

# Compassion



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*"... I have compassion on the multitude ... I will not send them away."  
Matthew 15:32*

## THE HEARTBEAT *of* COMPASSION

by Miriam Swanson



MIRIAM SWANSON

It is over a year since I have written, and for some time I have longed to have another "chat" with you. During these past fifteen months I have received your many heartwarming letters and I am so grateful for your concern, your love and your prayers.

God has been wonderfully good to me and this transition period following my husband's Homegoing has been filled with countless blessings for me and for COMPASSION. I have never been busier, and I thank God each day for making it possible for me to serve Him in this ministry that He has placed in our hands.

In the Spring of last year it was my privilege to attend our Annual Bible Conference in Korea and to break ground for the new headquarters building there which has now been nearly completed. I was also delighted to welcome Reverend Henry Harvey when, as our newly appointed Presi-

dent, he came to Korea for the first time accompanied by Doctor Gustav A. Hemwall. Together we visited a great number of orphanages where we were enthusiastically welcomed and received.

In August I joined the group of four Korean orphans and Mrs. Chang, their mothering lady—and we toured a large part of the United States and Canada, presenting COMPASSION'S ministry. This was a tremendously rewarding

experience for all of us, and it resulted in hundreds of new sponsors. In fact, we were so pleased with the response to this Tour that we are planning another in September, God willing! The best part of such a tour is the opportunity to meet so many of our friends. When I meet a COMPASSION sponsor I sense such a strong feeling of kinship that it's like meeting one of my family, and I know many of you feel the same way!

Reverend Henry Harvey has spent a great deal of time in Korea this year and is there now with his wife Creo. This has been necessary during this crucial transition period, and I am thankful for Reverend Harvey's dedication. His training and experience as a missionary and business administrator have prepared him well for the great responsibility that is his as president of COMPASSION. Wasn't the Lord good to send him our way in time of need?



**HENRY L. HARVEY**  
PRESIDENT

Mr. Edward Kimball, the business manager of our Korea office for less than a year, is doing an amazing job and we wonder how we ever managed without him. Besides all of the work involved with the office, he and Mrs. Kimball are diligently studying the language. Reverend Robert Morgan is in full time language study preparing himself for a more effective work with the Koreans in the field of evangelism. Mrs. Morgan capably heads the Gospel Light translation department. Our two nurses, Sally Swanson and Diane Erb, are both doing a wonderful job caring for the children.

Mr. Swaney, who has been general manager in our Chicago office for the past year or more was so overloaded with work that something had to give—or else—so I am pleased to announce that my husband's brother, Mr. Leslie Swanson of Crystal Lake, Illinois has consented to take the position of general manager. This was a real answer to prayer because of his many years of



**EDWARD KIMBALL**  
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

business experience and his love for COMPASSION and for the Lord. Mr. Swaney preferred to head up the work of advertising and promotion. He is also Editor of our COMPASSION paper which all of you enjoy so much.

We have a wonderful group of faithful employees in our Chicago office. I may be biased but I think we have the best staff you could find anywhere—all Christians and working diligently and happily every day.

You will see in another part of COMPASSION a report on the article from the Ann Landers column which appeared in newspapers all over the United States and Canada. New sponsors are still coming in as a result of her answer to this seventeen year old girl's query and we are thrilled with this boost not only for the new

sponsors, but for making COMPASSION'S work known to her vast number of readers.

We are eagerly looking forward to the month of May when another group of COMPASSION sponsors will go on a tour of the Orient conducted by COMPASSION'S Canadian Director, Robert Forsyth. This is the second such tour, and we learned from the first one that there is no better way for promoting COMPASSION'S ministry. Those who saw the work firsthand came back with such a burden for the needs that most of them have become real ambassadors for COMPASSION and will never be the same again!

This trip will be especially meaningful to me because we expect to dedicate the new headquarters building while we are there. I am so grateful to all of you who contributed toward this wonderful Memorial for my beloved husband who went Home to be with the Lord on November 15, 1965. This is the finest tribute that could have been chosen, I feel, because he had been praying for this much needed building long before he became ill.

The result of the evangelistic teams that visited our orphanages has, to me, been the outstanding blessing this year. I can't help but think how my husband would have reacted to this report of over 5,000 decisions for Christ. He would have shouted for joy! If there is joy in Heaven over one sinner that repenteth, think of the rejoicing in Heaven over these 5,000 souls. Did you know, too, that as a result of the work of our evangelists, there are some 1,170 new churches in Korea today? Isn't this a blessing to be thankful for? Think of the outreach of this one phase of our ministry alone!



