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

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Glimpses of Christmas

by our children and our staff

Christmas is an exciting and a blessed time around the globe. Everywhere our children will soon be reciting poems, quoting Scriptures, singing songs, and dramatizing the wonderful story of the Babe in the manger. How happy God the Father must be on Christmas Eve as He watches the programs and listens to the chorus of voices in a thousand different tongues thanking Him for the gift of His Son.

So that you might have a glimpse of Christmas in some of our projects, we have saved some letters from last year's mailbag just so we could share them with you in this Christmas issue.

Haiti

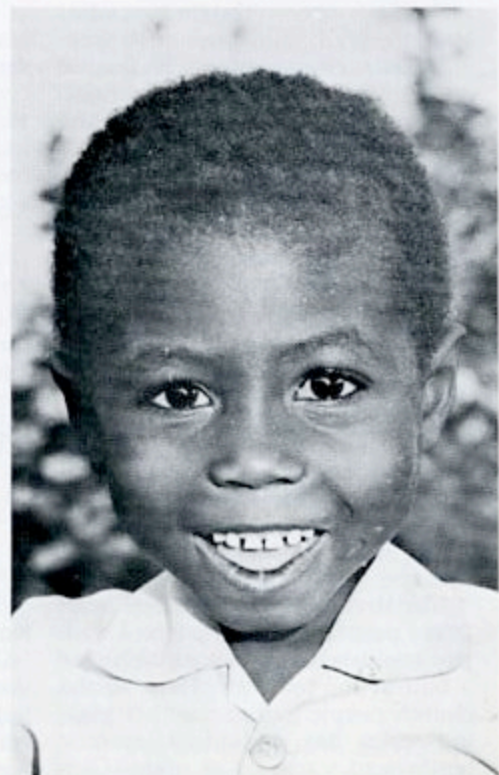
At the House of Hope children are already feeling the Christmas spirit as they make their own Christmas cards for their sponsors. Some are being fearfully made. The children's hands get so sweaty, and the cards turn out so dirty . . .

Last year Christmas was the usual wonderful time for the children. Their program was good with even some of the very little ones reciting. Since no Christmas for me is

complete without a manger scene, we had one this year, too. Mary was all pinned together and her head scarf fell off, and Joseph's sash fell off, but like real troopers they stood still while we sang "Away in a Manger" in Creole. (*Caroline Bradshaw, Director of House of Hope*)

Korea

In order to celebrate the birth of



Christmas is a happy time for children around the world—including this boy from Haiti.

Lo Sian Cy of Indonesia proudly wears her WARM set of clothes to the Christmas program at church.



Jesus, we prepared a special program in this home. I sang a solo. One boy in this home learned 29 Bible verses from memory. Mr. Oh held us a party and we enjoyed taking cake and fruit heartily.

(Lee Myo Yun)

Philippines

During Christmas time it's cool here in the Philippines. In Sunday school we are learning to recite poems for our Christmas program. I hope you will be here when I recite the poem. I love you.

(Quelin Leocadio)

Haiti

What excitement there was as 36 girls got ready to attend the Christmas program. Ribbons, bows, and barrettes mingled with braids or curls and soon they came forth looking so attractive in their new dresses. The program lasted until eleven. Christmas Day dawned bright and sunny. The girls had tasty pumpkin soup for breakfast. At 10:30 the girls presented an interesting program. Guests were exhorted to give Christ His rightful place in their hearts. The distribution of gifts brought more excitement. The girls then enjoyed their pork dinner with bananas, rice, and brown beans.

(Irene Kvigstad, correspondent—Girls' Home)

India

Christmas is drawing very near. I take part in the carol party. I wish you could hear my voice. We make a hall at the open air. Here all the church people gather together singing songs day and night, making bonfires to warm us at night. Gen-

erally, Christmas is celebrated for three days continuously. In our country there are many heathens still. Please pray for them. I am also praying for them and giving collection for the outreach area. *(Kheuliun)*

Korea

Thank you for the Christmas card. It is the first Christmas card which I have received since I was born. I was very glad to get it. We exhibited the cards which we have received and enjoyed looking at the various cards. *(Lee Mee Sun)*

Indonesia

Last Christmas I had the recitation as well as the singing. There are many children in our church. Some of the children laugh if any children make a mistake in their recitating, but I don't laugh. *(Parbukian)*

Korea

Our Christmas was wonderful with the special programs of singing and putting on a play. I was in it and was praised a lot. How happy I was when I was given a big doll by our



Even the tiny tots participate in the program by pantomiming Christmas carols.

