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Compassion... possible dream for the destitute



During these busy days . . . it is good just to stop and take stock of what one is doing. The business of working and just plain living seems to take the major portion of our precious time. You probably find it the same way.

It's easy to become caught up in a thousand details of administration and other busy activity and somehow forget the reasons why we are doing it all. For those of us at Compassion headquarters, it is doubly important that we stop and reflect on the reasons for our ministry.

Between deadlines, appointments, letters, mail and other countless details, we must take the time to meditate on the true meaning of Compas-

sion. Somehow this true meaning doesn't really strike home until we begin to read some of the incoming mail that originates in such places as Seoul, Singapore or Sumatra . . . letters penned by grateful children in deep need.

The one element that permeates the letters from these children, on the receiving end of our efforts, is their sincere spirit of thanksgiving. Time and time again, the children write and thank their sponsors for such simple things as a bowl of rice, a pair of mittens or a plain cotton dress. In the days before a sponsor came along, a full stomach was seldom or never experienced and a special gift at Christmas time was only a fleeting dream.

Behind our clanging typewriters and ringing telephones, we daily sense this spirit of thankfulness to the Lord for the privilege we have of serving Him in this way.

Compassion, of course, could not exist without our faithful friends who regularly stand by our children. We would not be here without you. We often reflect and express gratitude for you and your concern. We have many reasons to be thankful. We are "caught between" our generous friends and the dreams that have come true for thousands of destitute children. It is indeed a coveted position. For each busy day, may God grant all of us—strength in service and a spirit of gratitude for our privilege.

News items from here & there...

Chicago, Ill.—Henry Harvey, President of Compassion, Inc., has announced the appointment of two deputy field directors. Mr. Kim Yung Ju is now Deputy Director of our Korean office of Compassion (see story on "Mr. Kim" in this issue).

The Rev. Joshua Chakravarthy has been named Deputy Director of Compassion in India. Rev. Chakravarthy is a 1960 graduate of the Serampore Seminary which was founded by William Carey. His wife, Sarah, has been serving full-time with Compassion in India since 1968.

Seoul, Korea—Nineteen bags of rice were distributed to 38 destitute families in the Sukyo-dong and Hap-jung areas by the Swanson Memorial Social Welfare Foundation. The organization was established in honor of the late Everett Swanson, the founder of Compassion, Inc.

Seoul, Korea—"Operation lighthouse" is now underway throughout South Korea. The project is administered in association with the Presbyterian Mission in Soonchun. Project leaders Hugh Linton, Sam Lee, and others have set a goal of establishing a Christian church within "walking distance" of every village in Korea which has 100 or more homes. Compassion sponsors are currently supporting nearly 70 Korean evangelists.

Santo Domingo, the Dominican Republic—Four hundred paperback cop-



Joshua and Sarah Chakravarthy . . . laborers together on behalf of Compassion in India.

ies of "Good News for Modern Man" have been purchased by Compassion and distributed to the handicapped children at the "Centro de Rehabilitacion de Invalidos." The Spanish version New Testaments were warmly welcomed by the staff at the Center for handicapped children.

Maesariang, Thailand—The house-mother at our hostel here writes that she is most grateful for the help that Compassion has sent for her tribal children. The Karen (refugees from Burma) Tribe children now have improved diets, new school uniforms, and other required materials for school.

Aux Cayes, Haiti—Among the many areas where Compassion is sending funds on a family-helper basis . . . Aux Cayes missionaries report that new clothes have been purchased for Compassion-sponsored children. The missionaries express their gratitude.

Siwait, India—Tyrell Fordham of the Metropolitan Church Association and head of correspondence in this area, reports that Compassion children there are grateful for their new clothes . . . including dresses and "knickers." "Words are a poor vehicle to express our thanks and appreciation," he concludes.

Guelph, Ontario—The Young Couples Club of the Guelph Reformed Church sponsored a 20-mile Compassion "Bik-athon" and raised \$200.00 for our ministry. Mrs. John Bertelink, Secretary, wrote us and commented: "Most of us had not ridden bikes since we were kids . . . there were a lot of complaints about stiffness, but it was a lot of fun and we will most certainly do this again!"

St. Paul, Minn.—"Each year the 3-M Company has a dress-a-doll contest. These dolls go to needy children. I won second place and received \$10.00. I am sending the money to you for the children at your Holy Fruit Christian Orphanage in Korea."

