

"I have compassion on the multitude . . . I will not send them away hungry. . . ."—Matt. 15:32

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ANNUAL REPORT ISSUE

Dear Supporting Praying Friends:

In this issue of COMPASSION I want to report to you, as I did to our Board of Directors, how marvelously God has blessed the work of ESEA in 1961 as well as in previous years. God has answered prayer through your COMPASSION upon the children and people in general in the land of Korea.

Our Purpose in giving you these facts is first of all to praise God, and secondly to thank every one who has helped to make 1961 the most fruitful year of our ministry.

I am often grieved that I cannot send personal letters of thanks to every donor. When I first began this work and did every bit of the work, investing our own money from my love offerings as an evangelist, I wrote a personal note on nearly every receipt! Now that this is impossible, I want every child, every older man and lady, every family, every person and all the hundreds of group sponsors and contributors to know how deeply we appreciate every gift, small or large. In a very real sense, YOU are ESEA! God is working through you. So many, many thanks and God bless and reward you.

Thousands Have Been Saved

Our work is evangelism, bringing the good news of the Gospel to the people, then helping to train them to be Christian leaders. The national evangelists aided by ESEA supporters have reported in 1961 a total of over 12,000 who professed to accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour! Scores of new churches have begun and all have been strengthened. Many new church buildings have been built by the Korean Christians themselves.



Above you see a meeting of over 200 of them listening to my message during our Conference held last Fall. Mr. Peter Kang, ESEA Korean Secretary, is doing the interpreting.

A total of 30 young people (orphans) have been given scholarships. Most of them are preparing for full time Christian service. Many others are supporting themselves in schools of higher learning or are aided from our funds to the orphanages. Some of these are going out to evangelize rural villages on week ends and during school vacation periods.

Only God knows how many of our orphans have been saved during the past year. Probably hundreds. All are being taught the Word of God daily. Day after day the Good Seed is planted in their hearts. The future potential for Christ's Kingdom is tremendous. God will honor His Word. So as you read these facts, rejoice and give praise to the Lord. "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."—Psalm 126:3

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1961

Orphan Fund

Cash Balance January 1, 1961	\$43,507.94
Income for 1961	736,747.80
Disbursements for 1961:	
Orphanages Support and Direct Services in Korea	\$623,400.25
Missionary Information & Evangelism through Printed Literature, Pamphlets, Books, Booklets, Records and Magazine Messages	85,881.95
Salaries, Wages, Taxes & Ins.	30,323.56
Office Supplies	3,385.18
Office Furniture, Equipment and Service	3,386.72
U. S. Travel Expenses	747.38
Postage and Mailing	8,404.94
Utilities	927.84
Miscellaneous Expenses	4,233.64
Total Disbursements	\$760,691.46
Balance, December 31, 1961	\$19,564.28

Korean Evangelist and Student Fund

Cash Balance, January 1, 1961	\$ 1,700.19
Income for 1961	33,279.68
Disbursements for 1961:	
Evangelists and Students Support	\$30,147.50
Balance, December 31, 1961	\$4,832.37
Cash on Hand, Both Funds, Jan. 1, 1961	\$45,208.13
Total Income, Both Funds	\$770,027.48
Total Disbursements, Both Funds	\$790,838.96
Balance, December 31, 1961, Both Funds	\$24,396.65

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to Certify that the above summary has been reconciled to the records and verified to be correct.—Elmer T. Olson, Certified Public Accountant, 1804 Stratford, Westchester, Illinois

Special Money Gifts for Christmas:

Orphans and Orphanages	\$10,388.96
Evangelists	990.00
Students	96.50

Total\$11,475.46

Total amount received through January for WARM Program was \$40,279.32. We actually spent \$66,000 in Korea. The value of the vitamins and medicine we sent to Korea was approximately \$316,200. Estimated value of parcels sent by sponsors and friends, at

least \$100,000. This together with regular cash support totals over \$1,186,000. Praise the Lord!