Superintendent at Christmas.

(Jung Lim)

Haiti

Christmas at St. Vincent's School for Handicapped Children is always a very busy season. The pupils gave a short program for their parents and friends. The string group (12 blind pupils) played several Christmas numbers. In one the deaf pupils participated by hand signing the words and all the guests joined in singing. There seemed to be a paucity of costume, but ingenuity made up for the deficiency. Two very tiny shepherds with brooms for crooks, plus six angels with balloons fixed in their hair for halos, brought down the house in gales of laughter.

Our music group was invited to entertain in clubs, schools, and in church services. So the twelve musicians, all dressed in their best uniforms of red blazers and white trousers, played their violins and English Hand Bells, and sang to the delight of many Haitian and Western audiences. (The Bell Ringers, blind be-

cause of malnutrition, have all been trained at St. Vincent's School for Handicapped Children in Port-au-Prince.)

(Sister Joan Margaret, S.S.M., Director)

Korea

Last Christmas, Mercy Life Children's Home was chosen to be the recipient of a government charity donation. On December 16 ten members of the ruling party brought 1,000 pieces of yontan (pressed coal) which, since the oil crisis of last year, has been under strict government control. They also brought 10 bags of flour and built some chinning bars in the yard of the home. Accompanying the party members were two young ladies who are prominent performers on Korean TV. They entertained the 170 children with songs and games. *(Rev. William Adams, Field Director of North Asia)*

Haiti

At the Christmas Eve service at the church, Ben and I sat with two



Compassion children gather at the local church to celebrate Christmas.

pews full of wiggling Compassion boys. The 17 different plays, songs, poems, etc. lasted from 7 p.m. through midnight, and one by one even the most active ones fell asleep. On Christmas Day a lot of the children came around to wish us Merry Christmas and good health. I had some sacks of hard candy that I gave to them in return. You would be surprised how polite and well mannered these children are.

(Gloria Loyer, Correspondent for Haiti Boys' Home)

Indonesia

Cutting, pasting, drawing and coloring – Compassion children in Indonesia begin early in October to prepare attractive Christmas cards for their sponsors. This is the first of their activities in preparation for the Christmas holidays. Next, each child is given a part to learn for the church program. After school as well as Sunday practices are held to prepare Bible verses, songs, and Bible story plays. Excitement mounts in each child's heart as the holiday time approaches.

The Christmas celebration centers around the local church bearing witness to the Muslim neighbors the joy and love God sent down to earth

in His Son, Jesus. Along with the church services, a church-wide dinner and program are held. Special, tasty dishes are prepared in addition to the everyday favorites, making this dinner an occasion.

By the time the program is to be given each child has received a new outfit provided by our WARM program. Some children think of this as a Christmas gift and may call it that in their letters. Many a little girl's dream comes true at this time as she wears her very own lovely white-dress.

The Christmas tree will seldom be found in an individual's home, but its delight is shared by all church members as the church tree is set up and often decorated by the children. Because evergreens are rare in the tropics, artificial trees are used.

Even though Christmas comes during the cool, rainy season in Indonesia, it doesn't dampen the warmth and joy of the meaning of Jesus' birthday for these folks. "He has come that they might have life . . ."

(Ellie Kimball, wife of Ed Kimball –former Field Director of South Asia.) □

Merry Christmas

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

(John 3:16)

LOVE—that's the real theme of Christmas, isn't it!

"God is love," and Christmas is an expression of the depth of His great love for suffering, sinful humanity.

God loves you and me. God loves the world. That revelation alone should be enough to make us rejoice and be glad.

But there's more . . .

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11)

Not only does God love you, but you have a Saviour who will save you. Now that's worth singing and talking about! No wonder we say, "Merry Christmas!"

"Dear friends, since God loves you as much as that, we surely ought to love each other too." (I John 4:11, L.B.)

