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Dear Mrs. Swanson:

Carrie has asked me to answer your most interesting letter (of Jan 23) which I am not at all averse to doing, except for one thing - my hand is nervous and I have difficulty directing the pen.

We marvel, and thank God, for the way that God has so wonderfully blessed in the work that Everett and you started so many years ago. Will not eternity be grippingly interesting? We appreciate your "filling us in" on the new organization, and trust that our gracious God will be pleased to bless just as He has done with Compassion, Inc.

I have traced back in my records for gifts to the Swansons, from 1958 to the first in my records, including one Aug 15, 1955, for \$1000. (two others in 1955, but for larger amounts (one ^{also} of which in 1954) but the only other for 1000 prior to 1958 was for that amount on Dec 14, 1952. This is probably the one you are looking for, if the amount was 1000.

I don't think I have the checks, as I destroy our old checks after 12 or 15 years, as we have enough else to move from place to place.

I will be 80 next May, so am looking forward rather than backward, more than ever. Carrie is eight years my junior. The Lord has been marvellously good to us. Isn't He gracious?

Wishing His very best for you, and for His work in your hands.

With love in Christ
The Gearys

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Geary
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Geary:

I was so happy to hear from you way back in January and while your letter did not necessarily require an answer I did want to thank you for going to the trouble of checking back to see when Compassion actually began its ministry under the name of The Everett Swanson Evangelistic Association.

The reason for all this is because we are looking forward to having a special time of thanksgiving and praise to God on the 25th anniversary of Compassion.

I am hoping that both of you will be in good enough health to come to Chicago for this special occasion, God willing.

I think of you both often and how God spoke to you of the need in Korea way back then. I'm sure you had no idea how your contribution at that particular time was a direct answer to prayer and was just the assurance Everett needed to know he had made the right decision.

You will always be very special to us. God bless and keep you both.

Affectionately in Christ,

(Mrs) Miriam Swanson
Vice Chairman
Board of Directors

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