

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

# COMPASSION

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## GREAT BLESSINGS AND GREAT CHALLENGES COME TO ESEA

In the two months since our last COMPASSION was sent out to our friends, God has abundantly blessed. We received sponsor applications for 473 during the month of March and, since our appeal for supporters for the 80 new native missionaries was mailed, all of them have been promised support! How we praise God for this and how thankful we are to all these dear people.

However, we have approved for support as soon as we have sponsors, a number of new orphanages, bringing the total of our Homes to 97, including the two new ones we are now building in Taegu. So we have hundreds and hundreds of case histories of children from these Homes who are not sponsored. In fact, as of March 27th our Homes had 8,093 children and we had 5,705 children sponsored. We need your PRAYERS and help in obtaining many new sponsors as soon as possible so that we can send full support to each Home.

We are thrilled that the 80 new native missionaries are supported. But two missionaries have recently written telling of scores of unevangelized myuns (townships) and sizeable villages. The Bible Institutes and Seminaries have just graduated many young men who are zealous to go to these heathen people with the gospel. Many elders, deacons and evangelists are willing to go and live very sacrificially, but they must have some help, depending on the size of family, if any.

Of the many families, church groups and individuals interested in our work, I feel that there are many more who could easily (or sacrificially in other cases) give \$10, \$15 or \$20 a month for two years (trusting the Lord to provide, of course) to give one of these dear men what they need so they can go out into these villages which have never heard of Christ and the ONLY WAY OF SALVATION!

ESEA supporters now assist 162 full time evangelists and 22 students, I pray, oh I pray, that within this year this number may be doubled! Will you pray with me?

It is such a blessing to have and support "your own missionary." You will be thrilled by his monthly letters and reports of progress in the work. Here are recent statements I have taken from the letters to sponsors of several of our ESEA missionaries.

"Dear Rev. Swanson:

"Thank you so very much. As a guide is needed for a traveller, I needed a guide in my service for the Lord. I asked it from God who answers our prayers when we ask Him in faith, and He enabled a Christian friend in your country to help me for the past two years. But now, to my surprise and appreciation, you have decided to take on support of me for another two years as I moved on to another pioneering church. I cannot thank you too much, Rev. Swanson.

"Believe me, Rev. Swanson, that I will do all my best, as long as my heart beats, for this pioneer

church in order to expand His Kingdom on earth here in this land.

"Rev. Swanson, thank you again from the depth of my heart. Praying that the blessings of our Lord be upon you and your precious work always, I remain,

"Yours in His service, . . ."

**Lee Man Hwa**—"We see numberless idols around here. We broke down 12 idols during the past month, which had been installed in the villagers' houses. We turned glory to God by leading the 12 families to the Lord from the spell of the idols."

**Kim Yung Hi**—"I started to write this report at 2:00 a.m. and it is now about 4:00 a.m. Although it is not easy for me to walk about 8 miles every morning, I do not feel any pain or difficulty, when I think of you who helps me both spiritually and materially."

(He walks to daybreak prayer meeting, which begins one hour after sunrise!)

**Jang Wan Hwan**—"It was the most graceful and wonderful thing to hear new believers' confessions and repentances in Christ. Among them there was a drunkard who repented of his sins and accepted Jesus Christ as personal Saviour. He is not only attending church on Sunday but also attending day-break prayer meeting each day."

**Choi Kae Taek**—"We had 7 new believers in our church during the last month. They are attending church faithfully. The best and more thankful news I have here to tell you is that the newly converted believers were idol worshipers and used to believe in Buddhism, but since they had accepted Jesus Christ, they broke down superstitions. Now they live with prayer and are seeking to memorize Scripture."

**Kwon Choon Pil**—"There is a village where 3 families of Kims, Parks and Ums live, and all of them had been the worst persecutors against Christians. They all became Christians during the last month. What a wonderful miracle it is. If it were not for your warm support spiritually and physically as well, we should have failed to lead them to the Lord. Thanks again for your help."

I will be waiting and praying to hear from many in the next few days. You can use the enclosed yellow envelope—just cross off "Korean war orphan" and write "native missionary." God will reward you, I know.

#### THE "WIDOW'S" MITE

Here is a lady who literally gives all she has to support her orphan in Korea. Miss Elinore Clegg, 62, lives at Oak Forest, an old people's Home near Markham, Illinois. She has been there for 10 years now. She spends most of her time in a wheel chair. Within



the past 20 months she has had surgery and several times has been confined to her bed for illness.

