

• *in memoriam* •



THE REVEREND EVERETT F. SWANSON

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For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8: 38-39



Beloved Husband

Miriam Swanson

My husband was so much a part of my life, that to try to put into words what I feel now that he has gone to be with his Lord, is most difficult. The love we shared, the togetherness, the loneliness without him—all these things are impossible to describe. Still, the comfort that I have found in the promises of God's Holy Word has sustained me immeasurably . . . "Lo, I am with you alway" . . . "My Grace is sufficient for thee" . . . "I will not leave you comfortless" . . . and so many others. These promises that are ours as Christians truly comfort the sorrowing heart, and some day soon we shall see our loved one again and share in the glories that *already* are his. How I thank God for that Blessed Hope!

I think that I can best describe my husband as a man who lived each day as if it might be his last. He awakened each morning with a prayer on his lips, and even before he arose, he would softly sing some song about Heaven. Then he would bounce out of bed and start singing songs of praise and thanksgiving with a good "hallelujah" or "praise God" in between. He was one of the happiest men I have ever known, full of the joy of living, and happy in the service of the King!

He was a tender, considerate, loving husband, and a much loved, devoted father. We are blessed with four children, David, Sharon, Jonathan and Paul, and four precious grandchildren. All of our children are married except Jonathan, who is still at home, and lovingly helped to care for his Dad when he became so helpless. Our children were heartbroken when they learned how seriously ill their father was. Our eldest son said to me one day, "Mom, he's not only my Dad, he's my best friend!"—and this is how all of them felt about their Dad. I'm sure that what they all appreciate most now is that they had a father who brought them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

We have many wonderful memories as a family. The life we shared was filled with much joy and happiness, and with deep devotion and love for each other. We miss him more than words can say, but we all rejoice for *his* sake that his suffering and helplessness are past, and that he is even now "present with the Lord". One of the things I remember so well is how he used to say, "When I get to Heaven, I'm going to spend the first hundred years just feasting my eyes on Jesus!" This is how I picture him now—just beholding the Saviour's Face! What joy and wonder must be his as he gazes upon the Face of Him Whom he loved and served with such devotion all these years.

I would like to share this poem which I found in his Bible after God took him Home. His speech was gone months before he passed away, but I know that if he could have spoken, he would have told me the same thing that this poem conveys to me now.

WHEN I HAVE GONE

*When I have gone, remember I'm with Jesus;
Then do not grieve because I've passed away;
Life holds so many griefs and disappointments
And will you weep because I did not stay?*

*'Tis only for a spell we must be parted,
Not many years on earth to us are given,
And when my Saviour tells me you are coming,
I'll go with Him and welcome you to Heaven.*

*Grieve not because the eyes that looked upon you,
Shall never see your face on earth again;
Rejoice because they look upon the Saviour
Who gave His Life to ransom sinful men.*

*Weep not because I walk no longer with you;
Remember I am walking streets of gold;
Weep for yourselves that you awhile must tarry
Before the blessed Lord you may behold.*

—Author Unknown

I could not possibly close without telling all of you who read this, that I thank God for the almost thirty-one wonderful years He gave me to share with my beloved husband. I am proud indeed, to have been his wife.

THE MINISTRY OF

COMPASSION

Reverend Swanson

loved Korean orphans



It was a small beginning born out of a heart of Christian love and Compassion.

Everett Swanson had known the blessing of a greatly successful pastorate as a young man in his early thirties. Yet, he faithfully heeded God's call to worldwide evangelism, and in 1951 resigned his pastorate to take the Gospel to the "uttermost ends of the earth."

God had His hand upon this man's life. In war-torn Korea his heart was broken by the needs of tens of thousands of precious children—without home, friends or parents. He returned home to challenge others with the needs God had used to challenge him.

In 1952 the first Compassion orphanage was established. Two more were added in 1953. The list grew as multiplied thousands of orphans began to find refuge in Compassion Homes. Today more than 22,000 children are cared for in more than 170 Compassion Orphanages.

A ministry of Evangelism and Christian literature work are also part of the ministry of Compassion. Thousands have opened their hearts to the Saviour as the Gospel has been declared in power.

How did it start? It started with a humble, dedicated man who desired above all else to do God's bidding. Everett Swanson was truly a man of deep love and devotion. His service to His Lord gained fullest expression in the ministry of Compassion.

EVERETT F. SWANSON MEMORIAL FUND...

Many friends of Compassion have written suggesting establishment of an EVERETT F. SWANSON MEMORIAL FUND. They have expressed a desire to do something that will further the Gospel in Korea, in memory of the beloved Founder of Compassion.

The Board of Directors of Compassion has given prayerful consideration to this suggestion. After much prayer and discussion, the Board has unanimously agreed that an EVERETT F. SWANSON MEMORIAL FUND should be established for the furtherance of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in Korea, and as a loving tribute to the Founder of Compassion, who gave himself fully to this ministry.

For several years the need has existed for a Compassion headquarters building in Seoul,

Korea. Compassion has been operating out of rented quarters for several years. Construction of a headquarters building will not only provide greater efficiency, but also greater economy of operation. Therefore, the Board has decided that the Memorial Fund should be used for the purpose of constructing and equipping a Compassion headquarters building in Seoul. The total cost will be approximately \$75,000.

This is an opportunity to make an investment in the Gospel that will have lasting effect. Contributions of any size—large or small—will be needed and gratefully acknowledged. For your convenience in sharing in this need, please use the enclosed envelope. Many thanks, and may God bless you for your heart of Compassion.

A WORD FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

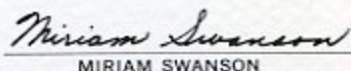
The recent passing of Everett F. Swanson, founder of Compassion, has been a deep personal loss for each member of the Board, as well as for all friends of the ministry of Compassion.

While he was alive, one of his chief desires was to establish a ministry that would carry on effectively in his absence. At his request, in 1963 the name was changed from *The Everett Swanson Evangelistic Association* to *Compassion, Inc.*

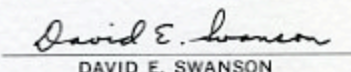
As a missionary organization, incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, and chartered in Canada, Compassion will continue to fulfill the purpose for which it was organized—to win the lost to the Lord Jesus Christ in Korea. Your Board of Directors, Advisory Board, and Staff members are all committed to this purpose.

The prayer of your Board is that you will continue to stand by us with your prayers and support as we seek to fulfill our Lord's command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.


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