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IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ EVERY WORD

December, 1956
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Orphan Sponsor:

Another year has swiftly passed. It makes us want to take inventory of our stewardship of time, talents and money. How well have I served my Lord this year? How could I have done better? Where have I failed, lived selfishly, etc?

I am enclosing a new packet of envelopes for your convenience this coming 12 months. Many have become sponsors during the year and this is the first complete packet for you. The stamps have been omitted this time. With the savings we can support 3 more children in Korea!

Some will receive 12 envelopes, one for each month. Some 6 for bi-monthly payments, others 4, 3, or 2 envelopes depending upon how often payments have been sent in for support of the child. In every case it is due in advance for we have to mail it to Korea well in advance. We have many who send the whole year's support at once. We do appreciate the larger amounts because it cuts down so much on bookkeeping and correspondence. Anyone wishing to send larger amounts should fold the extra envelopes and enclose them. We will use them next year.

Because of the pressure of inflation in Korea, we are faced with problems of meeting all the needs. So far, because of undesignated funds for building repairs, etc., we have been able to get by on the \$5.00 per month per child. As you may know, all other agencies in Korea ask \$10, \$12, or \$15 per child per month for support. All of them have heavy overhead, office expense, home and field representatives salaries, etc. This we do not have, because I am an evangelist receiving free will offerings. My wife and children and others help with all the office work, stamping, mimeographing, folding, mailing, etc. Most of our Korean workers receive little or no salary--and expect none. They work sacrificially for the children, content with lodging, meals and clothing!

So, any sponsor, who is financially able, and will do so, is asked to increase the monthly support by what ever amount he feels lead to give. Even a dollar a month increase will be a big help. It will go all for the children and we will continue to be just as careful as we can be in the use of every dollar. I am enclosing a postal reply card for your convenience to notify me of your decision. (Some have already been sending more than the \$5.00 a month for each child and we surely appreciate it.)

I have just sent a check for \$6,710.00 for our 7 orphanages, our national evangelists, literature work, new building needs, etc. How we thank God for His blessing. And How much I appreciate your part in all this. It means so much.

Three more things: 1) When you send packages, always print plainly "U S A (or Canadian) GIFT PARCEL. FOR ORPHAN. (or REFUGEES if for adults) NOT TO BE SOLD" on each parcel. This is so the orphanage will not have to pay duty.

2) If you do not have your orphan's number and/or birthdate, please write for them. We have nearly all the birthdates now and all have a number.

3) There are yet so many children in Korea on the streets, will you help me get more new sponsors? Perhaps you could sponsor another. Tell your friends, relatives, Sunday School, S. S. Class, Ladies group, Youth group, Jr. Church, G. M. G.s or others about this wonderful opportunity to sponsor these homeless children. Two, three or more individuals can group together and sponsor one. I enclose a pledge envelope for you to give to them or they can just write for information. Thank you so much for helping me this way. Many have already done so. Finally, I wish and pray for you a joyous Christ centered Christmas. It will be happier because you are caring for one or more of these dear children for whom Christ came to SAVE!

Cordially and Sincerely for Christ and these dear Children,

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