



COMPASSION  
*CIRCLES THE WORLD*

Compassion is a ministry  
of love and help that circles the world.

# COMPASSION

**Compassion, Inc. came into being** in 1952, during the Korean War. The Reverend Everett Swanson, a Chicago evangelist, ministered to the Republic of Korea troops and at the same time noted the plight of thousands of street urchins and "beggar boys" scavenging garbage cans for discarded food. Upon his return to the States, he organized the Everett Swanson Evangelistic Association and devoted his full time and talents to the new venture. Shortly thereafter, the ministry was renamed Compassion, Inc.

The Reverend Henry Harvey, a veteran missionary-statesman, has been President of Compassion since the founder's death in 1965. Active as Vice-President is Miriam Swanson, widow of the founder.

Compassion is primarily a ministry to children . . . provision is made for their spiritual, physical, and material needs. Care includes food, clothing, shelter, medical assistance, and elementary education.

In addition to these "basics," Compassion's ministry is spiritual—a primary goal is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to each little life entrusted to our care.

Compassion also supports hundreds of native evangelists, Bible teachers, and pastors\* . . . all of them lending assistance to field staffs and superintendents of children's homes. Bible study materials have been especially translated for use in the homes by Bible teachers, evangelists and home superintendents.

Compassion also assists in the obtaining of secondary and higher education for qualified youth. Vocational training, rehabilitation and extended medical care for handicapped children, and other special needs are part of the ministry.

Compassion's general office is in Chicago, Illinois. The Canadian headquarters is at Blenheim, Ontario; and field offices are located in Seoul,

\*More than 1500 churches have been established in Korea by Compassion funds.

Korea; Djakarta, Indonesia; Singapore, and India. Registered nurses, case workers, translators, pastors, and home superintendents make routine "rounds" to inspect living facilities and to supervise our strict standards for the care of children and administration of funds.

Compassion's work is supported by sponsors and contributors. Sponsorship is a personal way for individuals, families, and groups to help in a tangible way.

Today, Compassion's ministry of love and concern circles the world . . . extending into 11 countries and touching the lives of more than 23,000 needy children and hundreds of adults who care for them.

Thousands more, however, still cry out for help, care, and love. Compassion, along with the support and prayers of people just like yourself, will continue to reach out and help—to demonstrate the strength of our convictions and to show them that we really care!





*This little Korean girl pauses to give thanks to God for all her blessings.*

## Compassion in South Korea

**Compassion's largest work** is still in South Korea . . . "The Land of the Morning Calm." More than 12,000 children, living in 130 homes, comprise our Compassion "family" in Korea.

Our field office is located in Seoul, the capital of South Korea, and is under the direction of the Reverend William Adams.

In Korea, Compassion maintains homes for children—each home staffed with a superintendent, enough Korean workers to assure efficient operation of the home, and several "pomos", mothering ladies who lovingly care for the children and their personal needs.

Although the needs of Korea have changed considerably since the war, there still remains the overwhelming problem of child abandonment. These are the children that Compassion now reaches out to help—children of the streets, with great needs for love and care.

Compassion is also becoming more devoted to the specialized needs of children. Homes for the blind, the deaf and the dumb provide training essential for these young people to become self-supporting. Compassion also has a home for crippled children, several homes for the children of lepers, and a home for mentally retarded children—all of whom need specialized care and training.

Korean government officials have presented to Compassion's President Harvey the country's highest civilian award in recognition of the work of Compassion in Korea.



*Note the difference between the unwanted Korean street urchin and the healthy and happy children who are sponsored in this Compassion home in Pusan.*



## Compassion in Indonesia

In 1968 **Compassion** began rendering assistance on a "family helper" basis in the major islands of Java, Borneo, Sumatra, and the Celebes Islands.

