

Compassion



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



THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

Compassion's ministry in Korea is more extensive and far reaching than many people realize. Caring for the spiritual and physical needs of more than 20,000 children has many aspects. Nothing evokes human sympathy more than a helpless infant, unwanted, uncared for, and unloved. Compassion reaches out to these little ones and offers the hand of Christian concern and love. But there is another responsibility. There is the responsibility of teaching, training, and guiding through the teen years the children in Compassion homes. Compassion's President, Henry Harvey, loves teenagers (see photo above) and on the following page presents a challenging message concerning the needs of Korean teenagers.

TEENAGERS IN KOREA

by

Henry L. Harvey, *President*

Most of us are aware of the teenage problem in the United States and in other western countries where rock-'n-roll and outlandish dress and hairdos and other signs of rebellion against the old order are manifest. I have just come from Korea where there is also a teenage problem but not in exactly the same proportions or possessing the same manifestations.

In Compassion orphanages in Korea there are something more than 5,000 boys and girls between the ages of thirteen and nineteen. These teenagers have their problems just like their counterparts in other countries, but the manifestations are mostly entirely different.

First, the teenage orphan starts out with a count against him. The orphan in Korea has over the years not distinguished himself, especially in the days when there was no care given to him and no bringing up and often times no education. Many of these became thieves or in the case of girls sometimes women of the streets. This, of course, is different now, but the name remains so the teenage orphan realizes quite soon that other teenagers and their parents do not accept him as an equal citizen.

The one thing that will overcome this disability is education. If the orphan can become better educated than his fellow Koreans, then he is accepted because of his education rather than because he is an orphan. So, in most of our orphanages the young people are obsessed with getting as much education as possible and we feel that there is some justification in their attitude.

The problem is not easy, however. When orphans go from high school into higher education the cost goes up dramatically, and often times sponsors and Compassion together are not able to supply funds for the student to go as far as he would like. So, frequently the child has to drop out of school and start to work before completing his education. We in Compassion are praying much over the teenage problem in Korea. We feel there are certain things that we can do to help the orphans and I would like to outline them for you.

EDUCATION. First, we do believe that we should concentrate funds and efforts on helping the brighter orphans go as far in school as they possibly can, especially those who become interested in seminary or other kinds of education which will be helpful to them in helping their own people. We are praying earnestly that the Lord will open up for us a great enlargement of vocational training—the kind of vocational training that will enable these young people to move into industry and business and do a creditable job. Already we have a girls' vocational school called Yung Jin in Seoul where approximately 100 teenage girls are being prepared for life. At the present moment facilities are being built at the Yung Jin Home to increase this by another 50 to 75 girls.

We would like to expand the concept of vocational and college training for girls. It is almost necessary that we keep girls under control until marriage arrangements are made for them as they are very vulnerable to influences outside the home if they have no protection.

We would like to see somewhat the same thing for boys, namely, an educational center where boys can have a base and a dormitory in which to live and can go from there to high school and college if they are able. Those who are not mentally equipped to go that far could branch off into vocational training and preparation for manual work in the years to come.

EVANGELISM. Another thing that we can do for these teenagers, and we are praying earnestly that the Lord will help us to do so, is to bring the gospel to them in a live and dynamic way. This is being done to some extent now, but not as much as we would like to see. Already we have made arrangements with several missionaries in Korea who have shown excellent results in bringing boys and girls to Christ. We would like these folks to cooperate with us in holding evangelistic and revival services for the young people and bringing the claims of Christ directly home to them where decisions to serve Jesus can be made and young people started on a life of service in the Kingdom.

ECONOMICS. Then, there is assistance in economics which can be given to various of the homes where young people are already trained in crafts whereby they can make a living. One of our boys' orphanages does wood carvings of Korean subjects which are sold in the United States and in the army camps of Korea as well as in the downtown stores of Seoul. This helps not only the home but also the boys in preparing them for a useful work. Four or five of our girls' homes specialize in needle work, embroidery, sewing and other female occupations which enable them to gain skills which are usable in the labor market of Korea.



Mrs. Lee, Superintendent of Yung Jin Vocation Training School for girls presides at graduation ceremony.

