

THE EVERETT SWANSON EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION
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Dear Orphan Sponsor:

I am enclosing a picture of "your adopted orphan" in the Love and Hope Orphanage near Taegu, Korea. After prayerful consideration, I have assigned this child to you as you have requested. Since we have many times more boys than girls, it has been necessary to substitute a boy for a girl in some cases. Because it is now several years since the end of the war, we now have quite a few teen agers. Some of these have been wandering aimlessly all this time over Korea, just begging for an existence. It is amazing that they have survived at all! But their conversion to Christ is absolutely wonderful, for HE means EVERYTHING to them after such a life. After reading "thank you" letters to their sponsors this week from 2 of our oldest boys who were inducted into the Korean army, my eyes filled with tears and I found myself saying out loud "Well, praise God, it has been worth it all." Their former sponsors will cherish those letters a long time and follow them with their prayers.

Now let me tell you something of the history of the Home. It was first started by a Buddhist in a Buddhist Temple in Taegu! He did not force the children to adhere to it strictly. For a time a nurse at the Home took some of the children to the Jehovah Witnesses' hall! The present property was built in 1953 and is very fine basiolly. A few months ago we began negotiating to buy this property and make it a real Christian institution so that we might bring Christ to each of these dear children, instead of the heathen and erroneous teaching they were getting. Mr. Ray Johnson, director of Life Messengers in Seattle, was lead by the Lord to appeal for funds to pay for the property. He sent us \$3090 which has been used to fully purchase the property. It will also put up a new gate and fence to keep out unwanted intruders, complete necessary repairs, build a new outdoor toilet, build a shed over the well and install a hand pump. This will put it into first class condition-with \$3090!

We have hired a fine Christian teacher to teach them right in the Home daily. The Superintendent is an earnest Christian deacon. A Board of Directors has been formed with several fine Elders, a Pastor and a Missionary. Each morning and evening they (the staff and children) have a prayer meeting, singing, Bible reading and teaching. Here is what Missionary William Grubb recently wrote: "The weather is finally turning toward Spring, and it seems almost symbolic of the new spirit of hope and gratitude which is so evident at the Home. The historical details I gave you cannot tell but half the story of what the influence of Christ's Spirit has already meant, and it is indeed gratifying to note the atmosphere of prayer which now prevails, and in which all of our plans are being made. We know that God has a real place in His plan for these precious lives which have been entrusted to our care, and will join you in prayer that Christian sponsors may soon be found for each one. The personal contact with praying friends in America will add so much more, in terms of demonstrating the "Love and Hope" which are already manifest, not only in the orphanage name, but in its everyday life. May God's continued blessing rest upon our partnership, and make us fruitful in every good work for His glory."

By all means write to your orphan soon. Send a parcel from time to time. You will be thrilled to get his answer. You can hardly imagine the child's joy. Follow the enclosed instructions. Be sure to use the child's number and name. If you would like to make more prints of his picture, write for a returnable negative. Please send your support money a month in advance if possible, for we must mail it that much ahead of time. Also please help us get new sponsors. We need them badly even for our present children, and there are still thousands of homeless children on the streets. Thank you for your love and compassion for these dear ones. We now have 12 Homes in Korea with about 800 orphans, leper's children and widows supported, and about 700 more being helped. "For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God." 2 Cor. 9:12

His and Your Servant for the Children of Korea.

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