

Compassion



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



An Owl for Ann Landers

Ann Landers, internationally known columnist and teen authority, visited the home office of COMPASSION last August 10. She had boosted the work of COMPASSION in two of her recent columns, resulting in sponsors for more than 1,000 needy Korean children. Miss Landers, who owns one of the world's largest collections of owls, was thrilled to receive a lovely hand carved Korean owl as an expression of gratitude from the children in COMPASSION Homes. The presentation was made by COMPASSION's Miriam Swanson and Henry Harvey.

May We Introduce You...

During the past several months the Lord has provided three fine men for key positions in COMPASSION'S home office. These dedicated workers value your prayer support as they undertake their various tasks.



Howard Elia

Howard Elia, correspondent

Howard came to COMPASSION after several years in production and inventory control. He is an active youth worker and officer in his local church. Howard is working in the area of correspondence, answering many of the hundreds of letters received each week. This is his first experience in direct Christian work, but he enjoys it greatly and views it as, "a challenge to convey the Christian life."

James Floyd, data processing

James has a broad background in data processing, and he has spent four years in the Philippines as a missionary. He will supervise installation of data processing equipment in COMPASSION'S home office, adding to the efficiency of operation. Jim says, "I certainly am grateful to the Lord and praise Him for leading me into the ministry of COMPASSION in the field of data processing. I view this as an opportunity to serve the faithful sponsors and friends of COMPASSION."



James Flodye

Wally H. Erickson, public relations

Wally pastored various Nazarene churches in Missouri, North Carolina and Indiana for fifteen years. He says, "Mine is a ministry of sharing with churches, organizations and individuals information concerning the Christian work of COMPASSION and to perpetuate the ministry by giving direction in deferred gifts. I count it a joy to be associated with COMPASSION and feel the Lord has led me to a broader and more rewarding ministry working for the salvation of unwanted and forgotten children of the world."



Wally H. Erickson



These girls are learning to type. Many courses are offered at high school and college level.



In COMPASSION Homes the staff members work very closely helping the children with studies.

The Desire to Learn

Thousands of COMPASSION children long for a high school and college education, but they are in need of help.

In COMPASSION Homes today there are nearly 4,000 boys and girls who need extra help if they are to have more than the bare minimum of education. The regular sponsorship of \$10 a month does provide a basic elementary education through the sixth grade for each sponsored child. However, further study requires additional help.

In Korea tuition is charged beginning with middle school (the equivalent of grades seven through nine in America). Also, because of limited educational facilities, beginning with middle school entrance is on the basis of competitive examinations. In COMPASSION Homes nearly 4,000 boys and girls have passed the entrance exams and are ready to

enter various schools January 1, if funds are available.

The school year in Korea consists of two semesters, each about five months in duration. The first semester begins March 1 and the second September 1. Vacation is during the months of August and January. Final examinations are held in February.

Tuition costs vary depending upon the school, the course taken, and other factors. Generally, however, it costs \$50 a semester for middle school and \$60 in high school. Most college and university courses require \$30 to \$50 a month for full student support (including room, board, tuition, books, and related expenses).

The Board of Directors of COMPASSION encourages the fullest possible education for each child. When a child passes entrance exams, and school tuition is required, the superintendent will notify the sponsor. Then, the sponsor will have an opportunity to provide for the child's educational needs. Of course, there are always many unsponsored children to be cared for, so special education contributions are needed.

If you have specific questions concerning your child you may write to the Chicago office for information and answers. Pray much for these thousands of very fine, capable young people who stand in need of additional help at this important time of life.

Third Korean Orphan Tour Well Received

Church congregations and sponsoring groups on West Coast thrilled with Korean children. Tour team now holding meetings in eastern and southern states.

Thrilling! Heart warming! Exciting! Informative! Moving! These are the exclamations of thousands who have personally seen and heard the children from Korea.

For two months the tour team, headed by Miriam Swanson, has held scores of meetings from the West Coast through to Chicago. They appeared on the Art Linkletter House Party Show, a nationwide telecast viewed by more than five million people. They have received a warm and enthusiastic response wherever they have been seen.

The group will now be holding meetings in the eastern and southern states for the next several months. A copy of the remaining schedule is enclosed with this mailing, and we urge all friends of COMPASSION to plan right now to attend the nearest meeting. Be sure to bring

a group of friends—they will be thrilled.

Truly this is a rare opportunity to hear a firsthand report from the mission field of Korea. The children singing and reciting Scripture is a never-to-be-forgotten experience. Mrs. Swanson and the other members of the team have the ability to make Korea really live in the minds of an audience. So, don't miss this charming and dedicated group.

As a result of meetings held so far, more than 200 needy children now have sponsors. Just as important, however, COMPASSION has found a place in the hearts of hundreds—perhaps thousands—who will become prayer partners in this ministry for the Lord Jesus Christ. Please pray for the team as they travel thousands of miles and hold many more meetings in the next several months.

The Holiday Inns of America offered complimentary rooms to the group in many cities. Here Mr. Schimmel, Manager of the Montebello, California Holiday Inn greets the team.



These two children can smile now! They have just received WARM winter clothing provided by their sponsors. Yes, thanks to faithful COMPASSION supporters, it is hoped that every boy and girl in COMPASSION Homes will receive a new WARM winter outfit this year. It is so important that the boys and girls be protected against the bitter Korean winter. Please help us reach the goal of supplying a complete set of snug winter clothing for all the children.

