

Compassion



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



Prime Minister Chung Il Kwon presents South Korea's highest civilian award to Rev. Henry L. Harvey.

REV. HARVEY AWARDED SOUTH KOREA'S HIGHEST HONOR FOR HUMANITARIAN WORK



Reverend Henry L. Harvey, President of Compassion, was recently awarded a Presidential Citation from the Republic of Korea. This is Korea's highest civilian award, with only 15 such awards having been made since the founding of the Republic.

This Presidential Citation was presented to Rev. Harvey at a special reception in Seoul, attended by distinguished South Korean and Compassion guests. Prime Minister Chung Il Kwon made the presentation, lauding the work of Compassion and reading from the Citation:

"To Rev. Henry L. Harvey, United States of America. While serv-

ing as President of Compassion, Incorporated in the United States of America, he has devoted himself to the promotion of child welfare in the Republic of Korea. His brilliant and distinguished achievements, together with his personal devotion to the improvements of amicable and fraternal relations between the Republic of Korea and the United States of America, have earned him the respect and admiration of Korean people."

As administrative head of Compassion, Rev. Harvey graciously accepted this award for the entire Compassion organization and con-

stituency. He feels that this is the highest type of recognition for the many valiant efforts and financial sacrifices of those who support the

mission of Compassion—that of alleviating suffering and bringing physical and spiritual life to children around the world.

Compassion Board Members visit INDONESIA, SINGAPORE, INDIA and Countries in AFRICA



Sponsored girls in Indonesia at Compassion meeting of six or seven churches.

Until early 1968, Compassion's total ministry was in Korea. Since that time we have started children's work in nine different countries: Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore, India, Afghanistan, Jamaica, Haiti, the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico. We now have well over 3,000 sponsored children in these countries with needs every bit as great as those in Korea.

Recently the Chairman of the Board, Dr. Gustav Hemwall and Board member Robert Kinney visited some of these new fields accompanied by Compassion President Henry Harvey. All were impressed by the progress of the children within these two years.

The first real stop for visitation was in eastern Java, in Indonesia. Many of the children have no idea where the United States, Canada or western Europe are. They just know that kindly Christian sponsors somewhere in the world have been interested in them enough to send support and money for food and clothes, and they are indeed grateful.

Our work in Java is quite differ-



Christian widow of a Communist, her six children and Dr. Hemwall.

ent from some other countries, as we do not have a single orphanage in the whole country, and indeed support only one orphanage in all of Indonesia. The orphaned children live with foster mothers or sometimes their own mothers, if their father has died. Compassion distributes money through the church, postal money order, or other means. We visit these children at least twice a year to make sure the sponsor's money is spent as intended.

In eastern Java, there is a large village of widows (with children sponsored by Compassion) living in a Chinese graveyard. Many homes are built against a large Chinese tomb. Since the coup, Chinese are



Widow and daughter, Surabaya, East Java. Chinese tomb at left.



Enjoying a child's performance at Chen Su Lan.

not very popular, and city authorities have given poor people permission to live there. Materials from the tombs have been used to build homes. It is a strange sight to see Chinese tombs in the front, back and side yards, and to see the children pay no more attention to them than the stones in the road.

Our trip to Sumatra was equally successful, with some wonderful visits among our Sumatran children. Sponsored for two years now, the children are showing great progress in school, Bible study, and general appearance. We now have around 500 children in about 30 villages, and we can see a real change taking place.

In one of the pictures with Rev. Harvey is a man by the name of Tobing, a graduate of the local Bible school. You will note a little difference in the size of an American versus a Sumatran. But, the interesting thing about Mr. Tobing is that he is the grandson of a headhunter in the Battak tribe, and his father met the first American missionaries ever to arrive on the coast of Sumatra.

Mr. Tobing's grandfather invited the missionaries to his house, but the people of the village, being afraid of foreigners, the white skin and all, held a mass meeting during the night and decided to kill them. Early in the morning the Tobing family arose and killed both missionaries. Since at that time they were cannibals, the village made a meal of the two—and Mr. Tobing's grandfather played a leading part.



Mr. Tobing, grandson of a headhunter, with Rev. Harvey.

