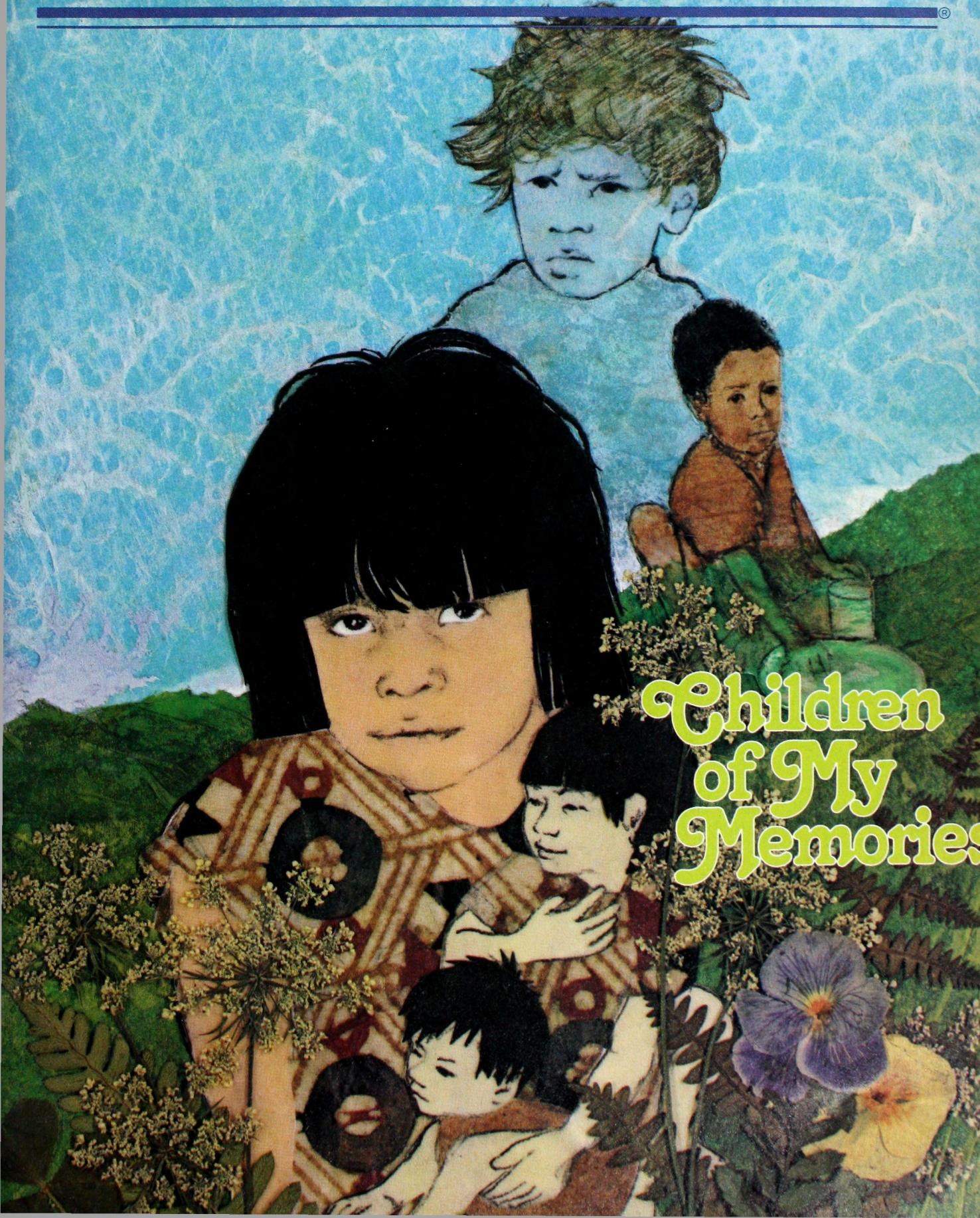


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INSIDE OUR WORLD . . .

It's time to march!

Every week we receive letters asking, "How can I sponsor a child?" Or, "What happens when I sponsor a child?" We welcome such letters and are delighted to answer them. Because it's the needs of the world's children that caused World Vision to come into being. (See "What Happens When You Sponsor a Child," page 8.)

During those early years of World Vision's existence, we saw a few hundred, then a few thousand children being cared for (see graph on page 9). Then suddenly, between 1970 and 1975, the curve took a sharp upward turn.

Today World Vision is responsible for the care of about 140,000 children. Several thousand of them have no sponsors (please turn to page 24 and read "What Is It Like To Be Alone?").

There is no end in sight.

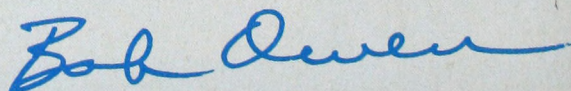
Dr. Ed Janss, who has probably seen about as many hurting children as anyone in the world, opens his heart to us in his article, "Children of My Memories," which begins across the page. Ed is a gentle person, and you feel his deep compassion as you listen to him speak—or read what he writes.

This year ends in Korea with a spiritual harvest (page 11) . . . in Burma with a great centennial (page 13) . . . and sees Thailand gripped in the mighty struggle to make Christ known and real to millions of her people (page 16). For that country—indeed, for the world—1978 is a crucial year.

It's a year to regroup and train for the battle. But it's more: It's a time to pray as never before. Dr. Mooneyham pleads with us, "This is God's time for Asia. It's urgent, critical that we intercede for that part of the world! We should pray. We must pray!"

At a crucial time in Israel's history, the enemy was pressing David and his army. David inquired of God as to where and when he should counterattack. God answered, "When you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the balsam trees, then go out to battle; for God has gone out before you to smite the army of the Philistines" (I Chron. 14:14-15, RSV).

Now—this year—we hear the sound of marching. It's time to go into battle!





Children of My Memories

by **Edmund W. Janss**,
Director, International Childcare Ministries

For 20 years I have been watching needy children: feeling their fingers, enjoying their laughter, mingling my tears with theirs. In 1975 I saw a baby girl die on an examination table in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and it broke my heart. Just skin and bones, she had been rushed in from the streets of the city. The doctor and nurses labored vainly as her gasps became more strained and spaced.

Suddenly, they stopped, never to resume. A tiny victim of malnutrition.

By the thousands, these youngsters have written their stories on my heart. Tiny lads and lasses struggling for food in the byways of Bogota. Skeleton tots in Calcutta alleys. Staggering little ones on Kenya river banks. They both arouse and confound me.

Aristotle, in his *Rhetoric*, speaks to such human conditions: "You can only commune through *pathos*, *ethos* and *logos*."

Paul's first letter to Thessalonica gives depth and eternity to these words: For *pathos*, he

wrote, "We talked to you as a father to his own children . . . for you had suffered." For *ethos*, he said, "We were as gentle as a mother feeding and caring for her own children." And for *logos*, he concluded, "We loved you so dearly that we gave you God's message."

The *pathos* of each child hits me hard when I step into the streets. Needy youngsters swarm pavements everywhere.

I recently saw one little boy, about 3, carrying a battered rice bowl along the gutters of Dacca. His stride was unsteady as he tried to push into a rice line. Repeatedly he was brushed aside—"He's too small to be hungry." In a



futile gesture, I reached into my pocket. Coins meant nothing to a lad so young, but I found a roll of peppermints. His eyes glistened with thanks as I put them in his bowl. I had my reward.

But I often wonder where he is now, lost in the narrow alleyways of Bangladesh—human flotsam waiting for a caring heart.

In so many countries little children gaze hungrily through orphanage gates. They long with their eyes as luckier youngsters devour good meals. I always wish I were a billionaire and could open doors for all of them.

Last year in Asia I went to a picnic with some of our boarding school children. They looked so neat in the blue skirts and pants of their uniforms. As they sat on the green grass and ate their lunch, I noticed a 5-year-old girl peering shyly around a tree. She had a lovely little face with large brown eyes, but no hands—only stumps. She was so thin, and around her neck hung a bag that she used to collect alms.

One of the teachers gave some food to an older boy and pointed to the little girl. He finally persuaded her to come closer, and at last she sat on the grass with the others, enjoying the picnic. As the day wore on, the children began to beg the headmistress to take her home with them. The little one looked so eager and helpless that they finally prevailed, and she was made a member of the “family.” My heart was gladdened as one more child came into our World Vision care.

But the joy was short-lived. That evening the child’s guardian came for her and she left, weeping. She was needed for begging—a common occurrence in the Far East.

I find myself thinking again of this helpless waif. Did anyone ever give her another word, or hug . . . or promise for the future?

Like most travelers, I am followed by troops of beggar children on every continent. I feel them tugging at my arm or trouser leg, and

I pretend for a while that I do not notice. But like others, I finally succumb. I look at each and think—perhaps but for me this little life will not eat tonight.

Most of these children are badly undernourished and dehydrated. One, named Undhu, was found wandering an Asian highway. She was sobbing, and apparently had been dropped there by someone during the night. According to villagers, she had not been there the day before.

