Christian people who are influencing their families, communities and country for the better.

It's easy for sponsors to wonder what will become of their sponsored kids, but here are a handful of cases that demonstrate the results of a commitment to hang in there and reach out with love.

Thank you for your helping us help needy children in Jesus' name. With your support we will continue to work to help kids overcome their physical, educational and spiritual hurdles.

May there be thousands of new stories about sponsored children who grow up to love God and serve mankind.

Sincerely,



Wallace H. Erickson,
President

Photos in this section by
Maurice G. Harvey,
COMPASSION's
North Asia Director

THANKFUL SURVIVOR

"These Are the People Who Helped Me. Now We Should Help People Too."

Lee Young Hwa is a pretty happy guy. He owns a small silk factory in Hongchun in northern South Korea. He has a wife and three sons. And he's a deacon in the Hongchun Presbyterian Church and leads a weekly small group meeting in his home.

You wouldn't guess that Lee, who is pictured on the cover of this magazine, was a survivor of a horrible childhood.

He wandered lost and hungry for weeks after he lost his parents. And his misshapen, stubby hands still bear the evidence of a bad case of frostbite he got sleeping out on Korea's cold winter streets.

But Lee's story isn't one of a hardy individual who pulled himself up by his own sandal straps. He had help.

"Once I was very needy and dependent," says Lee. "But my sponsors helped me. They pulled me through. I'm very thankful for their help, and now I can be of help to others."

Mr. Lee also has evidence of the sponsors who helped him for 12 years, and he almost



tripped over himself bringing the evidence to our meeting.

"Look at these," he said, carrying more than 20 photographs and an inch-thick stack of letters his sponsors had sent him over the years.

MATERIAL GUY

"Don't be discouraged. Continue helping needy children."



Concerned sponsors helped Jung An Sap make something of his life. Now he helps his workers.

Next time you see an Adidas T-shirt or a pair of designer name sweat pants, think of Jung An Sap, a former rag picker who runs a large Seoul textile factory.

Jung's Kumwon Industries Co. in Seoul turns out millions of pieces of clothing every year under a variety of licensed names well-known to American consumers.

And his experience at a Christian children's home, his four years of training at Bible college, his management experience for Korea's industrial giant, Samsung, and his own views on management make him a popular boss.

"My faith affects everything I do for the company and with the workers," he says. "I try to



There was a photo of the sponsor's son, Dick, getting dressed up for a date with his girlfriend. And there was a photo of Dick and the girlfriend at their wedding reception after being pronounced man and wife. And sure enough, there was a picture of Dick with



Lee Young Hwa, who appears on our cover, remembers his sponsors through the many letters and photos they sent him. His hands still show the effects of the frostbite he suffered as a child sleeping on the streets.

his wife and their newborn child.

There were photos showing the sponsors at Christmastime, at Easter, at family picnics, and just clowning around the house.

The sponsors' letters often began with the words: "To our dear brother Young Hwa," and they often closed by saying, "With all my love."

Is it any wonder that Mr. Lee felt as if he were a part of this Iowa family that had reached out to him with both financial support and love?

"I keep all these letters and photos in a book so I can tell my children about these people," he says. "I say, 'There are the people who helped me. Now we should help people too.'"

instill respect for the employees and you could say we try real hard to have fellowship together.

"We give the workers help on the job and with their lives. We have a room for individual counselling where I, along with local pastors, counsel the workers. We have regular meetings where we discuss role models for our lives. I try not to push Christianity at them, but it's at the root of everything we do."

Mr. Jung's charity doesn't stop at the workplace. He supports an evangelist in Seoul and is active in a prisoner evangelistic society. All in all, he's a long way from his days as an abandoned rag picker.

"When I was young I was part of a gang that picked up rags and sold them," he says. "One day a Christian man approached me and invited me

to his children's home. I accepted his invitation and was cared for and shown how God could help me.

During his time at the home, Mr. Jung met Everett Swanson, COMPASSION's founder. "He was very friendly and easy to get along with," says Mr.



Check your own wardrobe for Mr. Jung's handiwork!

Jung. "He wasn't aloof, but was friendly to all the children right away."

Sometimes, when the mood hits Jung, he takes out a box he has kept for twenty years. It holds the photos and letters his sponsor sent him.

"When I read these letters I'm reminded of the past. I can vividly remember the past, and that makes me appreciate the present even more.

"But I'm glad I had those rough times. I'm more understanding of people's problems because I was at the bottom of society myself.

"If I could meet COMPASSION sponsors today I would tell them this: 'You sponsors may not produce immediate results, but don't be discouraged. Continue helping needy children. If you sow you will reap. Our Lord will reward you.'"

SEOUL MAN



Meet Kim Yung Ju, COMPASSION's South Korea Country Director

When we wanted to find Korean people who could tell us about how sponsorship had helped them, we knew we could count on Kim Yung Ju, who has worked for COMPASSION in Korea for 21 years.

Mr. Kim, who speaks fluent English and loves to talk to American visitors about Ernest Hemingway and modern philosophy, knows firsthand the confusion that reigned in Korea at the time COMPASSION began its work there.

His father died when he was 12, and he lost his mother two years later. He attended primary school during the period of Japanese occupation and was taught that life's highest good was to die as a Kamikaze pilot crashing into a British or American ship.

The chaos of Korean life—the fall of the Japanese invaders, the Communist invasion, and a total shift in political and social values—led to a crisis of faith that led to Mr. Kim meeting Christ and accepting Him as his Savior.

His studies in English literature and his work for a publisher of Korean-English dictionaries, prepared Mr. Kim for his first job with COMPASSION: translating sponsors' letters to their children.