ESEA is happy to report that 84% of our funds were sent to Korea in 1961. Compared with most denominational foreign mission funds, this is a very high percentage. Compared with other organizations doing similar work in Korea that we have the records of, it is substantially higher. We thank God for this. Because part of the other 16% was designated gifts for literature, books, records, etc.; as well as undesignated funds, the percentage of the sponsors' support sent to Korea was even higher. This is one reason ESEA supporters have confidence in this work.

PROGRESS THROUGH THE YEARS Korean Orphanages Supported by ESEA

	Gain	Total
1952, Fall	1st Home	1
1953, Spring	2nd Home	2
1953, Fall	3rd Home	3
1953-1957	9 More Homes	12
1958	4 More Homes	16
1959	26 More Homes	42
1960	29 More Homes	71
1961	42 More Homes	113

Number of Children Sponsored

January 1, 1959	900
January 1, 1960	2278
January 1, 1961	4567
January 1, 1962	8011

Jan. 1, '62 Total Number Children in 113 Homes: 11,382

Total Income in Recent Years

1958	\$109,500.91
1959	194,713.65
1960	455,144.85
1961	770,027.48

THE CHALLENGE BEFORE US

Since January 1st we have, by faith, promised help for 21 more orphanages making the total number of children 13,184! So you can see we have several thousand UNSPONSORED children. These children and staff members must be fed a total of over 15 million meals in 1962! Several of these Homes have not yet completed preparation of their case histories and pictures of the children. So we have not received them and therefore none are sponsored. We have sent temporary emergency support, however, to alleviate their suffering during the cold winter months. I, personally, visited nearly every one of these Orphanages last Fall. They have been under investigation by ESEA for several months. ALL are true Christian Homes.

This boy was found walking just like this with 4 shoes! Polio and rickets had taken the strength from his legs. The missionary took him to the Presbyterian Mission Hospital in Taegu, where he has been gaining flesh and strength. Braces have been made for his legs. He is registered in our Brethren Orphanage and now has a fine sponsor.



Each one of these children is precious in our Lord's eyes. They will hear the gospel each day. If they are to have proper food, adequate clothing, blankets, fuel and medical care, we must have sponsors. If they are to go to school, we must pay the tuition. We must have sponsors. If they are to be trained to be future Christian leaders in Korea, we must have sponsors.

WE MUST PRESS ON

So this is no time to rest on past accomplishments. We must press on. Jesus said, "occupy until I come." We need your help continuously. How can you help?

1. Pray for our work and needs.
2. Continue your present sponsorship.
3. Many hundreds have written for and received information about our sponsorship plan. Now we hope you will write us saying you will sponsor a child. Only \$8.00 a month provides full care.
4. If you cannot sponsor a child, send one offering regularly, even if it seems small. Many small amounts make much!
5. If you are a sponsor, perhaps you can sponsor another child.
6. Show the enclosed picture sheet to your friends, church or other groups. Tell them what a blessing it is to sponsor a child. Interest them to become sponsors. There are untold numbers of people who would be thrilled to do this if they only knew about it. Become a partner with us in the great work. So many have helped us in this way and we appreciate it very much.

NATIONAL EVANGELISTS' WORK

On January 1st, 1961, ESEA was supporting 80 evangelists and 1 student. At year's end we had supporters for 207 evangelists and 29 students. Now we have supporters for 215 evangelists and 32 students. Many have found it to be a great blessing to have "My Own Missionary." These men are out in rural unevangelized heathen villages, often suffering persecution, but daily going out from house to house witnessing, giving out tracts and inviting people to come to the meeting place. Most of them are "pioneer evangelists" in villages where for the first time the gospel is heard. In a few cases, they are reviving a church that barely got started and died.

We have about 40 more men needing our help. We have their pictures, testimonies and full information ready to send out but thus far no supporters. HOW LONG MUST THEY WAIT? We will be glad to assign one to you. Some of these men are getting a few dollars a month from a Korean Christian or the little band of Christians, but they can hardly exist. \$10.00 a month from you will make all the difference in the world. You will be thrilled to get his monthly letter (personal) and report of every service and activity. We ask your support for two years expecting the church to care for him after that.

This has been a lengthy report, but I trust it has made you rejoice that you have a share in God's work in Korea.