But, what is love? Love is easy to recognize. You know it when you see it; you know it when you feel it. But it's hard to define. However, if we look at the love of God and of our Saviour, we will see three very important qualities of love. God's love is demonstrated in His sacrificial giving. Christ's love was revealed through His life of service. God gave; Christ served. Love is not a passive emotion. Love is active. And Christmas is our greatest example of love in action.

Thank you, God, for your love which prompted you to give us the gift of your Son. Fill us with your love and help us reach out to others and actively share our Christmas joy.

The children of Compassion, the staff at home and abroad, and the Board of Directors join Mrs. Miriam Swanson and me in wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with love.

Yours in Christ,

Wallace H. Erickson,
President



Ngun Nei Len—Burma
Ngun's father, a farmer, died of malaria in 1969, leaving the mother to care for 7 children. Ngun Nei, 12 years old, is just now in 1st grade and progressing very well.



Shin Hye Jung—Korea
Hye Jung, a 5-year-old, was recently brought to a Compassion Home because her father committed suicide and her mother abandoned Hye Jung and her 3-year-old brother.



Kumar—India
Kumar is a friendly dependable, studious 5th grader. His father died of TB last January. Mother's part-time job is not enough to provide for Kumar and his 5 brothers and sisters.



Ruhaty—Indonesia
This 1st grader comes from a large family—3 sisters, 3 brothers. Neither father nor mother are able to find work sufficient to care for their needs.



Robert Monestime—Haiti
Robert, 9 years old, sings in the children's choir at church. He lives at home in poverty. Because of the drought his farmer-father cannot support the family of 6.



Pak Dae Sun—Korea
10-year-old Dae Sun lives at home. Father is in poor health and cannot work. The meager earnings of mother are not enough to care for the needs of the family.

Choose one needy child to love

Each of the 6 children pictured above currently needs a sponsor. Your support for one of these children will help provide food, clothing, elementary schooling fees, basic medical care and Christian training.

You'll have the special opportunity of providing your child with a gift for his birthday and for Christmas, and you can exchange letters and photographs too.

As a sponsor, your help can make a genuine difference in the life of a very needy child. The cost is only \$15.00 a month, and if for any reason you are unable to continue, you may discontinue sponsorship at any time.

In addition to these six shown, there are more than 1500 needy children waiting for help. If the child you select is already taken when we hear from you, we will substitute another child of similar needs. Please hurry, a child is waiting for you! Fill out the coupon on the attached envelope and write to us today.

Flying sponsors share their love

Penny and Bob Clabough, married almost a year now, are deeply in love with each other, their TWA jobs, their sponsored child, and their Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Penny has been a TWA stewardess for nine years. Bob, a pilot for 13



SPONSOR APPLICATION

Yes. I will sponsor a needy child for \$15 a month. Please assign a child to me and send me the child's name, photo, and case history. I understand if my circumstances change, I am free to cancel my sponsorship at any time. I am enclosing my first sponsor payment of \$15.00 (1 month), \$45.00 (3 months), \$180.00 (1 year).

- My choice is _____ from the pictures shown.
- Select a child who needs me most.
- I prefer a Boy Girl, about _____ years old.

I can't sponsor now, but will give \$ _____ to help needy children.

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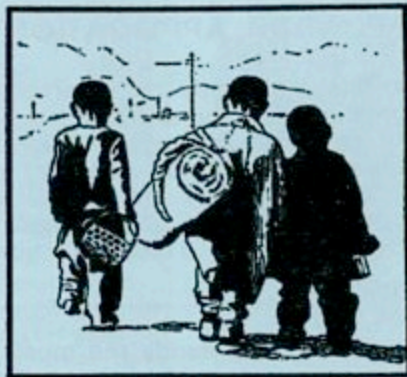
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HIS COMPASSION OR MINE!

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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Yesterday he blessed maybe with his help I be a better Christian, and your children . . .

Yours, humbly,
W. H. Frayn

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In a letter to Miriam Swanson, Penny wrote, "We fly 707's in the States and it's lots of fun. You'd be surprised at the Christians who fly. There's even a group of us called "F Cap," Fellowship of Christian Airline Personnel.