Now, as a father with three children, he thinks back on it all:

"Thousands of Korean children have been helped by concerned sponsors, and I have been privileged to be a part of that, and it's been a very worthwhile part of my life.

"Visiting these people was emotional for me. I had never had an opportunity to share in that much depth with so many about their past lives, their deep physical and emotional suffering, and how they felt COMPASSION had helped them through it all.

"They are my brothers and sisters and it's encouraging to see them in service to the Lord."

CLINIC DIRECTOR

"Look. This is what you've done for me."

Kim Soon Ok, 37, is a modern Korean version of the fulfilled woman.

A dedicated mother and wife, she is also a top professional in her field. As director of the Poong Nam Health Center, she works hard and long—usually seven days a week, serving her community.

She could easily command a high salary and better living standards working for one of Korea's large urban hospitals, but she has chosen to run a remote rural medical clinic near Soonchang where she labors to meet the physical and spiritual needs of 1,200 people from 11 surrounding villages.

"It was my dream to do this kind of work," she says. "Through this work I can have many opportunities to serve others."

Mrs. Kim is a human dynamo who does the work of a dozen people. She serves as nurse and doctor, clinic administrator and manager, public health education specialist and spiritual counsellor.

She's sensitive to people's needs—whatever they are.

"I dispense medicine and care for people's bodies, but I also try to help them spiritually," she says.

"We have many older people in the village, and some of them want to talk to me about spiritual things when they feel they are going to pass away. Many have come to know the Lord. You can tell when people are in a state of listening."

Her leadership and love for her community extend to her few off-hours, too.

"On Sunday I would prefer to attend church in a larger town," she says, "but I go to church here in the village to be an example to the people."

Her linking of physical and spiritual needs comes naturally to her—and it should. She was brought to a COMPASSION-assisted orphanage after her father died and her mother was unable to support the children by doing embroidery.

"If it wasn't for the home, what would have happened to me?" she asks, knowing that the answer is not a pleasant one. "How would I have been educated?"

The generosity of her sponsors not only saved Mrs. Kim's life, but left an indelible impression which has helped shape her commitment to serving others, in love.

"If I were to meet sponsors today I would



say, "Look, this is what you have done for me," she says.

"I have no way to pay you back directly, but my service to this community of people is one way I can pay back my debt to you sponsors." ■



Patients at Kim Soon Ok's clinic hear about healing bodies and spirits. Mrs. Kim is also a wife and mother of two.

ASSESSING COMPASSION'S WORK



Kim Byung Don, Chief Prosecutor, Mok Po "Mok Po is an area that is continually receiving children from the 1,000 islands offshore. It's difficult for the people to make a living or get an education on the islands, so many of them come here.

"The problem is that once the children land here in Mok Po they get involved in uncommendable things, robbery and thievery, sexual problems and delinquency.

"I want to express my thanks for COMPASSION's ministry. COMPASSION extends support to the children of this area. By helping our young people you help the welfare of the entire city. Many children with problems have been helped, and many cases of juvenile delinquency and crime have been prevented.

"I will continue to support COMPASSION's ministry, and am thankful you are in our community."



Billy Kim, Director, Far East Broadcasting Co., South Korea "In 1959 and 1960 I interpreted for Rev. Everett Swanson, COMPASSION's founder, at some of his crusades. I later served on COMPASSION's Board in Korea and helped work with the Korean government.

"I saw firsthand that COMPASSION had a heart for evangelism. Swanson's emphasis was more evangelistic than that of some other organizations that had come to Korea after the war.

"Anyone can give food and the other basics of human life, but if you can give spiritual hope and dignity to people, that is even more. In its work in Korea, COMPASSION has balanced the goals of giving good food, good clothing and good spiritual training."

MR. MINK

"People helped me. I now want to help others."

The walls of Kim In Sun's tidy Seoul office are covered with photos of elegant women wearing luxurious fur coats.

Right above his door—in the midst of all these beautiful women—is a painting showing a broken Christ praying in the Garden of Gethsemane.

"The painting of Jesus is in a position where I can see it from my desk," says Mr. Kim, who at 34 is managing director of the Ka Mi Industries Co., Ltd., in Seoul.

"In my work I face many frustrations, and Christ helps me overcome those frustrations. From time-to-time I have some time alone, so I meditate and pray here in my office. The painting reminds me to do that."

Many of the frustrations Mr. Kim faces are due to his company's rapid growth. Started years ago with a small investment, Mr. Kim employs 60 people in his main factory and an additional 150 people in seven branch facilities.

This year he will sell \$2.5 million worth of furs to buyers in the U.S., Japan, France and West Germany. He's not stopping there. He hopes to reach sales of \$6 million by 1992.

Mr. Kim hasn't always dreamed of wealth and success. "When I was young my only dream was having enough to eat," he says.

He lost his father when he was six years

old and, along with three brothers, was placed in a Christian children's home in Mok Po.

"When we were in the home we had to follow Christian teaching whether we liked it or not," he says. After a while, he began to like it more. He committed his life to Christ in 1972 and hasn't turned back since.

His faith and his early experiences in survival have given him the tools he needs to survive and succeed in the world of business. With his success he is helping others to survive more fully.

"Long ago I thought I was in this world to fight for myself alone," he says. "I believed if I worked for myself, that was enough."

"As my faith deepened I realized I'm not here for myself alone. I saw that I had a responsibility for other people too."

"I'm concerned for the needy, the hungry, the sickly and the underprivileged. I'm trying to pay back some of my blessings to those in need."

Part of how he shows his responsibility for others is through an education plan for his workers. Currently, he gives seven workers time off and helps them pay for schooling. He also encourages them to make sure their children attend and do well in school.

