



# Compassion

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



## A Hopeless Feeling!

What is it like to feel absolutely hopeless? The crying beggar boy with his tin can held out as a plea for a few grains of rice could answer this question. Or, the three weary little orphans wandering aimlessly down a dusty Korean road could answer it. These little ones have experienced more desperately hopeless feelings in their few years than most people ever realize.

Many boys and girls like these still roam the city streets and village roads of Korea. Compassion brings loving care and hope to these precious young lives because YOU care!



What is their future?

## Is it worthwhile?

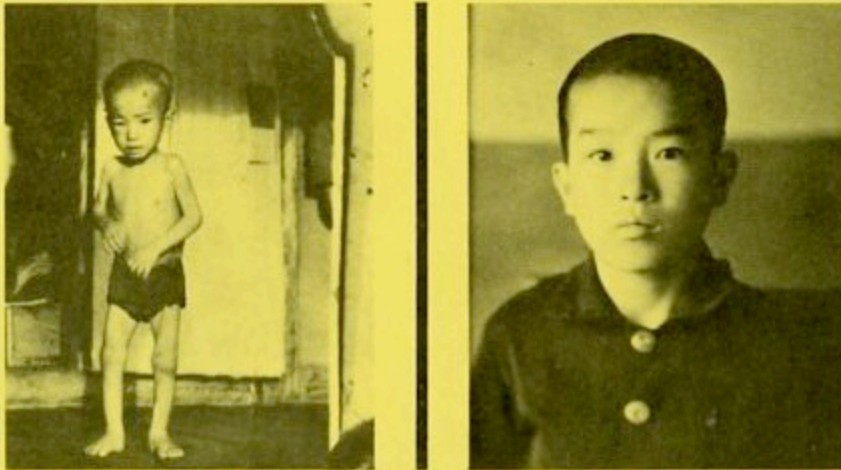
From time to time the question is asked, "Is it really worthwhile to reach out to a land like Korea and seek to meet the physical and spiritual needs of helpless little orphans?" This question may be asked by someone unfamiliar with the need in Korea. Or, it may be asked by someone who is honestly seeking how to best channel his missionary giving.

It is certainly wise to pause and evaluate. Questions like this cause us to think. They require us to consider whether our efforts are producing the best results.

Perhaps the first thing to remember in thinking about the ministry of Compassion is the heartbreaking need in Korea. It is difficult for a native American to fully comprehend the desperate plight of precious Korean orphans. It is true that their immediate need is in part a result of the devastation of the Korean War. But this is not the entire story. Since the Korean War the land has suffered severe economic depression. At the present moment Korea is one of the most economically needy countries in the world!

By conservative estimate there are at least 60,000 orphans in Korea today! During one recent 24-hour period the Seoul City Police picked up more than 250 "beggar boys" off the city streets. Nearly every day brings to light new cases of babies a few days or a few hours old being abandoned. Surely these little ones are precious in the eyes of the Lord!

Is it worthwhile? Yes, it certainly is! The more than 20,000 orphans receiving loving and tender care in Compassion orphanages would certainly say that it is worthwhile. The scores of college and seminary students, evangelists, and pastors who have grown up in Compassion orphanages would say it is worthwhile. Little Huh So Song whose picture is shown below would say it is worthwhile!



Huh So Song was only three when he was received into the Pine Tree Valley Christian Orphanage. He was sick and undernourished — really just "skin and bones." Today he is a healthy eleven year old boy. Why? Because of the love and compassion of his sponsor.



## Training is important too!

Vocational training is an important part of the ministry of Compassion. Not only must the orphans be cared for, but they must be prepared to become useful members of Korean society. Some of the orphanages have their own vocational training programs such as farming, or arts and crafts. The top photo shows the carving instructor at Eastern Light Orphanage teaching boys the delicate art of hand carving.

Compassion also operates two special vocational schools. One of these is the Kimpo Farm School where young boys are taught farming. The other is the Young Jin Vocational School for girls where a variety of subjects are taught. The photo below shows a class of girls at the Young Jin Vocational School learning to type in the English language.



