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YOUNG CHIN



A Photo Report on Compassion's Vocational School in Korea

Four girls from Young Chin (above, left) eagerly try out their new sewing machine . . . purchased with funds provided by Pete McGarvey, Compassion's Communications Director for Canada. Right now, there are 86 girls at the school who have sponsors.

Mrs. Lee Chin Hi, Founder and Directress of the Young Chin Christian Vocational School (photo right), opens a water faucet symbolizing the availability of fresh city water for the school for the first time in its 10-year history. The new water hook-up



was a "labor of love" of U.S. troops of the Headquarters Battery, 7th Battalion, 2nd Artillery . . . stationed near the school. The summer celebration marked an end to the difficult task of water trucking from a distance. The water was often polluted from washing and bathing. One of the "dignitaries" looking on is Mary Erickson (extreme right, standing), who wrote our feature story "First Grade Footsteps" printed in this issue of our Compassion magazine.

Probably the most useful and at-

tractive items that have come out of Young Chin have been hundreds of hand-crafted room dividers (see photo top of next page). Hand-embroidery is a favorite at Young Chin. The completed needlework is sold in the Korean market place at a premium price. Hundreds of needy young women have come to Young Chin, found a useful trade and gone on to fill a useful role in their own society. No girl leaves Young Chin without the assurance of steady employment when they complete their training.



Mrs. Lee (middle photo) displays a prized photograph of her late husband posing with the great Babe Ruth. Her husband, who died 17 years ago, was considered the "Babe Ruth of Korea" and is still idolized by Korean youth. Mr. Lee's record for home runs in the Orient has not yet been broken. In addition to serving as Superintendent of Young Chin, Mrs. Lee is the Vice-President of the Seoul National Council of Social Welfare.

The girls also learn to become beauty operators and typists. The more than 130 girls at Young Chin study from two to five years, depending on personal development and progress. Mrs. Lee has a dedicated staff, including a business manager, chaplain, typing instructor, designer, and other well-trained personnel. Mrs. Lee has the goal of making Young Chin the best institution in Korea. We pray that her goal may be achieved.



Hanny Mandey... Mild Man From Borneo



Strange and unbelievable tales of wild men from Borneo have circulated for ages . . . there probably is little truth in any of them. Our story has to do with a mild man who was born in Borneo (now called Kalimantan by Indonesians) and grew up in Java.

Thirty-eight-year-old Hanny Mandey, Compassion's representative in Djakarta since 1968, paid a visit to our Chicago headquarters in late August this year while making a trip around the world for his home denomination. Rev. Mandey's visit to the U.S. was "like a dream come true." 1971 marked the 50th anniversary of the coming of the first Christian missionaries to Indonesia from the Bethel Temple in Seattle. Mandey ministered at the Bethel Temple during their 50th anniversary commemoration, after which he visited Compassion's world-headquarters in Chicago. A mild and meek Christian, Rev. Mandey's talents are utilized as Compassion seeks lines of communication with the Indonesian government. Mandey also helps to distribute Compassion funds to the needy widows and children in Indonesia.

In addition to helping Compassion on the field, Mandey serves as pastor of two Pentakostal churches in Djakarta, and he also serves as the Gen-

eral Secretary for the 1,200,000 member Geredja Pentakosta Denomination of Indonesia. Before coming to Compassion, Mandey was an administrator at "Netherlands 1845," a Dutch insurance company. His wife Lenny and two boys, Hessel age 12, and Raphael age 9, live in Djakarta, the capitol of Indonesia.

Pray for the Christian church of Indonesia as it faces open persecution today . . . the Rev. Mandey related several cases of "church stonings" and other incidents of harassment in recent days. Pray that Rev. Mandey may continue to help Compassion's work in Indonesia despite the enemies who seek to destroy Christians and the life-giving message.

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We promised to print "First Grade Footsteps" in an up-coming issue of our magazine . . . here it is! We are grateful to Mary (wife of Compassion's Field Director for Korea . . . Wally Erickson) for writing the following story and supplying the photographs.

If you sponsor a child in Korea, you will especially appreciate "First Grade Footsteps," a "play by play" account of a Korean first grader's life during a typical school day. Once again, Mary, thanks so much . . . it's a charming presentation!

Editor

Following in the footsteps of ten-year-old Kim Kyung Ja for one day proved to be exciting and exhausting.

Korean children are early risers. With ten little girls all stretched out in one room, it's easy to imagine how one awakens all. At 5:30 A.M. the girls begin their day. After a good stretch and the folding of their "yoes," they hustle off to the wash room where each fills a basin and takes a quick soaping and splashing rinse. Breakfast of rice and soup is served at 6:00.