**LESLIE SWANSON**  
GENERAL MANAGER

There are many more blessings that I wish I could share with you, our beloved sponsors, but perhaps this report will encourage your hearts and also cause you to pray more specifically for this ministry and its tremendous outreach. Pray for Reverend Harvey and each staff member. Pray also for special wisdom for the Board of Directors, and *most of all* pray that God will keep His hand on COMPASSION and that its main emphasis will always be that of winning the LOST to Jesus Christ.

Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for your prayers these past months. This has to be the answer for the joy and peace in my heart each day. This verse from Isaiah 43:2 has been so meaningful to me and I would like to share it with you as I close. "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee." I thank God for each of you and we pray for *you* every day. May His peace and love fill *your* hearts is my prayer.



Our business administrator in Seoul, Mr. Edward Kimball frequently visits the orphanages. Little Yung Ja of Seoul Mercy Life Orphanage threw herself into his arms.



Superintendent Lee sees to it that Jung Ja is bundled up in her new WARM outfit . . . then, out she goes to play with the other children. Orphanage life can be happy.

# A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN ORPHAN



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1. Yung Ja was a destitute and heartbroken little girl when she was brought to the Seoul Mercy Life Orphanage. Both of her parents were dead. For her life held little hope. We thank God all of that is changed now.
2. She doesn't look like the same girl, does she? Yes, this is the same Yung Ja, bright, alert, smiling and happy. Now she is a well-adjusted little girl. She has experienced the tenderness of Christian compassion.
3. Life isn't all play for Yung Ja. There are serious moments, and like all children she has school studies which she must work at each day. Superintendent Lee Woo Kil is always happy to assist with the difficult problems.



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What is it like to be an orphan? Are all orphanages places where sad, mournful children sulk through each day? Can orphanage life produce useful, responsible citizens?

Being an orphan or abandoned child is certainly not a happy experience. Under the very best of conditions orphanage life is not equal to a normal family life. But, orphanage life in COMPASSION Homes is different.

Many of the children in COMPASSION Homes are true orphans in the sense that one or both parents are dead. Many more are orphans in the sense that they have been abandoned or deserted by parents and relatives, and left to fend for themselves. For these children life has been hard. They have known suffering far greater than words can describe. Most of them know what it is to be an un-

wanted castaway.

For these little ones COMPASSION Homes are truly havens of rest. Here they begin to understand the tenderness of true Christian love. Their needs are met . . . weak little bodies are strengthened, illnesses are cared for, and the despair of loneliness is overcome. These children begin to smile and know true happiness for the first time in their lives.

Yes, orphans can become happy and well-adjusted young people. Through Christian compassion they can grow into responsible and productive citizens. Dramatic transformations take place, as in the case of little Yung Ja whose story is told on these pages. Don't you agree it is really worthwhile to bring a child from the depths of despair to joy and hope through Christian love and COMPASSION?



The children delight in thanking God for their daily food. Once they knew the meaning of real hardship—hunger, cold, loneliness. Now they know Christian love, good food, warm clothing and shelter.



# THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*These are important items of interest to all COMPASSION friends. Please note each one carefully. It will make sponsorship a greater joy for you.*

## MAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Due to a change in government regulations, we are no longer permitted to use A. P. O. addresses for sending letters and packages to Korea. Effective immediately *all* letters and packages for your orphan, evangelist or student should be addressed as follows:

- Number and name of child
- Number and name of orphanage
- Compassion, Inc.
- I. P. O. Box 1670
- Seoul, Korea

Always show both the *number* and *name* of your child and the orphanage. All mail must be addressed as shown above, including parcels for general orphanage distribution.

## EVANGELIST REPORTS

In the past evangelists and Bible teachers have sent monthly reports to their sponsors, as well as answering any letters from sponsors between reports. This has placed a heavy burden and expense on our translation department in Korea. In our efforts to make the very most of each dollar contributed, evangelist reports will be sent quarterly in the future. If you write to your evangelist or Bible teacher between reports you will receive a reply to your letter. However, the regular activity reports will be sent once every three months instead of monthly in the future. It is estimated this will reduce evangelist translation costs by more than 50%.

## EDUCATION NEEDS

COMPASSION'S sponsorship program provides for a basic elementary education for each child. In Korea this is the only tuition free education offered. From middle school (equivalent of junior high school) on, tuition is charged. The tuition for middle school and high school is approximately \$100 a year. However, entrance into middle school and high school is on a competitive basis, and not every child can attend. If your child passes the entrance exams, you will be notified and given the opportunity to provide for this advanced education. Remember, the child will continue to live at the Home just as in the past. The request for tuition assistance for those children who qualify is not a demand, but an opportunity to help prepare the children for life. Pray that each child will have the opportunity for a good education.

