

Compassion



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



The Kimball Family

On May 16 the Edward A. Kimball family will depart for Seoul, Korea. Ed will take up duties as Business Manager of the Seoul office, filling a need which has existed for more than two years. Every member of the Compassion family will want to uphold this fine Christian family in prayer. Ed and his wife Eleanor have two lovely daughters, Carol and Lori. The children are as eager as Ed and Eleanor to serve the Lord through the ministry of COMPASSION in Korea.

Saved to Serve

From insurance executive to foreign missionary, this is the story of Ed Kimball.

Nearly a year ago Ed Kimball sat in his cabin at a Christian camp in New York state. The previous occupant had left a copy of Christian Life Magazine in the cabin, and Ed leafed through it at random. His eyes fell on an advertisement inserted by COMPASSION for a business manager for the Seoul office. As he read the ad Ed thought, "This is for me." His thought was not just the impulse of a moment. For more than a year Ed and his wife Eleanor had been praying that God would open a door of full time Christian service for them. His experience as an insurance executive provided an excellent background for the position. Ed saw the COMPASSION ad as God's answer to prayer.

A man with Ed's background and training has long been needed to fill various administrative areas of the work in Seoul. His presence on the field will do much to strengthen COMPASSION's ministry. Also, the Reverend Robert Morgan and his family, who have served faithfully in Seoul for several years, are due to come home for a much-deserved furlough this Spring and Summer.

Ed's testimony is thrilling. He recently wrote, "Who says that the life of a Christian is dull? Since I came to know personally the Lord Jesus Christ through the radio ministry of Dr. De Haan, life has been one exciting event after another. Within the last five years, our two daughters and most of our immediate family have come to know Jesus as their

Savior. Just a few weeks ago, the daughter of our neighbor accepted Jesus as her Savior. What could be more thrilling than to see those you dearly love conclude that the only answer for this world and all the things to come is Jesus Christ.

"Not only does the Lord want us to tell our loved ones about the saving grace of Jesus, but He wants us to 'go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.' Two years ago when Ellie and I dedicated our lives to the Lord, we told Him that we would be willing to serve Him wherever He wanted us to go. After much prayer and meditation, the Lord led us to COMPASSION. It was love at first sight for all concerned, and we are thrilled that we can serve Him through the ministry of COMPASSION in Seoul, Korea.

"The Lord has shown us in so many ways that He wants us with COMPASSION. We felt that we were members of the COMPASSION family from the very beginning. In Seoul, our children will be within walking distance of one of the finest Christian Mission schools in the Orient. As we prepared to leave for Korea, the Lord provided a buyer for our house within three days after we put it on the market. But most important of all, He has given us tremendous peace of mind because we are doing what He wants us to do. He has promised us through His Word that 'we can do all things through Christ which strengthen us.' We praise the Lord for His marvelous grace!"



Mr. Arthur N. Knudsen of Trans World Airlines discusses plans for the Everett F. Swanson Memorial Building with the contractor on site in Seoul, Korea.

Plans for Seoul Office Building Approved

You will want to read this progress report on construction of the new office building in Seoul.

For several years there has existed a need for a COMPASSION headquarters building in Seoul. The staff there has been working in rented quarters and this has proven to be both expensive and inefficient. After the Homegoing of COMPASSION'S beloved Founder, the Reverend Everett F. Swanson, the Board of Directors agreed that a new headquarters building should be constructed in Seoul, to be known as the Everett F. Swanson Memorial Building. This building is being financed by the contributions of COMPASSION sponsors and friends.

Members of the COMPASSION family will be happy to learn that an ideal location has been secured for the building, and construction is now underway. Final plans for the building were drawn by Mr. Arthur N. Knudsen and the Korean archi-

tect. Mr. Knudsen is Director of customer service equipment and facilities planning for Trans World Airlines, Incorporated. He is also a Compassion sponsor who went to Korea for an entire week at his own expense in order to offer his services in assisting with the plans for the new office building. Because of the dedicated efforts of Mr. Knudsen, and the labors of the staff in Korea, it is believed COMPASSION will have an office building in Seoul which will serve the needs of the ministry for many years to come.

To the many sponsors and friends who have contributed to the Everett F. Swanson Memorial Fund for the construction of this building—many thanks! If there are others who would like to have a part in the construction of this building, it is not too late. Just designate your contribution for the "memorial fund."

Homes for the Homeless

Each month COMPASSION places several orphans in Christian Korean homes through legal adoption.

COMPASSION has always sought to provide the most loving Christian atmosphere in its 170 orphanages in Korea. The aim has always been to make the children feel that the orphanage is their home. Yet, it is recognized that the ideal situation is to have the orphans legally adopted into Christian Korean homes. For this reason Compassion maintains an adoption department in Korea. The responsibility of this department is to investigate and handle the placement of children through legal adoption into Christian homes in Korea.

Up to the present time more than 300 children have been placed through the adoption program. These children now know the joy of having their own parents and their own homes. Now

they can enjoy the security and love that a Christian home offers.

For several reasons adoption of Koreans by American families has not been encouraged. It can be extremely costly for an American family to legally adopt a Korean. The legal involvements can be very cumbersome. But, most important, the problems of adjustment can be extremely difficult for both child and parents. These problems do not exist in such measure when the children are adopted by Korean families and raised in their native land.

Won't you pray that God will bless this part of the ministry of COMPASSION, and that a large number of dedicated Christian couples in Korea will open their hearts to adopt more of the children in the orphanages?

