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Dear Praying Friends:

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ."

It is now several months since I wrote my last prayer letter while still in Korea. I want to thank you again for your support and for praying for me. It means more to me than I could ever express. Please continue whenever God reminds you.

Since returning to the States, I have been very busy with my evangelistic work. I am now completing 9 weeks of meetings in 5 cities with no rest period at all. But God has given me strength, praise His name. Ten much time is consumed with all the book work and correspondence pertaining to my 2 orphanages and one boy's home with the 400 children receiving full or part support. Also the native evangelists. But what a privilege to serve the Lord and win souls! We need many more people who will "adopt" one of these homeless children by agreeing to send me \$5 a month for their support. Will you be one?

This has been in many ways my greatest and most fruitful year in the work of evangelism and soul-winning. In some ways, the most trying, but God's grace is sufficient.

I have wanted to place in the hands of all who have had an interest in my ministry in Korea, something that would help them visualize the work God has given me to do, and of His wonderful blessing. The enclosed pictorial "Korean Crusade" will help to do this. Please accept it as a token of my appreciation and as a reminder to pray in the days ahead. If you know of others who would like to receive one, please let me know.

I hope and pray that the Lord will lay it upon your heart to invest more in precious souls in the land of Korea. I have received such earnest and urgent pleas from missionaries and national pastors for help to support national evangelists, who will go out in our two Austin trucks and preach the Gospel everyw here, show motion pictures that God has provided thru one of his stewards, (which draw huge crowds) give out tracts and sell gospel literature of all kinds. God has enabled us to set up or plan for a total of 80 out of a total goal of 100 Christian Book Shops so far. These must be constantly serviced, supplied and encouraged by these evangelists.

So, I need about 20 people who will agree to send \$10 a month for their support. (2 evangelists and 2 driver helpers) Will you pray about this and write me soon?

My future schedule will take me after the first of the year to California, Washington, Michigan, etc. May God send revival and save many precious souls.

With Christmas so near, may I take this way of wishing you and yours a blessed Christmas and happy fruitful New Year in your Christian life and witness.

Rejoicing in His Blessed Service,

Everett F. Swanson,

P.S. I am giving you some testimonies that have come to me. I know they will be a blessing to you. Many more could be printed.

"I am a senior class cadet of R.O.K. Air Force Academy, which is located at Chin-hae, and you had visited there in 1952, for gave us many precious words in the Christianity. When you came to Korea this time on your mission, I also met you and told you in Taejon, that I had become a pious Christian after hearing of your highly spirited evangel. I am sure that from the next Sunday of your evangel speech there had more many airmen crowded into the Chapel". Shin Suck Young (one of many Cadets that were saved and have remained true)

"We received your letter in regard to our supporting Whang Youn Chul together with his picture. We will undertake his entire support of \$25 per month. I sincerely feel that an investment in a native in Korea at this time will bring the biggest dividends for the Lord per dollar given. We will try to pray for Whang daily."

(Over Please)

From a M/Sgt. I lead to Christ in Korea: "I don't know if I told you an experience I had last month or not. A fellow working in the same office I was in was not saved. I felt led to say something to him and prayed for an opportunity and for his soul while waiting. They had a break time and I was able to give a tract and spoke to him and pointed him to Christ. I left at 11:15 and came back at one o'clock. Someone said a fellow had gotten killed during the noon hour in the vicinity of our work area. I saw the man that worked with this fellow and asked him where the other fellow was. He said "He fell off a ladder at 12:15 and died at the hospital. Thank Jesus for the opportunity to tell him of the Way." Acts 1:8 (This Sgt. is pictured on page 19)

"I would again like to thank you for what you have done to help me. It is hard to put into words just how I feel but it certainly is a wonderful feeling to have such a friend and Saviour so true and understanding as Jesus Christ."--A young woman in South Dakota

"I thank you all for your good work. I am a soldier in the front line. I left my parents and family behind in North Korea, but I am very happy and glad to believe in Christ. One day in the bus on the way from Pusan last year I received a tract from a young student, but I did not read that tract. Instead I put it into my pocket. But I had a chance to read it after I was back to the mountain. How glad I was to read that! Till then I have never thought about God or Christ Jesus. But reading the tract suddenly I felt warm heart. I made up my mind to be a Christian. Help me and if possible send me other tracts."

"Our Lord is more real to me each day. If I said I have not failed Him, it would not be true for I have. But I'm trusting Him to keep me strong and to help me conquer the ways which I fail Him. (God forgive me for the times I have failed Him) Then I come to the date of June 11, the night I accepted Christ. There is really a contrast between the way my life was lived before and after June 11. I praise God that my life is changed, for the better, thru Christ."--High School girl in S.D.

"I thank very much to you for your kindness to our Korean people three times by this time. You walk about to spread true words of God both on our people and country that have become rough because of cruel war, in spite of all inconvenience and pains in unaccustomed circumstances of our custom and daily life. How many people you wake from their long faithless dream which continued till now like me. Truly God blessed our people on this occasion you have come to our land. I had tried to find faith in the words of God until I met you, but I could not find it at last because I had used to compare my thought with modern science. But now I find real faith from your explanation of the doctrine of God. How much I felt joyful at the moment that I solve my doubt about faith in Christianity. I felt a great shock to run and put you in my arms, but my consciousness did not allow me to do so as a nameless private. It was in auditorium of Capital Army Hospital in Seoul. I think that I was sent there and met you is due to God. I have mind to follow great guidance of Christ's Spirit forever and I do now in daily life practically with whole my heart. I will not never forget you forever for you paved the way for to real life. God bless you."--

Pak Tong Hee, 25 years old, pictured on page 15.

"We enjoy the 5 records you gave us for having the most "first nighters" at the meetings. Also appreciate the Scofield Bible. We have had the pleasure of seeing another one of the men that we invited to church saved." (at home after the final service)--From Michigan

"Your letter came this morning with the picture of little Lee Kun. I wish I could convey to you what that picture (and knowing little Lee is sort of ours) means to us. We have only one little boy, and he is SO excited! We can't thank you enough for the personal touch, having a special little boy to help really means much to us. Thanks so much. May God richly bless you and yours." -- A family in Minnesota

"Just got thru reading your letter. Thanks very much. I must admit it puts me to such an awful shame that I just broke down, believe me. How little I've done and have gone without compared to them in Korea. Yes, it should stir us in such a way that a real Holy Ghost revival would break out. My prayer is it might break out in me."--One of God's saints in Northern Minnesota.

Well, Amen, Praise the Lord!