

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

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KOREAN EVANGELISTS WIN MANY CONVERTS

One of my thrilling experiences each month is to read and check the 184 monthly reports and letters from our evangelists. (Yes, I read every one!) They are translated in our Taegu office and sent in bundles to me by airmail. After I have checked them and they are recorded, they are sent immediately to the supporters. I take note of the attendance at all services on Sunday, Wednesday and Day-Break Prayer Meetings (4:30 a.m.). I notice how much money, rice, and barley have been given in their offerings. The number of house calls, personal evangelism, tracts distributed and district prayer meetings are closely watched. But what I am most interested in is, "How many new converts has he won to Christ this past month?"

Some men have just begun their work. They can report no converts at first. Later as the Word of God has been blessed by the Holy Spirit, the converts increase. During the last quarter a total of 3990 have professed to accept Christ through our evangelists. How we praise God for this!

All but four of these evangelists are located in a permanent place and are establishing new local churches. So they will continue to teach, train and follow-up these new converts.

Here are four testimonies taken from the monthly reports:

"I do much walking each day as I go around the district witnessing the gospel. Sometimes I walk more than ten miles a day and on such a day my foot get very much sore and stomach hungry. I have to cross rivers and hills. But I am always happy and rejoicing as I carry with me the Word of Life, that I might give unto the souls needing salvation. Please pray for me as I work for His eternal and glorious Kingdom."—No. 291, Moon Jae Ik, April report.

"I want to express my most sincere thanks and appreciation for the precious support you are giving for my work, through ESEA. Thanks to your prayers and help, all the members of our church are strong and fine in the Lord. I received the support for the month of May in advance by a month and this help was very opportune and precious to my work."

"There are many things that we thank God for. One of such is the fact that a family of four, headed by the family head, who is 71 years old, are coming to our church for the first time. We visited his home Sunday afternoon and counselled and witnessed that the Lord Jesus was the true Saviour of sins. All the family members decided to become Christians and took out the three kinds of idols and burned them. Lord be praised!"—No. 312, Moon Dung Yong, June report

"I am grateful especially that this month two school teachers have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and begun to attend our church. Seven old people and four women have accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Realizing that it was due to the power of God, we offered our heartfelt gratitude to God."—No. 316, Koh Myung Kon, June report



Here is one of our fine new pioneer churches in a rural unevangelized area. Evangelist No. 302, Kim Kyoo Sup, is the faithful worker. He has daily called in the Homes, won many to the Lord, and taught them the Christian life. The people themselves have built their own church building.

The wonderful supporters of this man are Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Peters of California, who recently sent this picture and wrote: "We have been very pleased with the reports we have been receiving monthly from Kim Kyoo Sup. It is a thrill to our hearts to know that we have a part in helping to evangelize Korea for our Lord, though our part is small. May God bless you as you continue with His work in and for the peoples of Korea."

We have the pictures, life stories and testimonies of about 20 more men who need our immediate help to evangelize these rural areas where they have never heard the gospel.

We are picturing six of them here. You may select one of these or we will select one for you. The single people need \$10 and the married ones \$20 a month. It is truly a wonderful blessing to support your own native missionary, your substitute winning the heathen to Christ! We promise help for only two years. In most cases they will be self-supporting at that time. If you did not get our folder "Information About Supporting Your Own Native Korean Missionary," or if you want another copy, write to us today.



A FORMER BEGGAR BOY'S TESTIMONY

Before the Communists invaded our country in June, 1950, I was living in a wealthy family. But due to the war I was made an orphan, when my parents died. I came out into the streets and begged for daily livelihood. Meanwhile I made acquaintance with many a wicked boy. I learned bad things.

At Samkakji in Seoul when people get off buses, I stick out my hands and beg for money. When they take out money to give me a 10 Hwan or so, I would tackle all of them and run. I saved a lot of money daily and turned them into our Wang Cho, the beggar chief. Sometimes, three or four boys in group went to a store, and while others pretend to be buying things, I would steal goods in the behind, and then sell them at some other stores. When it rains, I would go into houses, pretending to be begging for food, and when chance allows, I would steal shoes and umbrellas and sell them. I went around about, stealing things, but soon I was bored of this sort of life.

With some other friends I left Seoul and came to Pusan. There I felt urged to do stealing again, so I went into other houses and stole all things that I could lay my hands on. Indeed, I could never write everything I did.

While I was yet living like this, I was met by Mr. Suh Tai Jin, whom Rev. Robert Rice sent to gather us off the streets, and was taken up to Taegu City. In an orphanage in Taegu, I still practised stealing. I took out milk and clothes and sold them. Then I bought drinks and cigarettes. I did not care about how I would live.

Meanwhile I came to this Bethany Farm Home. Here, my life began to change. The kindness and love of the superintendent, the daily teaching of the Word of God, etc., started to move my heart. And later, I found myself spending times in prayer to God. Now I think I am very lucky boy to be living in this Bethany Farm Home. I think that unless I was led to this Home I could never know the Lord Jesus Christ, who died for me on the cross, and how God loved us all.