If he could see sponsors today, he would say: "It's not only your material help but your concern you showed for the children you help."

"Children's minds are a void, and they need a lot of love to fill that vacuum."

"Many success cases. Your concern for these children will be of importance later in life."

"So many people, including my sponsors, have helped me. I now want to help others." ■



Sponsors gave Kim In Sun financial help and hope. Now the director of a rapidly growing business, Mr. Kim shares his wealth with his country's needy.

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TIRE MAN

"My sponsors reminded me someone cared."

There are about 1,339,199 cars and vehicles in South Korea, and many of them travel on retread tires made by Lee Kang Nee, a man who says COMPASSION saved his life.

When Mr. Lee was just seven years old, his life was ripped apart by the Korean War. He lost his parents, was separated from his brothers, and was hungry and lost.

He hopped on a train. He didn't know where he was going, but he met a Christian student who took him to a COMPASSION-assisted orphanage.

"I was so hungry and alone," says Mr. Lee, holding back tears as he talks about memories he has blocked from his mind for so long. "But as soon as I was in the home I was fed and I was loved. Soon after I got to the home I met Jesus and asked Him into my heart."

Tire Not!

Mr. Lee grew in years and in his faith. After years of deprivation, he now felt God blessing him with a business, a new way of retreading tires, and a wonderful wife.

Soon, Mr. Lee began searching for ways to bless God. Nine years ago Mr. Lee started a Bible study in his home. A few years later they outgrew his house and bought a tent. Then they outgrew the tent, so they started a building.

Today, Mr. Lee is an elder in Kwan Mun (for Gate to Heaven) Presbyterian Church, which has 350 adult members along with about two hundred children. Mr. Lee conducts and leads Sunday and Wednesday services and leads the 45-member choir.

He's not just a Sunday Christian, either. His seven employees say he's a great boss.

HURTING DOCTOR

"This is the result of your sponsorship. Thank you."

Above the entrance to Dr. Han Myung Dong's clinic is a painting of Christ healing the sick and the lame. It's a constant reminder to the doctor that healing happens on dual planes: the physical and the spiritual.

Dr. Han's interest in healing came from his own intense pain. His father, a drunkard, deserted the family. His mother tried to support four children by working as a peddler in a nearby market, but she was not successful. Young Myung Dong found himself cold and very hungry.

Soon, the children found themselves in a children's home. But the effects of hunger lingered on during what were difficult times in Korea.

"I suffered malnutrition and was often weak," he says. "I was not healthy and had pains in my joints. I had many disadvantages in my circumstances, but I thank God for my hardships.

"I also thank God for the hard work and experience of my doctors. They helped me, and this made me interested in being a doctor and helping others."

So deep were the painful memories of his childhood that it was not until right before

our visit to his office that Dr. Han shared his experiences with his wife of nine years, Hong Sung Sook. His experiences have deeply affected how he runs his practice.

Dr. Han helps others in pain by a combination of physical and spiritual healing. At least three of the 70 patients he sees during his daily hectic schedule are unable to pay for the care he gives them, but this is part of his service to others.

"I can tell which patients are truly in great need, and when I see that they are in need, I extend free service to them."

"I am thankful to the Korean government,



which helped me; to the director of the children's home, who is my true father; and to my COMPASSION sponsor.

"If I could talk to my sponsor I would say, 'This is the result of your sponsorship. Thank you.'"



Dr. Han Myung Dong's painful childhood created in him the desire to help relieve the pain of others. "I thank God for my hardships," he says. His family (left) lives above his offices.

After all, he gives them all of Sunday off—a rarity for many industries.

Mr. Lee sees nothing unusual in all this. He's just following Jesus and showing compassion to others like it was shown to him. He urges sponsors not to grow tired of doing good.

"When I was young, I realized some Christian person in America was helping me," he says. "I kept praying to God to help those people who were helping me, and I grew up wanting to help others.

"I count myself as the fruit of compassionate deeds. Maybe people can see in me that it's worth it to help others." ■

Lee Kang Nee's message could be: "Tire not of doing good." Now he's an elder in the church he started in his home nine years ago.



MEN OF GOD "We say thank you to COMPASSION for its help in the past."

"Other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

"He who has ears, let him hear."

—Matthew 13:8,9

South Korea serves as a good illustration of Jesus' parable. Much of the country's land consists of terraced farm plots full of rice and other crops that have fallen on good soil.

Likewise, many of the spiritual seeds COMPASSION has sown in Korean children over the past 35 years have also fallen on good soil.

Army Chaplain Lee Hae Yun, 40, and Presbyterian pastor Lee Soon Jin, 38, are both formerly sponsored kids who both are now passing seeds of God's love on to others.

"The support from my sponsors was a real support to me, and influenced me to be a pastor," says the chaplain, who lost his parents during the Korean war and now teaches around 2,000 Korean military personnel every week.

"In the orphanage there are 100 children, so the director can't give personal care to each. My sponsors showed individual concern, and that was important to me."

The pastor agrees.

"I felt so happy that someone was helping me, especially when they remembered my birthdays," says Rev. Lee, who remembers wandering alone before being placed on top of the freight compartment of a truck. Now

a pastor of a young church with 50 members, he says, "It was my sponsors' love for me that made me promise to go to Bible college."

It all started years ago when the two Lees lost their parents in the confusion of the Korean war and found themselves in the same orphanage near Kwangju.

The two became fast friends, and did all kinds of youthful things that made their caretakers throw up their hands and wonder what was to become of these kids—like the time they snuck out to a local farm and stole a few watermelons for a late night snack.

The two Lees are still best of friends, but there's no more shenanigans for them. Instead, when they get together it's to build up one another and pray for each other's ministry.

