

Compassion



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

"SUNGTAN UL CHUK HA HOMNIDA!" is Korean for... "MERRY CHRISTMAS!"



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3

Christmas in a Korean Orphanage is a happy time. As in other parts of the world, the Christian message of the Saviour's birth fills hearts with joy and responsive love.

Superintendent Choi Bong Nam of #122 Children's Charity Home tells of a wonderful past Christmas with these pictures:

Photo 1—Night view of the top of our home building, proclaiming to all the star that led to the Child which was born. "... His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace ...", Isaiah 9:6.

Photo 2 — In our Chapel Hall decorated for Christmas, a shepherd looks up at the bright star.

Photo 3—Kindergarten children sing praises to our glorious King.

Photo 4—The children present—"The Visit of the Wise Men."

Photo 5—A big prayer of thanks to Jesus. (Christmas gifts from many sponsors, and from President Park for the Korean government, await distribution.)

Photo 6 — The children receive their gifts.

Our Prayer of Thanks: Dear Father, we thank Thee for sending Jesus into the world, and for Thy great love to us. May our lives proclaim to all the "glad tidings of great joy." Help us to live the way Jesus taught and to trust in Thee always. We pray in our Saviour's name. Amen.

Photo 4



Photo 5



Photo 6



A DREAM COME TRUE

At the age of 15, a girl in Galesburg, Kansas started giving piano lessons in order to earn enough money to sponsor a Korean orphan. In 1967, Jan Trout began sponsoring Kim Soon Hui, then 5 years old, regularly paying her support.

Jan enjoyed Soon Hui's letters and became very interested in hearing about the orphan children. She wished that someday she might go to Korea to see them. But then, she also wanted to go to college, and four years of college training would require a large financial outlay which she must earn by herself. So, a trip could only be considered a dream. Still Jan kept praying and had faith that someday she would be able to meet Soon Hui.

Soon, Jan would be graduating from high school, so confidently she made arrangements to enroll in college. Good news! She had been chosen to receive a \$1,300.00 per year college scholarship! Now she could use her savings for a "dream trip" to Korea. Jan thanked the Lord for answering her prayers. ("With God all things are possible" —Matt. 19:26.) Then, Jan's mother decided she too would go to Korea and share her daughter's happiness.

On July 12, Soon Hui and 201 of her orphan friends welcomed Jan to #13 Mount of Glory and



Jan Trout and Soon Hui. "Welcome" to Home #13.

Hope Orphanage, near Kwangju. It was raining, but each face beamed with joy. At the home, Jan enjoyed a Korean dinner and had a great time visiting with Soon Hui and the others. She had brought a toy for each of the 202 orphans, and Soon Hui delighted in helping distribute them.

Though now busy at college, Jan has not stopped dreaming. She hopes to become a teacher and return to Korea to teach the orphan children.

We salute you, Jan—one of our wonderful "young generation" sponsors! God bless you in your studies—and may He open a door to you for service to Him in Korea!



SPONSORS NEEDED FOR BIBLE TEACHERS

In our COMPASSION Orphanages in South Korea, we have earnest, capable Bible Teachers dedicated to bringing up the children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Children are taught the wonderful stories of the Bible and are guided in committing to memory many precious verses. Bible Teachers meet regularly with the children and are a great influence in molding young lives.

We need help from kind and generous friends to provide support for these willing Bible Teachers. Each Teacher will also correspond with his sponsor. The support is \$30.00 per month for a man and \$20.00 for a woman. (Men receive more because they are supporting families.)

This is a wonderful opportunity to join in the direct dissemination of the Gospel!

CLIP and MAIL

To: **COMPASSION, INC.**, 7774 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, Ill. 60634

Yes, I want to help in the spiritual ministry to the children by sponsoring a Bible Teacher.

I would like to sponsor a woman man Bible Teacher.

My choice is # _____, 2nd choice _____, 3rd choice _____.

Assign any available Bible Teacher to me to sponsor.

Enclosed is \$ _____ for Bible Teacher Support for _____ months.

NAME (Mr., Mrs., Miss) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

ZIP _____

COMPASSION File Number _____ (on previous receipts)

Guests at a Korean dinner.



Toys for all 202 children.





Children performing for the Tour group.



Under the monkey bars, Rev. Wally Erickson, Glen Cleveland and Bob Forsyth.