Undhu explained a long gash on her forehead, saying that she had been knocked over by a large dog while competing for a few scraps of food. She seemed to think that she had always been on the street. She shook her head when asked about a mother or father. She had never had either.

She had always carried a coconut shell and waited for someone to drop food in it. Some days she got nothing. She had never been in a house: Always she had slept on the streets, always her stomach had hurt.

Now, for the first time, Undhu receives love and care in a World Vision home.

The Greek dictionary defines *pathos* as “experiencing a sensation (usually painful)—to feel, to suffer.” These children know endless *pathos*.

Thankfully, however, *ethos* (Christian ethic and character) has begun to move toward many of these youngsters. I have watched with gratitude as co-workers like Mary Campbell, MacMillan Kiiru, Pastor Paez, Ester Gajo and hundreds of others take these little ones in their arms.

When an earthquake hit Guatemala last year, Hugo Morales and his wife, Ruth, moved

immediately into the smoldering ruins, picking up children. Their heartbreak reached out to Gloria Antonieta, a 6-year-old. She had loved her kitchen chores and few possessions. She was hardly ever without one of her stuffed toys. When they found her little body she was clutching one of them. Hugo and Ruth comforted and helped the family in the name of Jesus.

Romeo Peren was another youngster they found. He was 7. His sponsor had received a picture of him, grinning widely as he held his soccer ball. He was proud of his football playing—but he will never play again. They discovered his body under a heavy plank, and Hugo wept with the others.

Hugo and Ruth are typical of hundreds of our co-workers, quietly serving the Lord and little children. They knew personal tragedy in 1975. Traveling the rugged mountain passes of Honduras, they were visiting World Vision children when they had a sad accident. It had been raining, and their jeep slipped off the road into a ravine. Although Hugo and Ruth received only minor injuries, their year-old baby girl was killed instantly.

But after the grief and anguish, they went on with their appointed tasks. In time, God wonderfully gave them an adopted daughter from one of the Honduran orphanages. She is 5, and her name is Ruth also.

This caring relationship is seen in workers around the world. I have watched our Korean nurses carrying babies on their backs as they go about their rounds. This carrying method provides the warmth and human touch so important to abandoned children. Last year in Bangladesh I saw our co-laborers playing ball with lads on Chanpara Island (formerly Demra). Their eyes reflected the health and joy in knowing that a loving adult was sharing their happiness.

Moments later in a World Vision clinic I observed Mary Campbell cuddling a wizened baby and gently treating him. “We used to lose a dozen a week,” she confided, “but now, with new conditions and World Vision health care, scarcely one a month dies. The local undertaker is complaining because we have spoiled his business!”

All over the world blind children suffer, and I have seen them rejected, living in abject squalor. In India alone there are 10 million of them. Yet here, too, our workers are so patient and loving—and in Korea, Bangladesh and Israel.

Though separated from a seeing world, these children are led toward an inward light. Many of our teachers themselves are blind and know



the tragedy of a darkened world. In Bangladesh, one of our older blind boys has just entered Dacca University with highest grades, despite his handicap. His superintendent has given a knowing hand and heart to this fine young man and led him patiently.

At our Home for the Blind in Bethlehem, I have entered into the beautiful family life of the children. Sitting at lunch with them or hearing them sing "O Little Town of Bethlehem" is a moving experience. For years I have known the superintendent, Adele Dafesh, who brings warmth to these young lives. Many of them are victims of the Mideast wars or have been separated from families by divisions in that troubled land. Adele herself is blind, yet she has made this an asset. Through her sightlessness she has had an empathy denied a sighted teacher. After living and studying all her life in a four-sense world, she has known every thought and anxiety her children could experience.

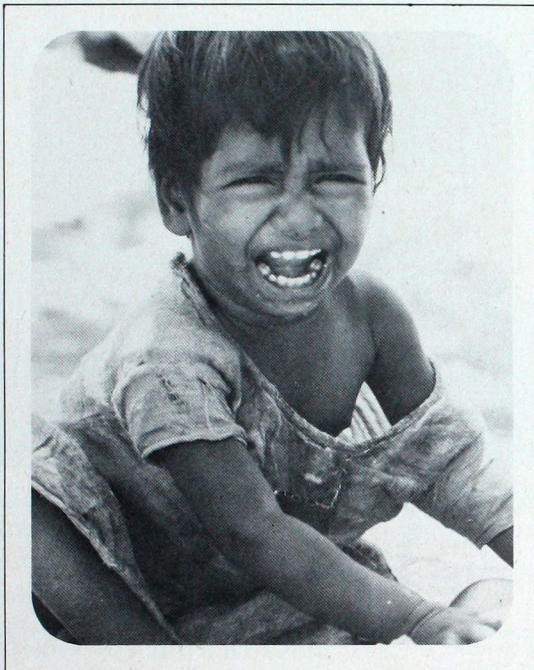
World Vision gratefully affirms the *ethos* that motivates our thousands of childcare workers. They are "as gentle as mothers, feeding and caring for their own."

Although I place it last here, the *logos* aspect of childcare is primary. "We loved you so dearly," said Paul, "that we gave you God's message." Traveling constantly among our homes and projects, it is striking to see how our children respond to *the Word*. Vitally integrated into childcare is this eternal dimension that anchors each child's life to Christ.

News came to us this summer concerning a successful camp in which hundreds of youngsters have just given their hearts to the Lord. With great joy, our Philippine office reported 600 commitments. Among them were Gregorio, on Luzon, whose face shines with his newfound experience of Jesus. Another was Rosa, on Cebu, whose beautiful young voice now has a fresh lilt as she sings about her Lord.

Regardless of denomination, our workers





are committed to ongoing integration of gospel truth into daily life. In a recent talk to our Korean superintendents, Dr. Mooneyham, World Vision's president, reminded them of the day when Jesus "stood a little child beside him and said to them, 'Anyone who takes care of a little child like this is *caring for me!* And whoever cares for me is caring for God who sent me. *Your care for others is the measure of your greatness.*'"

In Korea, our staff continually measures its greatness through its Little Shepherd Movement. The LSM was designed a score of years ago to impart the Word to young hearts, and this is now bearing fruit. Just returned from a Youth Mission in Korea, Dr. Mooneyham related to me, "These young lives are, out of all the population, the most ready now to receive Christ. They are coming to the Lord in unprecedented numbers!"

Looking elsewhere, Graeme Irvine, our vice

president of Field Ministries, told me the exciting story of I. Made Mastra, who met the Lord as a 12-year-old at our Wismar Haripan Home in Indonesia. There on Bali, Made's love for the Word grew so beautifully that he felt a strong call toward the ministry. At age 17, when many of our children leave homes for a vocation, there was no money to send him on for further schooling. Gene Daniels, our field director, was deeply concerned and told Mr. Irvine about it. He in turn was able to challenge a Baptist Church in Melbourne to provide scholarship money. Today Made Mastra is pastor of a thriving church in West Kalimantan.

So, as I travel, these three things move me—*pathos, ethos* and *logos*. They are not just words because they are "fleshed out" by little children who long for love.

This past spring I visited a Guatemala project where children were writing letters to their sponsors. One little girl, about 8, was working so hard that I asked the superintendent who her sponsor was. "Oh," said Mrs. Martinez, "that's Maria—she doesn't have a sponsor yet. But she came to write a letter too. She didn't want to be left out."

Later I talked to Maria, and in my limping Spanish learned that her father is dead, her mother works hard and she has seven brothers and sisters. We became good friends in just a few minutes, and when we said goodbye she hugged me.

I can still feel her arms around my neck, and the memory of her will stay with me for a long time.

But what haunts me the most is that Maria is so typical of thousands of children around the world—the children who don't want to be left out.

Is it any wonder they have written their stories upon my heart?

Would you like to have a part in transforming the lives of some of these children?

.....

Yes, enclosed is my gift of \$_____ to help care for needy children. 0801-HC7-100

I would like to sponsor a child. Please select a _____ boy _____ girl for me. Enclosed is my check for \$_____ for _____ months. I accept this responsibility for at least a year, if at all possible. 4102-HC7-101

