

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

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Dear Supporting Friends:

55,500 MEALS A DAY

Where is the restaurant, banquet hall or bread line that serves that many wholesome meals each day? How many managers, buyers, supply men, building maintenance men, waitresses, cooks, cashiers, etcetera, would it require to care for such a huge project? Yet this is being done in 154 orphanages, dining rooms and kitchens in the Korean institutions where our 16,000 children, 1,400 staff members and 1,100 of their children are supported by ESEA. In addition, the native evangelists and their families need 3,000 meals a day. In one year this adds up to the staggering figure of well over 20 million meals.



"GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD"

Where is the clothing store that would provide all the clothing for 19,500 people, making most of it by individual measurements on treadle sewing machines or with needle and thread? It is not hard to understand why each orphanage must have one or more "sewing ladies" and one or more sewing machines. And think of the repairing, patching, darning and sewing on buttons!

Laundry? Washing machines, dryers, mangles and irons? Not one! Clothes are washed by hand on boards and pounded with paddles, using very poor soap — no detergent. Then they are pounded again for "ironing". It is surprising how clean and neat they become.

What about schooling? With 3,600 pre-school aged children, 6,300 in primary school, 3,800 in junior high and 2,300 in senior high, plus 50 in seminaries, Bible institutes, colleges, nurses' training and vocational schools, you can well imagine how many teachers and what facilities are needed. Remember too, that schooling is NOT FREE in Korea. Tuition, books and supplies must be paid by the ESEA orphanages.

Nothing has been said about dormitories, bath and toilet facilities, offices, chapels, sick rooms and store houses. They must also have medicine, doctor and hospital expenses, vitamins, fuel, blankets, furniture and



Our Korean nurse, Miss Kang, comforts and reassures this little boy in our Holy Light Orphanage while Dr. Kim examines his chest. Dr. Kim comes in once each month to examine all the children. Notice the medicine chest, Bibles and hymn books.

cost of travel. Equipment is needed for recreation facilities and playgrounds. Another major necessity is vegetable gardens, rice and barley land, and other means of self help.

One average orphanage with 100 children would present a tremendous challenge. Think of 154 orphanages! Each child is different—each situation varies. What of discipline problems? Try to get so many children to write letters to strangers in a foreign land regularly. If you think this is easy, try to get one of your children to write a few lines to his grandmother in the "old country." These Korean letters must be translated both ways each time, making the task even more difficult. When a parcel has been received, pictures must be taken showing the child with the contents, but the superintendent knows little about a camera. The nearest place to develop film is many miles away, and he doesn't even have a bicycle on which to travel. Mail service is irregular. Oh, there are problems—thousands of them every day.

MORALS AND RELIGION

Surely these are important. Oh yes, for this is the main purpose that underlines every orphanage and all the work of The Everett Swanson Evangelistic Association. Therefore, every day in every Home the Bible is taught, hymns are learned and sung and the children pray. Each child, as he is old enough, is urged to receive Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour and to commit his life to Him as Lord. They all attend churches where the Bible is believed and taught. If there is no such church nearby, one is established in the orphanage, and the people from the surrounding area attend church at the orphanage. We are already seeing much fruit from this, and we expect to see much more as the children mature.

WHO PAYS FOR ALL THIS?

You do. Yes, thousands of individuals, churches and other groups have caught the vision and are sponsoring children, or are sending monthly gifts or occasionally contributing to this work. All of this adds up to what you have read above. We at the Home office in Chicago and in our Korea office in Taegu are just acting as your coordinators and agents, but YOU make it all possible. Our orphanage staffs, children and evangelists pray for their "daily bread" and God answers from every State in America, each Province in Canada and several foreign countries. We could not carry on for one day without YOU. We sincerely thank you, and we thank God for you. Now I hope you will go on to read every article in this issue of COMPASSION.

Rejoicing in His Salvation and Service,

Everett S. Swanson

SOMETHING TO LOOK FOR

Our next issue of COMPASSION will be a souvenir edition. It will be much larger, full of pictures and interesting things that tell about the ten years of God's wonderful blessing upon ESEA. There will be thrilling pictures and reports of our Tenth Anniversary Bible Conference in Korea conducted November 1-10 in Taegu. You will want to keep it, show it to your friends and perhaps order an extra copy, too. We hope it will be a real blessing.