When they heard about our trip to their country to find formerly sponsored children, they jumped at the chance.

"I've been waiting to have this kind of opportunity," says Chaplain Lee. "This is my chance to express my thanks to COMPASSION for its help in the past." ■



Reverend Lee



Chaplain Lee

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Family REUNION

**Formerly Sponsored
Children Meet Currently
Sponsored Kids at
Celebration**

Last April, a special party was held in Hongchun in northern South Korea.

There, at the Bright Eastern Children's Home, a dozen formerly sponsored children returned to the home where they grew up so they could meet currently sponsored children and talk about what being sponsored had meant to them.

Some of the formerly sponsored children drove four hours to get there, but when they arrived they were in for an emotional experience.

Most of them hadn't seen the home since they left it years ago, and seeing young sponsored children growing up in their old home brought back memories many had kept under wraps for years.

After the party we sat in a circle as they talked about how their sponsors had helped them survive a rough period.



Formerly sponsored children join currently sponsored children at a reunion party at the Bright Eastern Children's Home near Hongchun. At right, a formerly sponsored child helps a younger boy to some of the party's treats.





I'm now in training in Seoul to be a social worker. I want to be of service to other people. Part of this is the spiritual education I received here. That has helped me to be what I am today, but I have realized that to help others is not an easy job. It's a very precious way of life. Tell the sponsors the Lord will reward them for their compassion.

—Pak Young Sa

My sponsors helped me for ten years. That's quite a long period of time, and that could only be done by faith. I respect them for that. I would like to have that kind of faith myself.

—Kim Yong In



I was helped by my sponsor, and not only I was helped, but also my brother. Tell sponsors their help means so much to needy children.

—Kim Yong Sun



My sponsors were not wealthy people, but they shared what they had with me. Their help for me was unconditional. They didn't ask anything back of me. That's a good example for me, and I hope to follow that myself.

—Kim Dong Bok



It took me a while to realize how much I had been helped, but now I realize someone cared for me. Thank you. I'm over 40 myself now. It's time to be of help to someone else now.

—Pak Young Hee



These children remind me of my time in the home, except one thing is different. Back then Korea was in a state of chaos, and things were not happy.

I also remember receiving a gift from my sponsor. It was a pair of ice skating shoes. And with some money some sponsors sent we had a birthday party. They probably had no idea how much that meant to us, but it was a time of celebration and something to have good memories about.

—Kim Dong Sung



COMPASSION'S ROOTS

How One Man's Heart for Needy Children Started A Ministry

When American evangelist Everett Swanson went to South Korea in 1952 to preach to soldiers, he didn't know what he was getting into.

He couldn't foresee that he would be deeply touched by the desperate needs of thousands of homeless children.

Or that he would return to South Korea dozens of times, working with the directors of Christian children's homes to link needy kids with concerned Christians in America.

And when he died in 1965, he had never dreamed the work he started would expand past Korea's borders to help more than 100,000 children in 29 other countries.

Everett was simply trying to obey God and listen to His quiet yet unmistakable voice.

A Life of Evangelism

Swanson began preaching when he was 15. Soon, pastors all around Sycamore, Illinois, where he grew up, were inviting him to preach revivals at their churches.

After high school he considered college, but chose preaching instead. "He had already been successful in winning people to the Lord in the revival meetings," says Miriam Swanson Westenberg, his widow and a member of COMPASSION's Board of Directors. "He felt like there wasn't time for education. He was anxious to get out and preach."

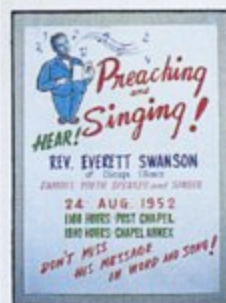
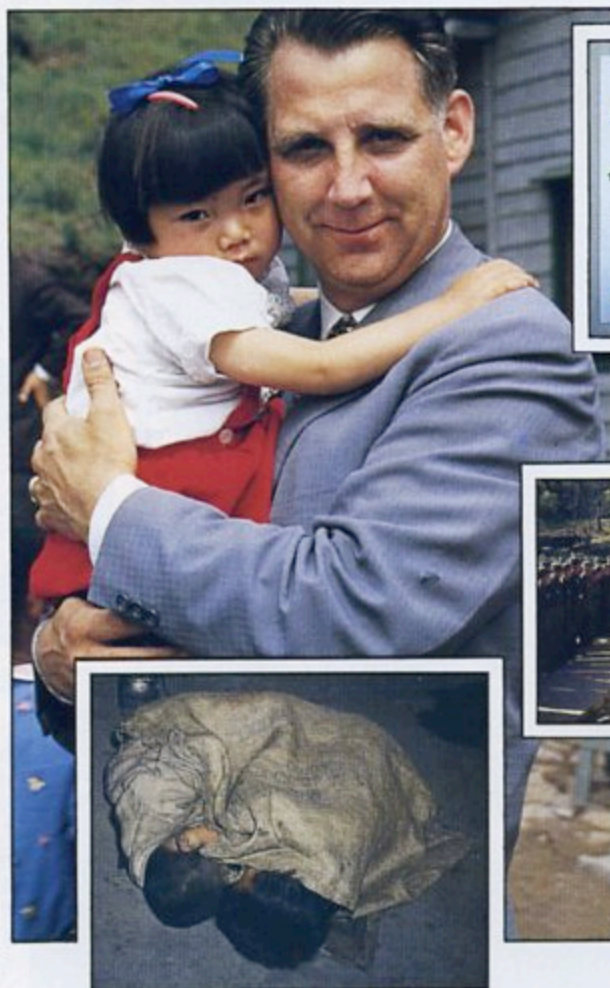
Everett continued to preach after he married Miriam in December 1934. By the next March the couple was in their car, hitting the Midwest's dirt roads and pitching a large tent for a series of evangelistic crusades.

