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GLEANINGS FROM THE MAIL BAG

A Korean Orphan Boy--"I want to express my great thanks with my whole mind to you for what you have done for us though you are in far away land from us. And also I thank to God for what He has given us.. God always loves us. He always protect us, and He gave His servant to us. How happy I was to know you. At Christmas time I was forced to think of my mother, my younger brother and many others. My heart was pierced with grief then and tears ran down my cheeks. Then I looked up to the sky to keep back the tears and I tried to think of you instead of my mother, my brother and others. I called your name twice, "Dr. Swanson, Dr. Swanson". Then I dried my tears and made up my mind not to be sorrowful but try to be joyful. Thus I had a merry Christmas."

A Chicago Pastor--"We are still rejoicing over our special meetings with you. At the prayer meeting on last Wednesday we asked for testimonies as to what the meetings meant to the folks. I wish you could have been present. It would have rejoiced your heart. The Young Catholic man who was saved has been attending regularly and last Sunday night he gave a wonderful testimony."

A Korean Evangelist Supporter--"It has been a blessing to us to help out this past year in the work over in Korea. We would love to continue, so please write us and let us know about another worker we can send monthly support for."

Children's Memorial--"The enclosed gift is from two little girls as a memorial for their baby sister, whom the Lord called Home just one week before she would have celebrated her second birthday. It is the wish of the family that this be a living memorial and that through it some Korean boy or girl may come to know Christ as Savior".

Blind Korean Evangelists Report--"From November 18 to January 24 this zealous blind preacher traveled to remote villages conducting services attended by from 50 to 400 people. 268 people professed to become Christians! He sold 33 subscriptions to a Christian paper, "Victorious Living", enrolled 221 unbelievers in a Bible Reading program by mail, many promised to tithe and he got some church buildings started! What a thrill for the commercial fisherman and his wife who support this man, fishing for men in Korea'.

A Ladies Group--"We put up a tree in the annex with a sign on it, "Mittens for Korean Orphanage". We also made wool squares for coverlets. We are so happy to be serving in this manner. We are mailing 36 mittens and one coverlet".

Faith and Love Orphanage--"All of us 73 children greet you and thank you for your kindness and love for us. We know that you love us as your own children. We, all the orphans, call you our father. We always pray for you and your family. Pray for us always.. We do our best to be honest and diligent children to repay your kindness and love. May God be with us always, and bless our father in America and his family. Your loving boy, Choong Jae Chang, representative for Sin Ai Orphanage".

An Orphan Sponsor--"Enclosed is \$10 for Christmas for the orphans. When our 8 year old boy heard me read parts of your letter, he went and counted money from his bank. "Please send this \$2.50 to the orphans, Mother!", he said. How we wish it were more, but we know this will help."

A Grateful Lady--"Just a few lines to tell you how glad we are the Lord used you in such a wonderful way to show the way of salvation to my father and grandfather these past two weeks. The Lord has used you also to awaken our church as we as a family have taken a stronger stand for Christ too." Her 9 year old girl writes, "I am glad my Grampa and Great Grampa accepted Jesus. We will miss you. I love you".

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A Mission Circle--"Our Mission Circle voted at our January meeting to support one of your Korean Orphans @ \$5.00 per month. God bless you in your wonderful work. Thirteen at least are joining in Baptism, next Sunday, even my 82 year old father, as a result of the two weeks campaign you had here recently".

A Korean Air Force Cadet Convert--"I want to bless to the God, our Father that He may keep you safe and happy always, as your work is so busy and valuable to the every people of the world. I spent Christmas with my parents and brothers. All of my family went to church and praised the Almighty and the birth of Jesus Christ. I did not go to bed in that night because we might have been waiting the coming again of Jesus Christ". (A Korean custom, Beautiful, I think)

An Orphan Boy--"Dear Doctor: Why have you assisted us so much? We are only poor, little kids. We knew we shall not be able to pay your kind help back. But God will always bless you if you think that it is your duty to help us. Though we can't give you anything at present for we are too poor, we want to express our great appreciation with our whole heart for your favor to us. We spent a very happy Christmas Day, for the Lord gave us His mercy. Many wonderful presents of food, toys, and clothing were given to us. Recently we had a big soccer game against the 4H Club and regretablely we were defeated by the score 2-1. We are sure we will certainly win next time. Any way we had a nice time during the winter vacation. Good bye, dear Doctor! I will send you more interesting letters than this next month". (Sang Balk Sik-13)

Orphan Sponsor--"It has been a long time since I had this letter to write to you on my mind. It is with a sad heart that I did wait so long in sending you a small check (\$60 for a year) for the support of the orphan boy. Our crop was somewhat small this year but God has sure been good to us. May God continue to protect you and your health and bless your work for His loved ones in our prayer."

A Canadian Couple--"Truly the Lord has blessed us abundantly since your meetings. We thank God for sending you, as the Lord surely spoke to us through His servant. We also continue to make mention of you in our prayers. My husband and I now enjoy having devotions with our two children. Little did we realize what a blessing we were missing. We also receive a blessing and get real joy out of giving God what belongs to Him. As the Lord enables we want to have a part in helping these Korean Children".

A Happy Pastor--"Thought you would be interested in knowing that we had a terrible prayer meeting night following the close of the series of meetings with you. It was storming, raining, and blowing, but still we had 48 present. A wonderful testimony meeting. Mr. -- was there just beaming for the Lord. He prayed like a deacon. He called before the meeting saying his pal wanted to come to the meeting too. At the meetin he got up and told how he went away the last night rejecting the Lord, but couldn't sleep until he got saved. The former saloon keeper was there too. Soon we hope to welcome about 15 into the church. That will give us 2 bartenders, an alcoholic, a doctor, vice-president of the bank and a saloon keeper. That's what the gospel can do". Amen and Amen. Praise the Lord.

A Happy Young Mother--"I'm so glad God sent you to our town this Summer and that through your meetings I found Him anew. I know and trust Him in a better way, and that through Jesus Christ only, and His shed blood am I saved. I was born again is my conclusion. I didn't think so then, but I do now. I am sure of my eternity now while before it was "I think so". Such a great change has come over me. Old desires - which I thought weren't bad - have left. Sir, I can't explain the wonderful change, since I've let Christ live within me".

A High School Girl--"He paid the price for my salvation and He used you to save me. I thank Him for that".