I am attending in the first year of junior high school now. Now my heart aches to see so many souls going into hell, not knowing Jesus Christ. When I finish this Junior High, I would enter Bible Institute, and then into Seminary. I will become a preacher of the gospel of Jesus Christ. I am reading the Bible daily—two pages daily. I read the New Testament already and am starting it over again. Also, my hope is to look after the poor children in the future.—No. 36, Song Bok Ee, Bethany Farm Home

CUTE LETTERS FROM CHILDREN

From Lima, Peru, with eight signatures indicating Spanish, Portuguese and Japanese background: "We are, some girls and boys, who will like to sponsor a child. We have just known about the ESEA a few days ago by the magazine "Coronet" and right after we read about it we decided to help a child, but before, will you please send us further information.

"We are eight, and each one is going to give one dollar, that is 30 soles in our money. We hope that with our money somebody is going to be a little happier.

"Expecting for your answer, we say, good-bye."

From Cheri Chalmiers, in Shreveport, La.: "Dear Mr. Swanson: Since Sunday is Father's Day, I wanted to thank you for being sort of a father to all the orphans you have in your orphanages. I know they are thankful to you also."

UNBELIEVABLE TRANSFORMATION

In the last issue of COMPASSION, Mr. Peter Kang, our fine Korea secretary, told of the almost unbelievable change that takes place in an orphanage when ESEA takes over its support. However, it is impossible for Canadians and Americans to picture from mere words what really happens. Here's an example.

In the Spring of 1960 I took a small boat from Masan out several miles to a boat landing on a peninsula. Then I walked a considerable distance through rice paddies and a small village to a spot well up on a mountain side to see an "orphanage."

Mr. Shin, an earnest Orthodox Presbyterian with a big heart of love, had been gathering beggar boys and girls off the streets of Masan. He took them in a boat to this "orphanage." He now had 43 boys and 5 girls. He had about 4 acres of barley land, some scrubby persimmon trees and 120 acres of mountain land. He earned a little money by taking passengers back and forth (standing up) on his open boat. With a little help from some other Christians, who rode his boat back and forth each day, he was trying to feed and care for the children.



Here you see the "orphanage" for 48 children as I found it! Believe it or not, that's it. All 48 children were living in that hovel.



We now have 86 children and all but 6 of them are sponsored. Money was sent to build a new orphanage building which you see here. Over and over again we have seen these transformations take place, but we are even more thrilled with the spiritual transformations in the hearts of boys and girls who learn of and receive Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE

Nearly all sponsors WANT to continue until further notice after the 1-year period. If a sponsor does not return to us the picture, case history, etc., we assume they will continue being a sponsor. You do not need to notify us, just continue sending in the monthly support. If you must discontinue, be sure to return the papers, so we can try to find a new sponsor. We hope and pray all will be able to continue.

PLEASE NOTE

Sponsors who send their support for 3 months, 6 months, etc., at a time are requested to send it in advance, otherwise it should be sent monthly to keep the support up to date. We send the support a full month ahead of time to Korea. Example: October support was sent August 25th. It takes this long to handle all arrangements. Thanks for your help in this matter.

ANOTHER ORPHANAGE SUPT. SAVED

ESEA supports only true Christian Homes with all Christian staff and Board members. Many big-hearted Koreans started orphanages during the war, but were not saved. Mr. Swanson has helped three of them to Christ. Some time ago Mr. Peter Kang wrote telling how he had led another to the Saviour. ESEA has just started sending funds to this Home. In reading Mr. Kang's interesting report you will catch his spirit and strong convictions on these matters.

"I visited this Home in last January when I took a trip to many orphanages and I saw the needy situations of this Home. But I was not sure about the Superintendent. He came to see me and asked me to support his orphanage one day in last October. Then I asked him if he really believed Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour, but I was not satisfied with his answer. I asked him how long had he been attending church. He said he had been attending Holiness Church for about a year and half. Then I asked him did he know whether he was really born again or not, but he could not answer. I asked him again what was the difference between life in Christ and the life without Christ he had been living. His answer was so bad and I was so sorry about him. He did not know anything about the redemption of Christ and the truth that he must be born again.

So I told him to go back to his orphanage and bring his pastor with him to my office and told him that I wanted to be sure that his pastor will tell him and teach him the truth that he must accept Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. About three months later, he came with his pastor.

I asked the pastor what he had been teaching his congregation that this man, Superintendent, did not even know what it meant to be born again after he had been attending his church one whole year and a half. The pastor realized that he did not do his work as he should and assured me that he would meet every congregation and teach and lead them into the great faith in Christ.

I and the pastor prayed for the superintendent here in our office and we taught him how to be born again using the Scripture of John 1:11, John 3:6, John 3:16, etc. Then he said he accept Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour and we praised the Lord for Him. But I wanted to be sure that he really meant when he proposed that he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. So I waited for a certain period of time up to that date. Now I believe he is a real born again Christian.

I have been getting letters from him, and he is telling me that he is reading the Bible every day carefully and is teaching the children with the Word of God—he himself is not teaching, but the pastor of his church is teaching the children daily,—and the children are attending the church regularly. So I have now full conviction for this Home that this Home is worthy to be supported by you. This man is enjoying his life in Christ. Therefore, I hope you will be able to support this Home as soon as possible."

