

# 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 is always happiest with the children.

It hardly seems possible that more than a year has passed since I wrote an article for *Compassion*, so I was delighted when I was asked to write "Heartbeats" once again. As I look back over the past year I really am thrilled! God has answered prayer in a wonderful way and I would like very much to share our blessings with you as I see them.

We have done our best to keep you informed of the problems as well as blessings. There are two major reasons why we do this. First, so that you can pray for us more specifically, and secondly because we feel you deserve to know as much as possible what the problems are and how we attempt solving them. The letters we received from many of you after you read the March-April *Compassion* and Rev. Harvey's report of conditions in Korea, showed how you appreciated the frankness with which he wrote. Your letters expressed your understanding of his love for the children of Korea, as well as his concern for you as sponsors and supporters. We believe because you were made aware of our situation

you joined forces with us in earnest prayer, and God heard and answered it!

To improve our ministry to the children, and our services to you, we moved most of the office operations from Seoul to Chicago. This has been difficult for some of you to understand, but we do sincerely thank you for your willingness to cooperate with us in this rather drastic step. Believe me, it was necessary, and it will result in a stronger ministry. We hope you realize that every change we make is with the sponsor

in mind—how we can best use the funds sent for the benefit of the children, how we can see to it that a more personal relationship may exist between sponsor and child, student or evangelist, and also how we may have a more personal relationship with you in our Chicago office.

I know that during this change many of you had to wait for months for a letter from your child, and so did I. But, when you realize that suddenly thousands of letters had to be transferred from Seoul to Chicago because of our problems in Seoul, I'm sure you understand. From now on we will be able to control the correspondence, which has been difficult to do from Seoul. In Chicago a close record is kept of every orphanage and how faithful the children are in writing to their sponsors. I don't say that complete improvement will happen overnight but I know you have seen a change for the better already, and every effort is being made to this end.

Our missionaries in Korea are now able to do a much better job of supervision since they are not encumbered with a large office and all its problems. Rev. Wally Erickson is doing a marvelous job and has already visited most of our orphanages if not all of them. He arrived in Korea in March while I was there and the superintendents and children loved him from the start. We really thank God for Wally and his willingness to take his lovely family to Korea. This was another real answer to prayer.

Many of you are wondering about the headquarters office building which was built in memory of my husband. It is being used! Compassion uses the first floor for the translation and distribution of the Gospel Light Literature program. We have a Youth for Christ office also on the main floor. The entire second floor is used for a Christian radio ministry which brings the gospel to many countries. The auditorium on the main floor which seats 300 people is used regularly for church services. So the ministries that go forth from that building have a tremendous outreach for soul winning.

Another blessing is that we have found the government of Korea, especially the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, is now willing and anxious to cooperate with us in caring for their children. This makes it much easier for us to give them the kind of care we want them to have. Isn't it wonderful how God undertakes and answers prayer?

In all of the sixteen years of Compassion's ministry I have never felt the satisfaction I now have of seeing God's work move forward in Korea. We have faced one major problem after another but always as a challenge because we knew it was God's work, and not ours. We will still have problems but we trust they will never be of such major proportion again. Thank you each one who has so

faithfully prayed for us through the years.

It was a real joy for me to meet so many of you on the six-month tour I had with my orphans last year. You will be happy to know that they are all living together in a home with Mrs. Chang who travelled with me on the first two tours. They feel she is their real mother and love her very much. They are all in good schools and will receive special care because of their hard work for us on the tour. Moses, our pianist, is in the finest school of music in Korea and is thrilled! He is the only orphan in the school and considers himself a very fortunate boy indeed.

God willing I plan to bring another group of children to the United States again about February 1, 1969 through May, 1969. We will try to visit some of the hundreds of churches that had to be turned down last time. We are eagerly looking forward to this once again and pray that God will use us to glorify His Name.

I wish it were possible for every sponsor to visit Korea. It would thrill you, bless you and give you a burden such as you've never had. We are planning on another sponsor tour of the Orient in the near future, and perhaps an around-the-world tour in the next couple of years. By then our work in other countries will have grown much, I'm sure, and it will be a joy to share this new ministry with our sponsors and supporters. This is just a little advance notice to those of you who may be interested. What a blessing these tours have been to our sponsors and to Compassion!