This childless Korean couple recently adopted two lovely daughters from #115 Holy Fruit Christian Orphanage, offering a truly Christian home.



Mrs. Swanson visited more than fifty orphanages while in Korea.



This wide-eyed little fellow is now happy in a COMPASSION home.

These precious girls are typical of the 22,000 COMPASSION children.



REPORT

from Korea

As this issue of COMPASSION is being written the Fourth Annual Bible Conference has just begun in Seoul. The Reverend Henry Harvey, newly appointed president of COMPASSION is in Korea for the Conference and for extensive field work following the Conference. Also, Mrs. Everett F. Swanson is in Korea where she has been visiting orphanages for nearly the past two months.

Reports from Mrs. Swanson have given great encouragement concerning the orphanage work. She writes that the children are all being well cared for and that they are happy. Many orphanages have improved their facilities since her last trip to Korea. The children are being taught the Word of God regularly, and many are coming to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Mr. Harvey is reviewing the entire ministry of COMPASSION in Korea. He will be in Korea for more than two months visiting orphanages, meeting with evangelists and superintendents, and becoming familiar with various phases of administration. Initial letters from him confirm once again that God is using the ministry of COMPASSION in a very unique way. The impact of the ministry is being felt not only in the lives of the children, but in every area of society. As students enter various phases of life, and as evangelists preach the message of the Gospel, the entire nation grows as a Christian land.

There is still a great work to be done for the Lord in Korea! Pray for those who minister through COMPASSION in "The Land of the Morning Calm."



Yes, you can actually meet these orphans as they tour the United States and Canada during the coming summer and fall. See enclosed tour schedule.

Meet These Orphans

COMPASSION'S Field Representative, Mr. James Johnson, reports that plans are progressing very well for the orphan tour of the United States and Canada scheduled for the coming summer and fall. Enclosed with this issue is a complete itinerary of meetings showing places and dates where the orphans are scheduled to appear with Mr. Johnson. Check your copy of the itinerary right now, and circle your calendar so you will be certain not to miss the appearance nearest to your home.

Since it will not be possible for the orphans to appear in more than a limited number of cities, Mr. Johnson has arranged the itinerary to cover every major area of the country. Although it will not be possible to meet every request, if you would like the

orphans to appear in your city, please direct your request to Mr. James Johnson, 7774 West Irving Park Road, Chicago. Mr. Johnson will be able to accommodate a limited number of additional requests.

The last orphan tour was held during the fall of 1964. Thousands were thrilled to meet the children from Korea—to hear them sing and recite Scripture. The response was so overwhelming that this second tour has now been planned. Don't miss the appearance nearest you. Bring friends with you—it will be a wonderful way to introduce them to the ministry of COMPASSION. Above all, pray for the success of this tour, and for safety and health for Mr. Johnson and the others in the party, as they tour the U. S. and Canada.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

One of the questions every Christian asks himself sooner or later is, "How can I best serve the Lord?" This is a serious question, and it deserves serious consideration. The answer is not the same for everyone.

COMPASSION is a Christian missionary organization. In the headquarters office there are opportunities for service that are most rewarding. In this pleasant, Christian atmosphere there are positions for female typists, file clerks, and correspondents. Various office skills are necessary depending upon the position. For

all positions, however, the most important requirement is sincere desire to serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

The working conditions are excellent, the location is convenient, and the work is truly rewarding. During this time of labor shortage we are in great need of dedicated workers. If you are between twenty and fifty-five, and believe God might be leading you to COMPASSION, pray about it and then write a letter to the attention of Mr. R. E. Swaney at the Chicago office. Many thanks!



COMPASSION was represented at the recent convention of the Michigan Sunday School Association by Mr. James Johnson, Field Representative. Mr. Johnson manned one of the thirty displays at the convention, and had an opportunity to explain the ministry of COMPASSION to hundreds of people. This was a grand opportunity to acquaint many of the outstanding Christian leaders in Michigan with the ministry of COMPASSION. While Mr. Johnson's time is limited, he is always happy to receive requests to speak to groups about COMPASSION. Write direct to Mr. James Johnson if you would like COMPASSION to be represented in your church or area.



Letters of Compassion

"God will repay you"

Dear Sponsor:

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your decision to support me unsparingly in love of Jesus Christ . . . I believe that God will repay you richly in Heaven for what you are doing to me. May He bless you abundantly both spiritually and materially until He calls you to His kingdom. All of my family trust in the Lord and try to live according to His will.

*Kim Byung Chae
Evangelist*

Student prays for sponsor

Dear Sponsor:

I hope this letter finds you in excellent health and happiness. I received the support money for January with thanks. It would be used for registration fee of the new semester. I have nothing to give you, but I will pray for you with all my heart and mind. I am glad to let you know that I have grown in Christ physically as well as spiritually.

*Oh Tae Ryoan
Student*

Thanks from superintendent

Dear Sponsor:

Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ! Due to His love and care our children and staff members have been doing well. And as all the kind sponsors helped us, I could prepare our children's warm clothing for this winter with the precious gift monies. Our children's sponsors have been very kind to us. We don't know how to repay them in the proper way, but we trust that God will remember them.

*Kim Kum Ok
Superintendent*

Knows of no finer work

Dear Friends of Compassion:

I am enclosing check for \$120 towards the support of #87 Jae Yung Hyun at #91 Loving Light Christian Orphanage for the year 1966. It was my great privilege to visit the orphanage with the Compassion Orient Tour and get to know my little Korean boy. I was more than pleased with the fine leadership at the orphanage. I know of no finer work.

*P. G. H.
Evanston, Illinois*