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Dear Sunday Bible School Superintendent:

After Christmas last year I received a letter from a Lutheran Free Church Sunday School Superintendent that read in part as follows: "Enclosed please find our check which is the offering received at the Children's Christmas Program. On the strength of what we had heard about your orphanage work, we told our children we hoped to hear the name and maybe a letter and picture of the orphan we would help, if we could raise a year's support. We felt this would help the children to be more conscious of the needs of others and would also inspire them to do more for missions. We were happy to have so much come in. I believe it is the largest Christmas S.S. Program offering we've had, in spite of being a small church and in the midst of a building program. We asked our Lord Jesus to give us a year's support for a child and He brought it to pass." Of course we assigned one of our dear orphans to the Sunday School and they are thrilled about it!

It occurred to me that many Sunday Schools would be interested in doing the same thing this Christmas; either to sponsor a child, or to give an offering for the children. We now have 13 Children's Homes in Korea with over 1600 children. Many Sunday Schools, Classes, Youth Groups, Womens' Groups as well as individuals are having the joy of sponsoring one or more of these dear homeless children for only \$6 per month. Think of it!

Every day poor homeless children are coming to our Homes begging to be taken in, but have to be turned away. They will have to beg, freeze and die on the streets and roads this winter! If we had the sponsors and the funds we could double our capacity soon!

These are real Christian Homes. A service is held every morning at 5:30 and again in the evening. In the Good Samaritan Children's Home in Taegu where we have 175 boys and girls in the fine building paid for this year by the World Relief Committee of the Baptist General Conference of America (\$5,500) we now have engaged a graduate of the Baptist Seminary in Taejun. He will have charge of all the Christian teaching and will form a Baptist Church from the many people who gather every Sunday for services in the Home. We expect many Christian leaders to come from our Homes.

In Jesus' dear name, will you mention this project to your staff at its next meeting and prayerfully consider it? God bless you for having compassion on the poor starving, homeless, freezing children of Korea. I am enclosing a photo of little Lee, Soon Pok, who was recently found outside the police station and brought to our New Life Children's Home. She is very thin and sick, but soon with good loving care and proper nourishment, will be a happy healthy child, to grow up to glorify Christ. She has no sponsor, like many other boys and girls we have of all ages. Will you sponsor her or one of our other children like the little boy eating rice? Use the enclosed yellow envelope which has the proper form on the inside.

God bless you in the great task you have to do in your Bible School.

Prayerfully and Sincerely in Christ,
Evangelist Everett F. Swanson

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PS I discover that I have enough extra pictures of 2 groups to send you one. At the top is a typical group of homeless beggar boys cooking a little food amid the rubble. At the bottom are 5 lovely little girls in our Hillside Christian Orphanage who, not long ago, were in the same state as the boys. Now see how happy they are! I hope your Sunday School or some class will be able to sponsor one or more of these dear children. Some Schools and classes are sponsoring as many as 6 each.

"And when they--saw the young child,--they presented to him gifts" Mathew 2:11

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