The Tour group visiting #96 Faith and Light Orphanage.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT DELIGHTS KOREAN ORPHANS

Written by Pete McGarvey for the Blenheim News-Tribune, Sept. 11, 1969. Mr. McGarvey is a radio announcer in Chatham, Ontario, Canada. While on the Orient Tour, he interviewed both sponsors and children and is broadcasting these tapes to promote the ministry of COMPASSION.

July 14 is a day of high humidity and temperature in Seoul, the kind of weather that precedes prolonged rains on the mountainous Korean peninsula, as it does across southwestern Ontario. The rainy season is about to begin. At the end of a week of travel to central and southern Korea, we are making our last visits to orphanages in the vicinity of the capital. This day our air-conditioned bus takes us to the Faith and Light Home, a haven for more than 100 homeless Korean youngsters on the outskirts of the city. In contrast to the grim and gray streets and houses of the neighborhood, Faith and Light's

exterior and grounds are light and bright.

As happened everywhere on our visits, the entire family is out to meet us. Girls and boys three years up to ten, each in skirt or shirt of brilliant blue. The smiles are dazzling, the welcome as warm as the day itself. This is a special day, not just because 60 North Americans have come to call, but because on this day a carousel and a set of monkey bars built by money sent from a far-off Canadian town are to be dedicated.

The ceremony is brief. Twenty-five of the youngest residents of the home take their places on the carousel, as the officials line up in front of a ribbon stretched between two of the supporting bars. Mrs. Miriam Swanson, vice-president of COMPASSION, Inc. and widow of the founder; Rev. Henry Harvey, executive director of COMPASSION; Rev. Wally Erickson, in charge of COMPASSION in Korea; Bob Forsyth of Blenheim, COMPASSION tour organizer and a veteran worker for the cause; and Glen Cleveland of Guilds, treasurer of COMPASSION of Canada are the principals of the ceremony. They share

a single pair of scissors, snip the ribbon neatly and start the carousel on its merry rounds.

Whirling around, the youngsters sing their songs — "Jesus Loves Me," "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star," and the Korean play songs known to every boy and girl of the land. There is something unforgettable about the Korean youngsters' vocal ability. The tiniest tot takes to song like a duck to water. The voices are sweet, on key and rhythmic.

While the kindergarten grades are whirling around, nearby some older boys, seven and eight years old, are waiting patiently to try out the brightly colored monkey bars, two semi-circles of pipe with cross bars. The ceremony is repeated and another ribbon cut, and the fun begins.

Afterwards there is time for a more formal acknowledgment of the gift. From the supervisor of the home and the staff come words of deep gratitude to the Canadians in our party. We are

asked to convey this appreciation to the people who made it possible, the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Blenheim. A dinner last spring raised \$217, and in Korean terms, \$217 goes a long way. The carousel is well built, sturdy enough to stand the energies of several generations of young users. The same is true of the bars. They'll give untold pleasure to hundreds of boys and girls in the years to come.

A brief tour of the home, more delightful moments with the youngsters, and for each of us a small gift—a fan with the Korean symbol on it and the words "Faith and Light Orphanage." On this warm day, the gift is gratefully received by each of us, as the equipment is by the boys and girls.

The buses are lined up and so are the youngsters, a solid line of blue from the main door to the gate. And, as always, there's a song of regretful farewell — "God be with you till we meet again."

A MESSAGE OF THANKS

To Our Wonderful Sponsors and Friends,

Your response to our WARM Program has been most gratifying again this year and we thank you very, very much for making it possible to clothe our children adequately for the coming winter months.

On behalf of all of our staff in our COMPASSION office and our missionaries overseas, I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a most joyous and blessed Christmas and New Year. God bless you!

Gratefully in Christ,

Miriam Swanson
Vice-President

At carousel ribbon-cutting, from left. Supt. Mrs. Hong Bok Soon, Glen Cleveland, Mrs. Miriam Swanson, Rev. Henry Harvey and Bob Forsyth.