A Very WARM Thanks to Compassion Sponsors

Korean winters are raw and biting. The homes and buildings are poorly heated, and there is little escape from the sting of the cold wind. In the average school there is absolutely no central heating system. The rooms are chilly, and it is difficult for the children to study.

For several years COMPASSION has promoted an annual WARM (winter aid relief money) program to provide a complete winter outfit for every child in COMPASSION Homes. This program was started to help the superintendents of the Homes meet the added burden of extra clothing for the children each winter. If it were not for this additional assistance, many of the children would have to face the cold with a bare minimum of clothing.

This year there are about 23,000 children to be outfitted. It costs only \$6.00 to provide a set of WARM winter clothing (including long winter underwear) for each child. If every boy and girl is to be properly

clothed, at least \$138,000 is needed. As this is being written about \$90,000 has been received. This means that an additional \$48,000 is needed to meet the goal.

To those of you who have already sent your WARM contribution, many, many thanks. We know there are some who would like to help more, but do not have the means. Surely God will honor a small gift given from a heart of love just as much as He will honor a large gift.

However, perhaps some intended to give but have simply neglected to send their WARM contribution. If this is the case, we do ask that you will send your gift without delay. Remember, just \$6.00 will outfit one child. If you can give more, it will mean that some unsponsored child can be outfitted. Just address your gift to the Chicago office, and mark it for the WARM program. May God bless you richly for your compassionate heart.



Annual Conference of Korean Evangelists Brings Great Blessing



More than 300 Korean evangelists, local pastors, and Bible teachers recently gathered in Suwon, Korea for the Annual Evangelists Conference. The purpose of the conference was to discuss ways and means of more effectively spreading the Gospel throughout Korea. These dedicated men and women are supported by COMPASSION sponsors. Their ministries range from pastoring rural churches to street evangelism. They reported 7,249 men and women received Christ as Savior through their evangelistic efforts last year. These faithful servants of the Lord represent one of the most effective groups of Christian workers in Korea. Pray much for them!



COMPASSION'S Field Director, Ed Kimball, addressed the conference through his Korean interpreter. Mr. Kimball has direct supervision over the ministry of COMPASSION in Korea.



Several outdoor evangelistic services were held during the conference. As a result of these meetings hundreds in Suwon heard the Gospel, and many opened their hearts to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Blessing of Sharing Christmas

Christmas will soon be here. You can bring untold joy to the children in COMPASSION Homes by sharing your Christmas.

Yes, Christmas is almost here, and it is celebrated in Korea just like it is in the United States of America. On Christmas day in Korea, the boys and girls in COMPASSION Homes eagerly look forward to receiving their gifts, just like the children of America.

You can help make Christmas a joyous, meaningful event for your child by sending a Christmas gift. Or, if you wish, you can supply a gift for some of the unsponsored children. Every child, including those in Korea, looks forward to the excitement of receiving gifts. Yet, the only way this can happen is through the gracious provision of sponsors and friends of COMPASSION.

Here are some useful guidelines for providing gifts for the children:

1. Do not send packages or shipments direct to Korea. The Korean postal system is not dependable, and COMPASSION cannot be responsible for safe delivery of gifts sent direct.
2. Do not send money to Korea. This violates rules governing currency exchange.
3. A gift of \$2.00 to \$5.00 will purchase a suitable present for your child. Larger gifts may be sent to purchase presents for several unsponsored children in a Home.
4. To provide a gift for your child, or for one or more unsponsored children, send your check or money order to the Chicago office. The gift will be forwarded 100% to Korea for the purchase of a gift as you direct. Your child will know the gift is from you.

Won't you use the coupon below in sending your gift today? To those who have already sent their gifts—MANY THANKS, AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU.



Look at their happy faces! These precious children received tricycles as gifts from their thoughtful sponsors.

MAIL TODAY

Compassion, Inc.
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I enclose \$ _____ to buy a Christmas gift in Korea for:

Orphan(s) Name & Number _____

Orphanage Name _____

Native Worker or Student _____

Donor's Name _____

Address _____



Letters of Compassion

The Joy of Sponsoring

Dear Friends:

The Junior Sunday School Class and I are so thrilled and blessed, knowing we have a darling girl like Jo Se Sun. We hope and pray that she is as happy with us as we are with her. I never knew this kind of joy before. I pray that others may have the burden and are led of God to sponsor one of these dear children.

*Mrs. F. V.
Climax, New York*

Grateful to be Sponsored

Dear Sponsor:

I received very nice news from the director of my orphanage today. I was told that you have decided to become my sponsor. With your love I shall not be lonely any more. Thank you very much for choosing me from so many children. I thanked God first and then you.

*Kim Eun Heh
Orphan*

Encouraged by prayer

Dear Sponsors:

Though I do not write you often, you are always in my mind and prayers and I always remember your warm and sweet love and noble and pure spirit. The thought that I have my "parents" who are praying for me encourages me always.

*Hyung Bo
Student*

Second "Adoption"

Dear Friends:

The pleasure we have received from this "adoption" cannot be measured. We already have one adopted daughter and she is very thrilled with a new sister. God has richly blessed us and we want to share as we can.

*Mr. and Mrs. J. G.,
Washington, D. C.*

Hearty Thanks

Dear Sponsor:

I am writing this letter to express my hearty thanks to you for your monthly support. Your money is used for our living expenses. I wish I could do something to repay your favor someday. I think the only way to repay your kindness is to work for our Lord faithfully.

*Yo Ee Sup
Evangelist*