

# Compassion



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

## COMPASSION HOLDS FIRST "FAMILY REUNION"



"Old Glory" flies daily at our COMPASSION headquarters building in Chicago, scene of recent special meetings. Compassion office staff numbers about 50 full and part-time employees.

## COMPASSION "FAMILY REUNION" A FIRST

For the first time in its 18-year history, the entire COMPASSION "family"—consisting of the board of directors, field men, and the entire home office staff—met together in conference at its mid-west headquarters. The meetings were held on June 24, 25 and 26 at 7774 West Irving Park Road, Chicago, Illinois.

## CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Highpoints of convention interest were the special reports by Ed Kimball, Field Director on leave from COMPASSION's work in South Asia, and Wally Erickson, Field Director for South Korea. The two men not only shared past achievements, but also spoke of present and potential challenges.

Thursday, June 25, was declared "Korea Day", and a special presentation was made by Mr. Erickson. Friends of COMPASSION will be most pleased to learn that the South Korean government has asked us to remain in that country to continue aid in caring for the needy children until at least 1986! This announcement comes at a time when many welfare agencies are preparing to leave Korea!

Wally says that the South Korean government has arbitrarily picked the year 1986 for our "pull-out" because they expect it will take that long for them to overcome their own financial



Wally Erickson, Director of COMPASSION'S South Korea operation.

problems. (The Koreans plan ahead in five-year segments. They expect that it will take three five-year time periods in order for them to make it on their own.)

Currently defense spending is draining most of the country's resources. Their money is being heavily spent in defending themselves against Communist North Korea. (The United States also is investing huge amounts of money in both the offensive and defensive weapons systems in Korea. The Pueblo incident has caused us to "beef up" our defenses there considerably.)

As you probably know, we have been investing heavily in the care of homeless and needy children in South Korea since 1952, when COMPASSION was founded. Each year we spend more

than a million-and-a-half dollars of sponsor money in Korean orphanage assistance. At the present time, Wally supervises more than 16,500 needy children in 158 orphanages scattered throughout South Korea. Some 13,000 American and Canadian sponsors make this possible, and also help support about 90 native evangelists in that nation. (Twelve dollars still supports one needy child per month — providing a sufficient supply of clothes, food, public education and Christian training in the homes.)

## NEW KOREAN PROJECTS

By way of new ventures, Wally told us during the convention that COMPASSION hopefully expects to branch out into other types of assistance in Korea. The mentally retarded, the crippled, and the lepers there are all in dire need of our help. Of course, such work could only be started with the good assistance of our many

friends across the country.

Wally is a native of Dyer, Indiana, and is enjoying a three-month respite in the Chicago area before returning to the field. Wally, his wife Mary, and their three children have lived in Seoul since 1967. In addition to his supervisory duties, he also conducts Bible conferences and distributes Christian literature throughout South Korea.

## SOUTH ASIAN OPPORTUNITIES

Friday, June 26, was dubbed "South Asia Day". The special report by Ed Kimball was a deeply moving one as he told about our efforts and outreach in the sun-scorched lands of India, and the contrasting cultures of other South Asian peoples. The problems and potential of such countries as Java, Sumatra, the Celebes Islands and Borneo were outlined in a special session.

Ed Kimball, Director of the South Asian field office.



Once again, through its dedicated sponsorship program, COMPASSION supports nearly 7,000 needy children in the Asia area. Our presence there is sorely needed, but our time for action may be short. "Many people do not realize it, but the Communist Chinese have already invaded some northern sections of India," said Mr. Kimball. "We probably will be facing trouble from the Communists in northern Thailand within two years. Citizens as far off as Australia also are concerned about the Communist threat in South Asia," he added.

Ed knows the South Asia area like few other men today. Each year he visits each of our orphanages and other institutions at least three or four times. The job may sound romantic and exciting, but his "parish" extends over a 4,000 by 1,800 mile area. His travels, mostly by air, take him away from his Singapore office, his wife Eleanor, and their two daughters more than fifty percent of the time.