**CHRISTMAS PARCELS SHOULD BE SENT
BY OCTOBER 15!**

All those planning to send Christmas parcels to Korea should mail them as soon as possible so the children and you will not be disappointed. **AVOID** the rush here but **more important, AVOID THE PILE-UP IN KOREAN CUSTOM HOUSES!** No duty is charged in Korea, but every parcel is opened and inspected. Pack well, tie securely, address correctly and insure. But **MAIL SOON!** Better yet, send us the amount you would spend for gifts and postage. We will send it over and it will buy 2 to 4 times as much! See enclosed special announcement. Of course, many things cannot be bought in Korea at any price. But all necessities can.



Two thrilled children with their gifts from sponsors

CHILDREN'S NAMES

All Korean names use the family name **FIRST**, spoken or written. In nearly every case it is that way on the case history of a child or anyone else. Example: Kim Dong Bin. Kim is the family name. You would call the child "Dong Bin."

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Mr. and Mrs. Lawson visit Love and Hope Orphanage



REPORT ON "OPERATION VITAMINS"

You see pictured here one of the bottles of 5000 high potency vitamins and other things included in this program.

All our readers will rejoice to know that our wonderful sponsors and supporters sent in more than enough money to pay the cost of packaging, handling, etc., of the vitamins given to ESEA. The amount of vitamins was increased to six million capsules!

We also received 36,000 large tubes of toothpaste with 4 combs attached to each, and 20,000 bottles of Candettes Cold Tablets! How we praise God for all this from the manufacturers and the generous cash gifts from our supporters. God bless you all abundantly. We are grateful to Christian Medical Society, too, for handling these matters.

Any extra amount that has or will come in will be used for other medical needs of our Homes.

"ABOVE ALL THAT WE COULD ASK OR THINK"

How great and wonderful our God is! Through unexpected circumstances God provided a way for my husband and me to visit Korea and to see the children supported by our church and other friends this past Spring. We were aided in our preparations by helpful suggestions from Rev. Swanson, and in the middle of May we embarked on our "missionary journey," as we called it. We were met in Taegu by ESEA's Korean secretary, Mr. Peter F. Kang, his wife, Mrs. Kang, several of our children and their directors, and many other Korean people, all of whom extended to us a hearty and sincere welcome.

Because of previous delays en route our visit in Taegu was shortened to two days. However, ESEA's Mr. Kang knows how to make every minute count, and he accomplished in two days nearly all we had expected to do in a week. We were able to visit four orphanages, namely the Angel Orphanage, Love and Hope, Eastern Light, and Good Samaritan Children's Home. We were gratified to see the cleanliness and order throughout each Home. The children were clean and looked so well and happy. These children have suf-

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fered real hardships and they respond to the authority given in Christian love with glad obedience. They are being taught the love of Christ through the Word of God.

We noted that each director was a fine strong Christian, definitely dedicated to God and to the work He has given to them in dealing with the lives of all their charges. They need our prayers, for aside from being born again Christians, they must have the ability to efficiently care for the necessary business and problems of an institution.

Mr. Peter Kang, secretary for ESEA, is a recent college graduate who speaks English fluently. He is energetic, efficient and deeply dedicated to God and to his work of overseeing all of the orphanages supported by ESEA, to date 108. We were entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kang for a meal which was served and eaten in true Korean style. This was a rare treat for us and we felt humbled to be so honored.

Another one of the office staff, Miss Suh Su Won, whose Christian testimony appeared in "Compassion" for January-February, 1961, is a senior at Chung Koo College in Taegu, majoring in English Literature. She is a very fine, sweet Christian with such a friendly, loving nature. Her Christian attitude and her knowledge of the English language is a real asset to the work of ESEA. We were thrilled to see the fine Christian spirit of the entire office personnel. Do be faithful in prayer for them.

When Mr. Kang realized we would not have time to visit the children we wished to see that live outside Taegu, he sent telegrams to each of their directors, asking them to bring those children to his office the following afternoon. They all came! We were so thrilled to see them. Then God poured out an extra blessing. Mr. Kang was able to borrow a tape recorder and God saw to it that we had enough electricity that day (which is unusual in Korea in the day time) to tape the voices of the children in song, personal testimonies and even a harmonica solo. Then he gave us the tape to take home with us to play to their sponsors and friends. That recording has thrilled and blessed the hearts of all who have heard it. As they ended their recording by singing "God Be With You till We Meet Again," we praised God, knowing that we shall meet again, at Jesus' feet.

How comforting to know that all of the children in all of the ESEA Homes are being taught to know and love God, their Saviour! They need assurance that their sponsors are holding them up daily before the throne of grace in prayer. They delight to hear often from their sponsors. Letters, cards and loving birthday and Christmas gifts mean so very much to them.

We do thank God with all our hearts for this rich blessing of visiting our dear ones over there in Korea. May it be used to the glory of our God. Surely "He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think."—Eph. 3:20

—Mrs. Andrew T. Lawson, Norwood, Massachusetts