Cordially in Christ our Lord,

Evelyn J. Swanson

"WARM" AND "OPERATION VITAMINS"

Programs Tremendous Blessing

Letters have poured in from the orphanage Superintendents expressing their deep gratitude for the Winter Aid Relief Money for clothing. Now that all the millions of vitamins and other medical supplies have arrived and have been distributed to the Homes, we are receiving letters constantly telling how thrilled they are. We warned them not to expect magic, but gradual improvement in the over-all health and nutrition of the children. So thanks again to all who helped us in these programs!

LEPERS' CHILDREN ORPHANAGE BEGUN

Many of you have responded to our appeal to help build the new Home for uninfected children of lepers. You will be glad to know that work has begun, and now that the weather has warmed up some, we expect rapid progress. We should have some pictures in our next issue of COMPASSION.



The four fine looking young men pictured here are all children of lepers. They are in fine health for they grew up in another of our Homes for uninfected children: Brighter Star Orphanage. All are students in a fine Christian College and are supported by their sponsors. These four are the first such young people to go beyond high school in Korea.

If you have not yet sent in your special gift for this new Home, we hope you will do so soon. You will be glad that you had a vital part in saving those children from leprosy. If you cannot give, and I know some cannot, then please pray for this project.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

When you move, please notify ESEA of your new address as soon as possible. We must pay the Post Office ten-cents for every mailing that is returned after you move. Therefore we would greatly appreciate your co-operation. You may use a standard government change of address card, a post card or tell us when you send your support—but tell us before you move if possible. Be sure you give us the old address, too. If anyone does not wish to receive literature telling of God's marvelous blessing upon our work in Korea, please let us know, so we can save printing and postage costs. Thank you.



FROM BUDDHA TO CHRIST!

A fanatical Buddhist woman took 25 homeless children into her large house two years ago. She had some rice land, but soon ran out of money. The children were starving.

On Buddha's birthday last Fall she told the children to come with her to the temple to worship the idols. Three older children tried to stop the others from going. There was a big fight. So she gave up. Her daughter is a Christian teacher of children for our Holiness and Grace Orphanage in Yechon, some 40 miles away. So the lady gave the building and some garden land to our Holiness and Grace Orphanage with the understanding that it would be a branch of this orphanage. So we sent our business manager there to act as temporary superintendent and to care for the children.

This Buddhist lady then decided to move into the temple to live the rest of her days. When the priests learned that she had given her orphanage to Christians they drove her out!

We had no sponsors for the children, but when Ray Johnson of Life Messengers heard of this, he made an appeal to his supporters. As a result, all these children are sponsored and many more in other Homes. More than enough money came in to buy the rice land from the lady (\$3,000). Now we have learned that this lady has turned from Buddhism and trusted in Jesus Christ! For the first time this Christmas, these children heard of the Birth of Jesus Christ. Now each day they are taught the Word of God. They were snatched from the Devil. Praise God!

ADVERTISE

A lion met a tiger
As they drew beside a pool,
Said the tiger, "Tell me why
You're roaring like a fool."
"That's not foolish," said the lion
With a twinkle in his eyes.
"They call me king of all beasts
Because I advertise."
A rabbit heard them talking
And ran home like a streak;
He thought he'd try the lion's plan,
But his roar was just a squeak.
A fox came to investigate—
Had luncheon in the woods,
So when you advertise, my friend,
Be sure you've got the goods.
—Exchange

OUT OF THE MAIL BAG

"Thrilled" Is An Inadequate Word

Dear Mr. Swanson:

"Thrilled" is an inadequate word for the way we feel about this wonderful experience of having a young "son" in Korea. Thank you for this opportunity. We already feel very close to Yeong Dong.

A Missionary Writes

Dear Mr. Swanson:

How can I tell you how thrilled and grateful I am over the recent letter I received from your office telling of the additional sponsors for the children recently moved into the orphanage from the Leprosy Colony. God is certainly working through you. I certainly hope that I can hold up my end of the job here. It is a real challenge and I intend to do everything in my power to make this a success. God gives us help when we seek to do His will.