This fine Christian woman has no regular income. She makes a small profit on the sale of handkerchiefs, which she crochets and sells to the Oak Forest Gift Shop. When she began to support her orphan in December of 1958 she could not promise anything, for her income was so small and irregular. However, in over two years she has not missed a month. Her support comes regularly

and is always accompanied by a cheerful note praising God for once more providing the money for her orphan.

Miss Clegg dearly loves this child. Once when the little girl asked for a picture of her, she wondered how she could send one, since she had no camera. Then someone who was visiting another in the Home happened to have a camera and was kind enough to take her picture so she could send it to the child. Miss Clegg wrote to us about this, saying how wonderful the Lord is for working this out. She never fails to praise Him for everything.

Her life is a testimony to the faithfulness of God. He is using her, shut away as she is, to bring joy to those who know her and to provide loving Christian care for a little orphan child in Korea.



**NEW PIONEER CHURCH**—Here is one of the scores of new churches established by one of ESEA native missionaries. He, his wife and children are in the center. Peter Kang, Korean Secretary, is on the left; and Mr. Swanson on the right. You can have your own missionary and church in Korea!

#### VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE

Nearly all sponsors WANT to continue until further notice after the 1-year period. If a sponsor does not return to us the picture, case history, etc., we assume they will continue being a sponsor. You do not need to notify us, just continue sending in the monthly support. If you must discontinue, be sure to return the papers, so we can try to find a new sponsor. We hope and pray all will be able to continue.

#### MY TESTIMONY

(Received from Supt. Pak of Bethany Farm Home 3-17-61. "I am enclosing a testimony for \$151, No In Chul. He has not been with us long enough but he has repented of his sins and is born again in Christ. I could not restrain my tears when I heard him repent of his sins before our Lord, Saviour. I will be continuously praying for him and looking forward to hearing favorably from you.")

I am No In Chul and my home town is Pyung Yang in North Korea. I had lived with my dear parent, two brothers and sister until the cruel and infernal Communists confiscated all our property during the Korean War which broke out on the 25th of June, 1950. I lost

my parents, brothers and sister while we were taking refuge towards South Korea. I was too young to realize all the matter then and I can hardly recall how



I was brought and by whom I was brought to an unknown orphanage in Seoul. I remember one thing very clearly: that I once ran away from Home and wandered from place to place begging for food every day. One day I was seized by a Wan Cho (beggar chief) and forced to learn how to rob and pickpocketing.

One day we, a group, broke into a wealthy house in midnight for robbery. The group consisted of three and entered by a window, holding a broken bottle in each hand. No sooner we stepped into the room, we shouted at sleeping owner of the house, "Don't move or you shall be killed! We have two choices: starve to death, or to be put under death penalty." We succeeded in the first robbery and consequently followed many occasions. We robbed a great deal of property and sold them without arousing any suspicion of being caught. We had committed robbery on so many occasions that I cannot picture the exact circumstances of all the robberies. I even robbed a hand bag of an American lady in the vicinity of South Gate in Seoul City. I found a great amount of dollars in the hand bag and gave them to the Wan Cho (beggar chief) after I had exchanged them with Korean money at the Market.

I was caught while I was stealing some candy in the bakery shop and put into prison. While I was in prison I felt some unknown pains in my heart which I had never felt before in my life. I even tried to kill myself. I bought poison and ate them, but it was in vain. I found myself lying in bed at the hospital following morning and learned that I was brought to the hospital by one of my friends. I decided not to commit any robbery nor any bad sort of things, even at the risk of my life. I went to countryside hoping to be employed as a farmer's man, but no one accepted me even as a farmer's man. It seemed to me that no one could put trust in me.

While I was seeking a place where I could possibly work and support myself, I happened to meet a superintendent of the Bethany Farm Home and told him about my miserable circumstances. He said that he liked my telling him of true confession and accepted me into his Home. Even after I moved into Bethany Farm Home, I was tempted by fine camera and sewing machine and I thought myself to run away with them. While I was planning to run away and waiting a better chance to escape from Home, I was asked to attend a revival meeting which was going to be held on 24th of January. And it became the most unforgettable moment I would ever have. I learned for the first time that how God had loved me even while I was committing cruel sins. I repented of all my past sins before the Christ and decided to live in Christ through the rest of my life. Though I do not know much about Christian life, I know one thing: that I can be a good Christian if I follow His Word and live with Him and trust in Him.

(Would you like to sponsor this boy? Ask for him by name.)

#### SPECIAL STUDENT NEEDS

Some people are especially interested in helping worthy and promising young people to get a good training for life's work. In fact, our government is recognizing this as of prime importance and is helping many foreign students to come to America to study. We believe that God has given us a unique opportunity to help train Christian young people in Korea, especially for Christian service. Each year more and more of our orphan young people are graduating from High School and face the future.