"Business men in this country may take to the highways and byways . . . but at least they can be in touch with their families, if necessary," says Mr. Kimball. Here in South Asia, it takes two weeks for an air-mail letter to go from Java to Singapore, for example — and three weeks for a telegram! He is not complaining, of course, and neither is his family. They rest completely in the Lord's good guidance and trust Him for all things.

Despite slow cultural progress in South Asia, there is much economic and even spiritual activity

in this section of the world. Oil has recently been discovered off the coasts of Java and Sumatra, bringing with it a great influx of American and Japanese businessmen. Also, there has been a great Christian revival in Sumatra.

During a recent series of meetings there, twenty-two Moslem women were converted to Christ and baptized in an open stream—for all their fellow-believers to see. Such an act is almost unheard of in South Asia. Their profession did not go unnoticed. These women were stoned by their fellow-citizens for their stand for Christ!

### RACIAL TENSIONS

Ed also told the COMPASSION team that there is much racial discrimination where he is serving. During a recent "race riot", 300 miles north of Singapore, more than 3,000 people were killed in what really was a race war. "Our Christian influence is sorely needed here," he adds. "We would like to expand our COMPASSION ministry in this part of the world while there is yet time. Despite more and more restrictions being imposed on religious work in India, for example, we would like to see some 2,000 children helped there." (We now are helping about 600 in India in 13 homes.) "COMPASSION also would like to expand in other countries. We would like to help 6,000 children in Indonesia, 250 in Thailand—and so it goes. The list seems almost endless". Thus concluded Mr. Kimball's report.

Ed and his family will spend most of his remaining furlough time in the New Jersey area before returning to Singapore.

### CARIBBEAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

In other late COMPASSION news . . . generous sponsors and other friends have also made it possible for us to move into the islands of the Caribbean. Our most recent work is in needy

Haiti. We are also providing some assistance in the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, and Jamaica. We cannot at this time, however, maintain the support of a full-time field director for the Caribbean. COMPASSION also has had requests for assistance from other areas. Details of future expansion, of course, will be brought to you as soon as concrete plans are laid. Meantime, your faithfulness and continued good help make it possible for us to continue to serve the needy little ones of the world.

## YES, YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING IS SINCERELY APPRECIATED



The children at Love Valley Christian Orphanage, Masan City, South Korea send their heartfelt happy thanks to COMPASSION for making it possible for the home to purchase this "artificial satellite" playground equipment.

Says the superintendent of the home, Miss Choe Kyung Soon, "We are having a very hot summer here, but we are all well in Jesus Christ. We are always praying for COMPASSION staff. And, of course, all the children really love to play on the merry-go-round satellite. Our special thanks to Mrs. Edwin Kingland for making it possible for us to enjoy this playground equipment."

# WARM...

*(is what you get when You GIVE!)*



## AN APPEAL FOR APPAREL

It seems scarcely necessary to comment upon the reaction of this little Korean girl who has just put on a brand new sweater . . . a gift of COMPASSION's WARM Program. Her expression is one of happiness and gratefulness to someone who cared enough to make a donation to our Winter Aid Relief Money project.

Come Winter of 1970, there will be some 23,000 needy COMPASSION children, much like this precious little girl, who will be looking for an outfit of comfortable shoes, socks, sweaters and other appropriate clothing for the coming season. For the most part, these children live in Korea where the winters are bitterly cold and where the children sit in *unheated* classrooms. Warm clothes for them is a "Godsend" — a gift of love from generous folk such as yourself.

COMPASSION is looking for a WARM response from you to answer this year's needs. In addition to Korean children, we also wish to send funds to our children in Indonesia, Singapore, India and the West Indies. Of course, all clothing purchased for children in warmer regions will be appropriate to the local climate.

Right now your gift of only \$8.00 will provide an entire wardrobe for one needy child. If you can send \$16.00 for two children, we will mail you a box of genuine Korean orphan-made Oriental wood figurines — a colorful unique memento for your home.

Should you find it possible to send us \$50.00 or more, we will be pleased to send you eight figurines *and* an eight-inch tall carving — again hand-made in Korea.

WARM of past years has been most successful, only because of your generous help. For past gifts, and for your unselfish assistance now, we say a sincere "Thank you." This coupon is here for your convenience, right now. Will you help us? The children have faith in us and you, and we are confident that you will, with God's help, provide for their most urgent needs.