The Claboughs sponsor Raul of the Philippines. "We are indeed very happy to be a part of Compassion, even though it's such a small part,"



said Penny. "People of the U.S., for the most part, have little or no idea how love gifts can help change the world. I pray the Lord will work in their hearts." □

Double Blessing

Last June when W. H. Frayn visited his sponsored child Sang Don in Masan, South Korea, he brought with him a children's encyclopedia for the home and all the essential ingredients for a gala ice cream party. Can you imagine the joy and excitement of 36 children in the Mercy and Love Home?

However, the children were not the only ones who were blessed. Mr. Frayn was so happy with his visit that he wrote to the superintendent the very next day. We'd like to share excerpts from his letter:

My Dear Mrs. Tak Yung Kum:

This letter is to thank you for the very generous hospitality which I received at your home . . .

Your home mirrors your wonderfully kind personality. The children are healthy, obviously well cared for

and happy, with great enthusiasm for their home and life, and marvelously well behaved.

Your belief that God will provide for your needs was a great inspiration to me. The spiritual benefits that I derived from my visit to your home have made it one of the most memorable events of my long and exciting life. God has touched me three times in 52 years: once when I was converted to his love, once in a series of very personal tragedies, and last night after my visit with you. God surely speaks to us all in very mysterious ways. Yesterday he blessed my soul and maybe with his help I can learn to be a better Christian, thanks to you and your children . . .

Yours, humbly,
W. H. Frayn □



Jang Mee Kyung—she deserves a chance to attend Middle School.

Happiness is going to school

Many American teen-agers might not look at it this way, but in other countries the youth consider it a real privilege to receive an education.

In many countries where Compassion is working there are too few schools to care for all the children; therefore, education beyond the elementary level is limited. Only the better students and those who can pay tuition fees (up to \$150 per year) are accepted in middle and in high schools.

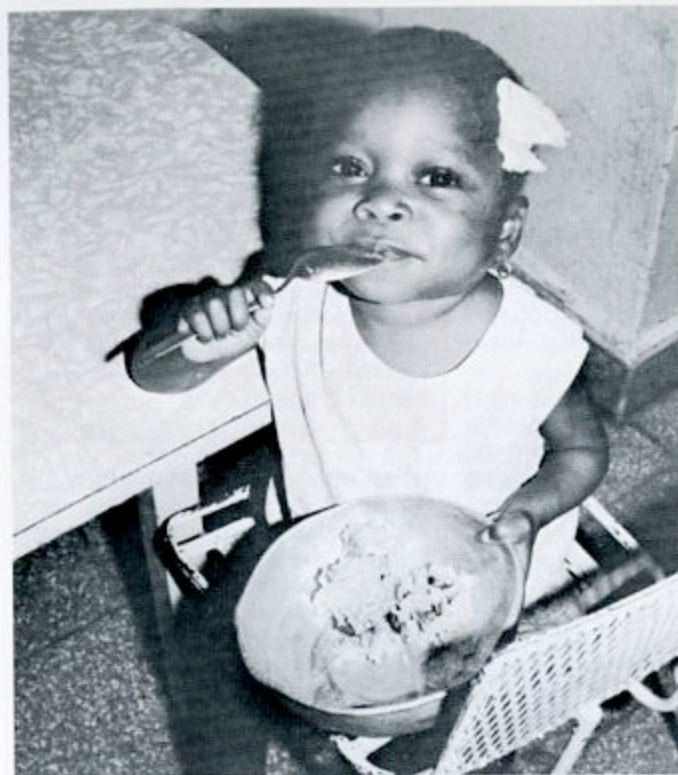
Last year more than 150 of our most promising students were able to enroll in middle school because of the money raised through our education appeal. Through this Education Fund we can provide a three-year scholarship for each of them. This scholarship assures a child of a chance to finish a unit of education (3 years in middle school or 3 years in high school) without interruption as long as the youth maintains acceptable grades.

In spite of the fact that many of our children come out of tragic backgrounds of poverty and abandonment, they have been able to compete and excel in the public schools.

Jang Mee Kyung, age 13, who recently graduated from Hak Kang Primary School in Kwang Ju City, South Korea, writes: "The graduation ceremony was held in the auditorium of the school. There were 70 honor students among the 861 graduates. Of course, I was one of the 70. I have been an honor student from the 1st grade to 6th grade. Also I have been a model student and got the prize of regular attendance."

