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W A R M PROGRAM REPORT

(Winter Aid Relief Money)

Money is still very much needed for our winter clothing project. Many have responded very generously and some sacrificially! How much we appreciate every gift, small or large.

But our orphanage family is so much larger this year with so many unsponsored children, we really need your help. We have sent all we have received and more. If all of our 10,000 children are to have two complete outfits, we need a total of \$100,000.

Some receiving this paper can send as much as \$1,000.00. I hope and pray that you will. Others can send \$250 or \$500 without overburdening your bank account. God has been good to you and we desperately need some of these larger gifts at this time.

Many can give \$100, \$50, \$25 or \$10 gifts for this W A R M program. Here is a very practical way of showing our gratitude to God as we approach this blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

I realize of course that many of you will have to limit your gifts to one, two or five dollars. You are helping other very worthy causes. My fear is that you will hesitate or delay to send anything because you think a small donation will not count. This would be tragic for these children. Every gift counts at this time, and always. So, if you have not yet sent in your gift for our W A R M program, will you not do so today? Thank you SO MUCH.

SUPTS. OF NEW HOMES ARE THRILLED

Letters from the Superintendents of Homes ESEA have recently promised help to indicate how grateful they really are.

Mr. Oh Jae Yup of Easter Christian Orphanage wrote in part: "Dear Rev. Swanson: Thanks to the abounding grace and blessing of the Lord, we of Eesan Ae Yook Won are getting along fine. All the children, as well as the staff members and I, have been earnestly praying to the Lord each day that you would consent to take on support of our Home soon, and now, our prayers have been heard and answered when we received the kind letter in which you announced for support for our Home. We praise the Lord and thank Him. And please accept our sincere thanks and appreciation for this wonderful help. It goes without saying that the children and everybody else in the Home shouted in exceeding great joy when I read aloud your letter. We all fell on our knees and

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLE

For we are on our guard, intending that no one should find anything for which to blame us in regard to our administration of this large contribution. For we take thought beforehand and aim to be honest and absolutely above suspicion not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.—II Cor. 8:20 and 21, Amplified New Testament

praised the Lord in prayers. Now, I am sure that our regular support will come through soon.

"I went to the Korea office in Taegu and received the report forms for monthly reports. I was instructed on many things concerning how to write letters to sponsors, how to acknowledge receipt of parcels, etc. I have submitted our financial reports to Taegu office already.

"I will write often in the future. I pray that the Lord will richly bless our future relationships and fellowship. God bless you richly."

Kwak Yung Sang, M.D. of Pine Tree Valley Christian Orphanage wrote: "Dear Rev. Swanson: Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is to acknowledge receipt of your precious letter announcing your taking on support of our orphanage. Please accept our sincere thanks and appreciation.

"It was beyond description how the children, the staff members and I were happy to hear that you had decided to support us. We praise the Lord for His mercy and love for our children. We are hopeful now and greatly encouraged.

"In order to repay your kindness and help, I solemnly promise that I will do all my best for the welfare of the children.

"I pray that the Lord will richly bless us as we fellowship through letters and in prayers. God bless you richly."

HOUSE OF HOPE GIRL WRITES

Some time ago we printed a wonderful testimony of a girl in our House of Hope, a Home for unfortunate girls and their children. This is the letter Mr. Swanson received after she saw it in print.

Dear Rev. Swanson:

I received your kind letter and the enclosed "Compassion" in which you included my testimony. Thank you so much. I was again amazed at the marvelous love of God and even wept. Everything seemed to me a dream. The love of God cleansed my sin and I praise Him forever. There surely is no more exceeding joy for me than to have my testimony heard by so many friends in the United States.

Rev. Swanson, please pray for the girls at the House of Hope who have come back to the Lord from sinful way. The "Compassion" you sent will become a good means of evangelism over here. I am going to use it for reaching other girls who are still in the gay streets. I am sure the Lord will bless my efforts and bless those who read also.