I am planning, God willing, to go to Korea in September to aid in the annual inspection of all orphanages where they are rated as A, B, or C Homes. This has proven to be the most effective way of causing the superintendents to do a first rate job of caring for the children. On the way home in mid October I hope to visit India, Indonesia, and perhaps Afghanistan, in order to see the children Compassion is caring for in these needy countries.

We do need your continued prayers for Compassion's entire ministry. God has entrusted us with a tremendous responsibility. Caring for nearly 24,000 children, supporting almost 500 native workers, and fulfilling an extensive Christian literature program in several countries is a tremendous responsibility. Without His Divine Wisdom and Strength we would fail. Proverbs 3: 5,6 comes to me now as I close. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."

Thank you again and again for your patience, your understanding and your love. We love you and appreciate you and pray for you daily. God bless you.



Wally Erickson (inset) is COMPASSION'S new field director in Korea. Wally went to Korea in March, and his lovely wife Mary, and children are now aboard ship to join him in laboring for COMPASSION in Korea. Pray for this fine family.

## YOUR SERVANTS *for Christ's sake*

The ministry of COMPASSION is stronger today than at any time in its history. The Homes are cleaner; the children are healthier; good educational programs are offered; and, field supervision is excellent. This progress is due in no small measure to the tireless efforts and firm dedication of Wally Erickson and Ed Kimball, two outstanding field directors.

Wally was assigned to Korea last March, succeeding Ed Kimball who was transferred to Singapore. In the few months he has been in Korea, Wally has worked day and night visiting Homes and acquainting himself with the Korean culture and social pattern. In just these few months he has gained the respect of Korean government leaders, fellow missionaries, and COMPASSION

1. COMPASSION'S field director in Southeast Asia, Ed Kimball, greets needy widow in tiny village in Indonesia.
2. Ed Kimball loves children, and couldn't resist having his picture taken with this little darling.
3. Wally Erickson and nurse Sally Swanson visit Homes regularly to assure best possible care for children.
4. The background of each child is carefully investigated by Ed in a personal interview before the child is accepted for sponsorship.



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superintendents. It is fully expected that Wally will establish himself as one of Korea's outstanding Christian workers and missionaries as he continues to upgrade the standards of COMPASSION Homes in Korea.

Meanwhile, Ed Kimball is doing a magnificent pioneering job throughout Southeast Asia. He is pouring his tireless energies and broad abilities into establishing a sound work for COMPASSION in India and Indonesia. Both of these countries are desperately needy. In each there are countless thousands of precious children who will fall victim to famine, disease and poverty if help

is not given. So, the opportunities for Christian witness and service are truly unlimited . . . and, as a result of Ed's efforts the needs will be met.

Ed and Wally are but two faithful COMPASSION workers—your servants for Christ's sake. Their families labor with them. Then, there are the Morgans, Sally Swanson, the nurses and supervisors in Korea, and the staff in Chicago. Each one of these workers values your prayer support day by day, to the end that COMPASSION might increase as an effective means of showing the love of the Lord Jesus Christ to the world's needy.

## FEMALE OFFICE HELP NEEDED!

Perhaps you have considered the possibility of entering full time Christian work, but never quite knew how to go about it. If this is the case, we can be of help.

COMPASSION, Inc. is a leading independent evangelical missionary organization located in the pleasant western suburban area of Chicago. About thirty full and part time employees enjoy the benefits of working together for the Lord in a delightful Christian atmosphere.

Our work is expanding, however, and we need more Christian women to fill attractive positions as secretaries, stenog-

raphers, and general clerks. Good wages, hospitalization, liberal vacation and retirement programs, and the very latest in modern equipment and working conditions can be yours.

If you really want to serve the Lord in an effective ministry, write today and investigate employment opportunities with us. Address your letter to:

**COMPASSION, INC.**  
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## Sponsors Respond Favorably to Increased Cost

*Most sponsors now sending \$12 a month  
to provide for their children*

After carefully considering the needs of the children, COMPASSION'S Board of Directors increased sponsorship from \$10 to \$12 a month effective January 1, 1968. This increase was necessary to meet the rising costs of providing for the children.