By 7:30 over one hundred children from Faith and Life Children's Home (#96) skip over the dirt road that winds on top of the creek bank for a ten-minute walk to Moon

Chang Primary School.

As we walked through the school gate, lively music filled the air while children swarmed in the playground. Many children hurried into the buildings to perform their morning duties. The janitorial services for this school of forty-three classrooms are executed entirely by the pupils. Small girls swept the steps and halls, while older boys mopped the unpainted floors. Children cleaned the bowls at the outdoor faucets, where others were washing their feet or getting drinks. Water girls filled large brass teakettles with fresh drinking water for each classroom. Chalkboards were washed and desks dusted. Everywhere children were scouring and scrubbing from 7:30 till school

began at 9:00. Sixth graders with yellow arm-bands kept order in the halls and checked to see that all duties were efficiently performed.

At the door, rubber shoes were removed and placed in the personal shoe bag that each child carried with him. Bare feet pattered down the bleached hall to the classrooms where children took their seats and began to study.

Yes, we actually saw first graders in their seats thirty minutes before classes were to begin! Even the young children are taught the value of an education. Kyung Ja and her classmates only attend school for half a day because of the lack of school rooms. Approximately 22 per cent of the nation's pupils study under the two or three shift system. Authorities estimate that an additional 20,000 classrooms are needed to relieve the overcrowded conditions. Classrooms here at Moon Chang Primary School are average for the nation with about 80 pupils assigned to each classroom. Some classrooms in Seoul have 100 pupils per classroom with only one teacher in charge.

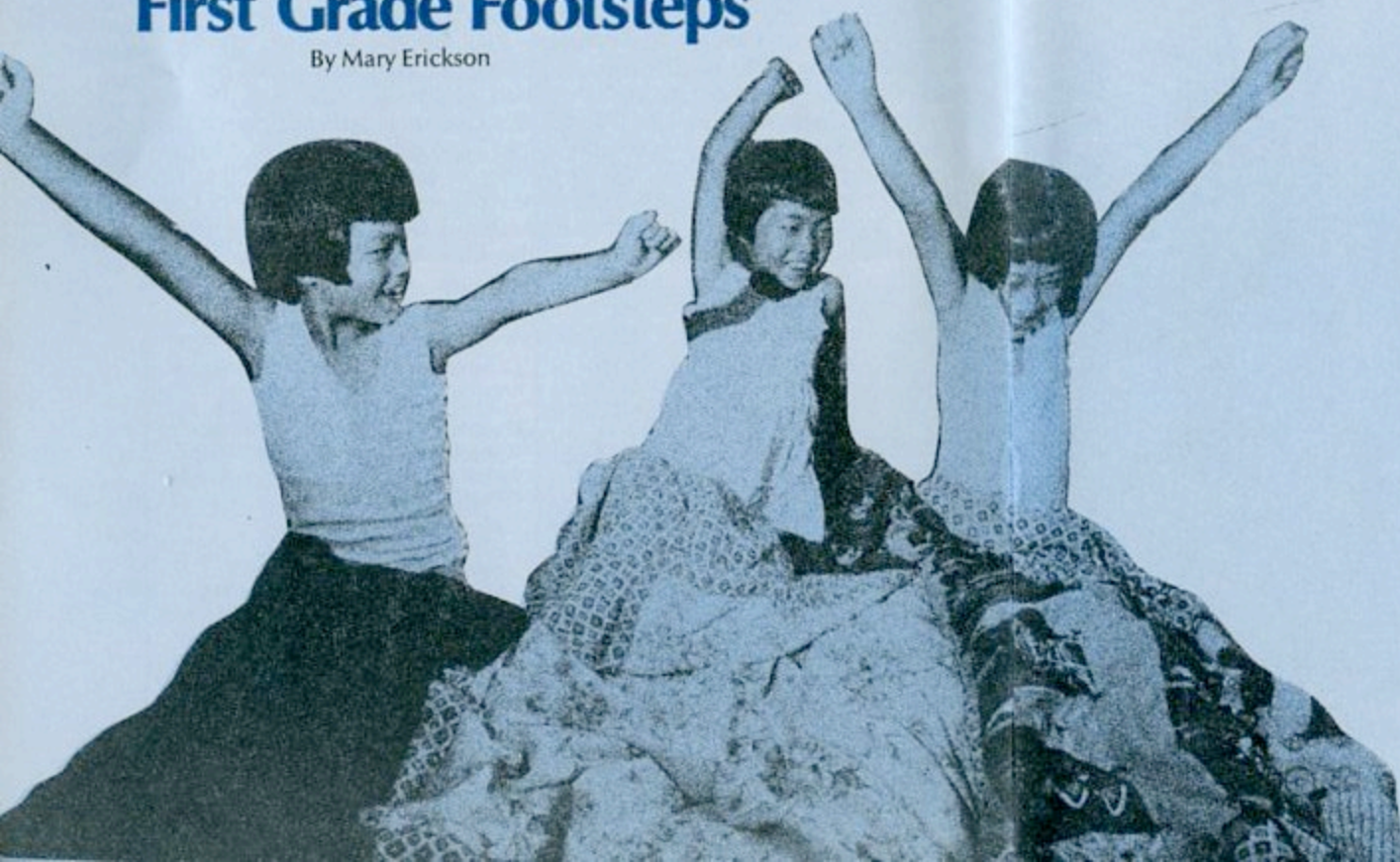
At 9:00 opening exercises began. The principal addressed the student body over the public address system. Following the pledge and national anthem, a sixth grader gave a safety message on the dangers and pollution of dirty ponds and streams. Another child warned against eating contaminated food and unripened fruit in the market.