## Premier Showing of **"RUNAWAY"** BRINGS A GREAT BLESSING!

Saturday, March 14 was a memorable day in the history of Compassion. It was on this day that the Premiere Showing of the thrilling 28-minute color, sound film "Runaway" took place in the Moody Memorial Church of Chicago.

It was evident from the very first that God's blessing rested upon this meeting. A week before the showing more than 400 reservations had been received from Indiana, Wisconsin, and Illinois. This number increased daily, and there were actually 450 in attendance the night of the meeting! About an hour of fellowship around the dinner table preceded the actual showing of "Runaway." There were a number of testimonies from sponsors, and friends. Then, to climax the evening, Reverend Swanson showed some of his latest slides of the work of Compassion in Korea.

A member of a sponsoring group said, "Very enjoyable. The film was simply superb. Very moving." Another couple sponsoring an orphan said, "We appreciate our privilege to be a sponsor of a Korean orphan in the name of Christ. Thank you for this enjoyable evening to create more interest."

Perhaps the most meaningful comment of all was made by Pastor George Durie of the Moody Memorial Church. His one word observation was: "Impressed!"



Reverend Swanson personally brought a "birdseye view" of the ministry of Compassion in Korea before the showing of "Runaway" to about 450 at the Moody Memorial Church.

# FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

## Reverend Swanson Reports From Korea

Dear Friend of Compassion:

I must share with you some of my experiences and observations during the past few weeks here in Korea. What I have seen and heard has encouraged me, challenged me, and renewed my dedication to the great mission God has given us to do.

During these weeks, extensive travel to many of our orphanages, schools and evangelistic works, has revealed wonderful progress in improving properties and facilities; also, in the general health, nutrition, clothing and education of the orphans.

Much more, however, must be done.

I have met with the Minister of Health and Social affairs, several governors, mayors and other high officials. All of them have expressed their deep appreciation to Compassion and all of its supporters for caring for over 20,000 destitute children. They have also earnestly asked us to increase the number of sponsors and if possible extend our facilities to accommodate more children.

We have just concluded our National Bible Conference here in Seoul. Through the generous gifts of the sponsors, all of the 381 Compassion supported evangelists came from every part of South Korea, including many islands of the sea. All our orphanage superintendents and hundreds of others attended four services a day.

Reverend Howard Carlson of Chicago was our main speaker and was a great blessing to all. Many Korean pastors and leaders took part from day to day. The hearts of all were greatly blessed, encouraged and revived. Souls were saved and renewed dedications were made by hundreds of God's people.

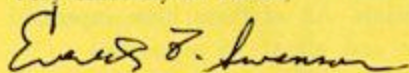
Dr. G. A. Hemwall, beloved Christian physician and surgeon of Chicago, has been with us these weeks. He has been a highly valued member of Compassion's Board of Directors and Secretary-Treasurer from its beginning. He has made the following statement:

*"I am impressed with the overall health of the children, which in general appears to be better than the average Korean child. I am also encouraged to see the good effects of our food, milk and vitamin programs. I am tremendously impressed with what has been accomplished with a relatively small amount of funds."*

As we have visited one orphanage after another, Dr. Hemwall has taken colored pictures of many unsponsored children, determined to obtain sponsors for them when he returns. He has also taken hundreds of colored slides and has offered to give as many evenings as his schedule will allow, showing pictures taken all over Korea. Any church or group in the Chicago area may call Compassion office (456-6116) anytime to make such arrangements for meetings after June first.

Once again I want to thank every supporter who helps make this blessed missionary work possible. We need your continued support as well as help from many new friends. I will be back in our Chicago office again about the time you read this and will be praying that the mail will bring us hundreds of new sponsors of orphaned and abandoned Korean children. May I hear from you? God bless you.