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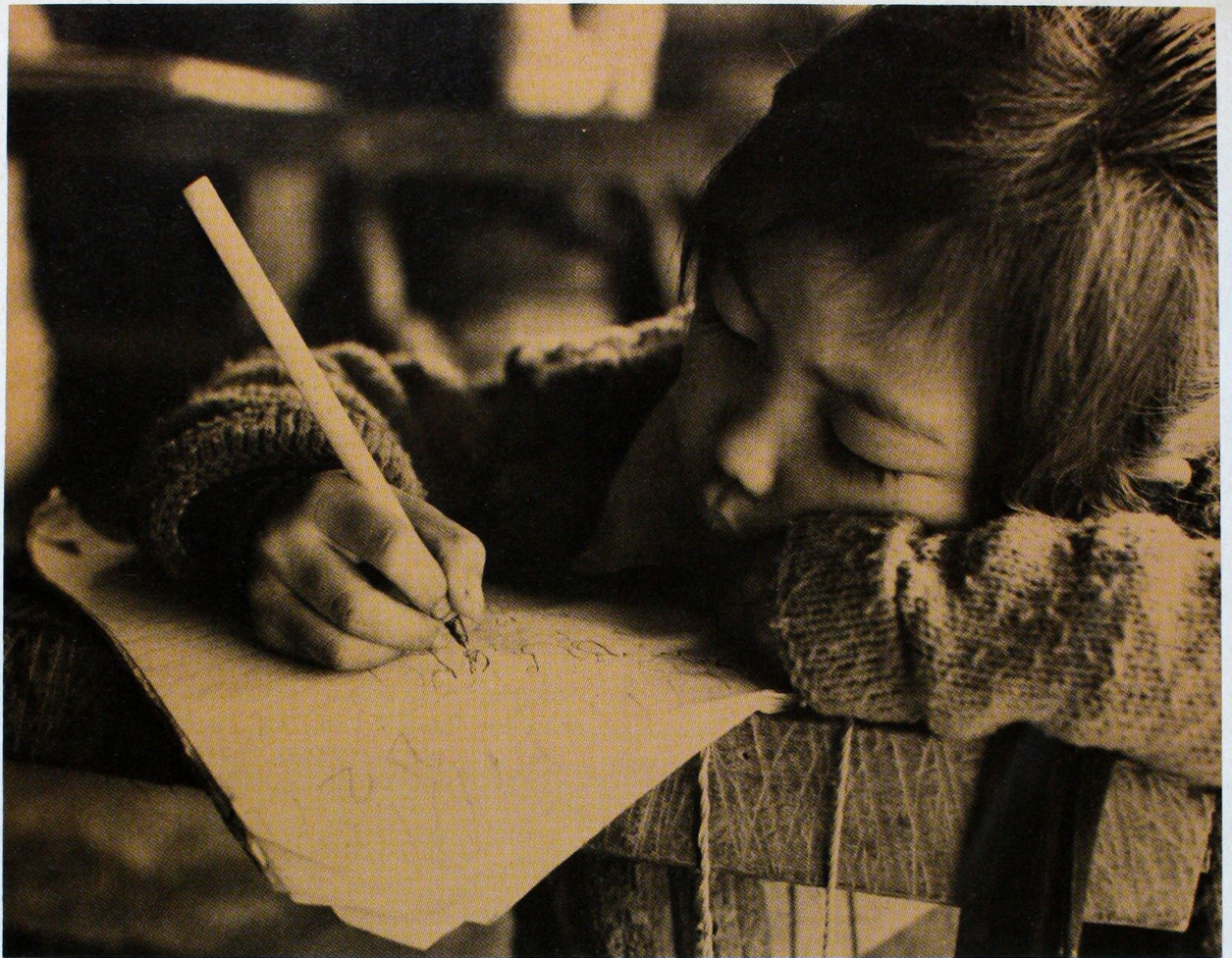
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What Happens When You Sponsor a Child

The World Vision story began in 1948 during Dr. Bob Pierce's first trip to mainland China. He was visiting a mission station operated by a veteran missionary woman named Tina, who had heroically rescued nearly 30 starving children from the streets and had given them a place to live.

Food was difficult to come by in those post-war days, and Tina was feeding the children from her own slender allotment. But

by doing so, she was actually depriving herself.

Dr. Bob was talking with Tina about the grim situation one day when a knock came at the door and she opened it to see a policeman with a tiny infant.

"We found this child on the streets," the man said, "and we don't know what to do with him. . . ."

Tina shook her head, sadly. "I don't know what to do, either."

As though he hadn't heard

her, the policeman thrust the child into Tina's arms and walked away. The missionary stood there looking at it, weariness and frustration written on her face. She looked up at Bob and said, "My food simply will not go any further. I'm at the end—I can't do anymore."

As Dr. Bob looked at the child, he was startled when Tina suddenly thrust it into his arms.

"Dr. Pierce, you'll have to take this one. I just can't take anymore. . . ."

Dr. Bob was stunned into immobility for a moment. Then he impulsively shoved his hands into his pockets and emptied them of all the money he had. "I'll buy food for this child," he said. "And when I get back to America, I'll send you money to care for him . . . then I'll tell the story about these starving children. . . ."

Later, when Dr. Pierce returned to China, he produced his first of many films, "The

China Challenge." That was the beginning. Then in 1949, when the Korean Conflict broke out, Dr. Bob saw the pitiful plight of thousands of children.

He sent money to help a few children . . . then more. Soon it was beyond his capacity to care for them. So in 1950, World Vision was born.

From that time, World Vision has accepted the responsibility of caring for increasing numbers of children, until today there are about 140,000 in nearly 50 countries who look to us for care (6000 are without sponsors). Likewise, increasing numbers of people are contacting

World Vision, asking questions about childcare:

- How can I sponsor a child?
- What happens when I become a sponsoring parent or family?

- May I write to my child?

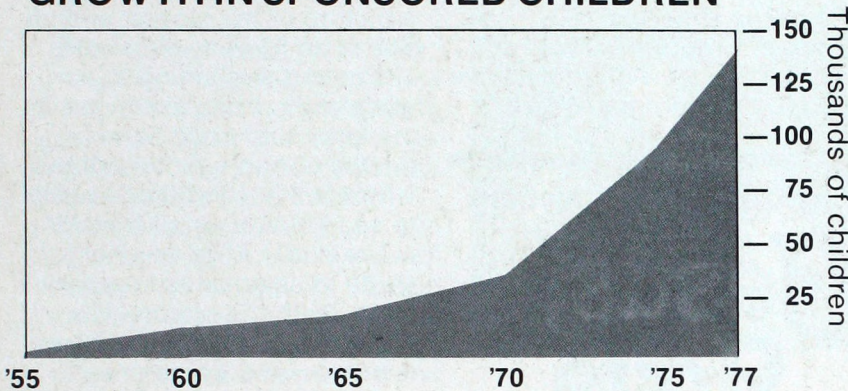
It's simple to sponsor a child. All you do is clip a coupon like the one at the end of the article on page 7 (or use the envelope that comes with the magazine), complete it and mail it with your check for \$15 for the first month—with your pledge to continue for at least one year, if possible. We will do the rest. But when you do this, we make some pledges to you. We promise

you that . . .

- You will receive a case history and picture of "your" child, with a welcoming letter from your child soon thereafter
- You will receive a regular progress report annually
- You will receive a description of your child's home, school or project with pictures
- Your child will receive the best loving care because of your sharing—education, medical care, clothing, shelter and above all, Christian guidance
- You will receive new pictures of your child on request, showing how he has grown
- Your child will know about you, and we invite you to send him or her your photo
- You will receive letters from your child in happy response to yours
- You will receive regular news if your child's country should suffer a catastrophe
- You will receive a beautiful Christmas card each year, hand drawn by your child
- You will receive a regular issue of the *Childcare Report* twice a year
- Special tour groups are formed annually with reduced rates, and you may wish to visit your child, if accessible, on one of these trips.



GROWTH IN SPONSORED CHILDREN



A NEW CHANCE FOR BACOD BAYAN

The Bacod Bayan barrio in the Philippines isn't what it used to be. Looking around this village of 250 families today, you can see children going to school, people working in the fields and the community garden, water flowing through irrigation canals and gardens springing up in every backyard. There is a vibrant spirit of community as people smile and exchange greetings.

Your gifts are what made all of this possible. Beginning in October 1976, a comprehensive effort was begun here to lift these people out of a life of misery. The problems were numerous: Over 90 percent of the people suffered from lung infections, intestinal parasites and malnourishment. Half of them were illiterate, and nearly all adults had to hire themselves out as farmhands for an average yearly income of just \$68.

Lack of water was the barrio's most critical

problem. The barrio is located on high ground, so a nearby Government irrigation canal was of no help. The land surrounding the barrio lay dry and barren; the villagers never thought it could be otherwise.

Today, Bacod Bayan ("fenced town") is surrounded by lush green rice paddies. Pumps provide water for irrigation and for use in the homes. Children have been vaccinated against common diseases. Backyard gardens boast okra, beans, squash, corn, oranges and mangoes. Adults are being taught how to cook, sew, care for the sick, practice birth control, grow food and irrigate fields.

But a lot of work remains to be done. Medical treatment is still badly needed. Nutrition, health care and family planning programs must continue. Some of the poorest families need animals for breeding. Many of them need vocational training so they can find jobs to support their families.

The total cost of the project is \$42,500. Thank you for your continued investment in the lives of these people.



Our three towheads and Elvis make a contrasting picture. Directly in my line of vision as I sit at my typewriter are pictures of our three grown sons when they were small boys. Pinned up beside their pictures is one of our World Vision child, Elvis, who lives in Rhodesia. He is as dark as the others are fair.

Our American sons are grinning, sparkle and mischief predominant in their eyes. Elvis' close-shaven kinky black hair and soulful black eyes make the contrast more pronounced. His eyes appear sad and, perhaps mirror fear of the camera taking his picture. Those eyes make you want to hold him close, wrap him in love, give him whatever is necessary to bring a happy sparkle to his eyes—and life.

