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sent "How God taught me to give"

Packet of beggar boys & children
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Autumn News and Prayer Letter

Dear Christian Friend:

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20 How many, many people have slipped into eternity since last I wrote to you! And how few of them were saved! But praise God for those we have been privileged to win to Him.

I want to report that God has blessed and supplied so that none have gone hungry in our 13 Homes in Korea. The funds on hand are usually just enough for 1-2 months support, which is a very small margin, but because you are faithful in sponsoring or helping from time to time, we rejoice as we trust the Lord from day to day.

In my last letter I told you of taking over the support of the Hillside Christian Orphanage in Pusan which has 45 children. That announcement went out just at the beginning of summer, which is a hard period financially for missionary work. We have been able to obtain a few sponsors since, but most of these dear children remain unsponsored! Therefore we have not been able to keep our agreement to send support for all of them, but only for those who are now sponsored, for whom support is coming in. Recently I have had 2 letters asking if sponsors are still needed. I want to say very emphatically that we very much need new sponsors right now.

Besides these in the Hillside Christian Orphanage, I have before me right now pictures and case histories of many new children taken in by faith in our Homes in recent weeks: 32 in Good Samaritan Children's Home; 2 babies in our Foundling Home; 7 in our New Life Boys' Home; 1 in our Tender Nurture House; 10 in our Holiness and Grace Orphanage and 5 in our New Life Children's Home. A total of 57 children!

Within a couple of months cold weather will set in and many more homeless children will be begging for shelter. Each one is a precious soul whom we can in this way win to Christ and train for Christian leadership in Korea. So I am coming to you, friends of this faith work, old and new, asking that if possible you will become a sponsor of one or more children, or take on an additional child. Also that you will tell your friends, your church, Sunday School classes, Ladies groups, etc. of this great opportunity.

I have enclosed a composite picture with a typical "gang" of ragged beggar boys at the top cooking some food in a can amidst the rubble of war torn Korea. (This is a recent photo) Then at the bottom the bright, happy, clean faces of 5 of our little girls in the Hillside Christian Orphanage. What a difference!! Yes, and you can make that difference in those poor boys too! For only \$6.00 a month we can take them in, care for them, feed, clothe and educate them for Christ. Please pray about it and let me hear from many of you. Use the enclosed yellow envelope, either for becoming a sponsor or for a cash offering. We very much need both.

PRAYER REQUESTS (all are urgent)

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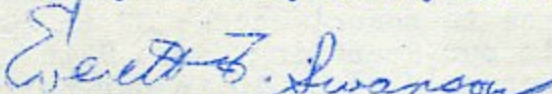
- 1) Pray for 100 new sponsors by November 1st.
- 2) Pray for wisdom concerning a trip to Korea next Spring. I have several urgent requests and the growth of the work seems to require it, but I do not have peace from the Lord yet in the matter. I must know how to plan.
- 3) Pray for future evangelistic services at:
 - Milaca, Minn., 1st Baptist, September 15-22
 - Rockford, Ill., Love Joy Covenant, September 25-29
 - Denver, Colo., Galilee Baptist, October 6-20
 - Fort Dodge, Iowa, Calvary Baptist, November 5-17
- 4) Pray for Mrs. Jene' Cederstrom, who is our fine new secretary-book keeper in our office. She has helped very much this summer to lift the load.

I would like to remind you that clothing for winter needs should be sent immediately if possible. Parcels for Christmas should be sent not later than October 15 for sure delivery for Christmas time. We hope each child will receive something, even if it is not more than a dollar gift.

My sincere and heartfelt thanks for all you have done and will do for this "work of love" for Christ and lost souls. Believe me it is really deeply appreciated and God will richly reward you for it.

Again I will share with you some of the excerpts out of the mail bag that will bless your heart too, I'm sure. And I'll be waiting to hear from you very soon.

Cordially and Prayerfully in Christ for Souls,


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