I want to thank you especially for the favor and love you have for the House of Hope. We are remembering you in our daily prayers. Whenever we have testimonies of the girls here, we will send them on to you.

Yes, as you say, we will do all our best in looking after the children who are happily growing up in this orphanage.

God bless you richly.

Yours in Christ,

HAN JUNG OK.

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.



DOES IT REALLY PAY?

Is a Korean beggar boy worth saving? He must be—Christ left heaven, came to earth, died on the cross and rose again for that very purpose!

The Day Before

This ragged little boy was brought in off the streets the day before. He knew nothing of parents' loving care. He had never experienced or heard of Christian love.

The Day After

Now, after a good bath, clean relief clothing has been given him, food in his stomach and his hands, he wears a big smile on his face. Everything in his life changed the day after. Then he was taken to one of our Christian orphanages where he was told of the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. But equally important, he was SHOWN the love of Christ. Now daily he is sponsored, cared for, attending school and growing in the knowledge of Christ.



Eternal Day—Where?

This poor miserable beggar a few years ago was like this boy. But no one took him off the streets "the day before." No one took him into an orphanage "the day after." Now it is very difficult to reach him. Christ died for him too. "Train up a child in the way he should go."

Will You help us on Christ's behalf to say "Come unto Me"? We need hundreds of new sponsors. Show the enclosed pictures to your friends, your Sunday School class, youth group, ladies' society, etc. Or perhaps YOU could sponsor one MORE. Above all, pray for many new sponsors.



This picture shows the children at the Well of Samaria Orphanage holding up the new books.

CHRISTIAN BOOK SETS PURCHASED

For some time we have felt the need for more and better reading material in our Homes, both for the children and the staff who teach them. So, recently we selected 38 books, written and printed in Korea. Seventeen of them are for the teachers and twenty-one are for the children.

Most of the books have been written by Rev. Ahn Sung Jin, known throughout Korea as "The Children's Pastor." We have been acquainted with him and his ministry for many years.

These sets of 38 books each for 108 Homes (total of 4,104 books) cost us \$1,080 after a 30% discount from regular prices. We borrowed this money from other funds, believing there would be at least one sponsor of each orphanage who would like to be the donor of the books.

If you would like to be that one, please write and send \$10 designating it for that purpose. Be sure to state what Home it is for. We will notify the orphanage superintendent and he will write to you. If more than one person responds and more than \$10 comes for any Home, we will send the extra amount to buy more fine books for the Home. All donors will hear from the Homes.



MY TESTIMONY

By Miss Joo Soo Kum

I must be very grateful to our Lord more than anyone else in this world for His enabling me to believe in Him. I have seen many who have experienced an incredibility in the truth of God. But our Lord allowed me to accept Him at once. My mind had been occupied with the Holy Spirit and His love before I ever had a chance to doubt Him. I have also seen many believers attending church under the severe interference of their parents. Being the only daughter of a mother who is a deacon in our church, I was rather forced to attend church in my childhood. In my Sunday School days everything went smoothly. When I think of His grace and priceless love, I do not know how to return all His love. It was certainly more than I deserve for being given such a graceful opportunity.

During the winter vacation in my high school days, I attended the Leaders' Seminar at Kae Myung Christian College, which lasted for 7 days. There I was taught by prominent ministers, Mr. Oh, Mr. Koo and Mr. Hwan about Bible study, amusement in the church, evangelism and preaching. When I was in the 3rd grade in high school I had a great opportunity to work for our Lord. I was elected as a chairman of School Christian Association, and moreover, to widen our circle by displaying our knowledge of religion among our school-mates. No sooner had I been elected as chairman, I realized my faith was not strong enough to lead school-mates to our Lord and make them to believe in Jesus Christ. Though I found myself weaker than I thought I would be, I felt an immense pleasure whenever we held S. C. A. meetings on every Saturday.