With so much turmoil in Elvis' country, it must be difficult for a small child to know happiness. Our first letter from him told of his family. His father has two wives and is unskilled. It is almost impossible for him to find steady work. Elvis' mother tries hard, but it is a never-ending struggle to survive.

As sponsoring parents, we seem to do so little. A few months ago we received a letter apologetically explaining the necessity of the monthly gift being increased by one dollar. But we are amazed at what can be done with the little we send.

We, in affluent America, are not a wealthy family. But we have never known poverty, and certainly not the hopeless poverty of people in other parts of the world. We have Government agencies on which we can depend if the need arises; in many countries, the people have no one to help them.

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Elvis' first annual progress chart tells us he is mentally handicapped, but we know God can work miracles. Perhaps his problem stems from malnutrition and lack of proper health care. Now, because of our small gift, Elvis may have a chance! And being part of a Christian school, he will learn about Jesus and stories in the Bible.

The report also stated that his favorite pastime is playing with cars and trucks. That was true with our sons, too. Color, size, mentality, nationality make no difference—a boy is a boy. Cars fascinate a small African boy as well as one in American suburbia.

When Elvis' birthday was approaching, I went to the store to find an appropriate card.

Glancing over the array of cards on display, I could not find a suitable card for this small Rhodesian boy. They all sported either well-dressed white children, a big chocolate sundae, an immense dollar bill or animals with food of some kind, which might make him hungry.

It was an unbelievable search and I finally chose a card with flowers on the front. It was sent with love, and a prayer that by his next birthday I will have been able to find a more suitable card.

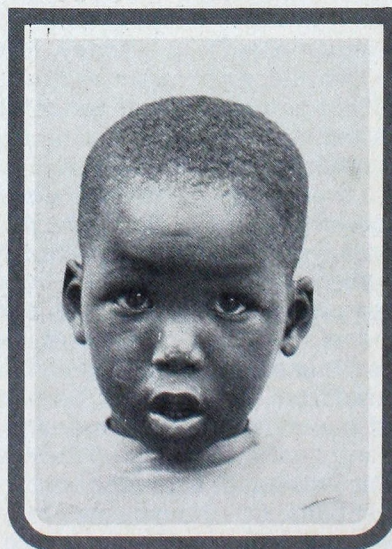
Today I received a letter from Elvis answering mine of several months ago. In it I had enclosed a picture of my mother and me. She is an 86-year-old stroke victim and was sitting in her wheelchair. I had explained in my letter that I had been unable to find a picture of our whole family. (It would be unkind to send one of us all frolicking in the pool.) Elvis' teacher wrote to say that he was very happy with the picture. His mother reports that he shows it to everyone who comes to their home.

What a contrast—just like the coloring and the message in the eyes of our own children. It takes so little to make a child who has nothing happy. Not only are we sharing a portion of our abundance with this small Rhodesian boy, but we are learning from him how much God has given us.

To follow Paul's admonition, "Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (II Cor. 9:7, RSV). And after seeing those soulful eyes, giving can be nothing but cheerful, and we give with the prayer that that cheerfulness will overflow into Elvis' young life and that he too will be filled with the love and joy of Jesus.

by Dorothea M. Nyberg

Jesus, Love... and Elvis



Student Harvest in Korea

by W. Stanley Mooneyham
President, World Vision International

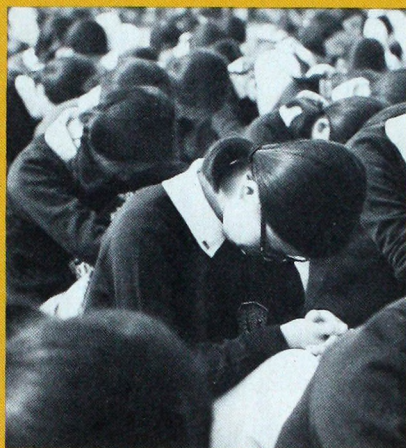
The soccer field at Myungji University in Seoul, Korea was filled with students from goal to goal—13,000 of them from the high school and middle school connected to the university.

It was an incredible sight, and a grand climax to two weeks of student crusades in Busan (formerly Pusan) and Seoul, the nation's two largest cities.

The crusades had been the vision of Dr. Kyung Chik Han, retired pastor of Young Nak Presbyterian Church in Seoul and director of the Korean Church Growth Institute. He had asked Dr. Sam Kamaleson, World Vision's vice-president-at-large, and me to come and work with a Korean team to help reap the souls in this ripe harvest field.

I do not know of another country in the world where high school campuses would be open to the preaching of the Gospel on such a massive scale. Students are in classes until 5:00 or 5:30 P.M., six days a week, so meetings were held during the mornings and early evenings. Although Korean schools require much homework, most students stayed for the voluntary evening meetings. Attendance was from 5000 to 12,000 each day.

Day after day we saw an average of 50 percent of the students



indicate a positive response to the invitation to accept Christ as Savior! In Busan, where attendance during the week totaled 57,000, we exhausted our supply of 25,000 counseling packets and had to send another 3000 for later distribution by the school chaplains.

The response in Seoul was equally thrilling. In addition to those who expressed a desire to know Jesus personally, another 2000 to 3000 pledged their lives to Christian service at Myungji University.


Dr. Han, who has given half a century of service to the Korean church, wept at the demonstration of how God's Spirit is moving across the country. Already reports of revival among Korean military personnel have spread across the world. Although the ratio of Christians to the entire population is only about 10 percent, nearly 40 percent of those



in the armed services identify themselves as Christians.

Sharing the daily student meetings were members of the Entertainers' Church in Seoul, a unique congregation only two years old that is composed entirely of recently converted actors and actresses, radio and television stars, singers and musicians. These well-known personalities gave powerful testimonies to the life-changing power of the Gospel and were enthusiastically received by the students.

Together with Dr. Marlin Nelson, World Vision staff member and associate director of the Church Growth Institute, Dr. Han is planning student crusades in six other cities during 1978.

He told me: "I believe that when Jesus told us to be fishers of men, he intended for us to go where the fish are. Today in Korea, that is among the military personnel, students and factory workers. These are all our target groups for evangelization." 

readers' right

Children Respond

Sir: I was truly touched by your television program. I was shocked to see how really serious the world hunger problem is. The children I saw didn't even have to tell me how much pain they were experiencing—I could see it in their eyes.

A few minutes into the program, God laid on my heart to give you all the money I was saving. If it helps just one child, I'll be happy. I wish that I could do more, but being only 14, this seems to be the best way I know of to help.

May God continue to bless you and World Vision for years to come.

*Gale Stringer
Lilburn, Georgia*

Sir: About a month ago, a student in my third- and fourth-grade-boys' Sunday school class told about your hunger television special he had seen. He said that God had spoken to him during the program, and that he should help these starving people by giving his money.

As a result, the class decided to write and produce a newspaper. Enclosed are the proceeds from the donations given for these newspapers by church members and friends. The class wishes you to use the money to help the ones who are in desperate need of food, shelter and clothing.

May God pour down His richest blessings on all for the tremendous work you are doing.

*August E. Whitcomb
Ramona, California*

GOOP Group

Sir: After many futile attempts at dieting, my doctor put me on a 1000-calorie-a-day reducing program. This time, however, I asked Jesus Christ to help me, because for the first time in my life I realized that *overeating is a sin!*

I already had a deep concern for the starving in our world, but had blinded myself to the fact of my own addition to the problem by taking more than my fair share.

Out of this concern was created the "God-Oriented Obesity Program" (GOOP) diet club at our church. Our group of 10 women confess to one another, share the same diet and pray for one another. Instead of rewarding ourselves, we

give a freewill donation to feed the starving.

I know God is going to help us "decrease" so that your wonderful ministry can "increase."

*Mrs. Gloria Childress
Muskegon Heights, Michigan*

Carnival for God

Sir: The children of our neighborhood organized a carnival and voted to give half the proceeds to World Vision. Our contribution is not very much, but I pray God will bless and multiply it. The children request that, with so many needy people in the world, you use this money where it will be the most helpful.

When an elderly minister and his wife donated a dollar to the carnival fund (which they could ill afford), the children were so touched that the other half of the carnival's proceeds went to this local "missions" cause.

*Mrs. Duane Haars
Geneseo, Illinois*

International Intercessors

Sir: I have been receiving the International Intercessors Daily Prayer Reminder for many years. It has been a joy for me to stand with the body of Christ in praying for particular needs.

I am grateful to the Lord for the way He uses your ministry to lead me to a more consistent and effective prayer life.

*Mrs. R. G. Richards
Newhall, California*

Sir: I want to thank you for the International Intercessors Daily Prayer Reminder we receive from you each month. God has been dealing with me in the area of prayer recently, showing me the importance of it and reminding me of prayers He has answered. Your literature has been a great help to me in this area of my life. Again, I thank you.

*Miss Janice Allen
Lakewood, Colorado*

Love Loaf

Sir: The most devastating and damaging flood in the history of

Pikeville struck us on April 4-5. Sixty-seven of our families were affected by the flood water, including our church building. Nevertheless, on April 17 we broke our Love Loaves as planned, and our Session voted to send 100 percent to World Vision, even though our own needs were acute.