Roll call was then taken by Oh Soo Ok, the teacher. Of course the boys were called first. Each lad jumped up and shouted, "Neh." The girls' voices were soft and retiring, as they should be in Korea. Seventy-six of her eighty pupils were present.

Korean Language (reading) was the first subject. The first-graders

First Grade Footsteps

By Mary Erickson



took from their red or blue bookbags paperback reading books. The lesson on comparisons was introduced with bright pictures and large characters. The children first recited individually and then in unison. "A dog is bigger than a rabbit. A jujube (date) is smaller than a chestnut." As the children copied the alphabet characters, Mrs. Oh walked down the narrow aisle to give individual help.

At 10:00 a loud bell drowned out the teacher's voice. The youngsters grabbed their shoe bags, climbed over desks and hurried down the hall and out the building for a ten-minute "pyunso" (bathroom) break. There's no time for a recess in this crammed half-day schedule even for first graders.

A bright green plastic clock helped gain the attention of the pupils when they returned for arithmetic class. After a general recitation, Mrs. Oh was patient enough to let each of the 76 children recite alone. With her eighteen years of experience, Mrs. Oh realizes how important in-

dividual instruction is, and she sacrifices discipline of the masses to help each learner. While one recited, others hummed, talked, climbed and walked about. In spite of little slaps, pinches and tears, the class went on. After twenty minutes, she again directed the entire class as they drew sketches of clocks in their tablets.

By 11:00 o'clock the general noise and confusion made pupils restless and teaching difficult. Eighty lusty voices from the music class next door

Kyung Ja examines school supplies



and the sounds of eighty more pupils on their "pyunso" break was quite distracting. Mrs. Oh led her own pupils in an active train song and gained enough order so that she could proceed with the science lesson on the "Flowers of Korea." Bright pictures were identified and hung at the front of the room. Each child took out his crayons and tried his best to duplicate what he saw.

After a lively physical education class of calisthenics, games and relays, the children returned to the

First-graders sing their National Anthem



classroom, gathered their few books and supplies into their bookbags, slipped the shoe bag on the other arm, and left the building. On the playground they met the next shift of children coming in for the afternoon session.

Back at the Faith and Life Home, Kyung Ja and her roommates enjoyed a lunch of noodles and kim-chee. When they finished, the tables were cleared and these first and second graders who cannot return to school began their homework

"Maudy" means hair



This is the way we brush our teeth



Lunchtime



Later on,
it's homework

Lights out



Bedtime prayer



with the supervision of their "pomo" (mothering lady).

When the lessons were done, the girls went out to play.

After the evening meal, the children—according to age—attended a thirty-minute Bible study.

And then it's off to bed. Every night is a slumber party in our children's homes as the children spread their "yoes" on the floor from wall to wall. They close their bedtime prayer by repeating in unison: "Good Shepherd, listen to our prayer and protect us during the dark night." With lights out and crickets singing, the girls whisper softly until they fall asleep one by one.

89-Year-Old Robert Kepler Bridges the Generation Gap

Robert Kepler, a Compassion sponsor since 1965, was 89 on November 11th. Judging from his walk and talk, one would say he was probably in his late sixties. It's not the years, however, that really tell the story of "Uncle Bob," as he has become known to thousands of his friends around the world.

Uncle Bob's main love is youth . . . especially youngsters who have become wayward and unmanageable. In addition to the support of 13-year-old Lee Byong Soo in Korea, Uncle Bob gives his stewardship of time and talent to re-direct many young lives. Right now he is helping teenagers in the Chicago area who have drug problems.