"Times were rough," says Miriam. "It was the Depression era, so offerings were small. When we left home we made sandwiches, and we ate those things for five days. I got pretty tired of those sandwiches sometimes."

The Swansons left the road between 1938 and 1951 as Everett pastored Baptist General Conference churches in Mt. Vernon, Washington and Chicago. But during this time, Swanson's heart for evangelism showed clearly.

"When someone waited on us in a store or gas station, Everett would witness to him about the Lord," says Miriam. "He had a burden for souls. If he could, he would pray with the gas station attendant before he drove out of the station."

In 1951, Everett returned to full-time evangelism. "He felt certain God was calling him back to evangelism," says Miriam. "He wrote on a 3-inch by 5-inch index card that he would go anywhere in the whole wide world God wanted him to go."



Evangelist Everett Swanson went to South Korea to preach to troops.



Little did he know the needy children (like these two sleeping on the street, left) would change his life and start a ministry.

Although he had two years of invitations to preach in America, he cancelled some of these to accept a life-changing invitation from Youth for Christ to visit Japan.

Following God to Asia

Everett jumped at the chance to go to Japan, for that was closer to South Korea, a country he deeply wished to visit.

He got into Korea, which was difficult because the country was still at war. Once there, he took every opportunity to preach the gospel. In 1952 he was invited back to South Korea, and this time he saw the horrible conditions in which many orphaned and abandoned children lived.

He wrote about what he saw and felt: "This war has left many thousands of orphans throughout Korea. Beggar boys without any home of any kind are a common sight in the villages and on the road. On the cold nights they are found on the streets, alleys and doorways. But these boys are

precious in the sight of the Lord, and Christ died to save them. Some of us have undertaken to take them off the streets, and provide them with a home, with love, and most of all—bring them to Christ."

Starting in the basement of the Swansons' Chicago home in 1952, the Everett Swanson Evangelistic Association (ESEA) found American sponsors to help needy Korean children with their schooling, clothing, food and other needs.

Christians, as Everett wrote, had a responsibility to share with those in need:

"Surely our homes are the finest in the world, and our children are well-clothed and happy. Our tables are spread with good things and we enjoy many luxuries. Our babies do not need to cry for food or milk. We ought to thank God for His great goodness to America. But while God is so good to us, in Korea there are thousands of boys who walk the streets carrying a little tin can or pail begging for a little morsel of bread.



Everett and Miriam Swanson tirelessly threw themselves into COMPASSION's ministry to needy children. The sign at right, posted outside a Korean orphanage, is one of many expressions of thanks they have received.



Many Americans put more in their garbage can everyday than Koreans have to eat."

Soon, ESEA was working with lepers, beggar boys, widows, unwed mothers, the deaf and the blind. Along with money, supporters were asked to send warm clothing, vitamins, and other goods to Korean kids. And sponsors could support Korean evangelists as well as needy children.

In 1959 ESEA started a newsletter for its supporters. It was called "COMPASSION," and on the top of each issue was Matthew 15.32: "I have COMPASSION on the multitudes . . . I will not send them away."

In 1963 ESEA changed its name to COMPASSION, Inc. From 1952 to 1968 the organization worked solely in South Korea, but in 1968 COMPASSION expanded to Indonesia and India. COMPASSION continued to expand its work into other countries (see box) and in 1973 changed its name to COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL.

Although Everett Swanson died in 1965, COMPASSION continued under the direction of a new President and a committed Board of Directors.

Looking Back and Looking Forward

If history means anything more than sentimentality or organizational back-patting, it must be applied. The early history of COMPASSION carries two potent messages we all need to hear and obey today.

First, one individual can make a difference in the world. Everett Swanson provides a

striking example of one person who listened to God, went to work, and essentially changed the world.

As Miriam says, "He used to say God told him he would reach multitudes. I thought that was a little bit far-fetched at first. But I guess you could say that multitudes have been helped by his following his vision of what God had called him to do."

Second, we need to listen to God daily to see what direction He will send us next. For Wallace Erickson, COMPASSION's president, this 35th anniversary is a time to look back, but more importantly—to look ahead.

"It's nice to think about our roots and honor our past," says Erickson, who worked with COMPASSION in South Korea in the 1960s. "It was Everett Swanson's vision that got us started, and for many years his vision carried the organization forward."

"At the same time, we can't be content to march to the drumbeat of the past. We must refuse to become static. We must be dynamic.

"Our world is in a state of constant change and flux, and we need to be aware of peoples' changing needs and be open to God's daily leadership. We must be prepared to respond to an unknown future. We must march to a new tempo. Each day, each year, and each period of history requires renewed vision, a new commitment and a new set of assets.

"I'm happy about our past, but I'm even more excited about the future and what lies ahead. ■

THE VISION EXPANDS

During its first 16 years COMPASSION focused its ministry on Korea, where founder Everett Swanson first caught the vision for helping the world's needy children.

Since 1968, however, COMPASSION's work has expanded into 29 more countries in the Americas, Asia and Africa.

Below is a listing of countries where COMPASSION currently serves, along with the current number of COMPASSION-assisted projects and sponsored children in each country.

