

Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sponsor of Homeless Children in Korea:

You will be happy to learn that there was a very good response to my appeal for new sponsors for the orphaned children in Korea. You are one of a number of people waiting for a definite child to be assigned to you and to receive his picture, etc. I received one group of pictures and assigned them in the order I had received the requests from sponsors. Our workers are now in the process of gathering in more homeless children off the streets. However, this cannot be hurried, but done on a careful selective basis. So for some, it may be another month or two before I can make the definite assignment. In the mean time your monthly support will help us provide additional facilities for these additional children. (This is a very substantial item!) So you are helping in a very real way.

However, I have another request. While I was in Korea this last year, I preached in the first Leper Colony in Korea and it was a thrilling experience. I had about 600 men, women, and children in that church on a week day afternoon! How my heart went out to them and especially to the children born to the lepers right there!

There are now about 50 children whose parents are lepers, but the children do not have leprosy. They may some day have it, but it is not likely if we can take care of them right away. If they are left in the colony they are sure to get leprosy! I have prayerfully taken over responsibility of supporting and caring for these children. This is another step of Faith. A home has been made for some of them just outside the colony where they will not be in contact with their parents and other lepers. A missionary friend, Rev. Boyer of the So. Presbyterian Mission, who is in charge of the colony under the American Mission to Lepers, will also be in charge of the children.

Would you be willing to become the sponsor of one of these children instead of the war orphan? (I will continue to get sponsors for the orphans, too.) These children are just as needy as the orphans if not more so, and just as precious in our Lord's sight. In Mark one, the leper said, "If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean". Jesus, moved with compassion, said unto him, "I WILL!" I do hope you will say "I WILL" also. Please let me know as soon as possible, but if not, I'll have these other pictures sometime soon and will assign one to you just as soon as possible. In either case, you will have the picture and case history and will be able to write and send packages, etc. Let the Holy Spirit guide you, my friend.

Ever since I visited a leper colony in 1951, I have had a concern for the children who are doomed to contract this awful loathsome disease if left with their parents. Oh, if you could see my films of these lepers and the children! Now God has given me an opportunity to really do something real, lasting and wonderful for them. So in the next few months, I want to get at least 50 sponsors for these dear healthy children. "In as much as you have done it unto the least of these, you have done it unto me" said Jesus.

I am enclosing a card on which you may register your decision and desire. You may want to take this as an additional project. How wonderful! Then, too, you may know a friend or group that you could interest in this work.

Again may I thank you for your real prayerful interest in my work among these unfortunate children in Korea. God will surely reward you richly for any investment that you make in their souls, as well as their physical needs. Please pray for me that wisdom may be given from day to day as I must make decisions, carry the very heavy load of book work, correspondence, etc. And of course my main work of preaching the gospel and winning souls. Thank God, we see conversions at nearly every service week by week. God bless you and keep you loving and serving Him. He is worthy of our all.

Cordially in Him for Souls,

*Everett F. Swanson*