Indonesians, by and large, frown on orphan-ages; consequently, **Compassion** provides in-home support for children of widowed mothers who are victims of poverty. Local pastors and Sunday school teachers see to it that the children are cared for in the proper way, and that they also receive proper Christian training. Support of one or more children in this manner helps maintain the family unit and often provides help for the entire family.

Correspondence between sponsors and Indonesian children is carried out from Djakarta and from Siantar, Sumatra. These offices also enlist the help of many local pastors scattered along the 3000-mile expanse of islands collectively called Indonesia. Nearly 3,000 children are now sponsored in this area. **Compassion's** work is expected to expand to meet the needs of the children of Indonesia.





**(Top Left)** *The Rev. Henry Harvey, President of Compassion, greets a sponsored girl in Java. Dr. Gustav Hemwall (center), Chairman of the Board of Compassion, Inc., looks on. (Lower Left) Edward Kimball, Compassion Field Director for South Asia, visits a widow and her child in Sumatra.*



## Compassion in India

India is one of the most difficult of nations in which to administer welfare aid. The poverty of the people is unquestioned. The population is zooming, despite government overtures to support "family planning". Compassion's work in India is partially carried out on a "family helper" plan, much like in Indonesia. Many needy widows in small primitive villages are receiving a fresh outlook on life and substance for their children because of Compassion sponsors.

Tibetan refugee children, who fled to Northern India from their homeland when the Communists took over, also are benefiting from sponsor help. Although Tibetan youngsters are bright and alert, they are not entitled to an Indian education because they are aliens. Many of these children are receiving a private education with sponsor help. They live in children's homes in Bangalore which are directed by western missionaries.



*A shy little Tibetan child displays some of her school art work. Tibetan children are bright, alert, and willing to learn.*



# Compassion in the Caribbean

One of the most recent areas of outreach is the West Indies. Compassion is lending assistance in Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, and Puerto Rico.

There is great poverty in most of the areas of the Caribbean. Disease and malnutrition affect thousands of children and adults. In Haiti particularly, the practice of voodoo is a part of the culture . . . it is the religion of destitute peoples.

Compassion has a number of projects in Haiti, involving approximately 300 children. The House of Hope in northern Haiti is a children's hospital for the treatment of Pott's Disease (tuberculosis of the spine).

At the other end of the "Island of Hispaniola" in the Dominican Republic, crippled children at "Centro de Rehabilitacion de Invalidos" in Santo Domingo receive special therapy and artificial limbs. They also receive an elementary education. In addition, nearly 100 orphan boys at San Cristobal are cared for by Compassion sponsors.

In Jamaica, the Compassion-assisted Christian Deaf Fellowship Home in Kingston provides special care for handicapped children. The majority of the students live at the school throughout the September-June term. Most of them do not have parents.

The Deborah Home in suburban San Juan, Puerto Rico provides compassionate care for orphaned and abandoned children. You will be hearing more about Compassion's thrust to expand this work in the Caribbean.



(Top) Miss Caroline Bradshaw, a veteran missionary in Haiti, is happy to introduce us to "Little Madame." The child is a tuberculosis patient at the "House of Hope" in northern Haiti. (Bottom) A shy smile from a happy boy in the Dominican Republic.

*A fine group of boys  
at the Chen Su Lan  
Home in the  
outskirts of Singapore.*



## Compassion in Singapore and Thailand

**Edward Kimball, Field Director** of Compassion in South Asia, maintains his home-office in Singapore. Sponsors are supporting one home in Singapore . . . the Chen Su Lan Children's Home. These youngsters are a diverse group . . . there

are those of Indian and also Chinese extraction, in addition to natives from the Singapore area.

"Happy Home", a new three-story structure three miles north of Bangkok, is a well-organized and progressive home. The superintendent believed so thoroughly in the support of the home that she donated most of her life-savings in order to make the home a reality.

Compassion, in cooperation with the American Baptist Mission, also is sponsoring a number of Burmese children living in hostels throughout the rugged mountain area of Thailand. The children are refugees from Burma who do not qualify for education in Thailand (much like Tibetans in India).