Ackley, Iowa—"I have come to the end of the year for selling aprons at hobby shows. Here is \$57.00 for your work."

Portsmouth, Ohio—"I am 11-years old and I am trying to do things for my world now. I would like to contribute to your organization. Here is a check for \$5.00." Signed Jeannie "Pussycat".

Editor: Thanks, Jeannie . . . it makes us "purr" when we get notes such as yours!



Quotes from children to their sponsors

Java, Indonesia—"First I was afraid when Uncle Kimball (Ed Kimball, South Asia Field Director) from Singapore came close to me . . . because he is a tall man with hair dark yellow. But don't be afraid, he is a kind man."

Also Java—"When I got the gift, my mother broke into tears. She told me that you are the only best person in the world."

Korea—"In the morning it is cool enough for us to study, and in the afternoon it is very hot and we usually go to sea to swim. The boat on which we go aboard slides on the sea surface and the waves toss and leap, and the boat rolls up and down the waves . . . then we become rattled in our minds . . . it is not horrible, but fun."

Korea—"As for our custom of marriage, the young man and lady over 20 of their ages are arranged by the church and matchmaker. The good and healthy young men, and ladies, are recommended to match. Anyway, I don't know much about it, for I am too young to know and be concerned about it."



Mrs. Whang, a happy Han Hee, and Mrs. James Mogege in Seoul, Korea.

Mother and child reunited

(We are indebted to Mr. Kim Yung Ju, Compassion's new Deputy Director of our Korean office, for the following story.)

On the 21st of January, 1972, a 38-year-old mother of five children walked into our office in Seoul . . . asking if anyone had heard of the whereabouts of her missing nine-year-old mentally retarded son. Mrs. Whang Jun Yung sadly told the Compassion staff that Chung Han Hee had been missing for more than a year. She had made many desperate attempts to locate him . . . to no avail. From other sources, namely, a Mrs. James Mogege, wife of an American Embassy staff member in Korea, we

learned more details about Han Hee's wanderings. (Mrs. Mogege, incidentally, is also a Compassion sponsor . . . of another retarded child in Korea.)

During November last year, while visiting the Seoul City Child Receiving Center in Soosaek, Mrs. Mogege came in contact with Han Hee. She immediately arranged to have him transferred to a local hospital because he was undernourished and in a generally "run-down" physical condition. Later on, after nursing him back to normal health in her home, Mrs. Mogege contacted our office for the purpose of counseling regarding Han Hee's future. It was decided that he should be placed in Home #96 . . . Faith and Light Christian Children's Home. Meanwhile, of course, Mrs. Whang had been searching far and wide in an effort to find her child. It wasn't until the morning of January 21st that things "clicked" together and a phone call to Home #96 was made. It wasn't long before mother and son had a tearfully happy reunion.

Unfortunately, our story has a somewhat unhappy ending. The mother is too poor to support Han Hee. For the time being, at least, Han Hee will remain at Home #96 until such a time as Mrs. Whang can support him. No doubt it will be a long time before she can earn enough money from her job as a maid to care for him. Nevertheless, a year of searching by a loving mother has resulted in a happy reunion. According to our records, we can cite this reunion as a "first" in Compassion's history. We thank Mr. Kim for sharing the story with us.



Excellent investment in Indonesia

This photograph illustrates a wonderful investment of sponsor funds on the Island of Java. Mrs. Lie (center) and her daughter Jani (left of mother) wait on a "paying customer" on his way home from school.

Funds provided by a Compassion sponsor for Jani have enabled the family to establish this small market where fruit, cookies, and other goodies are sold.

(Our thanks to Lynette Walters, Compassion representative in Djakarta, for the photograph and story.)



Compassion cares in the Caribbean

A broad grin spreads across the face of little Emmanuel as he raises his arms in preparation for a most unusual "drum solo." Squatting on one set of "home-made" drums, he proceeds to play for the visitor from Compassion. Miriam Swanson, the Vice-President of Compassion, was here in Port-au-Prince, Haiti gathering information and conferring with Christian leaders who assist us in the Caribbean area. Playing a drum is not unusual for many children. However, in the case of Emmanuel, it is a bit "way out." He was born without hands and feet . . . he uses his arms to beat the drum.

