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Mid-Winter Prayer Letter

Dear Frind in Christ:

Thank you for your prayers! Satan is powerful, the flesh is weak, but Christ said, "All power is given unto me"! Praise God. Again we can report that God's Spirit and Word have worked to the salvation and consecration of many souls. Services have been conducted in Riverdale, Ill., Wilmington, Del., Denver, Colo., Thompson, Iowa, Gibbon and S. Isanti, Minn. Besides the clear cut conversions, renewed consecrations, victory over habits, confession of grudges and hard feelings; I believe the outstanding results of this period would be the large number of new family alters begun. It is indeed alarming to learn how few Christian homes have family alters!

Perhaps the feeling of the pastors and people could be summed up in this letter received a few days ago, "We shall never forget the week you spent here with us. May God bless you in the future days. You have a wonderful program to present to God's people. Two fold- Missionary and Evangelistic- the best I have ever seen presented in any church I have served. Thanks again FOR everything". Praise God.

Please pray for the following campaigns to be conducted in future weeks:

Feb. 17-March 3rd, 1st Baptist Church--Wenatchee, Wash.
March 5-17, 1st Baptist Church--Warren, Oregon
March 26-April 7, Bethel Baptist Church--Cleveland, Ohio
April 9-14, 1st Baptist Church--Markham, Ill.
April 16-21, Immanuel Baptist, Chicago Heights, Ill.

Prayer was surely answered for the needs of the "14 room house" to be used by our Tender Nurture House Orphanage's 44 children. Our supporters sent in more than enough money and we have sent the last \$665 to completely pay for it. Prayer has been answered for Mrs. Swanson. (So many wrote that they were praying) She is much better.

Now about our growing work in Korea. Wonderful things are happing!

- 1.) In Nov. we agreed to take over the support of the Chin Hae Orphanage in Chin Hae, on the South-Central Coast. I visited this orphanage in 1951 and again in 1952. Rev. Lee Yak Shin, founder and superintendent, a heroic Christian under persecution by the Japanese and Communists, had pleaded for months for help. An American airbase nearby which had supported it, closed 3 years ago. Last week I received the shocking news that he died Jan. 20th of acute Hepetitus. He is succeeded by Dr. Lee Pong Eun M. D. his son in law, who is an outstanding Christian and elder in the church. They have 120 children. We have 50 pictures and case histories now and are assigning them to sponsors already waiting.
- 2.) A few weeks ago Rev. Ray Johnson, director of Life Messengers, Box 515 Seattle 11, Wash., who publishes the wonderful soul winning Here's How booklets in many languages, (They provided me with over a million copies last time I was in Korea!) appealed to his supporters to help buy an orphanage from a heathen man in Korea. This man could no longer get funds for the many children in his Chung Gu Orphanage in Taegu. As a result of this he was able to send me \$3090 and the Home has been obtained, is now being incorporated with a board of Christian directors and staff. Mr. Johnson is now seeking to get sponsors for all the children. This is a marvelous evangelistic opportunity!
- 3.) Less than a month ago, the Mayor of Kangneung appealed to Rev. Kim Tae Chin, superintendent of our Tender Nurture House, to help them care for 12 foundlings that had been abandoned by their mothers in front of the city hall or police station. His heart of Christian love could not refuse. So he rented a house in the city, (Tender Nurture House is 5 miles out in the country) hired 2 women as nurses and his own wife does the suervising, having had much experience along this line up in N. Korea. All this entirely by faith. He has appealed to us for help and we agreed to support them.

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I have no sponsors or supporters for them, but I believe it is of God. If He especially speaks to your heart about these babies and becoming a sponsor, please write to me right away.

4.) Now our greatest privilege and responsibility thus far! As a result of gifts of Christian friends, we had a fund to buy an orphanage. For several months we have been negotiating to buy an orphanage from a Buddhist man with 70 children who have never been permitted to learn of Jesus. He would not permit it at all. However, he was desperate for funds to support them with because his G. I. support was gone. This seemed to us a wonderful evangelistic opportunity. But he continued to raise his price until we had to give it up. About that time another orphanage was brought to the attention of our missionary negotiator, Mr. George Worth. Here was a large two story building only a few years old. The owners were desperate for funds to care for the children, having borrowed and borrowed until they were in 4 million Hwan in debt! They had not been able to replace broken window glass even, although this has been the coldest winter in 30 years. They were about to sell it to an ungodly commercial outfit that would make money off of the children by appealing to American secular organizations for support.

After very careful and prayerful negotiations, this orphanage has been purchased for 5,500,000 Hwan (about \$6550) which is a marvelous bargain. The title is in the name of the Christian Revival Fellowship that I am doing part of my work thru. But here is the challenge. I expected an orphanage with about 70 children that I would get sponsors for, but this one has 160 precious children!! I did not know this until after it had been purchased or I'm afraid my faith would have failed. Now I'm sure God has given this as a real test of our faith and obedience. Right now I have sponsors for 65 of these children, but still need 95 more who will agree to send at least \$6 a month for a child's care. Hundreds who read this are now sponsoring 1 to 7 orphans each. Some could take another or interest a friend, S. S. Class, S. S. as a whole, Women's Group, etc., to sponsor one or more. Will you please try to help us with these children?

Then many others could become sponsors who are not now doing so. Just think, for only 20¢ a day, yes only 20¢ a day, you can fully support one of these dear children and be the instrument of bringing that child to Christ! He will be trained to eventually be a leader in the work of Christ in Korea. When you get his picture, case history, etc., it will be a real thrill and blessing to you each month to send his support. If you wish, you can write to him and send parcels and he will reply. Oh, right now I earnestly pray that scores of people will be moved by the Holy Spirit to serve God in this way.

Finally, I may have to carry the financial responsibility of caring for all these children for several months before we get enough sponsors. Therefore, you who believe in this work and are able to send a lump sum cash contribution, are urged to do so if at all possible right away. Many can give only small amounts from \$1 up, but others whom God has prospered in wonderful America, can send sizable amounts. As a token of our deep appreciation, to each person sending \$10 or more or who returns the sponsor agreement, we will send a copy of "The Christ of the Korean Heart", a wonderful \$2 book written by my friend Dr. Arch Campbell, veteran missionary in Korea. These 17 true stories of heroic faith under persecution, privation and death will do something for your spiritual life. One pastor after reading only the first chapter recently said "It made me ask myself whether or not I am really a true Christian!"

Above all else, please pray for God's blessing, wisdom and provision for all this wonderful work he has given unto our hands. "But if any one has this world's goods and sees that his brother is in need, and yet closes his heart against him - how can love for God continue in him? Dear children, let us not love in word only and with the lips, but in deed and truth." 1 John 3: 17, 18 (Weymouth translation)

Rejoicing in Jesus' Name,

Everett F. Swanson

P. S. For economy reasons, we will have to remove from our mailing list all those that we have not heard from for several months. We hope to hear from all so that we may continue to have your prayer fellowship and keep you informed of our work.