## Compassion in Afghanistan

**Kabul, Afghanistan** . . . one of the most ancient cities on our globe, is situated within a protected mountain range about the same altitude as Denver. Kabul is still essentially untouched by modern civilization.

Blind children of all ages receive Compassion's help at the Blind Institute in Kabul.

The children attend the school during the day and at night return to their homes.

Contributions to Compassion support this special and rewarding work. The government of Afghanistan discourages sponsorship of individual children.

**(Left)** A blind child in Kabul—recipient of Compassion help. **(Below)** Lots of sunshine here—ideal for the grand old game of baseball. Indian students take time out from their studies to enjoy America's favorite pastime.



## Compassion in the United States

**During 1971, Compassion began** seeking sponsors for more than 100 Indian students at the Southwest Indian School near Phoenix, Arizona. These students represent 17 different tribes, including the Navajos, Apaches, and Cherokees.

The school, which is located in Glendale, Arizona, offers instruction in all grades through high school. The students are recipients of financial aid for "scholarships."

*A Compassion field nurse in Korea translates a letter from a sponsor to his child.*



## Sponsorship...a personal way to help

**Compassion's program of sponsorship** makes it possible to reach out to a needy young life; to have a personal and direct part in extending hope and love to a destitute child.

As a sponsor, your contribution is \$12.00 a month, or \$144.00 a year.\* These funds provide complete care for a child (and sometimes help the entire family, as in Indonesia where youngsters live with their widowed mothers).

\*Support for American Indian children is \$36.00 per month. Sponsorship can be split three ways—\$12.00 from each sponsor, or the full \$36.00 from one sponsor.

When you become a sponsor, you will be sent a photograph and all known information about your child. Also included will be the name, age, birthday anniversary (if known), sex, country, family background, special abilities, etc.

Mail and translation of letters take time, but you are encouraged to correspond. Letters are a meaningful way of communicating your love and assurance to your "son" or "daughter" in a sometimes far-off land. In this manner, you will get to know first-hand your child's progress that comes as a direct result of your compassion, love, and care.

# Any Questions?

## 1. Who are Compassion sponsors?

Folk who help us come from all walks of life . . . from all races and many faiths. Here are some types of people (information gathered from our sponsor files):

An Air Force officer in Alaska; a 15-year old girl who earns money by ironing clothes for her mother; a 77-year old woman living on Social Security and a pension; a young family in Pennsylvania (they bought a black and white TV set instead of a color set and used the money for sponsorship); and a 19-year old Canadian man who has a "little brother" in Korea. Sunday school classes, employees of industries, service clubs and other groups also are sponsoring children. All sponsors are different, but they all have one thing in common . . . they are enthused about helping needy children . . . and they are glad to be counted "among the giving."

## 2. Can I choose my own child?

We will make every effort to find a child in the country and of the sex and age-range you prefer. However, the actual needs of children are much greater in some areas than others, and these needs are constantly changing. We prefer, whenever possible, that you let us select a child for you. If, for any reason, the child is unsuitable, we will find another. Sometimes the hardest children to find a sponsor for are the unlovely, the handicapped—those who need your love the most.

## 3. How long do I need to continue my sponsorship?



*Mrs. Miriam Swanson, widow of Compassion's founder and Vice-President of Compassion, shares a warm moment with a sponsored child in India.*

There is no specific time limit or any kind of contract. We expect a new sponsor to help for at least one year, and most sponsors get to know and love their child and continue much longer. Most Compassion children are supported until they are 18 years old. If for some reason you cannot continue your sponsorship, Compassion will continue to care for the child until another sponsor is found.

## 4. You seem to be a religious organization. Just how important is this?

Though Compassion is not directly affiliated



*A delicious cool drink "hits the spot" as these Korean boys complete another hearty meal.*

with any denomination, special emphasis is placed on Christian training of children. Compassion believes in caring for the entire person . . . the spiritual, the physical and the mental needs. Our main source of instruction is the Bible, which we believe to be God's Inspired Word. Compassion provides practical, life-oriented training. This includes church and Sunday school attendance, and Bible study and evangelistic services on as personal a basis as possible.