Many families literally dug their Love Loaves out of the mud. When broken, many had mud inside, demonstrating that they had been under water.

The spirit of our congregation was beautiful. The desire to help the world's hungry and to fulfill our commitment and promise to World Vision was strong. We gained more than we gave, by far.

*Pastor Ben Sheldon
Pikeville, Kentucky*

Hunger Response

Sir: I recently watched all five hours of your hunger telethon. Even though I had been exposed to missions and the world hunger problem, I found that I had grown hard of heart. It seemed I was always in debt and never had "enough."

The story of the man in Mississippi touched me so. He gave, even though he needed the money for batteries for his hearing aid. He gave out of his necessity, obviously not having excess.

As I studied the Scriptures, I realized that God is my resource, which makes me pretty wealthy. Thank you for touching my heart and not letting me shut out the hurting world any longer.

*Dorothy G. Green
Ventura, California*

Sir: I hope you don't think I am rich, because I am not. I am a 12-year-old girl in grade seven. My mother tries her best to make a living.

I don't have any money, but I save it up because of the poor people. I don't like to see people like that. I am trying to share my money with them because I care for them and love them.

My mother doesn't give me but a dollar a week, and I save it up. Sometimes I get five dollars in a whole week because I work for it. I baby-sit for my sister.

*Miss Eva Lee
Indianola, Mississippi*

This month the Kachin Baptist Church is celebrating . . .

100 Years in Burma

It will be a gala event, with as many as 50,000 Kachin tribespeople attending, and these Burmese Christians are making the most of it.

They've built a new Centennial Church building on a 75-acre site and they are prepared to house and feed all comers. To do this they have ordered 5000 baskets of rice, 350 beef cattle, 750 pigs and hundreds of chickens.

The feast and celebration are fitting because, during the days of December 21-25, aside from praising God for the past 100 years of phenomenal growth in the Kachin Baptist Church, the Kachins are determinedly launching a plan to take the Good News to the many others who have not yet heard.

First contact with these hardy mountain people from northern Burma was made in the early 1830's by an American missionary, Eugenio Kincaid, who was greatly intrigued by these people "who from time immemorial have resisted idolatry."¹

Later, after an arduous up-river journey to reach them, during which he was attacked and nearly killed by bandits, Kincaid wrote of the Kachins, "All that I know of their traditions, and all that I have seen of their habits, go to convince me that their conversion will be rapid, according as they can be brought

into contact with the Word of God."²


But for all his desire, Kincaid was never actually able to preach to these people who had so piqued his missionary interest. In fact, it was nearly four decades later when solid contacts were finally made with the Kachins and a Baptist Church established. Ironically, in the process, Albert J. Lyon, the first appointed missionary to the Kachins, suddenly grew ill and died even before he could begin his work.

So, eventually, it was Josiah N. Cushing, a missionary to the Shans of Burma, whose "steps of faith at the beginning of 1877 inaugurated the Kachin Baptist Mission,"³ wrote Dr. Herman G.

Tegenfeldt, veteran missionary to the Kachins.

Cushing had not chosen to get involved in the evangelization of the Kachins, since his work was essentially with the Shan tribe. But when he saw the great challenge to reach this great tribe, he responded.

Though the beginning of the Kachin Baptist Church was inauspicious in 1877, it now numbers 57,000 baptized believers, with a Christian community of 170,000. Small wonder the Church is celebrating!

Small wonder, too, that they are now motivated as never before to reach the previously unreached. Even though it is now difficult, or impossible, for outsiders—including former missionaries—to enter Burma, it is encouraging that the work of God continues. 

¹Herman G. Tegenfeldt, *A Century of Growth: The Kachin Baptist Church of Burma*, (South Pasadena, California: William Carey Library, 1974), p. 82.

²Ibid, p. 83.

³Ibid, p. 95.



Daisy Orth had her eyes on the New Orleans sky. For more than two weeks it had rained every day.

At a time in history when people around the world were praying for rain, Daisy wanted the rain to stop. As her eyes met the clouds, she was worried—because her plans depended on clear skies. For three months she and her friends at First English Lutheran Church had been planning a volleyball tournament to take place that August weekend in their parking lot and gym.

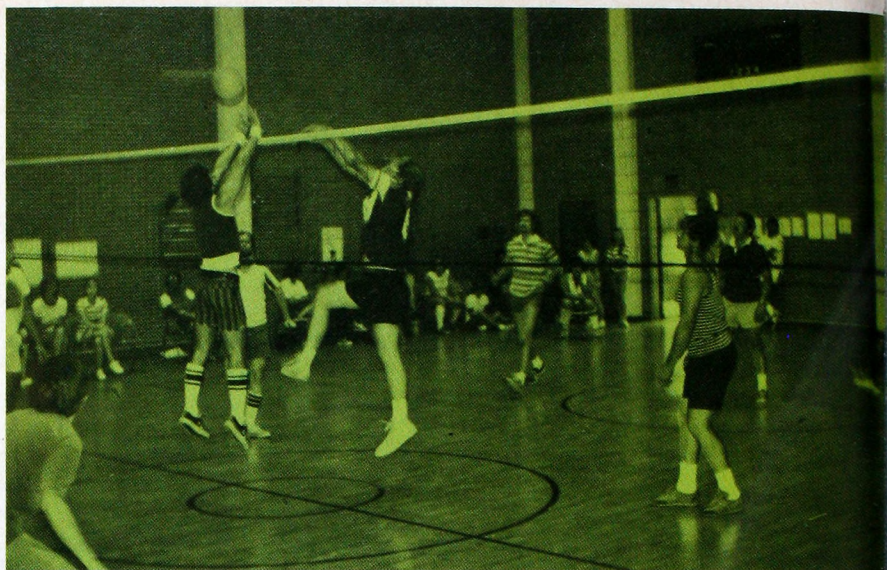
They nicknamed the event “Recreation with a Purpose,” because money raised during the games would be sent to World Vision to feed hungry people.

Unexpectedly the rain let up for this hunger awareness and fund-raising weekend. Here is the story of an urban congregation in an integrating neighborhood that set aside its own concerns to invest energy in a world hunger project. It is the story of an amiable marriage between sports and hunger. Here’s how it happened:

Three months earlier, the church’s volleyball team had a discussion about what they’d seen on television in the World Vision hunger telethon. They wondered what they could do as a group to respond to the hungry families they’d seen on their television screens.

“We discovered that some people had read an article in *World Vision* magazine about a farmer in Haiti who earned only \$70 a year. We were sure we could raise more than that in a volleyball tournament,” Daisy Orth recalls.

The scope of the original idea was that simple. Yet, the people at First English Lutheran Church eventually sent World Vision nearly 90 times the



Tournament for Life

by Nancy Kelly,
Volunteer Programs,
World Vision International

amount of that Haitian farmer’s yearly salary.

Pastor Bill Szarowicz happily welcomed the idea of using a volleyball tournament to generate interest in world hunger. When Daisy approached him, he said, “This is just what our church needs, some new and outside concern.”

The immediate interest of the people surprised Daisy. “I was all prepared to work through a selling pitch to get this thing going,” she remembers, “but people were standing there with their doors and pocketbooks open. They were just waiting for somebody to say, ‘Let’s do something!’”

Daisy is a former social worker with years of experience in community organizing. The committees she set up to do the job ignited a whole blaze of compassion and involvement.

“There was hardly a night that we would go to bed without 10 or 12 phone calls,” she says. And with world hunger information to plant in people’s minds, and teams, food and publicity to work on, no one who wanted to

pitch in lacked something to do.

Daisy confesses that sometimes she was apprehensive about how the church would mobilize all the interest. But, as is typical in the Body of Christ, the faith and support of others spread encouragement.

Frank Spera, a young engineer and father of four small children, “engineered” the tournament. Between summer rain showers, he even painted the lines on the outside courts.

John Lau, a long-time supporter of World Vision ministries, acted as the resident “hunger expert.” In the weeks leading up to the event, he pored over back issues of *World Vision* magazine to sift out facts and stories that would awaken a deeper awareness of the causes and effects of hunger. He also convinced the Church Council to match the sum of money earned during the tournament.

Eighty-five energetic workers took part. “All of them were very busy and involved people,” Daisy says. “They were the kind of people that God provides with a little extra time and energy for what He wants done.”

Dreams began changing into

reality as the weekend approached. "When we were setting up on Friday afternoon, I could see that God was with us," Daisy remembers. "A lot of our older people were coming in with small donations. They'd say that they couldn't play volleyball but that they still wanted to do something to help out."

By evening, the excited volleyball teammates and spectators crowded into the church gym. Because of the great response, the church had publicized a goal of \$500 for the weekend—enough to feed and provide medical care for 100 families in Bangladesh for a month.

But between Friday evening and Sunday morning the unexpected happened. The spirit of sharing broke loose. The original thermometer measuring progress toward their goal exploded over the top.

On Sunday morning, the pastor announced that they'd already doubled their original goal. That meant that they'd taken in over \$1000, enough to feed 500 African Mandinka babies for a month.