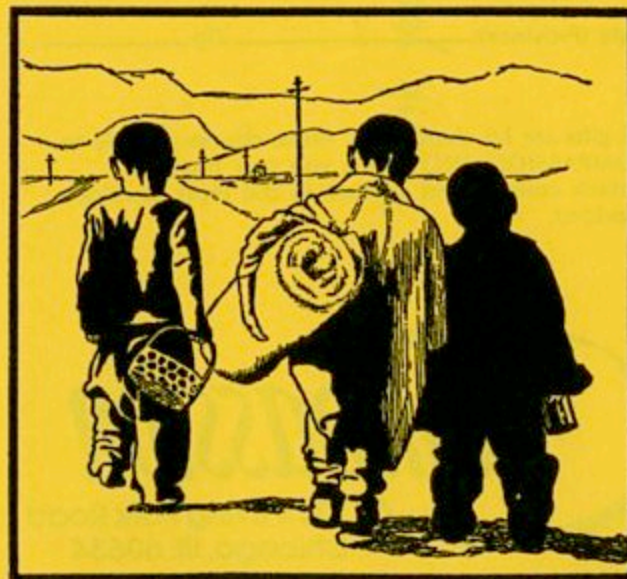
Though handicapped since birth, Emmanuel seems to be getting along just fine at St. Vincent's Home for the Handicapped. This young man is typical of hundreds of children in Haiti, the Dominican Republic and Jamaica that have some sort of handicap. In the case of some it may be blindness, in other instances it may be deafness or mental retardation. "At any rate, they all are in need of "outside" help.

In charge at St. Vincent's is Sister Joan Margaret, a warm and a highly respected Christian. An Episcopalian, "Sister Joan" is well known and loved throughout Haiti. Compassion is just

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I have long since ceased to pray, "Lord Jesus, have compassion on a lost world." I remember the day and hour when I seemed to hear the Lord rebuking me for making such a prayer. He seemed to say to me, "I have had compassion upon a lost world, and now it is time for you to have compassion; I have given my heart, now give your hearts."

— A. J. Gordon



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A broad group of little Emmanuel arms in preparation "drum solo." "home-made" play for the Miriam Swartz of Compassion Prince, Haiti and conferring who assist in playing a drum many children of Emmanuel He was born ... he uses his

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now obtaining case histories (biographies and photographs) of more than 75 children who live at St. Vincent's. We are expecting that sponsors will be found for these children, as well as for other handicapped youngsters.

Many of the children at St. Vincent's are orphans who have been abandoned by their parents. The government of Haiti does not have a welfare program for orphans . . . hence the need is great.

We featured another wonderful work in Haiti in our Magazine last year (May-June issue). The story concerned the House of Hope at the northern tip of Haiti. The House of Hope, operated by the Unevangelized Fields Mission, is receiving help from Compassion sponsors. The handicapped at this hospital are primarily victims of Pott's Disease, or tuberculosis of the spine. Since 1956, the House of Hope has cared for more than 400 handicapped children.

On leaving Haiti, one merely has to go "next door" to another institution where Compassion is lending a helping hand. In Santo Domingo, the capital of the Dominican Republic, we find the "Centro de Rehabilitacion de Invalidos," a modern, well-operated rehabilitation center. The center has its own artificial limbs fabrication facilities as well as a new polio treatment facility.

Since 1968, we have been seeking sponsors for children at the Christian Deaf Fellowship at Kingston, Jamaica. The Fellowship is caring for dozens of children who cannot hear. Special

training for these children is extremely expensive . . . hence, this Christian facility exists for their benefit. The Center is in need of more workers who qualify as teachers and who can communicate with deaf children. More than 30 children are now on a waiting list for entrance to the school . . . They cannot be brought to the school until classroom space is expanded and more instructors are found.

As you have read this story about the handicapped of the Caribbean, perhaps you have become burdened to help one of these children. You'll note that we have included a return envelope for your convenience.

We also wish to mention that Compassion also cares for and needs sponsors for children in other countries, such as Korea, Indonesia, and India. Not all youngsters that we help are handicapped in a physical sense. By far, the majority of them are only handicapped by lack of money for the basic needs of life. Twelve dollars per month provides for food, clothes, and an opportunity to receive a sound Christian education. Many of you already are sponsors, and you possibly have been for a number of years. For your continuing help Compassion is grateful! However, we also know that many of our readers are probably reading about us for the first time. We want our new friends to become better acquainted with our work and also to become sponsors. We are waiting to hear from you today! Please use the attached postage-paid envelope for your reply!