Country	Projects	Children
Belize (1977)	18	916
Bolivia (1975)	164	8,261
Brazil (1974)	54	4,037
Burma (1971)	63	3,868
Burundi (1982)	2	31
Colombia (1974)	90	5,582
Dominican Republic (1970)	93	5,413
Ecuador (1974)	134	8,437
El Salvador (1975)	28	3,536
Fiji (1978)	12	667
Guatemala (1976)	33	2,893
Haiti (1968)	216	18,271
Honduras (1974)	9	426
Hong Kong (1974)	6	202
India (1968)	194	15,214
Indonesia (1968)	6	195
Jamaica (1970)	21	24
Kenya (1980)	64	4,207
Malaysia (1969)	8	308
Mexico (1976)	62	7,428
Peru (1977)	48	3,029
Philippines (1974)	239	5,562
Rwanda (1979)	52	4,787
Singapore (1968)	2	91
South Korea (1952)	49	7,243
Thailand (1970)	44	3,737
Tonga (1982)	1	424
Uganda (1980)	14	1,705
United States	16	502
American Indians (1971)		
Urban Ministries (1973)		
Zaire (1980)	64	3,347
TOTAL CHILDREN:		116,996

All figures as of 6/8/87.

Give a Merry Christmas

Your Small Donation Can Bring Joy to Your Sponsored Child, and Others

It's not too early to begin thinking about Christmas, especially if you want your sponsored child to share the joy of Christmas with you.

We need to receive your donations for Christmas gifts by October 30, so it's time to start planning now!

But don't worry. Children in the developing world aren't as demanding as our own kids can sometimes be.

Sponsored children aren't asking for the latest super-bicycle or dirt bike, either of which may require mortgaging your house to buy it. Or the latest new doll that moves, talks, cries, wets, and does just about everything else except pay for itself and put itself away after a long day.

Children in needy countries have Christmas wish lists that are much more realistic and practical. A boy in Haiti may want a goat or chicken that can help him and his family. A girl in India may want a new school bag or uniform.

Young boys in Latin America think about war enough already, so they don't want a new toy gun or soldier. Instead, a volleyball or jump rope would be just what the doctor ordered.

Whatever it is they want, sponsored children greatly appreciate it when their sponsors remember them with letters and gifts. It's personal gestures like these that help children feel loved and valued by their sponsors.

You can provide a gift for your child with a cash donation of no more than \$10. This can be an especially strong way to communicate your love for your sponsored child.

Our field staff will use your gift amount to buy an appropriate gift in your child's country.

Also, you can spread the joy of Christmas around by giving an extra gift. In recent years, generous donations to this fund have meant that all sponsored children—along with many other children awaiting sponsors—have been able to receive a nice Christmas gift.

Years of experience in working to provide gifts to thousands of children in 30 countries have led us to adopt some fairly strict guidelines for children's gifts (see box). That's why we ask you to give a cash gift rather than trying to send a gift to your child.

We've developed these guidelines so we don't have to pay \$10.00 of import duties on a \$1.89 book of Bible stories or a \$5 doll.



It takes more than reindeer or elves to deliver Christmas gifts to sponsored children in Colombia. COMPASSION staffer Gail Leroy and a worker from a partner mission unload gifts from a boat that brought them down the Magdalena River to waiting children.



We hope this doesn't spoil the fun for you.

In fact, we hope this Christmas you can give a little extra to make sure even more children can have some happy memories of this Christmas.

Please reach out to your sponsored children by providing a simple Christmas gift.

If you have any questions about these procedures, please contact the Correspondence Department here at COMPASSION. ■

Here's How You Can Give Christmas Gifts

You can provide a Christmas gift for your sponsored child by sending a cash gift of no more than \$10.

You can make sure your donation is used to buy your child's gift by designating the \$10, or the amount of your donation, on your remittance form the next time you send your monthly support.

If you want to provide gifts for other children, make an additional donation to COMPASSION's Christmas fund. A box for this fund appears at the bottom of every remittance form.

You may also send a simple paper gift for your child. Paper gifts include the following:

- photographs (with paper frames only)
- paper bookmarks
- any other paper item no larger than a letter-size piece of paper and no more than one-eighth of an inch thick (this includes cards, photos, stickers and other flat items.)

We will make sure your gift is delivered to your child.

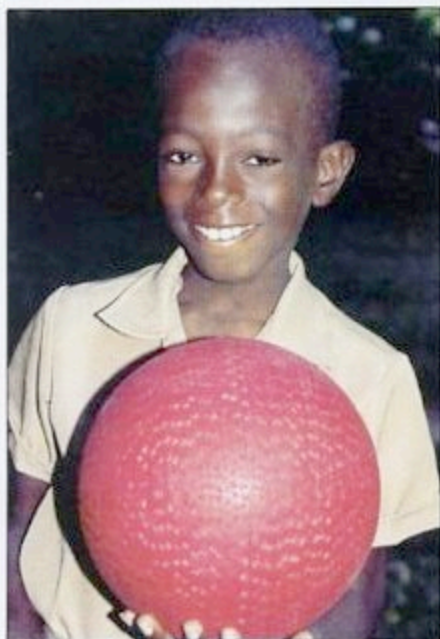
Thanks for thinking about needy kids this Christmas. And remember, we need your gifts by October 30! ■

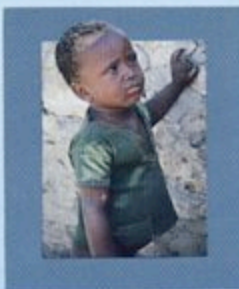


These students at the Alison Cassie Girls School in India anticipate receiving their Christmas gifts.



Below, sponsored children from Korea, Haiti and Colombia say "Thanks."





Lord, where will I get my next meal?



Children around the world ask this question every day.

That's because hunger is a painful, daily tragedy for millions of the world's children. It's a big problem, but it's not hopeless.

You can provide nourishing meals for a hungry child for as little as \$8 a month.

Providing Daily Bread, and More

Children don't live by bread alone, and meals sponsorship isn't just a one-time handout.