"The first thing I do before counseling a boy or girl is to pray for them, and I also speak to their parents," he said. A special glow comes into his eyes when he talks about the teenagers who have been given up as "lost causes" by authorities and have been entrusted to his care and counsel. Many of them have been regenerated in Christ and have found new life and purpose for living.

Uncle Bob "retired" from his maintenance duties at DeVry Tech in Chicago in 1963. His fellow-employees gave him a new bicycle, which he promptly put to active use by pedaling from Chicago to Winfield, West Virginia—a distance of 654 miles! The trip took him 13 days.

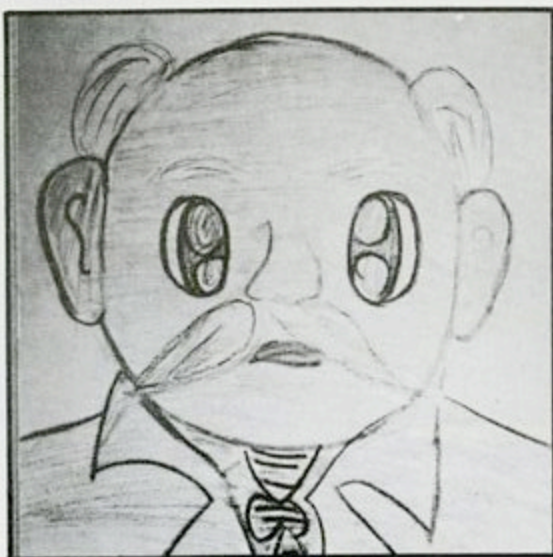
At any moment we'll be calling Mr. Kepler "Doctor Bob." "I expect



to receive my Doctor of Divinity degree any day now—my documents are being processed at the Defender International Seminary in Kansas City," says Uncle Bob. He received "straight A's" while studying for his Master of Theology degree earlier in 1971.

Uncle Bob keeps up active correspondence with many youngsters around the world. He has two foster children in Hong Kong and pen pals in 14 countries, with a card file listing more than 700 names. Last year he enclosed a dollar bill in Christmas cards to 50 servicemen in Korea.

Such is the life of the amazingly agile and alert Robert Kepler. It has been a thrill to have met him and to share his story with our Compassion friends. Mr. Kepler, above all, is quick to add that all of this is none of his doing. "Without God's help, I would not be doing anything today and would be unable to help these young people," says Uncle Bob.



Do YOU Look Like One of These Drawings?

Now you know what Compassion sponsors look like to a Korean child. We asked the children at one of our Compassion homes in Taegu to give us their candid impressions of their sponsors . . . with the aid of wax colors and a sheet of paper. From the dozens of sketches drawn, we picked these to show you random samples of their artwork. As you see, they "waxed eloquent" and really came up with some interesting sketches.

The children (pictured at right) who drew the illustrations of their sponsors are from Compassion Home #10. The Korean Government and Compassion consider this orphanage to be a "model home." A public address system is used to call all the children . . . more than 150 . . . to dinner.

Mr. Pak, Superintendent of Home #10, and his wife are shown (far



right) in front of the orphanage library at Taegu. A passing glance by the President of Korea led to the construction of the library. President Park was on a motor trip through the Taegu area about four years ago and noted the well-maintained buildings of the orphanage. He immediately instructed his secretary to investigate. As a result the Compassion home was presented with a new library as a gift from the Korean Gov-

ernment! Superintendent Pak has told us that the library now needs books. Donations for the purchase of Korean books may be sent to Compassion, Inc., 7774 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, Illinois 60634, or Compassion of Canada, Ltd., P.O. Box 880, Blenheim, Ontario, Canada. Please make your check payable to Compassion, Inc. and earmark your gift for "K-10 Library Fund." The children will be grateful.

SHORT NEWS ITEMS

Death of Mrs. Pandelaki



Word came to us of the death of Mrs. L. Pandelaki, the Superintendent of the House of Grace, the only orphanage that Compassion supports in Indonesia (our work there is primarily on a family-helper basis). Mrs. Pandelaki had been in charge of the Northern Celebes home for more than 24 years.

Her husband is Chairman of the Board of Geredja Pentakosta Di Indonesia, a denomination consisting of 1700 Christian churches.

The Play Is the Thing

Henry Harvey, President of Compassion, recently received a letter from Mrs. Bonnie Maxwell, Fourth Grade Teacher in Mountain Grove, Missouri. It said, in short, "Here is \$16.00 that my fourth graders collected after a play, depicting the children of Korea, which was performed to an audience of 900 students at the Mountain Grove Elementary School. We were so inspired after seeing your film, "The Children of Compassion" with Dale Evans that our class decided to put on a special play on behalf of Compassion. The students were encouraged to give whatever they wanted, and the money would be passed on to Compassion for the benefit of needy children."