Right now we feel our greatest work is with boys and girls who are preparing to become useful citizens in Korea. We believe the Lord will help us to help them overcome the tremendous handicap which is theirs in the culture of Korea because they are orphans. We also believe the Lord will help us through our sponsors to assist these boys and girls to gain as much education as possible, and above all to become useful Christian citizens in a country that desperately needs their leadership for a better tomorrow.

We ask our sponsors to pray with us that the Lord will guide us and assist us in this very great work. Those of our sponsors who feel like taking additional burdens could sponsor a teenager or a student and thus help this group to achieve the highest possible proficiency mentally or manually. Above all, pray for the Teenagers of Korea!

DESTINATION KOREA!!!

"Who, me?" you say! Yes, through very special arrangements it might well be possible for you to visit your own orphan or evangelist in Korea at a drastically reduced cost. Here's how . . .

One of the greatest events in the history of COMPASSION took place last November when 113 friends of COMPASSION actually visited their own orphans and evangelists in Korea as members of the First Compassion Orient Tour. The enthusiasm of these people was so overwhelming that the Board of Directors of Compassion voted to have another Orient Tour from May 5 through May 28, 1967.

It is not possible to put into words the blessing this Tour can be not only to the sponsors who go, but to the children and the orphanage personnel in Korea. Those who went on the last Tour returned with a far greater love for the land of Korea than words can express. This same blessing is possible for 110 persons

(maximum number allowable) who will form the Second Compassion Orient Tour.

What does the low price of \$1,190 include? It includes everything except strictly personal expenditures. It includes all air and ground transportation, hotel accommodations, meals, tips, sightseeing—there are absolutely no extras other than personal expenditures. It includes a week in Japan, eight days in Korea, and several days in Hong Kong, the Philippines and Hawaii. Also, it includes three wonderful weeks of companionship and travel with dedicated Christian people.

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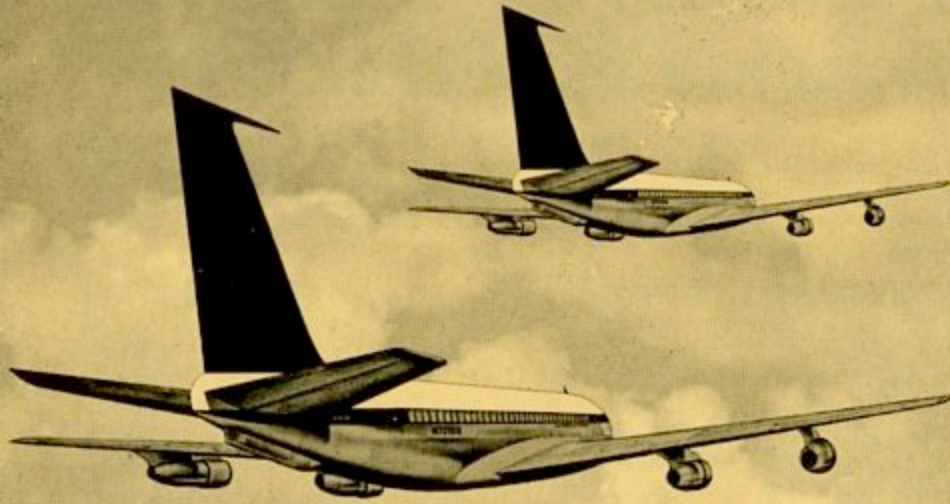
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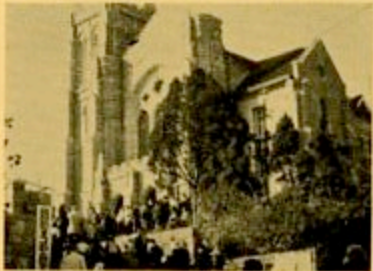
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Receive a royal welcome from your orphan.



Put a big smile on your child's face.



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THE SECOND COMPASSION ORIENT TOUR LEAVES MAY 5, 1967. THESE PHOTOS WERE TAKEN DURING THE FIRST ORIENT TOUR LAST NOVEMBER. THESE SAME EXPERIENCES AWAIT YOU. ONLY 110 CAN BE ACCOMMODATED. TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT MAIL THIS COUPON TODAY. . . .