## WARM PROGRAM

The 1966 WARM Program was a success, thanks to you, our thoughtful sponsors. Each child received a WARM winter outfit. However, for those of you who asked for a YUTE game as our token of appreciation for supplying two or more outfits, we owe a sincere apology. We were very late in getting these games out because they were delayed by customs in reaching us. All of the games have now been mailed, and if yours has not yet arrived, let us know so we can mail another one without delay. We have a very unique gift for the 1967 WARM Program . . . but, we won't tell you about it right now. It will be a delightful surprise.



## UNSPONSORED BOYS

Boys, boys, boys! Baby boys, little boys and big boys! Pray that many more kind folk will open their hearts of compassion and ask to sponsor a boy. Why? Because we receive far more requests for girls than for boys. However, in our orphanages we have far more boys than girls. You can see our problem. We want to help *all* the children—boys and girls—but right now we have an urgent need for more people to sponsor boys. Please pass the word, and pray that this need be met.



## LAST CALL!!! Compassion Orient Tour

Yes, this is really the last call. The second COMPASSION Orient Tour is scheduled for May 5 through May 28, 1967. For those who attend this will undoubtedly be one of the most memorable three weeks of their lives. You can be included.

The low price of \$1,190 includes everything except strictly personal expenditures. It includes eight days in Korea, a week in Japan, and several days in Hong Kong, the Philippines and Hawaii. In addition, it includes three wonderful weeks of companionship with dedicated Christians who are COMPASSION supporters.

Check with any commercial travel agency and you will soon discover that similar tours cost much, much more and offer far less. But, if you wish to be a part of this Tour you must respond quickly. There are still some reservations left.

To assure yourself a reservation write without delay to Mr. Robert Forsyth, COMPASSION ORIENT TOUR DIRECTOR, Box 880, Blenheim, Ontario, Canada. Do it without delay!



CHICAGO SUN-TIMES, Wed., Nov. 30, 1966

# ASK ANN LANDERS

### Teen Wants To Be Adoptive Parent

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I'm a 17-year-old high school senior who read in a magazine that \$10 a month will support an abandoned Korean child. The magazine piece said the child's case history will be sent and the child will write to his adoptive parents.

I have a fairly generous allowance and I do baby-sitting weekends. Would I qualify even though I am only 17? Please tell me where to write if I am eligible. Thank you.

WANT TO HELP

DEAR WANT TO: Whenever I hear someone putting down today's teen-agers, I like to haul out a letter like yours and show them how wrong they are.

There is no age limit on this adoptive plan. Write to Compassion, 7774 W. Irving Park Rd., Chicago 60634. In Canada the address is Box 880, Blenheim, Ontario. It's a wonderful thing to do and I admire you for wanting to do it.

The article at the left is an exact reprint of the Ann Landers column of November 30, 1966. It speaks for itself, and of course we are grateful that people like Miss Landers think so highly of COMPASSION'S ministry.

At this time nearly 500 new sponsors have been obtained as a result of this fine word of recommendation. Why not show this article to your friends. It might be just the encouragement they need to become sponsors.



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# Letters of Compassion

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## *Sunday School Class Blessed*

Dear Friends in Christ: You can't imagine how our Sunday School Class has been blessed by sponsoring our Korean orphan. We think of her and talk of her as if she were our own. Thank you for the opportunity and privilege of, in a small way, caring and providing the funds for her.

*A. H. Sunday School Class  
Ashtabula, Ohio*

## *Thanks sponsor for prayers*

Dear Sponsor: My deepest gratitude is yours for your sending your warm love through the precious love of Jesus Christ to your loving child here in the orphanage. I am sure that our good health is attributed for your prayers. Your constant prayers for us are always needed in fighting our many difficulties lying ahead of us.

*Kim Jae Su  
Orphanage Superintendent*

## *Student grows through sponsor's love*

Dear Sponsor: I am sure I am growing up through your sweet love and prayers in order to be an example person for the glory of God. As often as I think over this wonderful blessing, I cannot help but thank God with all my heart.

*Kim Soon Kil  
Student*

## *Orphan happy to receive sponsor's letters*

Dear Parents: Oh, what an excited and delightful day to get your kind letter! It's always the happiest time when I read your letter and also I write to you. My dear mom and dad, I'm always so very happy in your warm love and deep concern. Every night I still never fall asleep without praying for you. I'm sure that God responds to our sincere prayers.

*Lee Choon Ja  
Orphan*

## *Native Church growing*

Dear Sponsor: I don't think I can express my thanks enough for your Christian love. I want you to know that you really encourage me in God's work. I am very happy to let you know that with your financial help I bought a pulpit for our church. We are all happy to have it in our church. We are sure God will reward you fully for what you are doing in His name.

*Koh Wul Chool  
Evangelist*