YES, you can count on me to help in the 1970 WARM PROGRAM.  
I have enclosed a check or money order for ( ) \$8.00  
( ) \$16.00 ( ) \$50.00 ( ) \$\_\_\_\_\_

MY NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Mail today to: COMPASSION, INC., 7774 W. Irving Park Rd., Chicago, Ill. 60634

## "ALL GOD'S CHILDREN GOT SHOES!"

From Indonesia comes this interesting photograph of a brother and sister, singing away in their brand new shoes — gifts from generous sponsors. These are the very first shoes ever worn by these children! Through our WARM (Winter Aid Relief Money) Program, COMPASSION has made it possible for these children, and many others, to receive new shoes, socks, and other items of clothing. Oh, that it were possible that — someday — all God's children would have shoes!



## COMPASSION EXTENDS HELPING HAND IN BORNEO

This group of children from Bandjermasin, in Southern Borneo, clap their hands in unison while singing praises to their Saviour.

Ed Kimball, our COMPASSION Field Director for South Asia, received a request from the officials of this church, pleading for our help. There are many

needy children and widows in this area, and we already have found sponsors for some of them. A great deal of spiritual work also has been done in the last six months. Since the beginning of the year, some of the children have learned more than 100 verses of scripture, both in English and Indonesian.



## WELL...I'LL BE SWITCHED!

The birthdates of some of our Korean children may be changed by a few days, according to recent word from Korea.

The reason? Koreans generally are now using the Solar Calendar — the same one we use. However, in some areas, birthdays are marked by the ancient Oriental

Lunar Calendar method. (The Lunar Year consists of only 336 days.)

Your sponsored child may be one of the few who may have his birthday switched. If you receive such notice, it will be just another sign of the times — the up-dating of an age-old tradition.

## Introducing ED RONNE



and newspaper editors nation-wide. In addition, he will coordinate advertising, photography and other public relations activities.

Mr. Ronne came to us from a leading public relations agency in Chicago. For ten years he produced and distributed radio programs for Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, Illinois, and the Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D.C.

From 1953 to 1960, Ed was an announcer, news editor, writer, actor and producer at WMBI, the "Radio Voice of the Moody Bible Institute" in Chicago. He also was the announcer on the "Back to God Hour", the official radio (NBC) broadcast of the Christian Reformed Church.

We welcome the newest member of our staff — Ed Ronne, Director of Communications for COMPASSION, INC.

He is the editor of our COMPASSION Magazine and will also maintain contacts with radio, television

Mr. Ronne received a Bachelor of Science degree in Radio Speech from Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois in 1953.

He lives with his wife, Sandra, and four children at 611 Saylor Avenue, Elmhurst, Illinois.



## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



Dear "COMPASSION-ite",

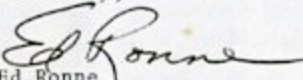
It becomes my pleasant task to assume the "editorship" of COMPASSION Magazine -- your regular link with our work around the world.

Having joined the fine COMPASSION team only recently, I am just beginning to experience the excitement and deep dedication that our staff feels as we labor reaching out helping hands, full-time, to needy children of the world.

There can be no more noble job than to see to it that these precious children get a "fair shake" in life . . . and that they also are presented with opportunities to share the new life in Christ that we have experienced. We will do our best to keep you informed about our activities while time is still allotted to us.

We will also appreciate your comments and suggestions as we go along.

Sincerely,

  
Ed Ronne

Director of Communications

## PLEASE REMEMBER KIM EI KYUNG . . . COMPASSION TRAVELING EVANGELIST

*(Editor's note)*

We take pleasure in printing the life story of one of COMPASSION's most faithful South Korean traveling evangelists, 64-year old Kim Ei Kyung of Suwon. When he wrote this story, his wife was seriously ill. Since then, Park Seun Ae, 52, has died from cancer of the liver. Mr. Kyung now is left with the upbringing of his two daughters, ages 7 and 15. At publication time we have word that the children will probably be adopted by a relative in the U.S.