Our orphanage Superintendents are challenging our children to give their entire lives to Christ and be willing to serve Him full time if He calls them. The children know that they owe their very physical existence, all they have and their opportunity for an education, entirely to God, the orphanage, and the sponsors. A number of our young people are now in full time service, others are training, supported by their sponsors.

For \$10 a month they can go to Bible School, for \$15 they can attend a Seminary, and for \$20-\$25 a month they can attend a good College or University. This pays for tuition, board and room, everything!

Here are young people we have approved, but have no supporters for:

You Young Hak, a leper's boy, who needs \$10 to attend a fine Christian College. We told him to enroll and we would trust God to give us a supporter.

Kim Chong Woo, Seminary, \$15.

Kwak Yong Ki, Seminary, \$15.

Kang Kwang Gill, Seminary, \$15 ( a hunchback, 22 years, very fine).

Kim Kum Shik, Baptist Seminary, \$15.

Ha Boo Kil, College, \$10.

Park Ok Nam (girl) Christian Orphanage Worker's College, \$15. We told her to enroll and we would pray for a supporter.

Pak Soon Yea (girl), Seminary, \$15. Her sponsor can give only \$7.50 a month. She has started seminary but must have \$7.50 more.

Kang Kwang Gil, Seminary, \$10. Has part time job.

Lee Jong Po, Seminary, \$15, has parents but no funds.

Choi Yung Sae, Seminary, \$15.

An Ki Bok, Seminary, \$15. (Father, pastor-martyr!)

Park Yong Keun, Christian College, \$15.

Kim Jong Wha, Seminary, \$15—2nd year, needs help.

We have many more requests from young people, but these are really worthy, wonderful Christian young folks. To evangelize Korea we must help to train them. The cost is only a fraction of what it would cost here!



When trained, they will do a better job than a foreign missionary! You will get his picture, life history, testimony, etc. He will write to you every month. You can write to him. (We translate the letters in our Korea office.) If you find later that you cannot continue, there will be no obligation. This is a faith work. Choose your own and write to us today!

This is Park Young Keun, 26. Both parents died in second world war. He and sister taken into our Chin Hae Orphanage in 1945. His sister died of cancer in 1949. He is

typical of these fine young people.

## A MARVELOUS TESTIMONY

By Han Jung Ok, House of Hope

(Home for unfortunate girls and their children,  
supported by ESEA)

Greeting to you in the name of our Lord. My name is Han Jung Ok, twenty years old and the chairman of the Council of Hope in the House of Hope, one of those whom you always care for. I venture to write you this letter for the second time. I am shivering and tear comes down as I write this letter of my past sins. I don't know how to thank Him for His love, that He called a sinner like me to Him and allowed me to accept Him as my personal Saviour. I, as a chairman of the Council of Hope, am writing this letter to you to ask your special consideration of our difficult problems. Though I learned in your letter to the superintendent that it is difficult for you to help us, we are asking God to help us continuously, with a strong confidence that God will never abandon us. Another wish of ours is to call you our father, for it has been a long time since we separated from our real parents, and we are longing for our parents very much. If you allow us to call you father we will call you father with open heart.



I hope I am not disturbing too much of your work. Today, I am going to tell you of my religious profession. I don't know how to stop my falling tears as I write my religious profession and think of His mercy, His priceless love, and His salvation. How can one thank Him enough for His love which made a sinner to be white? I was born in a country named by Kyung Book Ankae as a daughter of a farmer. I lived there peacefully with my brother and younger sister. But all of a sudden, our peaceful country, home town, turned into a battlefield for the Korean War, which broke out on 25th June. We had to leave our home town at once to take refuge.

We, our whole family, climbed mountains and crossed rivers and finally reached a little town named Yungchun. My father was called for Korean Service Corps as soon as we arrived there; and we lost our way completely—where to go and what to do, wandering up and down. After having suffered from living for some time, my mother died of tuberculosis, leaving her children behind. My younger sister died soon after my mother died. There were only my brother and I left as orphans, without knowing of my father's existence. Being left alone as orphans, we were wandering from place to place, until we reached our home town. When we returned to our home town there was no shade of our home. Everything was changed completely. We had to live with one of our relatives.

While I was living with them, they treated us so badly and contemptuously that I left home and lived independently. But I found it very hard to establish myself self-supportingly. It was three years ago that I came to Taegu, but there was no one whom I may depend upon and I faced same trouble as I faced before.