Would You Believe . . . 110,000 Cards and Letters!

During 1970, Compassion served as the clearing house for more than 110,000 cards and letters from sponsors and children. Charles Sunu, in charge of our Foreign Services Department, came up with these statistics for us. During an average work week, the mailman will deliver about 2,000 letters from children and more than 400 letters from sponsors. During the Christmas holidays, the mail load may double. The postman always rings twice at Compassion . . . and we look forward to each and every ring!



Kirk Penner, age 10, directs a rehearsal for the school play. Thirty-two children staged 2 performances . . . they made their own props and applied their knowledge of Korea and their own imagination in the production.

WARM Progress Report

At press time, \$140,000.00 has been donated towards our 1971 WARM Program. Our goal is \$160,000.00! Have you responded with your gift? Remember, \$8.00 will purchase a complete set of clothes for a needy child!

Additional News

No more used clothing should be sent to Korea. The Koreans wish to boost their own economy by encouraging the purchasing of clothing within the country.

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Nearly 2,000 new case histories of needy children throughout Indonesia have been pouring into our Chicago office. Pray with us that new sponsors can be found for them as soon as possible! Other case histories have been sent us from Haiti and Thailand. We also have about 20 unsponsored children from the Southwest Indian School in Arizona. As we have mentioned before, these Indian students require \$36.00 per month sponsorship, and it can be split three ways.

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The Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Hanson, faithful workers at the Compassion boys home in Northern Haiti, are on furlough. Taking their place is the Rev. Illamand Raymond, a native Haitian pastor. We also are grateful to the Hansons for their good leadership at the boys home. Upon the Hansons return to Haiti, they expect to take up a ministry in Port-au-Prince.

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Donald E. Stuart, Compassion's Field Service Coordinator for Korea, is spending two years in our Seoul Office assisting the Field Director. Don also keeps us alert to good news stories from Korea.

Excerpts From Our MORNING MAIL

Homestead, Pennsylvania:

"I have been showing so many people a picture of our little 'daughter' that it is now wearing out. People say we have a special gleam in our eyes . . . they should see our hearts!"

London, Ontario:

"Please help me find a 'pen-pal' for my grandson. I think this would be a great way for the privileged and the underprivileged to get together for the benefit of both."

Van Nuys, California:

"I am not able to send money right now for my child, but I do not wish to lose him. I will send money as soon as possible. When I was 14, I decided to become a sponsor . . . for many years I supported my child by offering my service as a baby sitter."

Port-au-Prince, Haiti:

"Thank you again for your contribution to our work here with the Evangelical Baptist Mission of Haiti. It will be used for the advancement of His kingdom and the benefit of His people in Haiti."

Rev. Claude Noel

Compassion Field Assistant

Chinhae Orphanage, Korea . . . to sponsor:

"We are pleased to be able to enjoy ourselves heartily on an islet where we crossed by boat, swimming with joy, picking up top-shells and catching sea-cucumbers with our hands. Before long, we are going to have a special preaching service. We are now concentrating on praying for that time. God bless you everlastingly."

Chun Chang Myun

Plan Now...Give Later

By Rev. Donald J. Smith

Many want to give much more right now than they are able. Are you like that? I am too!

A Christian college, the local church, and Compassion, Inc. are just some of the favorite organizations I desire to support.

There are many such worthy ministries. No one can support them all, but anyone can contribute to one or more.

Not only am I interested in these vital ministries, but my loved ones are very important. I want to give more to them as well.

How can I do all of this? The answer is by using the **Plan Now—Give Later Method**.

Some of the features used in this method are:

1. Making a Will
 2. Revising an Existing Will
 3. Creating a Trust
 4. Changing the Beneficiaries of Life Insurance
 5. Giving for Income
 6. Estate Planning
- Many times we do not take such

a step because of one or more of the following reasons:

1. It's easy to procrastinate.
2. It appears too complicated.
3. It is difficult to face death.
4. One thinks his estate is too small.
5. Legal fees are thought to be too high.

Now, with Compassion to help you, none of these reasons are valid.

At this Christmas season I know you wish to do more for others. Even if now you cannot give more, you can plan to give later—and that's doing more, much more. Over half of the adult Americans have not done as much. Such outstanding persons as Peter Marshall and Chief Justice Fred Vinson died without wills. Senator Robert Kennedy and Senator Robert Kerr failed to make necessary revisions in their wills before their deaths.

Compassion's Department of Stewardship can help you plan. Our service is competent, confidential, and at no cost.

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