We thank Mr. Kyung for sharing his personal thoughts with us. May his story serve as an inspiration to us and an encouragement to him in his further ministry.



Kim Ei Kyung with his late wife, Park Seun Ae.

Here now, in his own words, is the story of Kim Ei Kyung.

*To My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:*

*I would like to send my warmest greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!*

*I thank God for this precious opportunity in which I can share my troubles with you through His abiding love and grace, which come from our Father, Who lived before, now and ever.*

*I was born in a remoted rural area in Northern part of Korea into a poor family. Only six days after I was born, my mother died. I was with my father till he also passed away when I was eleven years old. I was left as an orphan, entirely helpless little boy.*

*It was during the dark age in Korea (since 1919) as Japanese occupation took place. No work, like present COMPASSION work, was found. No consideration was given to orphans. I could do nothing else but walked from house to house with empty can begging. I slept countless many nights under the roofs (eaves) of other people's houses. So many nights I couldn't sleep because of severely cold weather. I felt miserable.*

*But one day I found myself to be no more lonely as Jesus came to live in my little heart. Jesus became the best and greatest Friend, giving me affection, help,*

and encouragements. I grew up under such hard circumstance, but with Jesus My Saviour in the heart. I tried to do any work whatever I could. I have learned many different works.

According to the old culture of that time, young man was married before the age of 20 in Korea. All my friends were already married. But no one, not even a crippled girl, wanted to marry me because I had no home, no parents which were regarded as very important elements in marriage. There was not much hope for me for marriage.

Through all those hard days, still the seed of the gospel was continuously growing. I couldn't stay not witnessing my Christ and His love. So I went from street to street, church to church, and from market to market. There was a joy and songs in my heart as I obey Him, spreading the Gospel.

Then my Lord was so good even to care for me for the matter of marriage. A beautiful Christian girl, who was raised in a good Christian home, was given to me as my bride.

We built our Christian home under the grace of our Lord, and Christ was right with us in this new home. We thanked God for every blessing He gave to us.

It was 1950 that the Korean War was broken out. We, with all other people, had to suffer with the doom of that national tragedy. We had to leave our home village (North Korea) with two of our children, leaving our two other children behind with their grandmother (my wife's mother), and took refuge to South

Korea. We could never forget those awful days and our two children in North Korea.

We were empty-handed, but we still wanted to live for the precious Gospel. Especially from that time on a theme of prayer was set in my mind. That was to preach the Gospel of Jesus to the poor orphan children. After a while God answered my prayer that I was made a visiting preacher to many orphanages in the southern countries of Korea through the COMPASSION work program. It has been six years since I began to work as a visiting pastor.

In six years I have visited 150 orphanages holding about 200 services in those orphanages. I worked to plant "Jesus of Hope" into those little hearts. I see God working in this program too.

But more troubles were waiting. Five months ago my wife, who has been my best Christian company and a best helper for my service, was diagnosed by doctors that she has stomach cancer and the situation seems to be helpless. She now is in the hospital bed. I am 64, and my wife, deaconess Park Seung Ae, is 52, and our youngest daughter is 7.

Under the hard circumstance we only pray to our merciful God Who is the Father of orphans (Psalm 68:5) with tears. I believe now that prayer of faith heals the sick (James 5:15), and if you join me with my tearful prayer she will be healed by His able, healing hand. Help me. Pray with me, please.

In Christ our Lord, Your Brother in Korea,

KIM EI KYUNG



### HAPPY SMILES...FROM FAR-OFF NORTHERN INDIA

From Kanpur Merriman School in Kanpur, North India, comes this assemblage of happy girls. Many of these girls, who are of Tibetan descent, were forced to flee Tibet when the Chinese Communists took over in the late fifties. At the Merriman School they are now shown love and care by COMPASSION-supported Christian workers and missionaries.

### A CAPSULE TESTIMONIAL FROM ONE OF OUR DEDICATED KOREAN SUPERINTENDENTS

*"We have 140 children here . . . from 5 to 20 years of age. All of them are living in good health and are happy and peaceful, owing to the support of people like you. It is also a great happiness for me to know that their spirits are changed into Christian ones. I promise that I will live for these unfortunate children until my life stops."*

It is this kind of dedication and empathy for the needs of helpless children — both on the field and in the hearts of COMPASSION's host of wonderful sponsors — which makes COMPASSION the force it is in God's plan to bring the Gospel and its benefits to those who have not heard, and who need help so desperately.