One day I met a young girl who led me to the lodging house where I was to stay with them until I found job. It was not until they asked me to pay for meal and lodging that I learned that this lodging house was a prostitute house. This was my first step of

degradation. I thought I could get away from here as soon as I had pay back my debt. But, the longer I stayed there the higher my debt went. It was just beyond my expression to tell my personal experience and how I struggled with difficulties. Even my tears were dried up and I could not even run away from there for they put vagrants to guard on us. I was so afraid and weakened that I could not get away from there so easily. There was no one in the world who could lead me to the right path and help me, but many people who tried to take an advantage of my being alone.

One day I met an evangelist from the House of Hope who comforted me and sympathized with me. I thought I was abandoned by the world, but there was a person who inquired after me and taught me about Jesus Christ who loves us. The evangelist told me definitely and repeatedly with assurance that there is God who always loves me and He shows right path to those who have no houses and humble without knowing where to go. I was moved very much by his conversation. As I recovered myself, I moved into the House of Hope from the devil house. When I came here for the first time, everything seemed to be strange and impossible for me to get along with Christian people.

One day I was asked to wash some clothes at the stream outside of the Home. I came out with other clothes hiding them in the laundry bag. When I reached the stream, I throw my old clothes and shoes away in the stream and put on other clothes I brought, and started to run away. I ran in hurry for some time lest I should be caught without knowing my destination. It was not more than five minutes when I was confronted with the superintendent of House of Hope in front of the very Home! Evidently I was passing through the Home. I was much astonished at her sudden presence and did not know what to do and what to say. The first word I heard from her was to be patient and I was moved into the Home in spite of myself. I decided and made up my mind not to run away any more by all means. I did not realize their real love and this was the only place I can revive. Thus I followed every word they told me and tried to learn everything they taught me. But sometimes my head was shaken by the thought of the past and I could not help thinking that I might fall down again by my weak point.

Whenever I feel weakness in me, I prayed God as they taught me how to pray. As the day goes by, I became to realize His great love and to believe in Him that He has heard my prayer. I called God in crying loudly without cease in the prayer room on the 2nd floor all day long. But still my heart was heavy with my past sins. It took me long time to confess everything and believe in Him. Finally every word in Hymn appealed to me and realized how wonderful it is to live in God. From that time I studied Bible very hard to understand His Word and prayed very hard every day. It has become my duty and only wish to stay inside of the Home and nurse children. I got up early in the morning and worked ungrudgingly till late in the evening.

The superintendent gave me compliments on my work and encouraged me in my work by praying that God bless me. One year after I started work with this Home I was given an award for a model worker by superintendent, and I was also elected as a chairman on the election which was held in the last chairman council.

The most surprising progress I gained is that I did not know how to write a single word before I

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came to this Home, but now I am able to write you and able to read Bible. My only hope is to become His faithful servant, to glorify God who saved my life from the sinful world and to preach His word to those who are suffering from the lack of spiritual nourishment as I once had been before. I shall live as a faithful evangelist through the rest of my life, that I may live to return your love.

## ORPHANAGES HAVE OWN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Every Home ESEA supports has its own Christian Board of Directors. Only a very few are not yet incorporated as a non-profit corporation. These few have not had the amount of property (11,000,000 When—about \$8500) to meet Korean government requirements. We have been purchasing garden land, improving buildings, etc., thus bringing up the evaluation. In a few months we expect all to reach this status. This not only protects the title of the whole property and its future use, but makes the Home eligible for the government subsidy of about 67 cents per child per month in money and a small grain ration too.

## OUT OF THE MAIL-BAG

Dear Rev. Swanson:

After receiving your notification of cancellation of sponsorship for \$18 and \$39, I have called the two children and slowly explained the matter to them. They were deeply disappointed and wept and wept. Still they were quite discouraged, and it made my heart ache too.

\$39 is a first year grader in junior high school, very clever and wishes to be a pioneer minister to non-Christian areas. Seeing the two children saddened so much, I am impelled to write this letter to ask you if there wouldn't be a chance of giving them their cherished happiness back. I have prayed to the Lord to afford all our sponsors with materials so that this will not be repeated again. I shall write as often as possible to sponsors and try to draw their attention to the children. May full blessings of God always abide you in your endeavor.

In His name,  
Mrs. Kim In Sook, Supt.  
Blue Bird Orphanage

(Note: Don't give up your sponsorship. The child may become a native missionary.)

## ARMY CAPTAIN WRITES

Dear Rev. Swanson:

We are a new unit that has recently arrived in Korea and I want you to know that representatives from the orphanage you support have made contact with us. The results of your help is evident. The people are well taken care of and very friendly. You can rest assured that your assistance to them is paying off real dividends. On their behalf, I wish to thank you for all you have done.

Sincerely,  
Leon T. Ward, Capt.  
Arty. Commanding