HER OWN WARM PROGRAM

Mrs. Florence M. Spence is truly dedicated to helping others. Following her retirement from the Eastman Kodak Company, where she had served for many years, she decided upon the wonderful hobby of knitting mittens to warm the hands of needy children. Recently she wrote, "When I retired in 1960 I took as my hobby the work I am doing. This last year I have received some gifts of yarn and that makes it easier for me. We have a very small income, but we need little and in the long run have so much more than those poor little youngsters. Maybe just one little boy or girl who has a pair of my mittens will find God and love Him as I do and will enter His service. That is my prayer in Christ's name."



This dear lady has made and mailed to our orphanages about 500 of these beautiful mittens! Here you see her at work in her home at 5 Seneca Park Circle, Rochester, New York. Before her is a pile of mittens soon to be mailed. Yes, Mrs. Spence is conducting her own WARM (Winter Aid Relief Money) program and getting great joy herself each day. God will surely reward her.

We feel sure that many of our friends will want to help her by sending some yarn to her home address, given above. She has not asked for this, but I know she would be thrilled to receive and to use it.

For some unexplained reason we have received a number of complaints from people who said they did not receive our annual Warm Appeal. We trust that the information in this issue of Compassion and the enclosed special envelope will serve this purpose.

WARM PROGRAM NEWS

By the time this reaches our readers, much of the WARM clothing will have been made or purchased in Korea. At this date of writing we have received \$35,760.89 for this purpose. How we thank God for every gift and giver. Some were able to give just a few pennies enclosed in an envelope. Many have given enough to clothe their own orphan. Some have given enough for many unsponsored orphans. Others could send nothing, but are praying for the success of the program. On behalf of the children we say a very warm and sincere "Thank you and God bless you."

MUCH MORE NEEDED

However, it is easy to see that we need much more money to carry out this program if we are to provide adequate winter clothing for our 16,000 children. Last year we sent \$65,912 for this purpose for approximately 10,000 children. In our last issue of COMPASSION we reported that we had 15,393 children. Since then the Korean authorities have brought hundreds of children to us from the streets, lest any freeze and starve this winter. By faith we have promised support for 4 more orphanages having a total of 263 children, and have sent temporary funds to help them until we obtain sponsors. So you can see that we need much more than last year.

We are sure that many sponsors and contributors fully intend to send in their Thanksgiving offering for this purpose. However, winter will not wait, so we have borrowed from the bank enough to enable us to send \$60,000 to Korea to get the purchases under way immediately. If you are one of those who intends to send in a Thanksgiving offering, or if it has simply slipped your mind, please send your gift as soon as possible, so that we may pay back this loan and send additional sums to provide for all. You will be seeing pictures in later issues of COMPASSION, showing the joy brought to the children in this wonderful way.



Yes, it gets very cold in Korea. This shows one of our buildings of the Mount of Prayer Orphanages. Over 500 children are cared for in this Home. It has been necessary for us to send \$24,339 since April of last year just to build new buildings and pay off debts incurred before ESEA took over its support.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Government pressure has forced us to build many new buildings for our orphanages in order to improve the facilities and provide adequate room for each child. Many have been completed this year. However, many others are needed and some have been started, but soaring costs have stopped construction.

ANONYMOUS CONTRIBUTORS

From time to time we receive in our office gifts given anonymously. We have no way of thanking these people, and they are not looking for praise, but only for God's approval. Many of these gifts are small. Some are larger, but all are deeply appreciated. Recently a large gift was received this way; part of which was designated for a particular orphanage and the rest for our WARM program—enough in fact to clothe several hundred children. The donor wrote, "I have already received my thanks and my receipt and my reward in a precious smile from Him, which is sufficient reward indeed. I close in praying that He will be successful in touching the hearts of many other selfish men such as myself, that your program will be a big success." On the bank draft the "remitter" space was filled in with the name "Jesus Christ!"

We use this means to thank all who have given anonymous gifts—whether small or large.



The Forest and Lake Angels Orphanage in Pusan was nearly destroyed by a typhoon before we began to support it. Dormitory space had to be provided. We loaned \$5,000 without interest from our revolving loan fund, which is being repaid at the rate of \$50 a month from the allotment we send to the Home. When construction began it was believed that the \$5,000 would be sufficient, but costs have risen so greatly that in March all work was stopped on the building, and it stands as you see it here. It will require \$3,500 more to complete it now. The superintendent has written many times asking—not for a grant—but for an additional loan. We do not have the funds. She cannot obtain this money in Korea, and if she could it would cost 5% per month interest!