Children and their parents learn how to have a balanced diet, how to make water drinkable, how to grow good crops, how to develop good habits for personal hygiene and physical health. And they need to know the gospel.

Children get food for bodies, minds and souls. It's long-term development, not just today's meal.

Here's What You Can Do

Become a Meals Sponsor today. The cost, only \$8 a month, is the average amount it takes to bring "Meals and More" to a hungry child.

You'll be assigned to a specific project, like the one pictured at left, and you'll receive photos and regular reports about the work there.

You can provide daily bread to a hungry child. Please become a meals sponsor today.

Yes, I want to be a sponsor in COMPASSION'S Meals for Children program. Please send me a full description of the project I will be helping. I understand I will also receive a photo and report every 3 or 4 months with news and prayer needs.

The amount of my monthly support will be: \$8 (one sponsorship) \$16 (two sponsorships) \$24 (three sponsorships) \$_____ (_____ sponsorships). My first support check is enclosed in the amount of \$_____.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

All gifts are tax-deductible. Send to COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL, P.O. Box 7000, Colorado Springs, CO 80933. CB709

LIVING MEMORIAL

Remember Them with a Living Memorial

You can remember a loved one with COMPASSION'S Living Memorial.

A Living Memorial allows you to show a lasting tribute to a loved one while supporting COMPASSION'S ministry to needy children around the world.

For information, with no cost or obligation, write: Carl Nelson, Estate Planning Director, COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL, P.O. Box 7000, Colorado Springs, CO 80933. ■

INCOME FOR LIFE

A Charitable Gift Annuity is a unique opportunity for you and/or your spouse to have a guaranteed income for life while having the satisfaction of supporting COMPASSION'S child development ministry.

There are other benefits, too:

- A charitable deduction on your tax return
- A tax-free portion of each annuity payment
- Avoidance of probate and administrative costs
- Reduced federal estate taxes
- And no investment worries or responsibilities.

If you're 60 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, and you're planning ahead for your future and future giving, a Charitable Gift Annuity is a great investment. Or if you're 45 to 65 years of age, the Deferred Payment Gift Annuity is an excellent program.

For more information about how a Charitable Gift Annuity can meet your needs, please complete the coupon below and return it today, or call 1-800-336-7676. There is absolutely no cost or obligation. ■

Please send me information on a Gift Annuity.

Please send me information on a Deferred Payment Gift Annuity.

Please have a COMPASSION representative call on me.

I/we have already included COMPASSION in my/our Will.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: (_____) _____

Birthdate(s) _____
Mo/Day/Yr Mo/Day/Yr

Mail to: Mr. Carl Nelson/Estate Planning Director, COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL, P.O. Box 7000, Colorado Springs, CO 80933

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WRITE YOUR CHILD

Most of the formerly sponsored children appearing in this issue of "COMPASSION UPDATE" have one thing in common: they warmly remember their sponsors.

The reason they have these feelings is because their sponsors wrote them often and regularly sent them cards, gifts and photos.

You, too, can help your sponsored child see you as a friend and personal supporter rather than an "anonymous donor." It's easy, just take a minute and write your child a brief note.

If you have a recent snapshot (preferably one that doesn't show excessive wealth or feature you in a itty bitsy teeny weeny bikini), sign it with a short message and send it along with your note.

COMPASSION's Child Correspondence Department has forms for your letters to your child, or you can write using your own paper.

However you do it, please write. Your child will deeply appreciate it.



Jung An Sap, featured on pages two and three, keeps letters his sponsors sent him years ago.

OUR PURPOSE

"COMPASSION-assisted children will become equipped in the following ways:

- Be Christian in faith and deed;
- Be responsible members of their families, churches and communities;
- Support themselves and share with others in need;
- Maintain their physical well-being."

EXTRA! EXTRA!

Want extra copies of COMPASSION Update to pass on to friends, neighbors, church members, and others? If so, please contact the editor.

Are you receiving extra copies of COMPASSION and you'd prefer to receive only one? If so, let the editor know.

Thank you.

COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL is a Christian child development organization founded in 1952 and working with more than 100,000 children in 30 countries.

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ON THE ROAD

These Christian artists will be on the road in the next two months, and are scheduled to give a brief presentation on COMPASSION during their concerts. (NOTE: All dates subject to change without notice.)

STEVE CAMP

(Phone: 714-995-0888)

September 25: London, Ontario, Canada / 26: Toronto, Canada / 26: Hamilton, Ontario, Canada / 30: Kalamazoo, MI / October 2: Temple Hills, MD / 7: State College, PA / 9: Grantham, PA / 17: Rockford, IL / 31: San Jose, CA

PETE CARLSON

(Phone: 615-790-2217)

September 4: Minneapolis, MN / 6: Lansing, MI / 7: Grand Rapids, MI / 20: Miami, FL / 25-26: Willoughby Hills, OH / 27: Columbus, OH / October 2: St. Paul, MN / 4: Dallas, TX / 18: Reno, NV / 20: Dublin, CA / 21: Stockton, CA / 23: Angwin, CA / 24: Santa Rosa, CA / 25: Pleasant Hill, CA / 30: Lubbock, TX

THE CHOIR

(Phone: 818-796-2027)

October 2: Santa Ana, CA

ROBIN CROW

(Phone: 312-724-1089)

September 27-28: Austin, TX / October 28: Minneapolis, MN / 29: Mason City, IA / 30: Lamoni, IA

GLAD

(Phone: 800-458-5522)