The increase applies to all new sponsors since January 1. However, for sponsors prior to January 1, the increase is requested but not required. We realize there are some sponsors who began at the \$10 rate, and simply cannot afford the increase. We feel it is only fair in these cases to allow sponsorship to continue at \$10. Still, for all who can afford it, we do emphasize the urgency of this need . . . since present day costs do require \$12 to adequately care for each child. Where this is not possible the

extra amount will be supplied from general funds as far as possible.

There have been very few increases in sponsorship costs throughout the years, and these increases have been allowed only after the most careful consideration. At this time the Board feels an increase is justified.

If you are already sending \$12 a month to support your child, the Lord bless you. If you are not sending the full \$12 and would like to help in this way, simply indicate this with your next remittance and it will be noted on our records. In any case, we are truly grateful to each one of you for whatever you can afford to help the precious children under COMPASSION'S care. As we say so often, and it is true, without you there could be no ministry of COMPASSION.

# W A R M

WINTER AID RELIEF MONEY



Outfitted for winter school term these youngsters can smile

It will soon be school time again. For parents in America this means new clothes, winter boots, books, fees, and many other extra expenses. For the superintendents of COMPASSION Homes it means the same things . . . and, they must look to sponsors—"Moms and Dads" in America—for help in meeting these extra expenses.

To help the superintendents provide WARM winter clothing, and suitable school uniforms for their children, COMPASSION conducts an annual WARM (winter aid relief money) program. Under this program you may provide a complete new winter outfit for your own child for only \$6.00. Imagine being able to completely outfit your little boy or girl for about the price of a pair of child's shoes here in America!

This year we have a very special and unusual gift for each friend who sends \$12.00 or more for the WARM program. The girls in our vocational train-

ing school have made lovely hand-embroidered wall hangings. These colorful and artistic pieces are suitable for framing or table display. They provide an interesting conversation piece, and you'll be thrilled to show them to your friends.

We realize that there are some who are doing all they can for their children, and cannot afford to provide through the WARM program. We are grateful to each one of these fine friends. However, perhaps there are others who can provide extra outfits for unsponsored children, or children whose sponsors cannot afford a WARM winter outfit. We want every child to have a nice new set of clothing to start school this winter. And, remember, the entire amount you contribute will go for the purchase of clothing. No administrative or other expenses will be deducted. We want the children to have the full benefit of your gracious contribution. Please write today, and God bless you richly.

### CLIP AND MAIL TODAY

Reverend Henry Harvey  
COMPASSION, INC.  
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Chicago, Illinois 60634

Yes, I want to have a part in the WARM program, providing WARM winter school outfits for only \$6.00

My check or money order for \$ . . . . . is enclosed to purchase . . . . . WARM outfits.

I understand that I will receive an authentic hand-embroidered wall hanging direct from the Orient if my contribution is \$12.00 or more.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Letters of Compassion

## *Happy for sponsor's prayers*

*Dear Sponsor:* Sometimes I become in the depth of despair and have inferiority complex. But God always consoles me in my misfortune and loves me whenever I sink in such emotion. I am really happy to think that you remember me in your prayers. I will do my best to become your excellent son.

*Chang Yung Koo  
Student*

## *The joy of sponsorship*

*Dear Friends:* This morning we received the papers on our third child . . . Our two previous children have brought us such joy, we cannot find words to say how rewarding we find this sponsorship. Our little "daughter" writes such lovely and interesting letters that we find our eyes full of tears and our hearts full of joy that God has been so good to us allowing us to be part of such rewarding project.

*A. Y.  
Madeira Beach, Florida*

## *A child's thanks*

*Dear Mommy:* You are always so kind and wonderful to me. Thank you so very, very much, my dear Mommy. I'll share your gifts with my little sister. She's very thankful to you. I do hope you'll like my picture taken with the gifts.

*Dong Hui  
Orphan*

## *Wants to please sponsor*

*Dearest Mommy and Daddy:* I was so much happy to receive your letter. Especially Amy's picture gave me a lot of happiness and joy. She seems very beautiful. I wish I could see her! I will pray for all of you and remember you. I will be a nice girl so that I can be your wonderful Korean daughter.

*Hyun Joo  
Orphan*

## *A faithful preacher*

*Dear Sponsor:* I would like to tell you about our activities. This month I visited 167 homes one by one, giving the people tracts, and telling them about our Lord. We offer thanks to God for his rich blessings. I am very happy to tell you we had six new believers through a recent evangelistic meeting.

*Kim Jong Hwan  
Evangelist*