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Dear Friends:

I was so happy to hear from you and to learn you are well. Each time I think of Compassion's beginning I think of you. I wonder if you could help me answer a question in my own mind. There seems to be some confusion as to just when Compassion began. I am almost positive it was in 1952.

Since you gave the first contribution to really begin our work I am wondering if you could help me. Some thoughtless employee must have destroyed the beginning records of our work and if you have any way of finding the date you sent the check for \$1,000 to Everett for the needs of Korea, I'd have my answer. It seems to me it was in 1952. Please don't be distressed if you do not have a record of this. I certainly would understand. But I thought you might have kept the letter Everett wrote you at that time.

I had sommany wonderful letters written from Korea during Everett's first and second visits there which woud be invaluable information now. But he wrote me every day whenever he traveled which was 2/3 of the time those years and I didn't have enough foresight to realize that one day those from Korea would have invaluable information for a written History of Compassion.

We are now in 19 countries with our ministry to children and God is blessing. We have a wonderful staff both here and over-seas - dedicated Christians concerned with the spiritual ministry above all else. You would love our new Executive Vice President, Rev. Wally Erickson. I wish you could meet him. He was appointed by the Board to this position shortly before Reverend Harvey's retirement and I am particularly pleased with his appointment.

We have now formed a new relief organization which we pray will have good success and the blessing of God. We had to have a separate charter in order to qualify for Government subsidies and approval. We have a fine Christian Board of Directors and right now I am in charge of this new organization, although 3/4 of my time is spent for Compassion Incorporated.

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The new organization is called Compassion International and so far we have sent out appeals for Honduras' hurricane "Fifi", and for the starving peoples of Africa. Please pray with us for God's blessing and a greater outreach with the Gospel in this new venture for His Glory.

We also have a Canadian office now and recently opened an office in Great Britain for Compassion Incorporated

So you can see why we are grateful to God and to you, his faithful stewards, for your vital part in Compassion's birth.

May God give you both many more years to serve Him is our prayer.

Much love in His Wonderful Name,

(Mrs) Miriam Swanson  
Vice President  
Compassion International

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Dear Mrs Swanson. 108609 Dec 20

Another year has rolled around and its time for Christmas greetings and checking up on friends. We are getting to the stage in life when the list dwindles from year to year & there is always some sad news in the letters and notes. We trust you and yours are all blessed physically & spiritually and will have a happy holiday season. We get Compassion & occasionally send a special gift. There is so much need all over the world.

We are both o.k. but beginning to feel & show our age. The Lord led us to what we needed exactly and we are happy to be near one family of children & grandchildren.

The world surely is in a mess, and we can look for the Lords return perhaps in '75. The Prince of Peace alone can bring peace.

God bless you & all yours -  
Dor & Helen The Gearys



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*What school means to a Compassion child...*

You would be thrilled if you could see the face of a little boy or girl in India, Korea, Indonesia, Haiti and other countries as they get ready for opening day at school. You see, when a child has no picture books, no toys, no TV or anything to stimulate his mind, there is a tremendous hunger for something to learn, something to see and hear about. Pencils and paper and books all represent a wonderful challenge.

One of the nicest things that sponsorship does for a child is enable him to go to school. Sponsorship support covers the cost of enrollment and supplies through the elementary level.

To a needy child, school is an exciting, happy experience.

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Yes, I want to help pay for school tuition costs for promising Compassion children!  
Enclosed is my special gift for:

\$10.00     \$25.00     \$50.00     \$150.00     \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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All gifts are tax-deductible. Thank you!

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