Meet Mr. Kim

By Mary Erickson

Kim Yung Ju, Deputy Director of Compassion, Inc. in Korea, has faithfully served Compassion in Korea for the last six years.

Mr. Kim, as he is called, was born in Seoul in 1934. He attended primary school under Japanese teachers. Their main target was to make Koreans into Japanese, and they were quite successful, for Mr. Kim stated, "I, myself, thought I was of Japanese people."

His family, like many Koreans, held to both Buddhism and Confucianism. When his parents died, they were cremated and given special rites by the Buddhist monks.

At the age of sixteen, Mr. Kim first heard of Christianity and was converted while attending a revival meeting in Chin-he.

During that same year the Korean War broke out, and Kim Yung Ju vividly remembers his war-time experiences. On Sunday, June 25, 1950, a radio reporter announced that the North Koreans were invading. Monday morning school commenced as usual, but during chemistry class the children heard airplanes low overhead and ran outside to watch an aerial battle between American P-38's and Russian YAKs. To youth it was exciting to witness a real "dog fight"! On Tuesday a strange and fearful thing happened. The farmers began marching south, driving oxen laden with a few earthly possessions. Their report was that it was dark and desperate in the north, but optimistic radio announcers confused the people of Seoul. There

was no doubt that war was here when the cannons thundered nearer and nearer on June 28th as the Russian tanks rolled into Seoul. At 3:00 a.m. the Hahn River Bridge was blown up and thousands of people fleeing south were pushed into the river. It was sunrise before the pushing ceased, and refugees viewed the river flowing red with blood and bodies. The North Koreans captured Seoul, the capital of South Korea. "I can't believe that the world can change in a day. How can I believe it?" said young Kim.

At sixteen Yung Ju was small in stature; consequently, the North Koreans ignored him, but not the other young men of Seoul. Many South Koreans were forced into uniform and placed in the front lines of the North Korean army as they marched southward. Mr. Kim's eldest brother-in-law was taken as a "voluntary soldier," trained briefly, and sent to war. His wife received one letter from him written just before the great battle of Taejon. He has never been seen or heard from since. Two of Mr. Kim's brothers were put to work re-building broken bridges; each night the men carried sand bags to repair the damage. The Communists needed the bridges in order to transport men and supplies to the battle lines.

For three months Kim Yung Ju watched people hiding and dying. Then on September 28, the people rejoiced when General MacArthur and his men recaptured Seoul and drove the Communists back to the Yalu River. But the Chinese Communists joined the North Koreans, and just before they recaptured the capital in

January, Mr. Kim, with his brothers and sisters, fled Seoul.

Kim Yung Ju graduated from high school in the southern city of Kwang Ju in 1953. He attended Normal School—a one-year course of training primary teachers. While he was waiting for an assignment from the Minister of Education, he applied for entrance to college. He graduated from Seoul National University in 1958, with a major in English language and literature.

The army called him to serve his compulsory duty of three years. When he was released from service, he found work in the translation department of the Dong Ah Publishing Company.

Kim Yung Ju married in 1963 and today is a wealthy man by Korean standards, for he is the father of three handsome boys.

In early 1972, Henry Harvey, President of Compassion, Inc., announced the appointment of Mr. Kim as Deputy Director of the Korean Office. Since 1968 he had been employed in the Seoul office as the personal secretary and interpreter for the Rev. W. H. Erickson, Field Director. Mr. Kim has been with Compassion since 1966.

Mr. Kim Yung Ju, the man with the versatile tongue, is an important part of Compassion's ministry in Korea. He is a man of great patience and deep insight—a man who bridges the gap between two cultures, between sometimes opposing philosophies. He uncovers Oriental traditions and enlightens the Western minds. He can speak with dignity to governmental officials, with firmness and understanding to the superintendents of our institu-

tions, and with love to the children. His wisdom guides and protects our work in Korea. He loves his work with Compassion, and we love him.