**THE DATE  
TO REMEMBER  
IN NOVEMBER!**

Thinking ahead to the Christmas season, we wish to remind our COMPASSION friends about the giving of holiday gifts to your children in the areas which we serve. Once again, November 15 is the deadline for sending money to COMPASSION for special Christmas gifts.

As usual, you may specify the type of gift you would like sent to your child. The superintendents of the various homes will do the gift selecting, will make sure the child receives it, and then will take a photo of the child with the gift. In turn, you will receive a copy of the photograph.

Please bear in mind that we must limit the amount of money sent on behalf of the children. Five dollars is the limit for

children in India, Haiti, and Indonesia (\$10.00 for Indonesian families). Ten dollars is tops for all the other countries. Special gifts of money may be sent for unsponsored children in the home of your child or for the home itself.

Remember November 15! Also keep in mind that 100% of the money you send to COMPASSION headquarters will be used entirely for the purchase of gifts. We hasten to add our "thousand thanks" to you for your generous help in this special way. Your child is looking forward to a blessed Christmas, and with your help the holiday will be complete. Thank you again for remembering. Send your check before November 15 to COMPASSION, INC. The coupon will contain all necessary information.

For a **Christmas Gift** for the following person, my check is enclosed in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

( ) Child ( ) Student ( ) Bible Teacher ( ) Evangelist ( ) Home

Name and Number \_\_\_\_\_

Orphanage No. and Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Your Compassion File No. \_\_\_\_\_

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**DO WE NEED AN ELEVENTH COMMANDMENT**

**"THOU SHALT MAKE THY WILL"**

?

by **Rev. Donald J. Smith**  
Director of Stewardship

Is it displeasing to God when a Christian fails to make his will? We think so. It is also poor stewardship.

It is always an inconvenience, often an actual cruelty to the family. It is wasteful of resources that could advance the Lord's work significantly.

This is not a minor problem, either. Many surveys have been made which prove that:

- Over 50% of America's adults have not made their wills.

- Millions of dollars pass through probate courts every week in intestate (no will) cases.

- The same few reasons for not making their wills are given over and over by people who are simply mistaken about the facts.

So we know that most people don't have wills, and we

know why:

- They think they have too little property to make it worthwhile.

- They think the court will distribute their property in a "common sense way", just as they themselves would.

- They think making a will is expensive.

- They think a joint ownership arrangement is as good as a will.

- They think probate expenses and estate taxes are the same with or without a will.

- They think the nearest relatives get everything automatically anyway.

All of these thoughts and opinions are, of course, completely wrong. What's more, the people who fall back on these excuses have overlooked en-

tirely the fact that it is utterly impossible to give a single cent to the work of the Lord without a will.

They have also usually overlooked the matter of guardians for minor children in case both parents are killed in an accident — a vital part of most wills.

Writing your will — properly and legally with the help of a qualified attorney — takes care of your final Gift to God. It tells the world that you are a good Christian.

It also tells the world that you are a good husband, wife, father, mother, son or daughter in the arrangements you make for your family. And it tells the world further that you are a good citizen, with no desire to clog the courts with problems concerning your estate.

Of course it is one thing to resolve to make your will and quite another thing to do it. How do you start? What are the technicalities involved? What do you need to know?

Who can you trust to help you?

For friends of COMPASSION who truly wish to get started on planning their wills, we are making available a booklet that is packed with helpful information—"37 Things People 'Know' About Wills That Aren't Really So". It is FREE, and we invite you to send for it, using the coupon below.

Meantime, to answer the original question: No, of course we don't need an eleventh commandment to make our wills. The Ten we have are sufficient.

If you re-read them, you'll see that at least half are commanding us to love and do good to our fellow-members, and by making a thoughtful Christian will you are being a good steward and expressing your loving concern.

Let us help you get started now, by providing essential information. Just fill out the coupon below and mail it today for your free booklet.

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