We like to tease Mr. Tobing. He is a very shy and quiet man, and although he freely admits the truth of the story, he assures us there is no danger anymore, since Christianity has come to Sumatra.

When we got back to Singapore, we visited Chen Su Lan Orphanage and found a most joyful group. Caretakers and children all seem to enjoy life to the fullest. (In one picture the children are unable to contain themselves, laughing at one child up front acting out a story.) The children have a strong family feeling and seem not to notice the difference between dark Indian and light Chinese skins—or the middle brown complexion of the two Malaysian youngsters. All speak English and many speak Chinese, the other dominant language of Singapore.

In Vijayawada, South India, we were met by a welcoming party from the local group there. Except for one little girl, all belong to one

Children hear own voices on Dr. Hemwall's recorder.





In India, Mr. Ed Kimball, Dr. Hemwall, Mr. Bob Kinney and Rev. Harvey are welcomed by Rev. and Mrs. Chakravarty, their friend on the left, and Mrs. Chakravarty's two sisters and brother.



Bethesda boys enjoy meal of rice and vegetables.



India's Bethesda Orphanage gathers for worship and to greet Compassion visitors.



This family, just notified of sponsorship, had not yet received aid.

family—the family of Mrs. Sarah Chakravarty, who until a few months ago was Sarah Benhail. Sarah has been a Christian from childhood. When she was born, her father was translator for Rev. Harvey in India. The families have remained close, and since her father's death she considers Rev. Harvey her American father.

Mrs. Chakravarty represents Compassion's work on the eastern seaboard of India, does translations of children's letters, visits in their homes, preaches in villages and gives Christian instruction as she travels around. She is indeed a very valuable worker highly trained in western concepts. She speaks excel-

lent English, and is a woman of very high integrity. We are delighted that she has married a Baptist pastor, himself a jewel from India. We have great hope for the Andra district, mainly because of Mrs. Chakravarty's work there.

We are carrying out an experiment on the eastern coast of India, as in Indonesia, supporting about 100 fatherless children in their homes. So far we are happy, and it is a much better method than raising children in an institution. In the case of pure orphans, support goes to a relative or family chosen to care for the child.

Our representative visits the children once a month. She takes the scales and weighs the children to make sure each child is getting sufficient food. A doctor also checks for malnutrition, and anything else that would show the sponsor's money is not being used properly. One pastor promised to make sure each widow takes care of her children as Compassion prescribes.

Compassion's two Board members and President also traveled through some African countries on the way home and were especially impressed with Ghana and Liberia, both calling for Compassion aid. We believe help should be forthcoming, and are praying earnestly that the Lord will open doors in this dark continent for Compassion's work.

Compassion's Mrs. Chakravarty, talking to some sponsored children.



MISSIONARY NURSE JOINS COMPASSION STAFF

It is with pleasure that we introduce to you a new Compassion nurse—
MISS ANNA RORABAUGH, R.N.



In early February, Miss Rorabaugh left her sunny home in Clermont, Florida and arrived in South Korea to be in charge of the health needs of the children in Kyungi Do. A graduate of the Nursing School of Orange Memorial Hospital, Orlando, Florida, she also attended Nyack Missionary College in New York.

Miss Rorabaugh has served at Mount Sinai Hospital of New York City; South Lake Memorial Hospital, Clermont Florida; Nyack Hos-

pital, Nyack, New York; and a year as school nurse at Nyack Missionary College.

Miss Rorabaugh's two sisters also serve as missionary nurses—Mary Lou in Laos, and Judith scheduled to go to Thailand after spring graduation. Her brother Philip is a pastor of Southern Methodist Church in Pensacola, Florida.

Your prayers for Anna Rorabaugh and her new work will mean much to her.



Sun Ae.

It was a chilly December morning when our Child Interview Team arrived at Mount of Glory and Hope Home No. 13, in southern Korea. Two hundred children formed lines and waited their turn for case-history interviews. Most mentioned that their hobby is singing.

"All right, why don't you sing your favorite song for us?" one of our crew asked a brave looking boy. Immediately he began to sing just as if he had been waiting for such a request. Our crew applauded his high toned song, which made him very happy. (We also use the word "sweet" a lot, especially to the girls. They are so happy to hear the word. Why do we spare it then?)