CHRISTIAN WORK OPPORTUNITY

Our COMPASSION Office in Chicago is in need of experienced typists who also qualify in letter writing. If interested in employment, please write for an application form, or if living in the Chicagoland area, call for an interview appointment. Write or call: **Personnel, COMPASSION, INC., 7774 West Irving Park Road, Chicago, Illinois 60634**
Phone 312-456-6116

HOW TO
BE A

Compassion HELPER

You could help us greatly by listing the names and addresses of just four of your friends to whom we could send information to acquaint them with the ministry of COMPASSION. We are in need of more sponsors for many needy children around the world. In our letter we would inform these friends that you are a sponsor and that you have recommended them. We would invite them also to consider joining this Sponsorship Plan.

If you give us four or more names, we will send you a 1970 Silk Calendar, made by the girls at our Young Jin Vocational School in Seoul, South Korea.

----- Clip and Mail -----

To: COMPASSION, INC.,
7774 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, Illinois 60634

I recommend the following friends to COMPASSION:

NAME _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

() Please send me a 1970 Silk Calendar as a gift memento.

Your Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

A LOVELY LETTER from a CHARMING SPONSOR

Office of the President,
COMPASSION, INC.

If it weren't for the existence of your Christian organization, I wouldn't have been able to share the love and delightful relationship with my little orphan, #39 Koh Yung Ok, #156 Jae Nam Orphanage. For the past 6 years we shared through letters our respective lives, and in September of this year I was able to visit my little girl at her orphanage in Sohki Po, Cheju-do, South Korea.

This letter is to advise you that the Superintendent and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jin Woo Lee, are to be highly commended for their unselfish work at the orphanage. I have never been more impressed with two human beings because the orphanage is meticulous, the children are mannerly and full of love, and the environment has all the qualifications of a home full of Christian belief and pride. Mr. and Mrs. Lee took time out of their demanding schedule to accompany Yung Ok and me on nature walks in Sohki Po. In order to make my visit more fruitful, a young Korean teacher served as our interpreter (he lived at Jae Nam while he was growing up).

While I was there I constantly thanked our Lord for having such a good home and kind people like Mr. and Mrs. Lee for my little girl, and all the other children. The orphanage is in a beautiful location, and with Mr. and Mrs. Lee's and their assistants' labor in maintaining a colorful and beautiful yard and play area, I was extremely happy to know she was in such a pleasant home.

Therefore, I felt that your office would be pleased to know of their efforts via a visitor. It was a sad moment to leave because their love and understanding was so profound.

Thank you for making this journey of love and sharing possible.

Sincerely yours,
Barbara Milosevich

Gary, Indiana



Sponsor, Barbara Milosevich
and Yung Ok.



#156 Jae Nam Orphanage.

SPONSORS ON TOUR DELIGHTED

4th ORIENT TOUR PLANNED



Twyla Schneider and her sponsored child, Seoul Airport.

Those who participated in the 1969 Orient Tour keep writing and reminiscing about the good times on tour. The following is a sample letter from one happy sponsor:

"Words can't express my appreciation and gratitude to God, as well as to those who worked so hard to make the Orient Tour possible for us. It still seems like a glorious dream. As I think about it, I marvel that so much activity and so many places to visit could be packed into just 24 days. Best of all, of course, was to meet my little Korean child." — Olga Oen, Monrovia, California.

The 64 members who made up the tour group came from all over the United States and Canada, with all age groups represented. There were couples, groups of friends, and also many single individuals. But after the tour began, it was just one big happy COMPASSION family.

A REAL-LIFE DRAMA . . .

The greatest thrill for most sponsors was meeting their own orphan child. Valerie Dayton had a very dramatic experience. She first visited the boy she sponsored, and then took him with her to visit the girl whom she also sponsored in a different orphanage quite a distance away. As the sponsor and the visiting orphan boy were being introduced, an older girl in this home broke down and cried—for she recognized the boy to be her baby brother, from whom she had been separated for six years! The brother and sister are now living in the same orphanage.

If you are planning to travel abroad, do come on a COMPASSION Tour and experience the joy of meeting your sponsored Korean child. In 1970 the tour will include Expo '70 in Japan for approximately \$1,000.00. Fill out the coupon if you are interested in the 1970 Tour. Tours to India and Indonesia are also being planned for some time in the future.

-----Clip and Mail-----

Mr. Robert Forsyth, Tour Director
4th COMPASSION ORIENT TOUR
Box 880, Blenheim, Ontario, Canada

I would like to receive information about the 4th COMPASSION ORIENT TOUR, April 7-28, 1970.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____