"People were praying," Daisy

remembers. "I'd say that this was one of the highest points."

By Sunday evening, they couldn't believe what had happened. Twenty-three teams from five churches played a 27-hour volleyball marathon. Forty-two people played ping pong, and more played checkers and chess.

But this was not a tournament for those with their eyes on trophies and awards. The exhausted but satisfied players didn't even care which team had the most points. They recognized from the start that the real winners would be those who would receive nourishing food as a result of their efforts.

"I'd never seen people tired and still smiling that way. You could just see them reaching out to support each other. Hearts opened up and people gave a little more than I thought they could," Daisy says.

Ben-Gay and Band-Aids soothed sore muscles and blisters. The love of brothers and sisters in Christ erased all natural competitive instincts as they pushed themselves the extra mile for those in need.

The image of a hungry world really penetrated these people's hearts. But the volleyball tournament that raised over \$5000 was just a beginning. First English Lutheran Church went on to sponsor the Love Loaf Program in the following weeks.

Loaves were given out the week after the volleyball tourna-


ment while interest was still high. Distribution night was dramatic—including a hurricane threat. "We had an unusually high number of people, considering the weather," Daisy recalls. "But people didn't seem to be thinking about themselves."

Weeks later, when the loaves were full, another \$1200 was added to make the total for the program over \$6000.

"We hope that this will become part of people's daily lives," Daisy says. "Some members are interested in child sponsorship. For them, the overwhelming vision of millions of starving faces will change into the loving support of one hungry child."

How did this change happen? A television program paved the way for serious discussion. Talk led to curiosity. Questions brought involvement and deeper awareness.

Three months later, these were the results: a renewed compassion in the name of Jesus Christ and \$6000 worth of tangible love for the Lord's children in need.

But don't think that this is the end of the story. Those Lutherans are already saying, "Just wait until next year!" 



1978: Crucial Year for Thailand

by Bob Owen

One year from now—December 1978—the Protestant Church in Thailand will be 150 years old!

That's good. And that's not good.

It's good, because for almost 150 years the Church has been accepted and respected in Thailand. It has built churches—608 of them—and schools—25. And hospitals number 14 at the present time.

Because it has done good, much good, the Church is loved in Thailand.

But it is looked upon only as a "helping" institution—not a living, vital, Spirit-filled, Spirit-directed Body of Christ.

In all these 149 years, only 59,000 persons have associated themselves with the Protestant Church. When the Catholic Church is included, Thailand's total church membership is a great deal more impressive: a total of 227,000!

Nevertheless, in all of Thailand only 0.3 percent consider themselves Protestant Christians. And only 0.9 percent have attached themselves to the Catholic Church. *That's the part that's not good.*

But the tide is turning. In 1971 the needs and desires of the Thai Church grew to the point that they decided to do something about it. It was that year that the Thailand Church Growth Committee (TCGC) was formed, to evangelize the unreached populations in Thailand. Its total function is to serve the churches and missions—of all denominations. The TCGC is made up of a 12-man committee that represents most of the major churches and missions throughout Thailand.

THE NEEDS ARE GREAT

Though there are now 608 Protestant churches in Thai-

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land, only slightly over two-thirds of them have a full-time pastor.

Why is this so? Partially because of the extremely low pay: Pastors in the larger cities might receive as much as \$50 a month; the pastor of a country church might receive only \$12-\$25. This contrasts sharply with the \$85-\$90 a month received by teachers of Christian schools.

The rationale is interesting: Buddhist monks are poor, the people say; therefore, pastors should be poor.

It's essential that the image of pastors be raised, that the urgent need for fully trained pastors be realized and that the total image of the Church be improved.

The TCGC is striving to do all of these things. But until this takes place it will continue to be difficult for the Church to grow.

THE TIME IS NOW

Since the TCGC's formation in 1971 a great deal of progress has been made: Five "All Thailand Church Growth Seminars" have been held, headed by such men as Dr. Donald McGavran, Fuller Seminary, Pasadena, California; the Rev. Paul Kiichi Ariga, Total Mobilization Evangelism, Japan; Dr. Kyung Chik Han from Korea, and Dr. Vergil Gerber and Mr. Waldron Scott,

both from the United States.

In addition, revival meetings were conducted in Chiang Mai with Bishop Chandu Ray, and in Bangkok with Dr. G.D. James, both from Singapore. To increase the tempo and to reach out more widely, TCGC engaged the services of Asian Church Growth consultant Dr. David Liao from Taiwan. He arrived in Bangkok in early 1977.

Since Dr. Liao's arrival, the TCGC's activities have been stepped up considerably. A nationwide leaders' conference was held near Bangkok in September. Over 300 pastors and church leaders were present as Dr. Liao, Alex Smith, Dr. Dick Hillis and Bishop Ken Short shared the Word and the vision for Thailand.

About this meeting Dr. Liao said, "I sensed a never-before-felt spirit of unity and urgency. Thailand's pastors and church leaders are now ready to trust God to change their country."

MUCH IS PLANNED, MUCH IS HAPPENING

For one full year, Thailand will be blanketed with a Herculean in-depth effort to turn the country toward God. Training workshops for leaders are planned, church growth cells for evangelism are being set up, evangelization of church members is being implemented.

Dr. Stan Mooneyham, president of World Vision, just finished a visit to Bangkok, where he spoke to packed churches and met with TCGC committee members. He came away impressed with their deep sense of commitment to the gigantic task ahead of them.

During February 1978, area evangelistic campaigns are being held in nine strategic areas of the country. And throughout the year the Church will exert

unending efforts to evangelize and nurture its people.

The great climax comes in December a year from now, with a well-publicized Congress on Evangelism. All of this will be a fitting finale for Thailand's Year of Evangelism and the celebration of its 150th anniversary of Protestant missions. In actuality, this year will launch a totally new look and a new beginning for the Church in Thailand.


PRAYER IS URGENT

Overshadowing the entire planning strategy for these next months is the vital necessity for intercessory prayer. The Church is calling for it. The TCGC is calling for it. Dr. Liao is

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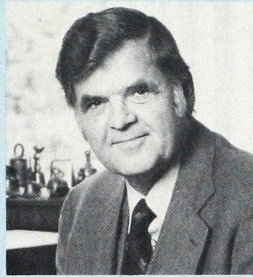
calling for it. So is World Vision, which is deeply involved in the total program, both financially and logistically.

Across these intervening months the magazine will keep readers informed of the progress in this year-long, country-wide evangelism thrust. Every effort will be made to continue reminding readers to pray.

After his meeting with Thailand's church leaders a few days ago, Dr. Mooneyham summed up his thoughts with these words: "For the first time, the Thai Church believes that God can use a small minority to make an impact on the country. Rarely have I seen such strong faith in the face of such overwhelming obstacles! It's just the kind of impossible situation in which God delights to demonstrate His power." 

monthly memo

Facing people with the claims of Christ is at the very heart of World Vision's ministries. Our founder, Dr. Bob Pierce, was both an evangelist and a Christian humanitarian. Dr. Stan Mooneyham, our president, has continued the emphasis of active social concerns in assisting the world's desperately needy together with the sharing of the Good News of the Gospel of Christ. The conducting of evangelism crusades across the world, support to national evangelists in many areas of the Third and Fourth Worlds, distributing Christian literature and providing funds for training evangelists are some of the ways in which World Vision is involved in evangelism. With the now approximately 140,000 children who look to us for care, we keenly desire that not one of them go through our childcare program without being faced with the claims of Christ and being brought to salvation in Him.



Just recently we have given greater impetus—and visibility—to the evangelism thrust of our ministries by making it the major focus of the Evangelism and Research Division, directed by Mr. Ed Dayton. This division is charged with the task and responsibility of clearly defining evangelistic strategies within all new projects as they are approved, as well as more closely evaluating evangelistic efforts in existing projects, now numbering about 1800 in 15 nations.

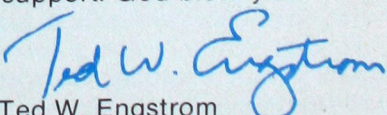
Great wisdom from the Lord is needed to know how and when to explain the Good News of Christ to people who must spend all their time scratching for food and searching for shelter simply to survive. And God is helping us in this special emphasis.

A missionary in Thailand recently pointed out how beautifully evangelism and

development work go together. For 14 years, she and her husband labored in ministry, but could count only 14 people who had become believers as a result of their work. But after they began to integrate evangelism with a World Vision development project, they soon lost count of the people who came to know the Lord.

In our ministry we seek to follow the example of our Lord Jesus Christ. He healed the sick, ministered to the poor and taught those who would listen the words of eternal life. His help was not conditioned by whether people would listen to His words, but He knew that only He Himself, the Bread of Life, could truly satisfy people.

We at World Vision have a unique opportunity to lead people toward Christ while we demonstrate His love for them in practical ways. And in this ministry we sense we are your arms, legs and hearts as you stand with us so faithfully in your concern, prayers and support. God bless you.