After I had realized my faith was not strong enough to lead others to the Lord, I began to doubt an existence of our Lord. I prayed and prayed until I was able to believe in God's existence. In my prayer I found I could not live without prayer and the harder I prayed the stronger my faith grew. I was really happy to death when I learned that I was to attend the Summer Conference as a representative of the School Christian Association in our school. The purpose of Summer Conference was to deepen our faith and promote friendship among the colleges and high schools throughout South Korea. Representatives of all S.C.A. in Korea were gathered in Seoul and the meeting

started on the 27th of July, 1956, and lasted to the 1st of August. The Conference began with the solemn prayer in the presence of many foreign missionaries and many other dignitaries in Korea. It was certainly the most blessed meeting and an unforgettable Conference I had ever attended.

On the last day of the Conference at 2:00 o'clock in the morning we had a campfire on the mountain. Whenever I start to tell anyone what I felt and experienced at that time, I cannot help shivering with the deep emotion. Never had I known such a day in my life. I was filled and overflowed with the Holy Spirit. I prayed and asked God to come to my heart. When I opened my eyes I felt an unexplained strength in me and for the first time I knew He was my strength, comfort and wisdom. Never before had I prayed more heartily than on that morning on the mountain.

Though I cannot wholly deny the fact that I had no difficulty in leading a Christian life, our Lord, Saviour, has always been with me wherever I go and whatever I do. He always held me and taught me to go to the right path. If he had not called me and loved me I would have been spiritually dead long ago and it would have been impossible for me to live with this present joy in Him and in His love.

I always remember that there is only one way of returning all His love; that is to live according to His will and leave everything to His will and be grateful for His love to the end of my life.

(Miss Joo is one of our fine staff members in ESEA's Korea office in Taegu. She does translation work and typing. At night she attends college, majoring in English literature.)

GREAT LIGHT WIDOW'S HOME STORY

(ESEA Home No. 11)

(Written by a Korean friend)

It was six years ago on the 15th of August when a disaster suddenly came upon the young mother of this boy. She was then a teacher of the Soochang primary school downtown in Taegu and lived near the place where trains passed. On the day, if she had been out to the streets to attend an occasion held in commemoration of Liberation Day, the tragedies which have ensued ever since would not have fallen upon her.

However, she was staying at home to work with piled up laundry, when a neighbor woman hurriedly came up to her gasping out that her three-year-old daughter was in a hairbreadth danger of being overrun by an approaching train at full speed. Thunder-struck, the mother dashed to the spot, where she saw her little girl playing on the track nonchalantly. The mother was dazed at the awful sight which was going to take place in a second or two, and automatically responded to this inevitability by plunging into a desperate attempt of rescuing her girl, no matter what it would bring upon her. When she snapped her child out of the track it was too late, for the mammoth overtook them and cruelly whirled them under the speeding wheels. In this accident the girl was immediately dead, her body torn to pieces, and the mother lost her right arm from the shoulder down and leg under the knee!

When she was carried to the Provincial hospital no one dared to help her, assuming she was already a corpse. Then she was again taken to the Presbyterian Mission Hospital and there spotted by Dr. Scott, then superintendent of the hospital. Every effort and skill was poured on to save her. A large quantity of blood was transfused, for she already had flowed her blood

to the last drop. It was nothing other than a miracle that a life was restored from such a terrible state.

But the thing did not stop there. Physical tests found her in five months' pregnancy then! Dr. Scott persisted in procuring abortion with the opinion that otherwise no possibility is for the mother to regain her strength. But this was met with a strong opposition on the part of her husband. He seems to have thought that he would rather see her die than to live a lonely, utterly disabled life with no source of drawing any comfort whatever, and therefore he wanted to have his wife give birth to a baby even if it cost her own life and thus gain strength struggling for life from bringing up a child in a later life. Close examinations which followed miraculously showed a healthy growth of a baby in the womb, and in due time a baby boy was born to this poor mother.

All the costs for treatment and hospitalization were furnished from the personal pocket of Dr. Scott, and thanks to his generous help and sympathy they were under close custody and medical care at the hospital for the following 12 months after the tragedy took place.