September 9: St. Davids, PA / 10: Scranton, PA / 11: Downingtown, PA /

12: New York, NY / 19: Dallas, TX / 23-25: Atlanta, GA / 26: Louisville, KY / October 2: Wilmore, KY / 3: Charlotte, NC / 10: Jackson, TN / 16: St. Davids, PA / 17: Ocean City, NJ / 24: Bolivar, MO / 30: Las Vegas, NV

TAMI GUNDEN

(Phone: 609-772-0209)

September 4: Richmond, VA / 12: New York, NY / 20: Lima, OH / 25: Buffalo, NY / October 1-11: New York State Tour

PHIL KEAGGY

(Phone: 818-796-2027)

September 4: Santa Barbara, CA / 6-7: Broken Arrow, OK / 12: Winona Lake, IN / 19: Kansas City, KS / 24: Tallahassee, FL / 26: Ft. Lauderdale, FL / October 9: Magic Mountain, Los Angeles, CA

KAREN KELLEY

(Phone: 818-500-7985)

September 6: Colorado Springs, CO / 13: Manteca, CA / 20: Hereford, TX / 22: Los Angeles, CA / October 3-4: Memphis, TN / 11: Atascadero, CA / 25: Bangor, ME

LORD LYALL

(Phone: 615-367-1737)

September 11: Nashville, TN / 19: Mobile, AL /

25: Clearwater, FL / October 2: Miami, FL

BOBBY MICHAELS

(Phone: 805-499-4306)

September 6: Canada / 13: Colorado Springs, CO / 20: Riverside, CA / 26: Bradenton, FL / 27: Bradenton, FL / October 9-10: Colorado Springs, CO / 25: Oskaloosa, IA

GEOFF MOORE

(Phone: 615-646-5100)

September 4: Hillsboro, KS / 19: Syracuse, NY / October 4: Vancouver, BC / 22: Willmar, MN / 24: Mt. Vernon, OH

PETRA

(Phone: 615-646-5100)

September 10: Jacksonville, FL / 11-12: Disneyworld, FL / 14: Knoxville, TN / October 1: Worcester, MA / 2: Rochester, NY / 3: Canton, OH / 12: Fresno, CA / 15: Waco, TX / 17: Amarillo, TX / 19-27: Europe / 29: Pensacola, FL / 30: Jackson, MI

ALAN READ

(Phone: 615-793-9437)

September 5-6: Rives Junction, MI / 6: Nashville, MI / 13-16: Harrisville, RI / 18-20: Benton, NH / 27: Baltimore, MD / October 4-9: Churubusco, IN / 11: Columbus, IN / 11: Greenwood, IN / 18-23: Johnstown, PA / 25: Columbus, OH

RANDY STONEHILL

(Phone: 818-796-2027)

September 11-12: Or-

lando, FL, Disneyworld / 18: Upland, IN / 19: Auburn, IN / 26: Ft. Lauderdale, FL / October 3: Darien Center, NY / 8: San Luis Obispo, CA / 9: Magic Mountain, Los Angeles, CA / 23: Bozeman, MT / 24: Hamilton, Ontario

THE CHOIR

(Phone: 818-796-2027)

September 12: Artesia, CA

SHEILA WALSH

September: European Tour / October 7-8: Manhattan, KS / 9-16: Found Free Cruise, Mexico / 24: Reynoldsburg, OH / 30: Las Vegas, NV

JAMES WARD

(Phone: 616-241-3787)

September 23: Atlanta, GA / 25: Millbank, SD / October 9-10: St. Petersburg, FL / 15: Marseille, France / 17: Marseille, France / 23-24: Utrecht, Holland / 25: Rotterdam, Holland

STEVE & ANNIE

WAMBERG

(Phone: 402-453-2504)

September 7: Norfolk, NE / 13: Warrensburg, MO / 20-23: Corydon, IA / 30: Akron-Springfield, OH / October 3: Trenton, NJ / 4-7: Central Village, CT / 9-11: Johnstown, PA / 14: Sarasota, FL / 15: Valdosta, GA / 19: Valdosta, GA / 20-21: Tallahassee, FL / 22: Gainesville, FL / 23-25: Leesburg, FL

FUNNY MONEY

Christians around America have been scratching their heads lately, wondering what happens to the donations they faithfully send in to Christian organizations.

Some Congressmen are scratching their heads too, and one House chairman is trying to set up congressional hearings on the subject.

Have you been wondering what happens to the money you send COMPASSION? We

have no secrets. It's all in our 1986 audited financial statement, which was sent to all supporters in our January/February issue of COMPASSION UPDATE.

If you didn't receive a copy or have misplaced it, we'll be glad to send you one.

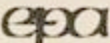
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These Children And Many More Need Your Love



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El Salvador, age 8



Thomas Richardson
Haiti, age 6



Rellie Ann O Garin
Philippines, age 7



Luis Uribe Hallasi
Peru, age 10

It's nice to read about formerly sponsored kids and how they've succeeded and how they're serving God and people.

But around the world thousands more desperately need help. You can help by sponsoring a needy child.

Your Child Will Receive decent clothes, schooling, books and supplies, a hot meal, or whatever else is needed most. Your child will also know you care enough to help.

You Will Receive photos and information about your child, regular letters, and appreciation.

To Begin fill out the coupon and send it in with your first monthly check of \$21. We'll link you with the child you select or, if your choice has already been selected, a similar child that needs your help.

Write Now. A Child Needs Your Love.

Yes, I want to sponsor a needy child at \$21 a month. My preference is:
 Any child who needs me most.

_____ from the pictures shown above. (If already selected when we hear from you, we will carefully choose a similar child.) Indicate second choice here:

My first support check is enclosed for:
 \$21 (one month), \$63 (3 months), \$252 (one year).

Mr. Miss
Name Mrs. Ms. _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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