Ted W. Engstrom
Executive Vice President

Giving: Responsibilities and Privileges

by W. Herbert Scott,

Minister-at-Large, World Vision International

A universal mark of Christian conversion is the desire to participate in God's work around the world. Those born into God's family wish, above all else, to share their faith with others who have not yet trusted Him. Undoubtedly this new generosity and concern is prompted by the Holy Spirit.

Stewardship of possessions is clearly taught in Scripture, and God's people have responded well by generously giving *greatly* of themselves and their possessions so that others might know God's redeeming love. Churches, hospitals, schools, radio stations, mission outposts, orphanages, relief programs for the world's hungry and a thousand other enterprises have been supported through the years by ordinary people who enjoy an extraordinary commitment to Christ and partnership with God.

There are many patterns of giving, because Christians give as they "feel led by God." Ordinarily, their first interest is their local church. Their second interest might be some particular project or Christian worker with whom they feel a special emotional involvement.

In addition to these the average Christian family has probably received a number of appeals from other religious and charitable organizations seeking their financial support. They are faced with the problem of sorting these out and responding to the few which best appeal to their



burdens and interests.

Every serious-minded Christian is confronted with probing questions: (1) How much of my income should go for the support of Christian work? (2) How shall I distribute the money I believe God wants me to give to the support of His work? (3) Shall I give my entire tithe to my local church, or share it with other worthy ministries?

For many years I served as a pastor and saw Christian stewardship from the pastor's point of view. Now, although I am not serving in the pastorate, my convictions on giving for the support of God's work in the world remain the same.

When a pastor, I taught the principle of tithing and that the tithe should be brought as part of the worship experience into the local church. I did, however, always seek to present to the congregation a balance of mission projects and support interests which were consistent with the beliefs and goals of the local church, i.e., evangelism, church "planting," Scripture translation and distribution, Christian radio and television work, world relief and Christian education.

Our mission program was the *extension* of the local church, and it gave the congregation the opportunity of sharing in a balanced way with Christian enterprise around the world. In addition to this, the congregation was urged and challenged to support additional agencies with offer-

ings beyond their tithe as they felt God leading them.

Early on I learned as a young pastor that God's blessing and supply were guaranteed on the individual and the church that are faithful in giving generously to a strong program of world outreach.

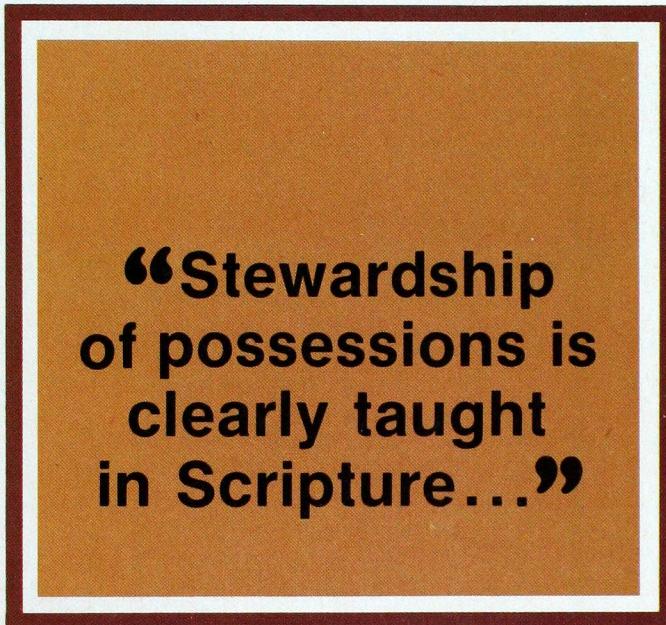
The pastor is the key to the success of any stewardship program. His leadership and example are vital. He must present a strategy for stewardship that will challenge his flock. The congregation's interest and participation in the missionary mandate will almost always reflect the leadership of the pastor.

A well-informed, active mission committee is also essential to a well-balanced, significant involvement in world evangelization. This committee is the secret of developing and implementing a strategy for mission.


But the mission committee and the pastor must always give honest leadership and never be guilty of manipulating or coercing the flock of God in their giving program.

The local church can change the world, but it must know God's strategy for doing it. The 46 million evangelicals in the U.S. *can evangelize* the unreached in the world. The Christian community *can make a difference* in world justice, but it must know and practice God's rules for those tasks.

There is no room in the Kingdom of God for jealousy or human competition. Christian leaders need to challenge the people of God to give generously, primarily through the local church, but also through responsible Christian agencies that are doing what the local church cannot possibly do.



If we are in the end days of this age—and many believe we are—there is so much that still needs to be done. Over 2.7 billion people still need to be reached for Christ. One billion suffer the consequences of malnutrition and related diseases, with 12,000 of them dying each day. The world is scarred by terrible injustices that need to be altered.

Clearly Christians have the answers to these dilemmas through the Word of God. Now it's up to us to act upon them. 

THE SMOKE OF DACHAU

How does the Church admit that its mission to the Jews in Israel has been a colossal failure?


How do you argue that the law of sowing and reaping does not seem to work here? Thousands of bushels of the Word sown, hundreds of laborers, careful cultivation of friendships. Yet the harvest is negligible.

Can it be that the smoke of six million burning bodies, thrown up by the ovens of Europe, still blots out the light of the Gospel? Or is it the stinging thousand-year memory of offspring

snatched from mother's breasts, of sneering taunts about Christ-killers, of forced conversions?

Israel's Jews, both orthodox and humanist, cannot really escape the greatest Jew who ever lived. He is still as inconveniently present as when He was born and walked the dusty streets of Palestine. But the Church has yet to discover how to make His presence known so effectively and sensitively that Israeli Jews will respond to Him as their Messiah.

There are dozens of Jewish groups who have migrated to

Israel and who need to discover the Son of David—Americans, Argentinians, Australians, Brazilians . . . and on and on. So that you can reach out to these unreached Israeli Jews, World Vision's MARC Department has prepared a brief prayer folder. This folder includes the data from the World Vision/MARC Unreached Peoples Program and is available to you for the asking. At the same time you will receive a list of 200 other unreached peoples about whom you may receive additional information. 

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ZAIRE

Over 30,000 refugees from Angola, lacking adequate food, housing and transportation, are camped in northern Zaire. With World Vision's help, they have now received blankets, bean and peanut seed and 5000 Bibles.

World Vision is also assisting with evangelistic and agricultural training. There is a one-month course in evangelism, in conjunction with Christians in Zaire, and the refugees may also attend a three-month agricultural course that teaches more efficient farming methods.

CYPRUS

The Gospel is being presented to young people in Arab countries through radio programs transmitted from Cyprus.

"A Word with You" is broadcast 15 minutes each week via Trans World Radio. Partially financed by World Vision in conjunction with Youth for Christ International, the program is one of few presenting the Gospel to Muslim youth. The broadcast consists of gospel messages and Christian music spoken and sung in Arabic.

Response can be judged only by the amount of correspondence, and in the first seven months of broadcasting about 100 letters were received from listeners. Each receives a personal reply, as well as a Bible and other Christian literature.

INDONESIA

World Vision is pleased to announce that Mr. David Evans will be joining the staff of World Vision of Indonesia. He will assist the Rev. Gene Daniels, field director in Indonesia, in administering a broad range of programs there. Mr. Evans brings to his new position a background in management, accounting and missionary service.

UNITED STATES

The "how to's" of setting up health care programs in Third and Fourth World nations is the subject of a new book by Dr. Rufi Macagba.

Dr. Macagba is the associate director for health care delivery systems in World Vision's Relief and Development Division. In *Health Care Guidelines for Use in Developing Countries*, he shows how effective health care can take place with a minimum of resources. The book can be ordered through World Vision's MARC Department at a cost of \$4.00.

Two awards for excellence in television programming were given to World Vision last month at the Religion in Media awards banquet in Los Angeles.

"Come Walk the World," a weekly half-hour series, was given a first place award for Best Television Documentary. First place honors for Best Television Promotional were also given to World Vision for its five-hour television special, "The Cry of a Hurting World . . . I'm Hungry!"

For the children at Grace Brethren Church in Temple City, California, it was what they *didn't* spend that has helped the world's needy.



Junior Sunday school students at the church banded together to sacrifice their spending money to fill a Love Loaf. They brought the money to

Sunday school and told what they had given up to be able to share. The children and their teachers filled two Love Loaves, prayed over them and then had a breaking ceremony.

Teacher Margaret Gibson said later, "The children were fascinated with the prospect of their dimes and nickels actually making a difference to some real child somewhere in the world."

You can see missions in action on a "Tour with a Purpose," World Vision's 1978 sponsor tour to the Orient, May 16 to June 2, 1978. You will visit baby homes, rooftop schools, children's homes and many more unique facets of World Vision's ministries. You will be able to celebrate World Vision's 25 years of childcare work in Korea, as well as visit Taiwan, Hong Kong and Hawaii.

For more information, please write Mr. George Hahn, Tour Director, P.O. Box O, Pasadena, California 91109.

KOREA

Over 1000 people gathered in Seoul recently to learn more

about spreading the Gospel in Asia. The "Asian Mission Day" event was sponsored by ACTS, the Asian Center for Theological Studies and Mission. It is a worldwide evangelical graduate school committed to providing additional training to those already involved in Asia mission work.