When they thereafter stepped out of the threshold of the hospital, equipped with the artificial arm and leg, she was at a loss where to turn, for she was strongly conscious that her husband would be reluctant to get in reunion with this unlovingly deformed wife. After much hesitation and consideration she decided to go to the wife of her brother, who had been living with the four children of her own after the death of her husband many years before. There they lived wholly dependent on this already poor stricken family for two years, but such a life could not last any longer.

In November 1957 they came down to Euisung, near Taegu, where the parents of her husband were living. All the experiences she had there were all discouraging. She knew that her husband had been married to another woman and was living in Pusan, and the attitude of parents-in-law toward her and the boy was ice cold. All they did for them was to build a small hut on the ridge of the hillside and to give the stuff like wheat and barley bran occasionally for their survival. Even in snowy weather the physically handicapped woman had to gather armfuls of wood to keep warm. Sympathy and help rather came from an unexpected direction. Villagers often came with the left-over food and bundles of fire-wood after the nights of snowstorm to look after them in the fear that they might be dead from cold and starvation.

In the course of time the false arm and leg became useless from long and rough use, and in addition to this the hatred and spite of the parents-in-law changed into apathy and even the meager support was cut off. Under such helpless circumstances no choice was found but only to leave the place, groping for help in the hope any life-line happened to be fallen in her grip.

She came to Taegu in February, 1960, and knocked on the door of the Presbyterian Hospital. They were kind enough to give her a heartening welcome and besides, provided her again with a new false leg. However, she was yet to find out the way of earning a living. She met a pastor of a church which was near the place where she lived when the accident took place, and asked for help. At this the pastor appealed to his people on her behalf and collected some amount to furnish a rented room and bedding and also through the introduction of the pastor's son, who was a dentist at the provincial hospital, a job was obtained. The job was to guard the bicycles for the guests who came to the hospital and receive fees for the work. It was

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one of those days that she recently happened to come across Dr. Scott, the former superintendent of the Presbyterian Hospital, at the compound of the Provincial Hospital. As mentioned above, Dr. Scott is an unforgettable benefactor to her, and a man of love. Also he is quite acquainted with every walk of life here in Korea. He never forgot to give some money to her and as ever was thoughtful enough to bring the matter concerning her to a lady missionary, Mrs. Provost, for solution. Mrs. Provost was working for a Widow's Home here in Taegu. She arranged for her and her young son to be taken in and cared for.

Would it be only my personal feeling to say that God's invisible hands certainly interceded in the developments of these events?

POSTAGE STAMPS WANTED

Please save all U. S., Canadian and foreign postage stamps which come into your offices and homes, except the small, current, ordinary 1c., 2c., 3c., 4c. U. S. stamps. Even these stamps are desirable if precancelled, i.e., if the name of the town or city is printed on the stamp. Stamped envelopes, post cards, permits and meters are not wanted.

DO NOT clip or cut the perforations, nor attempt to skin or peel the stamps off the envelopes, as it almost invariably damages them. Damaged and clipped stamps are worthless. Do not bother to sort them nor to soak them off the paper. Leave about 1/4" of the paper around the stamp where possible. Do not include the back of the envelope when cutting the stamps from the envelope. Why not send in that collection lying around the house somewhere?

Send envelopes or postage stamps to Mr. S. F. Johnson, 6340 SW 12th Street, West Hollywood, Florida. BE VERY SURE to mark envelopes or packages with ESEA. This Christian stamp dealer will then send the proceeds to us for our orphanage work.

INCOME TAX INFORMATION

If your local U. S. Internal Revenue office should question the listing of ESEA as a tax exempt non-profit corporation, you can refer them to page 46 of Internal Revenue Bulletin number 1959-8, where it is clearly listed.

SPECIAL NOTICES

1. No more parcels may be sent to "Operation Helping Hand." This service by the Army has been discontinued.
2. Toy guns of any kind must NOT be sent to Korea. The Korean Government forbids it. Any received will be destroyed.