Very sincerely in Christ,



*Ernie J. Swanson*  
Executive Director

#### IMPORTANT ENCLOSURES

The following important enclosures with this mailing of Compassion deserve your careful attention:

1. Latest picture pack. Remember, this is the most economical way of obtaining new sponsors. Show them to your friends.
2. "Letter of Appreciation" from the Minister of Health and Social affairs of Korea. This lovely letter, suitable for framing, is for sponsors only. We were unable to obtain enough copies for everyone on our mailing list.
3. The May 17, 1964 issue of "Power" Magazine. Please see pages 4-6 for the thrilling story of Compassion.

Each of these enclosures is important. These items deserve your most careful attention. We trust as you study them that they will increase your burden of love and Compassion and bring rich blessing to your life.

## YOU MADE THIS POSSIBLE . . .

*The list of Compassion related orphanages continues to grow. One of the latest orphanages to become affiliated with Compassion is the Pohang Christian Children's Home. After the orphanage was approved, the superintendent wrote the following letter of appreciation to Reverend Swanson. In a very real sense this letter is directed to each of you, the sponsors and friends of Compassion, for without your prayers and support this orphanage could not have been accepted.*

Dear Reverend Swanson:

I greet you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ who is the bond that binds us together in His love. I am director of Pohang Christian Children's Home. Your wonderful work and devotion in saving of so many Korean orphans from darkness and distress are most highly appreciated and admired. We sincerely pray and ask God to grant you with His miraculous strength, by which your mission will be achieved successfully in our country.

We of the Pohang Christian Children's Home are very happy to have entered your Association in God's will, and are very grateful to you for that our pitiful orphan children are placed under the financial support through your Mission. Indeed we are enlivened so much by your warm Christian love, and your work means a great deal to us both spiritually and physically. No doubt, your devotion will bring a fresh hope and happiness to the unfortunate orphans in the future, who have never known normal lives yet.

Truly you deserve the richest blessings of God for all what you have been devoting yourself to help them. On behalf of our 59 orphans, I express our deepest thanks to you for your wonderful Christian work.

As you expect, I am doing my best in my work and always pray and ask God to enable me to carry out my mission in supporting of the kids, whom He loves. Allow me to close this letter herewith for this time, with our best wishes and sincere prayers to you. May God be with you always.

Yours in Christ,

*Mrs. Huh Ock Jo, Director,  
Pohang Christian Children's Home*



# Letters of Compassion

## CHRISTIANS PERSECUTED

Ignorance, poverty, and idolatry have been our community's friends down through the ages. Many of the residents do not accept the Gospel and persecute the Christians terrible. But I believe that our Lord can do every thing.

*Won Hui Chun*  
*Evangelist #882*



## GRATEFUL ORPHAN

Hello, Reverend Swanson! I hope things are fine with you and all the staff workers in Compassion. I believe you are taking painstaking efforts to find welfare for us orphans. We pray for you daily in the morning and evening.

*Kim Byung Il #63*  
*Pajoo Christian Orphanage*



## THANKS FOR WINTER CLOTHING

The money which you sent for our children's winter clothing arrived here to our great delight. Please accept the most profound gratitude coming from the bottom of our hearts. We also extend our deep thanks to our sponsors. The sense of gratitude will never die down within us.

*Kim Kum Ok, Superintendent*  
*Holiness and Wisdom Orphanage*



## ORPHAN WANTS TO BE MINISTER

You will be interested to hear that my 12 year old Han Kil Ha wants to become a minister. I was so thrilled when he told me, for I had no idea what he did want to become. Gives one a good feeling inside, doesn't it?

*M. S. S.*  
*Geneva, New York*



## SPONSORSHIP A PRIVILEGE

We are so happy with your assigning us #53 Jung Dea Yong. He writes such wonderful letters. They thrill our hearts. He is a fine, sensitive lad and we feel privileged to call him our son.

*Mrs. G. F. W.*  
*Lompoc, California*



## ORPHANS MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE

These days we have emphasized on the children to memorize Bible verses and I am glad to let you know that some of them can now recite more than fifteen chapters beginning from Matthew Chapter One!

*Oh Jae Yup, Superintendent*  
*Easter Christian Orphanage*