

Chicago, Illinois  
November 25, 1955

Dear Friend of Homeless Children:

Cordial greetings in our dear Saviour's name.

Yesterday was Thanksgiving Day. Because I am conducting services in Chicago this week, it was possible for me to have the wonderful joy and privilege of enjoying the day with my family. We had invited my sister's family and Mrs. Swanson's mother to come in 50 miles to be with us. Also Mr. Stephen Hyun from Korea. He is in the graduate school at Wheaton College. In my last city-wide campaign in June in Korea, he was my interpreter, a very fine man. Since he has been in America only 10 weeks, it was his first Thanksgiving Day. Everything in America awes him. So great, so rich, so abundant, so wonderful!

My memory went back to a Thanksgiving Day in Korea when I preached to 600 Korean soldiers jammed into 2 quonset huts and 200 more outside in the cold driving rain. The following day I preached to thousands of POWs and at night to 18,000 soldiers! It was at that season too, that I saw the little children running over the frozen ground with nothing on but a cotton shirt! Later I was to see the beggar boys sleeping in the door ways, on the streets, etc, with only rags or gunny sacks for covers, although it was bitter cold.

Because God gave me a grateful heart for my many blessings, and that my children were well fed, clothed and housed, I decided I must do something for some of these poor homeless children in Korea. You and many others have helped me to show my gratitude to God, so that today in our 2 orphanages and one boy's home, we are caring for about 250 boys and girls! In addition we help care for 180 more beggar boys in a makeshift tent arrangement and are receiving these boys into our other homes as funds and a pace permit.

How happy these dear children are! Clothed with warm relief clothing, fed good food, housed in warm buildings (although crowded beyond belief), attending schools daily, and above all, loved and taught to know Christ and His wonderful love.

So on their behalf, I want to say "Manny, many thanks to you all and God bless you abundantly." These children all call me their American father, but in reality, you, their supporters and helpers, are their American mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters.

I am coming to you at this time to ask for a Christmas offering to God, one of real gratitude, to be used entirely for the children. It is already late to send out this letter, but if you respond as soon as possible, we can provide a very happy Christmas for them all. It is not wise to buy and send things over this year, so I am authorizing our leaders to use the money we send thru a mission treasurer in Taegu to buy things over there. It will not be used for foolishness or useless toys, (there are none to be had) but for warm underwear, mittens, caps and shoes. Of course there will be some treats such as candy, cookies, fruit, etc. Money to buy wood for fuel would make them very happy. It is very expensive. So, will you be generous, as God may enable you, and remember every dollar will be used for these purposes.

One more thing. Because of the inflation and reduced exchange rate, it is necessary for me to ask that at least \$5.00 a month be sent by each supporter of a child, if at all possible. If you cannot do this, (some give more) please continue with what you can. We will do our best to provide. We do appreciate so much what you are doing and have done.

In a few days I will have from the printer and will send to you a pictorial report with about 125 pictures in it that will make your heart rejoice and praise God for what He has done.

Enclosed find the Christmas envelope and a self-addressed stamped envelope for your convenience. Many will receive new packets for next year. (one envelope for each months contribution)

"He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will He pay him again." Proverbs 19:17

In His blessed Name and Service,  
Everett F. Swanson

## AN INVITATION

On the first Saturday afternoon of each month (2:30 p.m.) The American-European Bethel Mission generally conducts a Meeting at Headquarters for PRAYER on behalf of the work. Those living in the Los Angeles area are cordially invited to meet with us.

## AN IMPORTANT SUGGESTION

It is hoped that friends of the American-European Bethel Mission will find it agreeable and possible to include the said Mission in their Will to share in the future of the work entrusted to us by the Lord as well as providing funds for immediate development and constant maintenance.

Bequests should be made payable to the American-European Bethel Mission, Incorporated, founded by Rev. Leon Rosenberg as a Christian, non-profit institution.

## A SIMPLE FORM OF BEQUEST

"I give and bequeath to the American-European Bethel Mission, Incorporated under the laws of the State of California, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be used for the work of the named Society."

## DATES

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