About 100 Korean young people took part in a World Vision-sponsored camping program this past summer.



The junior and senior high school-level students, many from World Vision childcare homes, worked toward developing cooperation, responsibility and other leadership qualities. They will use their new skills in World Vision's Little Shepherd Movement, a program dedicated to helping young people grow in Christ.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for:

■ the **countrywide evangelism emphasis in Thailand** during 1978. Thailand has a lower percentage of Christians than any other Asian nation, and church leaders there are urgently requesting Christians around the world to remember them in prayer as this important thrust begins. Pray also for the evangelism crusades to take place in February, that many people will come to know Christ.

■ **World Vision staff members** who serve overseas,

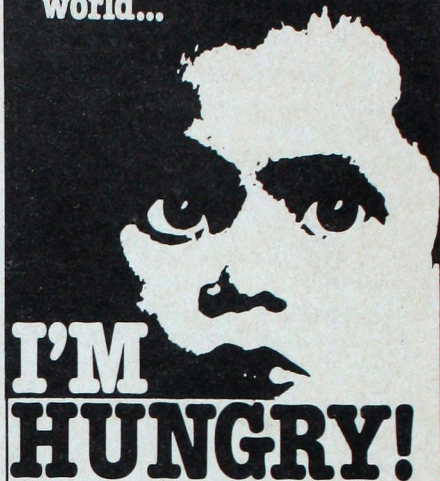
especially during this holiday season. For many, it will be their first Christmas on the field, away from homes and families. Pray that God will richly bless them through the love of Christian brothers and sisters in their new areas of endeavor.

A Note of Praise:

■ We thank the Lord that World Vision recently held its first Pastors' Conference in Eastern Europe, in Yugoslavia.

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CHURCH BODIES BANNED IN UGANDA

It has been learned that President Idi Amin of Uganda has issued orders to ban all but three Christian churches from that country. The 27 groups banned include the Salvation Army, the Uganda Baptist Mission, the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the Church of Christ in Africa and the Uganda Association of Evangelicals, among others.

President Amin said that the banning of the groups was done "for the good of the nation," because they "were working for the CIA and wanted to overthrow the Ugandan Government." The churches that will still be legally permitted in Uganda are the Church of Uganda (Anglican), the Roman Catholic Church and the Ugandan Orthodox Church. The majority of Uganda's Christians (90 percent of the country's 11 million people) belong to either the Anglican or Catholic church.

Asia

SINGAPORE—Coming from the United States, South Africa, Finland and 11 Southeast Asian nations, 91 delegates recently attended the Chinese and Western Leadership Cooperation Seminar here. Sponsored by the Chinese Coordination Center of World Evangelism (CCCOWE), the seminar was the first major Chinese-Western Church-Missionary dialogue ever conceived and initiated by the Chinese. It was also the first such conference since World War II.

Europe

PARIS, France—There have been reports through letters smuggled out of Vietnam that the Communist Government there has taken stern measures against Christians in the central mountains. Permission to hold worship services has been limited, daily rice allotments have been reduced and children have been separated from their parents in the efforts to undercut religious and cultural activities among the mountain tribal people. The letters also indicate that the Communists have forbidden prayer altogether, because it "robs the Revolution of valuable working time."

Latin America

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic—About 104,000 peo-

ple heard the Gospel during a two-week evangelistic crusade here in October. Evangelist Luis Palau, head of Overseas Crusades, led the meetings, which were sponsored by the country's evangelical churches. About 4000 people responded to the invitation to accept Christ as Savior, while uncounted numbers heard the message in other parts of Latin America via live radio broadcasts.

North America

MONTREAL, Canada—At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization (LCWE) here, it was decided to call a consultation on World Evangelization in January 1980. To be held in a Third World city, the gathering will assess progress since the 1974 Congress on World Evangelization in Lausanne, Switzerland, and will set post-1980 strategies for world evangelization. The meeting, to be directed by Dr. David M. Howard, is expected to draw approximately 450 participants, to be selected on a worldwide regional basis.

TEXARKANA, Texas—Thousands of American Gypsies recently participated in the first national Gypsy Christian Convention held in this country. Those attending included Chris-

tians from Gypsy camps in France and Germany, as well as missionaries to the Gypsies and Gypsy musicians.

It is estimated that there are about two million Gypsies in the United States, and Gypsy congregations have been formed in California, Arkansas and New Jersey. Their services are held in Romany, the international Gypsy language.

Afereti Samuelu, from West Samoa, has received the first Master of Theology degree conferred by the Asian Center for



Theological Studies and Mission in Seoul, Korea. He will return to Samoa to teach and encourage cross-cultural evangelism throughout Oceania.

Anglican Bishop Festo Kivengere, in exile after fleeing Uganda in February, is the first recipient of the International Freedom Prize awarded by Libertas Norway, an organization that champions freedom.

Jerry P. Ballard, currently the president of a management consulting firm, will become executive vice president of World Relief Commission in mid-1978.

In Windhoek, Namibia, Father James Hamupanda Kauluma, 45, has been elected the first indigenous Anglican bishop in this African nation.

Dr. Clarence T. Nelson, who once pastored what is now the nation's largest Lutheran congregation, has died at the age of 73.



Christmas: The Scandal and Splendor of History

Originally it was the scandal of our Lord's alleged birth out of wedlock. Mary was not a virgin; and the birth—though extramarital—was at least biologically normal, hence, *not* supernatural. In the eyes of the scornful, fornication was a better explanation than an act of God.

Today the scandal (literally, the *stumbling block*) is more sophisticated. It is seen in the reluctance, even among some theologians, to accept the biblical data about the actual, historical self-embodiment of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Thus, 10 professional British theologians have this year produced a book called *The Myth of God Incarnate*. To use a familiar British expression, it has set the cat among the pigeons, and the feathers are flying.

Referring to the controversy, one noncommittal reviewer describes "the general position of these writers" as being (1) "that Jesus made no claim of divinity for himself," (2) "that the doctrine of the incarnation was developed during the early centuries of the Christian era as an attempt to express the uniqueness of Jesus in the mythological language and thought forms of the Greek culture of the time."

Now the degree of intellectual pride and willful unbelief represented by these writers is not for us to assess. That is God's prerogative. Nor should we forget that the word "myth" has a technical meaning that is not to be confused with its more general meaning of fantasy or pure fabrication.

No Escape from the Historical

One may cheerfully concede the technical point without abandoning the substance of the complaint here registered. The core of the complaint is that there is no escape from history and that for 1900 years human pride has been trying to find that nonexistent escape. The escape routes are varied: "legendizing," "conceptualizing," "spiritualizing" and so on. To be sure, *interpretation* of the birth, death and resurrection of our Lord belongs to the turf of theology. To this the New Testament bears witness.

But what the New Testament will not allow is the emptying out of history, the vaporizing of it in the notion (popularized by Professor Rudolph Bultmann) that it is *belief* in the resurrection of our Lord, not the *event* itself, that is important.

So it is with the birth of Christ, according to Bultmann and these later "demythologizers." Not the actuality of the incarnation, the "Word" that was "made flesh," but the story of it and the belief in it—this becomes the genius of the Gospel.

This, let it be added, is the way to make trivial the concrete realism of, say, the Matthew account of our Lord's birth:

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem. . . .

Note how straightforwardly factual the account is. A time specifically given! A place specifically named! A ruler specifically identified! Surely Bishop Lesslie Newbigin is correct when, in his *Honest Religion for Secular Man*, he writes:

No one who reads the Bible as a whole with any attention can doubt that this is the fire which burns at its heart: the belief in a God who acts and who is therefore related in a special way to certain names and certain events.

It is this rooting of the Gospel in history that is no small part of its scandal. It is easier to handle, to shape it to our own dubious purposes, if only we can keep it in the sphere of ideas and concepts and viewpoints and theories. We aren't comfortable when God pins us down by pinning himself down to a mother's warm womb and a "baby's low cry."

No Escape from the Material

There's something more to the scandal. God's action in the birth of Jesus not only gives validity to the historical but sanctity to the physical. "Spirituality" has become one of a good many fuzzy, vacuous, unctuous words which in our time need to be recalled and re-minted. Just how "spiritual" is a stable, or a manger, or the simple, perhaps coarse, baby garment that a peasant mother from Galilee would wrap around her firstborn? Yet the holiness and mercy of God, his "spirituality," if you will, is such that it can seize and sanctify a rough-hewn manger on the way to redeeming a world.

History may be an embarrassment to some theologians, but not to God. Taking it as his vehicle, he rides in on it, proclaiming, "The Son of man is come! The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost!"

Materiality may be an embarrassment to some super-spiritual folks, but not to God. He employs—and by the employment enhances—bodies and money and bread, earth and sea and sky, organ pipes and violin strings and trumpet tones, printer's ink and paper stock and television screen—the whole bit.

From the nonsense that would deny it, let us pray to be delivered.

*O little lights, grow dim,
O nearer sounds, be still,
While our hearts remember Bethlehem,
And a cross on a far green hill.*


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