Editor: Thank you, Mary, for another fine story . . . about a wonderful person. We came to know and deeply appreciate Mr. Kim and his dedication and unusual abilities while visiting Korea in 1970.

Kim Yung Ju at his desk at Compassion headquarters in Seoul.





The Cartwrights . . . with 14-year-old John and 10-year-old Jenifer.

Orphan wears red carnation on Mother's Day

Bae Sung Dong has chosen a special way of showing his appreciation and love for his sponsor "mother" . . . Madelyn Cartwright of Atascadero, California. Writing from the Joy and Happiness Christian Orphanage in South Korea, Sung Dong said: ". . . As it is Mother's Day, I am writing to you again and pray for you. I put a red carnation on my clothes. The red carnation is for having mother and white for having no mother. I have you, so I did so. I will always pray for you."

The Cartwright family also consists of Raymond, the head of the house, son John and daughter Jenifer. The Cartwright's have been sponsoring Sung Dong since 1968 and consider their sponsorship a sacred trust. "Our hearts are filled with joy, in that we are doing Christ's bidding by sending our monthly payments. The support for our very special boy lights his mind, body and soul," says Raymond Cartwright.

Sung Dong's red carnation is just another meaningful example of gratitude for regular help from sponsors who care. Compassion, in turn, is grateful to the Cartwright family for letting us share this story with our many friends.

Compassion Orient Tour...an update

Come September 28th, a jetliner that we might call "the Good Ship Compassion" will lift off at Seattle, Washington on the first leg of a three-week Compassion-sponsored tour of the ancient and intriguing Orient. Aboard will be more than 100 sponsors and friends . . . in addition to tour officials and Compassion staff members.

At this printing, it appears that we will achieve our goal of 115 persons. A special tour-group plan, arranged through the Forsyth Travel Bureau, Blenheim, Ontario, is available for \$1450.00 per person.

Let us briefly outline for you the advantages of such a tour. For a sponsor of a needy child in a foreign land, such a tour is probably the high-point in the life experience of the sponsor. In some cases, our sponsors have been supporting their child for a number of years . . . all the way from the first year in kindergarten through grade school and on into high school. A virtual mountain of correspondence will have been exchanged, photo-

Ready for take-off, 1969 tour group poses before boarding jetliner.



graphs and small gifts have been mutually cherished. What a joy it is when sponsor and child actually meet each other face to face! It is a feeling that we cannot describe. Furthermore, most people arrange to take a yearly vacation and often travel great distances to "get away from it all." Why not take advantage of this special group discount rate and travel with warm Christian people from all spheres of life?

Not only do sponsors meet their child, but they also see the dedicated Compassion staff members who care for our children on a day-to-day basis. And who can disagree, that the Orient . . . places such as Korea, Indonesia, Hong Kong and Thailand, are not the most fascinating places in the entire world!

Another valuable "spinoff" from such a tour is the fine publicity that is generated. Our tour members are great "camera bugs" . . . they bring back hundreds of color slides and show them to their friends and at church meetings. Their enthusiasm has resulted in many new sponsors for needy children. Furthermore, what hometown newspaper editor can resist a photograph and story of a local citizen embracing an "adopted" child in far-off Korea or Java? Your local television or radio station also will be interested in knowing about your trip . . . it all adds up to great enthusiasm for the ministry of Compassion as we together bring a bit of sunshine into lonely and destitute little hearts.

There are still a few seats remaining—we want you to prayerfully consider coming along with us to the Orient this fall. Word from you will bring a colorful brochure by return mail. Write: Forsyth Travel Bureau, Compassion Orient Tour, P.O. Box 880, Blenheim, Ontario, Canada.

Choi Soon Hui...once rejected, now rejoicing

Twenty-seven-year-old Choi Soon Hui was born of Buddhist-believing parents at Hongsung, South Korea.

Since birth, her life has been a continual uphill battle. At the age of seven, her father died, and at about the same time she became totally blind because of malnutrition. On numerous occasions she had planned to take her own life because her relatives and others in the community despised and hated her. Her blindness made her an outcast in her own family.

However, at the age of fourteen, she heard the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ, and she accepted Him. Thus began a new life for Soon Hui. In an effort to learn more about the Bible, Soon Hui was directed to Immanuel Blind Girls Home in Seoul. There she found new hope, and some friends of Compassion became her sponsors.* She stayed at the Home from 1965 to 1968 . . . learning and also growing as a Christian, and also teaching her blind friends at the home.