Perhaps someone would like to donate the \$3,500 needed to complete this dormitory. The roof, windows and doors should be put on immediately so that it can be used during the coldest part of the winter. This would be a fine memorial, and a plaque could be placed in the building, indicating this.

We are in need of many gifts to our Building Revolving Fund so that about 45 very urgent building projects may be completed or undertaken. These projects range in need from the building of dormitories, dining rooms, chapels, bath and toilet facilities, garden land and playgrounds. We also need funds with which to pay off debts on which they are paying 5% per month interest—(60% per year). The amounts needed vary from \$500 to \$10,000. If you are interested in learning more about any one project, please write and we will send you full particulars. Gifts of any amount are welcome. Do not be afraid that your gift will be too small, for many small contributions add up to the total needed.

Our very best advertisers are our own sponsors who month after month tell others of the great blessing this has been to them. Recently a new sponsor in New York told her Sunday School about this thrilling work. The result—they decided to assume full support of an entire orphanage of 30 children! Each class is taking a child. So we enclose another 12 photographs with a brief case history of each on the backside. Perhaps you could sponsor another orphan, or tell your friends, your church or other organization and show the pictures to them. Write or call immediately when you have a sponsor. If your choice has been asked for before your letter arrives we will choose another child of the same sex and about the same age. We have hundreds of un-sponsored children from which to choose. \$8.00 per month cares for one child. Above all else, pray for us and all of our work for Christ and the Korean people.

PARCELS WILL BE ARRIVING

Hundreds of parcels will be arriving in Korea in the next few weeks. Every sponsor would like to see the child's face when the box is opened on Christmas day. This is impossible, but a picture will be sent. The happy look on the face of a child who has never known a mother and father's love will be reward enough, and more.

Recently the Korean government has been charging duty on many of the NEW items being sent to our orphanages. We have not been able to persuade the authorities to stop this practice. Rev. Swanson will be meeting with them during his present stay in Korea, and we hope he will be successful in his attempts to deal with this situation. However, until further notice from our office to you, we urge you to mail NO MORE PARCELS directly to your orphanage unless it is only used clothing or toys. You may mail anything, new or used, to the APO address, but it cannot be designated for any one child. Address such parcels to: Post Chaplain, TSAPAC, APO 18,



San Francisco, California—and print ESEA and the name of the Orphanage (if any) in lower left hand corner.

CHRISTMAS MONEY GIFTS

No one need send any gifts at any time, but if you wish to do so, you may send your check or money order to our Chicago office (not to Korea) before December 1st, and we will send it 100% for your child. The superintendent will use his judgment in buying for the child. A picture will be sent to you, showing the child with the items purchased with the money. At present this is far the best way to send gifts. You do not pay postage, no tax is charged and money goes farther.

DON'T MISS THIS!

The December issue of Christian Life Magazine will have a feature article on Korea and the work of ESEA by Rev. Swanson. If you cannot secure a copy locally, simply write to Christian Life, 33 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois.

Walter Krusich, Stewardship and Development Director

Over the past several years a number of our wonderful sponsors have volunteered to designate in their wills a sum of money for their orphans or for ESEA work in general.

This unsolicited response and a strong feeling that God's people, in addition to providing for their families and loved ones, are more and more channeling sizeable sums into some phase of the Lord's work. This has prompted us to conclude that we should urge you to MAKE YOUR WILL NOW! Remember that one day every Christian will be —

"Stepping on shore and finding it Heaven!

Taking hold of a hand and finding it God's hand,

Breathing a new air and finding it celestial air,

Feeling invigorated and finding it immortality,

Passing from storm and tempest to an unknown calm,

Waking up and finding it HOME!"

For your convenience, here is a simple form you might use, should the Lord lay the work of ESEA on your heart.

"I give, devise and bequeath to the Everett Swanson Evangelistic Association, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois, or its successor, the sum of \$_____, to be used by said corporation toward the accomplishment of the objectives and purposes for which it was organized."