Eat Oriental foods with chopsticks.



See Freedom House in Demilitarized Zone.

ORPHANS THRILL THOUSANDS

Since July 1 the Korean orphan tour group has brought untold blessing to scores of audiences throughout the United States.



Who could resist these darlings? See these children in person at the meeting place nearest your home.

for the balance of the meetings the group has scheduled. Be sure to circle on your calendar the date of the meeting closest to you. Attend yourself, and takes several friends with you. Your heart will be strangely warmed!

The children appeared on television in Seattle. Mr. Johnson (right) is heading the Tour Group on its five-month itinerary across the country.



At the present time Compassion's Field Representative, Mr. James Johnson, is touring the United States and Canada with a lovely group of orphans and an evangelist from Korea.

Scores of meetings have been scheduled in churches from coast to coast. Television and radio audiences have been thrilled to hear the children sing hymns and gospel songs, and to hear the evangelist explain the impact the ministry of Compassion is having in Korea.

Mr. Johnson recently reported that many people have become sponsors of Korean orphans as a result of the meetings. He also said that through the preaching of the evangelist, several decisions for Christ have been registered during the meetings.

Enclosed with this mailing of Compassion is a complete itinerary

WARM AID RELIEF MONEY



Because friends of COMPASSION responded so generously last year we were able to supply a WARM winter outfit for every boy and girl in all the orphanages. These children were so happy with their new outfits.

Winter is not far away! Remember, winters in Korea are very cold, just as in many parts of the United States. Because of the severity of Korean winters for several years COMPASSION has conducted an annual WARM program. For only \$6.00 we can purchase a WARM winter outfit for an orphan in one of our Homes. Each Fall we call upon our fine sponsors and friends to make possible this expression of Christian love and concern for the precious children in Compassion orphanages.

Our prayer is that every sponsor will send \$6.00 today to supply a cozy WARM outfit for his orphan. As a keepsake and prayer reminder we are going to send an authentic game of Korean YUTE to all who provide two or more outfits for \$6.00 each. These games are not available in the United States, but we are having them sent directly from Korea. Please fill out and return the coupon below today, and God bless you with a WARM heart for your love and Compassion.

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Yes, I want to have a part in the WARM program, providing WARM winter outfits for only \$6.00 each.

My check or money order for \$ _____ is enclosed to purchase _____ WARM outfits. I understand that I will receive an authentic game of Korean YUTE if my contribution is \$12.00 or more.

Name _____

Street _____

City and State _____ Zip Code _____



Letters of Compassion

Nineteen won to the Lord

Dear Sponsor: During last one month I won nineteen new lost souls to the Lord by my street evangelism and visitation evangelism. So, I can see the promising future of my evangelistic work in this village. I trust in God, our Pilot, and surely He will keep me in His arms and use me by His will.

Song Ie Bok

Evangelist

"A warm feeling"

Dear Friends: I am corresponding with all four of my girls now, and I have never felt such a warm feeling of helping these people before, even though I have lived in the Orient. Thank you so much for giving me the chance to help.

Miss E. L.

Lafayette, California

Joy in sponsorship

Dear Friends in Christ: We have already had such joy in the little we have done for our adopted son, Lee Jong Dae. Yesterday we received a picture of him. . . . The smile on his little face—a change from the first picture—showed so much joy, and it was nice to know we may have helped put that smile there. Above all we thank our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for letting us do this small thing for him.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. B.

Upland, California

Evangelist reports church growth

Dear Sponsor: Two years have passed by since you started to support me. When my church was just started, she was very weak. The church had 12 adults and 31 children then. But now the church has 40 adults and 60 children. We have a few departments and have good leaders and teachers.

Song Chang Un

Evangelist

Receives loving letters

Dear Friends at Compassion: According to the loving letters I receive, the children are all well and working hard in their studies. Their gratitude and concern for me and for being worthy of my love makes me very humble and very happy. I find it all worthwhile in a way I can't explain to more materially-minded people.

M. H. W.

Rocky Hill, Connecticut