Jang Mee Kyung deserves the opportunity to go on to middle school. And we want to help her and many others who have also proved that they have talent and ability and that they want to study. However, our only source of funds for this important project is from people like you.

Perhaps you can give \$10.00 toward one child's middle school expenses. Your special love will bring happiness to a needy child by giving him the opportunity of continuing his education—something he could not do without your concern and support. □



Food and water for Haiti

by Miriam Swanson, Vice President of Compassion International

Thank you for your wonderful response to our appeal for Haiti!

I cannot find words to adequately express the gratitude we feel for each of you who gave to this great need. I hope you will be as pleased with this report as I am to send it to you.

The need in Haiti is two-fold: first, the urgent need of feeding the starving people now; and second, finding a way to prevent recurrences of this dreadful situation. We are greatly

concerned about both these needs, and many of you are helping us do something about them.

Our own Lynette Walters and other missionaries with whom we are working have been extremely busy distributing food and medication made possible through funds of Compassion International and Compassion of Canada.

We are presently assisting in a hot lunch program which will feed 4,000 children for the remainder of 1975 and all of 1976. This is a combined effort on the part of Compas-

sion International and three other evangelical relief agencies. Our share in this program is to provide all the rice, beans, and wheat necessary for this period of time. These foods have been sent to C.E.E.H. (Council for Evangelical Churches of Haiti) for distribution. We are so thankful for this group of evangelical missionaries and nationals who are working diligently to provide for the hungry and suffering with foods and supplies sent by various concerned organizations.

Since the root of the hunger problem is lack of water, our greatest concern in this crisis is to provide the drought-ridden areas with sufficient water supplies. Because of your contributions we will provide drinking water for at least 22,000 people in the areas of Cabaret and La Coma. This is being done by putting in 4" plastic pipe to carry fresh water from mountain sources to these arid communities. Hopefully we will soon be able to do the same in other needy areas.

We are also providing pumps and portable well-drilling rigs which are helping solve the water shortage, not only today but also for the future. In most places water is found from 10 to 20 feet deep so this means that the irrigation so badly needed for their crops year after year will soon be available to many. The scarcity of water in Haiti seems unnecessary

IMPORTANT NOTE:

A letter just received from Lynette Walters in Haiti indicates there are still some areas badly in need of help. Up to \$15,000.00 could be used immediately to buy food for children who are severely malnourished. Your continued support would be greatly appreciated. (Please make your check payable to Compassion International, 7774 Irving Park, Chicago, Illinois 60634.)

when it is so easily accessible. Yet, drought has existed for years, especially in the Northwest areas, simply because the people are too poor to purchase proper equipment.

There is a third dimension to this Haiti relief program—an added blessing which is the opportunity we have of bringing the Gospel to many who might not otherwise have been reached.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and staff, we thank you again for the wonderful help you have given for Haiti. May God bless each of you who so faithfully supports this ministry of world relief.

"I have compassion on the multitude . . . I will not send them away hungry lest they faint in the way." (Matthew 15:32)

Tour Announcement

A Caribbean Tour is being planned for late March or early April of next year. This will be a 14-day combined tour of sightseeing and visiting Compassion children in Puerto Rico, Haiti, Dominican Republic and Jamaica.

If you are interested in visiting your child in one of these countries, write to Miriam Swanson. We would be delighted to have you join us on our first Compassion Tour of The Caribbean.

Teachers mold young lives

by Rosemarie Riggs,
Secretary of Adult Ministries

Little children need to be trained in the way they should walk. Young people are in need of counseling, no matter where in the world they live. Compassion Bible Teachers are trained to meet these needs and are anxious to teach and counsel children living in Compassion homes.

Many of our children have come to know the Lord Jesus as Saviour through the ministry of the Bible Teacher. How grateful we are that we are able not only to provide food and clothing for the children, but we also have the answers to their spiritual needs.

Our Bible Teachers carry a real burden for the children. Doh Byung Hyung, the Bible Teacher from Mercy & Grace Home, wrote: "I am especially thankful to Him for being able to deliver His words to needy and lonesome children who have no parents."