Next in line came a girl on a pair of crutches. I remembered her well. A year ago, Sun Ae, 8 years old, had received a wheel chair from her sponsor while in Kwang ju Presbyterian Hospital undergoing an examination before surgery on her polio paralyzed legs.

Whoever expected that these legs would redeem their lost function? I didn't. But, there I saw her standing in front of me. "The aid to this helpless girl is just one example of

A COMPASSION JOY I SHARED

by Kim Yung Ju, interpreter to Rev. Erickson in Korea

the many warm Compassion hearts," I thought. "You are so sweet, so sweet," I exclaimed to her.

I took a break and went out to the yard. Lots of children were basking in the sun. Evangelist Baik was busy taking pictures of every child. The children liked him very much and loved to have their pictures taken.

I sat on the floor beside a girl and took her small, cold hand. I saw the happy smile on her face. Her name was Hung Sook, and she was seven. She had a mark on the root of her right thumb, which was all that remained of an extra finger. Miss Hong, a Compassion nurse, hinted to me that a doctor in the same hospital had removed that finger last spring. Every time the nurse visits the Home, Hung Sook bows and bows to her.

"What a glowing light Compassion has brought to these little girls," I thought. On my way back to Kwang ju I thanked the wonderful Lord for all of His miracles in the lives of these two girls.

Hung Sook.



Mr. and Mrs. Lee

Children at play.



JAE NAM CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME #156

Christians were being tortured and killed by Communists in 1950. So, Lee Jin Woo fled North Korea and traveled south to the island of Che Ju Do, where he settled and married a local girl.

By 1952, communist guerrillas had stepped onto the shores of this beautiful island. They took refuge by day on mighty Han La Mountain, the extinct volcano, and at night they attacked the villages. Each morning crying children told that parents had been killed. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jin Woo could no longer bear to see these wandering youngsters, cold and hungry, begging for food.

In 1952, with a tent for a roof, Jae Nam Christian Orphanage had its beginning. In 1970 children are still being brought here for love and care. The government also sends children from overcrowded mainland Homes to this island Home.

Today, one hundred and twenty happy, healthy children play within a tropical garden and sleep, study and worship in clean stone buildings. At lunch time, older girls serve bowls of nutritious soybean gruel and plates of cornmeal mix that look like mountains of scrambled eggs. Soup spoons clatter against aluminum bowls as hungry

children scrape them clean.

Outside, boys and girls enjoy the shade of palm trees and leafy tropical plants—or soak up the afternoon sun. The South Sea calls and tough little brown feet climb over black volcanic rock to the blue waters below.

Younger ones splash in pools left by the tide. Others swim skillfully or spear fish. When the dinner bell clangs, they need only to climb the stone steps to their haven on a hill, for a supper of soup and rice.

When the sun sets and night draws near, each tired child rolls out his "yo" and says a prayer. Then he tumbles in for a sound sleep while a loving "pomo" watches over him.

Salty sea and shining sun
Make this a paradise
for homeless ones.

—Mary Erickson

In Nature's pool.



SPONSORS NEEDED FOR BIBLE TEACHERS



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In our COMPASSION Orphanages in South Korea, we have earnest, capable Bible Teachers dedicated to bringing up the children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Children are taught the wonderful stories of the Bible and are guided in committing to memory many precious verses. Bible Teachers meet regularly with the children and are a great influence in molding young lives.

We need help from kind and generous friends to provide support for these Bible Teachers. Each Teacher will also correspond with his sponsor. The support is \$30.00 per month for a man and \$20.00 for a woman. (Men receive more because they are supporting families.)

This is a wonderful opportunity to join in the direct dissemination of the Gospel!

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Yes, I want to help in the spiritual ministry to the children by sponsoring a Bible Teacher.

I would like to sponsor woman man Bible Teacher.

My choice is # _____, 2nd choice _____, 3rd choice _____.

Assign any available Bible Teacher to me to sponsor.

Enclosed is \$ _____ for Bible Teacher Support for _____ months.

NAME (Mr., Mrs., Miss) _____

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