5. **Are these children orphans, or abandoned?**  
Both. We do everything we can to determine the background of each child, but cannot guarantee the authenticity of each case history. Often they are brought to us . . . unable to express themselves. In some cases, Compassion works with widows who cannot financially support the family—to keep the child with the family and thus avoid the basic reasons for abandonment. But, whatever the background, the child needs help, and you, along with Compassion, can make his young life useful in his own society.
6. **Will I always sponsor the same child?**  
Some sponsors have helped children from

early childhood through high school—and even college. Sometimes youngsters are adopted into homes of nationals, relatives are located who are willing to help in a family care situation, a widow may become able to support herself and her family, or a small percentage of children simply run away. They may be brought to another home when found—and it may not be a home supported by Compassion. In these cases, you will be given the opportunity to sponsor another needy child.

7. **Must I become a sponsor to help?**

Not necessarily. Though sponsors provide a lasting basis for support, many people send contributions to help with special needs—emergencies, expensive or extended medical care, scholarships, etc. Also, a number of people have decided to name Compassion as a beneficiary or contingent beneficiary in their will, or as beneficiary for an insurance policy.

8. **Is a child like a pen pal?**

In a sense, your child is a pen pal, but we hope your main reason for sponsorship will be to help a child and not just to receive their letters. We encourage correspondence between sponsors and the children. You will receive the child's original letters and their translation (perhaps three or four a year), and the child will receive yours. But, even airmail is slow to arrive overseas, and (as we mentioned) time is needed for translation. Also, as with children here, some have much to say and say it well, while others do not respond easily.

9. **Could we adopt our child and bring him to this country?**

Compassion does not arrange or encourage overseas adoptions. We think it is in the

best interest of the child to remain in his native country and to grow up in a land he knows best.

10. **What kind of education will my child receive?**

It really depends on him and his situation. Compassion, through government and other schools, provides for an elementary education and often helps those willing and able to obtain a secondary education as well. Vocational training is also available in some areas. Some sponsors are able to help students by specifically providing for tuition or room and board.

11. **Can I be sure my money gets to my child?**

Through the years, Compassion has set up stringent standards for the care of children and for the distribution of funds. Our field offices around the world constantly supervise and inspect the care of children and make certain that funds are used properly. Compassion's books are regularly examined by a large and well-known audit firm. There are administrative costs to maintain files of sponsors and children, process case studies, handle correspondence, account for funds, issue receipts, publish Compassion magazine and other information. There are promotion costs to obtain new sponsors to care for the hundreds of children waiting for someone to care for them. These costs vary from year to year, but are held to an absolute minimum. For 1970, 80.3% of Compassion's total income went overseas to directly benefit the children.

12. **How often should I send my support check?**

You can send your payments monthly, quarterly, or annually—whatever is most convenient for you. In any case, a tax-deductible receipt will be sent immediately.

## Can I Help?

**Yes!** We always have a backlog of children available for sponsorship. Occasionally, though, children may not be available from one particular country or area.

Your support is needed, and we encourage you to become a sponsor. While the material you have just read is fresh in your mind, write to us . . . enclosing your first \$12.00 support check. You will be assigned a child of Compassion right away.

Help us circle the world with love and compassion. Write us today!

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

Yes. I want to sponsor a child for \$12.00 a month. My first support check is enclosed for  one month (\$12.00),  three months (\$36.00),  one year (\$144.00). I understand that I may discontinue at any time.

Please select a child who needs me most and send the case history and photo as soon as possible.

I would prefer to sponsor a  boy,  girl, from \_\_\_\_\_ (country).

I cannot sponsor a child now, but want to help by giving \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.

My name is: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mr., Mrs., Miss) (Please print)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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