Soon Hui wanted to press on and learn more about God's Word. For four years she prayed that she might be led into a seminary for further study. Once again, with the aid of her sponsors, she was able to enter the Pierson Memorial Seminary in Seoul. She graduated from the seminary in 1971.

What is Soon Hui doing today? She is married and serves as a Christian

worker at the Kwang Hwa Presbyterian Church in suburban Seoul, where nearly 100 persons attend regularly . . . many of them also blind. Through a teaching and preaching type of ministry, Soon Hui . . . still supported by a Compassion sponsor . . . is helping the blind and the poor of her community. From physical and spiritual blindness, Soon Hui today is a victorious Christian young woman . . . an undeniable asset to her community.

*Soon Hui is sponsored by the Friendship Class of the First Baptist Church in Loudonville, Ohio. Secretary-Treasurer of the group is Mrs. C. D. Easley, who along with her husband has done much to help Soon Hui and Compassion.



Compassion in Canada

"Master, Where Do You Live?" was the title chosen by the Rev. James Somerville, Director of Special Projects for Compassion of Canada, for a feature story on his recent Asian tour on behalf of Compassion's ministry. The story was written for the Canadian Faith at Work Magazine. Following is a "mini summary" of the feature.

During early 1972, the Rev. James Somerville began his Compassion ministry and at the same time, he stepped out to discover the many nooks and crannies of the world "where Jesus lives in the lives of His children." As a preliminary introduction to our ministry overseas, Jim visited Korea and South Asia during January of 1972. Jim's journey didn't lead him down the well-worn streets of Palestine where Jesus actually walked centuries ago. Instead, he went where Jesus "walks" today . . . for example, in humble native villages of Korea and Indonesia and Thailand.

Just beginning his year of "duty" with Compassion, Jim has experienced what Compassion is all about. He has found out for himself what it is like when destitute peoples receive sponsor help. Their gratitude is indescribable! The lonely and forlorn faces of innocent children are vivid in his memory. What does one do when a five-year-old boy in tattered clothes approaches you on a street corner, tugs at your coat tails and begs for a coin? Jim calls his reaction "culture shock." Furthermore, the shock of viewing, in stark full color, probably

the worst slums in all the world . . . leaves a sickening feeling deep down inside. However, he knows that Jesus lives in the hearts of Christians even in undesirable places.

In part, this is what he said about his trip. "In Korea, I saw some of the 140 homes where Compassion is caring for 14,000 orphaned and abandoned children. There were blind children learning to read by touch and find their place in life. There were also the crippled, the deaf, the mentally retarded, and children of leprosy parents. They were being lifted out of poverty to a new life with meaning, but even more than that . . . they were being shown 'His way.' I discovered wherever Christian people are being touched with Compassion, there is hope for even the 'least of these, His children.'

"It was also a great joy to walk with Christ in Indonesia. You could sense the joy and love He generated throughout His church. I was glad to be a part, through Compassion, of what God is doing there.

"In Thailand I met some of the finest Christian missionaries God has seen fit to send to any corner of the world. If Christians in Canada could see these missionaries at work, the cause of Christian missions would move ahead tremendously."

Summarizing his story, Jim said, "Having seen where Jesus lives in the lives of dedicated Christians, I returned to Canada a changed person. It was an inspiration to meet God's people in these lands and a blessing to know that through Compassion, we have a part in ministering to human needs. I am left only with a prayer

that God will touch Canada with their passion for the Gospel and their love for even the smallest of His children."

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A series of "starve-ins" were held throughout Ontario during April through June to emphasize the work of Compassion of Canada, Ltd. Teenage volunteers were recruited through local churches and high schools, and each carried the story of Compassion's ministry "door to door" in Chatham (April 22-23), London (April 29-30), Simcoe (May 13-14), Staffordville (May 20-21), and Kingston (June 3-4). Jim Somerville, who organized the project, says the inspirational talks were given at each of the starve-ins by Western Ontario's popular street teen preacher, Terry Shepherd. In addition, there was special music by "The One Way Sound," a Chatham-based Gospel singing group.

Compassion films and a selection of graphic materials featuring the work of Compassion in Asia was also a part of each "starve-in."

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