Miss Yi Hae Ja is single and teaching at the Good Brethren Home. "First of all I pray that children can

open the door of their heart. Then I read the Bible with care and understand the mentality of the children. After that I will teach the Bible to them with confidence."

Mr. H. D. Ringlien, teacher in India, writes: "I am now serving the Lord as teacher-evangelist at Ngampung village. Pray that I may teach little children well and lead them to the feet of our Lord."

Our Bible Teachers are dedicated and willing to serve, but they need to be sponsored. In Korea, a Bible Teacher can be sponsored for \$30 or \$22 a month, depending on whether the teacher is married or single. In India the Bible is taught as part of the curriculum and the school teacher is also the Bible Teacher. We need \$33 a month for each teacher, due to the tremendous inflation in India.

Have you been searching for a "missionary" project? We have quite a few Bible Teachers in need of a sponsor. Here is a wonderful opportunity for individuals or groups to share in this Bible-teaching ministry.

Yes, I wish to sponsor a Bible teacher.

- Single, Korea—\$22 per month.
 Married, Korea—\$30 per month.
 Teacher, India—\$33 per month.

My check for \$_____ is enclosed. (I understand I may discontinue sponsorship whenever I wish.)

I would like more information.

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New trails to blaze

Ed Kimball, former Field Director of South Asia, talks about his return to the States and his new responsibilities.

For the past 9 years my family and I lived in Asia where we served the Lord through Compassion; at first, as administrator for the work in Korea; and for the last 7½ years, as the Field Director for South Asia. We enjoyed this time very much and we made many fine friends in most of the countries of Asia.

While we were on furlough in



Ed Kimball spent 9 years working with children like this little girl from Asia. Now he will be helping children in Central and South America.

June of 1974, Rev. Wally Erickson (then our Executive Vice President; now our President) asked me if I would like to come back to the States and become the Field Director for North and South America, and also take on the additional responsibility as Director of Development.

After quite a bit of prayer, both with my family and with Wally, we gave him a tentative yes. We certainly felt the Lord's leading on this change, but felt that God would have to send us the right man to take over as the South Asian Field Director.

During the months that followed, I interviewed a number of candidates for the position while, unknown to me, God was preparing the heart of a good Australian friend of mine whom I had known in Indonesia for a number of years.

God's timing is always the best timing, and so, in May of 1975, Mr. Laurie McCowan and I visited many of the Compassion projects in South Asia. In June he was appointed Compassion's Field Director for South Asia.

With the biggest hurdle out of the way, my family and I returned to the States in August of this year, and I took up the new duties assigned to me.

Sponsorship ends on a happy note

by Jean Johnson, Foreign Services Dept.

Elan, a Compassion-sponsored youth of Indonesia, and Djien, a wood merchant, were married recently in a simple ceremony. "We just made a prayer meeting and the bridal couple received their marriage blessing," wrote the sister of the bride.

Although Elan no longer needs Compassion support, we're sure she will often be remembered in prayer by her faithful sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Wiersum of St. Paul, Minnesota.

In her last letter to her sponsors



Elan wrote, "I say many thanks for the money support I received for about four years. May God bless you for your kindness which was very useful and important in my life." □

Although the needs are great in the Caribbean, Central and South America, our work there is still quite limited. One of my main duties is to give supervision to established projects and to increase the number of children Compassion helps in those areas. I visited our work in the Caribbean in September, and the Lord willing, plan to double that work within one year.

I have just returned from visiting Colombia, Bolivia, Paraguay and Brazil. Missionaries and pastors are anxious for Compassion to help children of poverty-stricken families, especially among the Indian tribes living high in the mountains. We hope to find sponsors for approximately 5,000 new children by the end of 1976.

Most of our projects in these countries will be Family Helper Programs

sponsoring children from local evangelical churches and missions.

We will also supply scholarships for children in the local Christian schools. It's a real thrill to be your representative and be able to work with and help these very needy children.

As Director of Development it will be my duty to set up an ongoing Stewardship Department that will be able to handle the needs of our sponsors in regard to Wills, Annuities, Trusts, and other forms of deferred giving.

During these next few years I am going to be very busy, but this is the way that I like it. God has shown me in so many ways that this is what He wants me to do, and I am sure that He will give me the ability and the stamina to do this work for Him. □

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