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T H E F O U R F L A T S N E W S L E T T E R

Seoul, Korea
September 14, 1955

Dear Friends:

As we look over the crowded city of Seoul, slowly recovering from almost total devastation, and see the courage and faith of these needy people, our hearts are filled with gratitude to God for letting us minister in this place. Your interest and prayers have made this possible, and we thank you for it.

To express our heart burdens and the things we have seen is impossible, but we shall attempt to bring you up-to-date on our trip. We were thrilled by the large group who saw us off at the Portland airport. Our flight to the Orient was smooth and uneventful except for a four hour layover in Anchorage and a regular fuel stop at the lonely Aleutian outpost of Cold Bay. We were greeted at the Tokyo airport by the Japan Youth for Christ director and two missionaries from the Oriental Missionary Society with whom we stayed during our five days in the Tokyo area. God answered your prayers as seekers responded to the Gospel every service in Japan--at reform schools, street meetings, churches, and public halls. Evidences of pagan religions stirred our hearts to a new consciousness of the reality of our living Christ.

On Saturday, September 10, we enplaned at Tokyo with the World Vision Korean Pastor's Conference team for Seoul. Korea is a contrast to Japan. Extreme devastation and poverty everywhere--hardly a building which was not gutted by war. The multiplied stories one hears of sorrow and suffering are almost unbelievable, but true. You feel you can bear the burden no longer, and your spirit must have an outlet through prayer and weeping. But in the face of all this, the Church is amazingly strong. Every service has been filled to capacity. The Pastor's Conference is being attended by 3300 pastors of all denominations from all over Korea, anxiously listening to every word and song to be built up in the faith for their work in the villages and cities. It is an inspiration to minister to the Koreans--their response is immediate and there have been seekers in every service. During the day we are singing in schools, universities, and service camps, and meeting with Bob Pierce and the team in a downtown restaurant to discuss plans and pray for the sessions.

Last night we ministered at the "Back Home Fellowship", a gathering of American servicemen, and following the meeting, many responded to accept Christ and walk closer to Him. It thrilled our hearts to see these boys from home aggressively living Christ in the face of strong temptations. In connection with this we urge you to pray for our continued opportunities among the GI's, especially as we minister to them on Okinawa in a few days. God is blessing our contact with them. Next Monday we leave Korea for Japan where we will have a concentrated ministry in various areas until September 30. From there we go to Okinawa, Formosa, Hong Kong, and the Phillipines. We desperately need your prayers that God will give us wisdom in services, good interpreters, and the power of the Holy Spirit. Our incapacibilities have brought us to put

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The job in the Orient is tremendous and the challenge is so great. New churches of large congregations and many seekers could spring up almost anywhere in Korea overnight if the missionaries had the funds from home. People are hungry and praying for revival. We are sometimes kept awake at night here, not because it is hot, not because of physical sickness, but because of the prayers of Korean Christians we hear coming from a nearby seminary building. At 5:30 a.m. the early morning prayer groups assemble; and so it goes-- a continual crying to God for revival and an extension of the Gospel. This has gripped our hearts and we ourselves have had thrilling times in prayer. But we need more of Him, and we are convinced that all of us in the States need a new vision of the "Fields white unto harvest." We need to turn from our idols of material things and turn to God in repentance and dedication to the task of carrying the Gospel around the world.

One more thing which at present is a concern on our hearts. Although our wives at home alone are being blessed and protected by God, we do know that they need your prayers and continued financial support. We trust that you will pray about your part in this specific need.

God bless you for your prayerful interest in our mission to the Orient. Your gifts have already been multiplied in the salvation of many souls. We shall continue to keep you informed.

For Souls in the Orient,

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