You will perhaps be surprised to hear that we had a letter from one of the new sponsors before your note arrived. I was so thrilled with the letter and wanted the child to have it in a hurry, so went out to the orphanage to give it to her. I can't imagine a happier child. All of the other children were so cute and excited over her good fortune. It is grand to have a share in the wonderful work that you are carrying on.

—Mrs. H. Petrie Mitchell

Bus Driver, Father of Six

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your correspondence. My desire is to support one or two orphans in Korea, but at present I am sorry I cannot do it. I will send contributions as the Lord provides. I am a bus driver and father of six, and at times I wonder where the money will come from to buy them shoes. But I can testify to God's goodness and mercy. He has always supplied my needs. I shall always pray for you and your work and the orphans all over.

Yours in Christ,
M. R., Jr.

Third Graders Sponsor Child

Dear Sir:

Our third grade would like to have a Korean child about 8 or 9. One that is kind and gentle. Please send the name and something you think it would like. Our teacher, Miss Johnston, will take care of it for us.

Your Friend,
The Third Grade
Winter Garden, Florida

A Native Missionary Writes

Greetings in His name. We are happy and well in the Lord Jesus Christ. Last month we distributed 300 volumes of "The Heart of Pak" and 300 tracts of "The Way of Real Life." And as the result we now have many new believers in this church. So I am very happy. I am always praying for the revival for the believers of this church. And also I pray for your love for this church.

We are now gathering the bundles of straw to clothe the roof of this church. Some of my fellow believers who brought the bundles of straw for the church said to me that they were very happy to give these materials for the Lord. Well, I will close now for this time. God bless you. Good-bye!

Yours Sincerely,
Mr. Lee Hyun Woo

THE EVERETT SWANSON EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION does evangelistic work mainly in the U. S., Canada, and Korea. It supports orphanages, widows' homes, homes for lepers' children, a home for deaf-mute and blind children, scores of national evangelists, literature evangelism, etc. Our work is inter-denominational, Biblical, evangelical. It is incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois as a non-profit organization. All gifts to our work are recognized by the U. S. Treasury Dept. as deductible on your income tax report.
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From An Orphan

Dear American Families:

I have prayed you are well going with everything. I am quite well and other friends too, thanks to you. I have just received the package you sent for me. It's things are much necessary. How much I was pleased to have on them! It is getting cooler, so blanket is very important. Looking at my package, herein friends seemed to wish to have such one, too. I gave some of them each towel and they seemed to be most happy. I say, my bed of the beds is most clean. Most of the things are well put my name on each top. They will never be lost. Looking at those things reminds me of you many miles from here and your true love. If I were there, I would like to be closely with you. For forthcoming Christmas we are preparing for its program and we study more hard. I think I will study Bible more hard and win Bible reading contest. This is all for today. I Pray for you.

Sincerely,
No. 93—Kim Myung Soon
Little Lambs Orphanage

Canadian Salvation Army Officer Writes

Dear Sirs:

For some time I have been considering trying to adopt a refugee Korean child, but looking at your ad in the Moody Monthly helped me to come to a decision about it—to put it off no longer. Enclosed is a check for \$100.00 in payment for one of those poor suffering children for a year. Though I am a retired Salvation Army officer, nearly 77, I am blest with more dependable income than many of them have. My health is also continuing good, so I hope to be able to continue this, \$100.00 the first week of November for some years, according to how long the Lord spares me. I ride my bicycle all over town and have a good vegetable garden about a half mile from where I live, so I am hopeful that I may be able to continue these payments for a worth-while period of years.

Orphanage Superintendent Pleads

Dear Rev. Swanson:

What I had in mind to discuss with you this time is that \$5, Lee Man Shik, and \$25, Pak Jong Soo, have been without sponsors and it is very discouraging for me to see them down-moraled. I feel pity for the two children. It has been a year since some of the children have been enjoying correspondence and pictures, etc., from their sponsors in the United States, but these children have never known the happiness of having sponsors, and it is simply heartbreaking for me to listen to their prayers that they want sponsors to come soon and that the reason they haven't got sponsors is that they are so full of sins. I do hope that you will be remembering the two children and find sponsors for them soon.