

Chicago, Ill.
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Dear Sponsor of Korean Orphan:

OK "I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked, and ye clothed me" said Jesus.

OK. After a long, long wait, I have finally just received the picture, name and age of "your orphan" in Korea. Thank you for your patience. My, but it takes patience when we are trying to do things half way around the other side of the earth! I have not yet received the full details about your orphan, but more information may come anytime. I will give you what I have so that you can pray intelligently.

This child is one of over 650 vagrant children who live in tents at the LITTLE LAMB'S ORPHANAGE AND SCHOOL in Seoul. Most of these children are shoeshine boys and girls, doing this during the day. At night they attend school classes in these tents taught by 25 teachers who are University students who give their time freely and sacrificially to this work. Mr. Kim Dong Bin, a seminary senior, heads up this work, and is very zealous for the souls of these children. He conducts the Sunday and Wednesday services and others the daily prayer meeting at dawn. I know this fine man personally and have been helping him for a couple of years.

Last year I visited this place and was entreated to help them, but could not until now. Many weeks ago a very urgent appeal came asking my help. Because you, and many others since, have expressed your desire to become a sponsor of a Korean orphan, I have stepped out by faith and promised to support 50 of these dear children. We hope many more of them later. Perhaps you can help me get another sponsor or two. Please try.

You will notice that all of these children are boys except the two girls in the picture. So I will have to substitute some boys where requests have come for girls. I'm sure you won't mind.

I do not have the mailing address of the Orphanage itself, but only that of the director. It will be here soon, so that together with the other information, mailing instructions, etc., it will be sent to you.

Here is what my good missionary friend in Seoul, Rev. Peter VanLierop PH. D., wrote me recently, "I was particularly interested and made most happy by the news regarding the orphanage and school for wandering children. It seems indeed providential, for I have been thinking about doing something for these many beggar boys one sees in Seoul, Taegu, Pusan and other cities as well; there are simply thousands of them and they are a serious threat to society. I will certainly be glad and most privileged to be your contact man for this work. I'll do my best". Dr. Van Lierop is heading up the Dept. of Christian Education and Dept. of Social Studies at Chosen Christian University, and is a real true evangelical. He is the man who was responsible for first getting me into Korea in 1951 during the war.

Here is the information I have at this date:

NAME _____
AGE _____
SCHOOL YEAR _____

Sometimes the age is approximate, but I hope to get most of the birthdates. Remember that a Korean baby is considered one year old at birth and 2 years the next New Year's Day. (which could be the day after birth!) Also the family name is written first.

Again I want to thank you for your love and compassion for these dear children and your patience in waiting for the assignment of "your adopted orphan". God bless you.
Sincerely in Jesus Dear Name,

Rev. Everett F. Swanson