It is not wise for you to name your orphan or evangelist, but rather ESEA with specific instructions for its use for the particular child, under ESEA judgment and discretion. All papers pertaining to your bequest will be kept in our safe and will definitely be used in strict accordance with your specific wishes.

We urge you to have a lawyer draw up your will. If you desire, we shall be happy to help you in any way we can.

OUT OF THE MAIL BAG

Orphanage Superintendents write:

"I am so happy to see the children who rejoice to have 'parents' in America, but sorry to see them who look sorry as they do not have. Some children asked me, 'When will we have sponsors?' and I replied, 'If we pray more, God will grant you.' They talk about their sponsors and are waiting for the letters from the sponsors."

Miss Kim Ok Hwa, Supt.

No. 146 Chun An Christian Orphanage

"I wish you could see our children happy to have sponsors and exchange their letters with sponsors. I was as delighted as the children and I almost cried at the sight of children who could not help jumping with joy. I wish I could find better words than 'thank you' to express our gratitude for your help. Had it not been for your kind assistance, it would have been impossible for us to live in this present religious atmosphere. Thank you again for your prayer and support."

Sincerely in Christ, Song Doo Il, Supt.
Friendship Christian Orphanage

"We had a summer Bible School which started on the 10th of August and lasted for six days. We invited Rev. Kim Won Suk as a speaker for this class. Through this Bible Class and Mr. Kim's fine preaching, many children repented of their past sins and returned to the Lord. Children not only studied the Bible but learned many hymns, and I am certain that all of them who attended this class received much blessing."

Kim Kap Joong, Supt.
Waegwan Children's Home

THE EVERETT SWANSON EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION is supporting missionary work in Korea. This includes over 16,000 children in 154 orphanage Homes and over 300 native evangelists in pioneer churches. The orphanages include 16 BABY Homes, 12 beggar boy Homes, 6 Homes for uninfected children of lepers, 4 Homes for deaf-mute children, 2 widows' Homes (supporting their children), 1 Home for un-wed mothers and their children (supporting the children and rehabilitating the girls) and 113 ordinary orphanages. These children are cared for by about 1,400 staff members who themselves have over 1,100 children. These, together with the evangelists and their families, total about 20,000 people who look to ESEA for all or most of their support. The orphanages alone serve well over 20 million meals a year. (55,500 meals a day.) Scores of churches established by evangelists supported by ESEA are now self-supporting, and they are being added at the rate of about one each week. Scholarship support is currently provided for about 40 young people, most of whom are orphans, in seminaries, Bible institutes, colleges, nurses' training and vocational schools.

ESEA is not supported financially by any denomination, although we have sponsors from many. It is not underwritten by any foundation or organization, but is wholly dependent upon the individual and group sponsors and others who contribute from time to time. Faith in God, prayer and publicity are our only means of supplying these tremendous needs each day.

Our work is interdenominational, Biblically conservative and evangelical. ESEA is incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois as a non-profit corporation. It is registered with the Illinois Secretary of State, U. S. Internal Revenue Department, Better Business Bureau and others. All gifts to this work are recognized by the U. S. Treasury Department as deductible on income tax reports.

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OUT OF THE MAIL BAG (cont.)

"Brother Swanson, we think your work in Korea is one of the most wonderful works for the Lord to be found in the world today. In fact, we think it is nothing short of a modern day miracle that has taken place before our very eyes, and we surely thank the Lord for it. We also thank Him for the privilege of sharing a small part of it with you, and we want to go right on sharing it with you as long as we are here and able by His grace to do so. This is how we truly feel in our hearts."

Mr. A. E. M.

National City, California

"We shall never thank you enough for your labor. What we can do for you is to lead and win souls to our Lord. In order to glorify our Lord, we have to endure physical hardships that we are undergoing. Please continue to pray for us so that we can stand firm and true until we meet our Lord in Heaven."

Mrs. Jin Bong Yun, Supt.

Forest and Lake Angels Orphanage

NOTE: This is the orphanage with the unfinished building described in this issue. Rev. Swanson led this lady to the Lord before ESEA began support.

CHRISTMAS AND SLIDES

"Thank you for sending the wonderful slides. I used them at our church circle meeting last evening and many of the women expressed a desire to help in your work. It was not formally voted upon, but I believe our annual Christmas offering will be sent to your organization. Some are also interested in sponsoring a child. Our prayers are with you."