

World Forgotten Children's Foundation

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**Providing Helpings
Hands to Less Fortunate
Children of the World**

THE MISSION OF THE WORLD'S FORGOTTEN CHILDREN FOUNDATION (WFCF)

The philosopher, John Donne, wrote a verse that many of us have heard:
NO MAN IS AN ISLAND

"No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as any manner of thy friends or of thine own were; any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved with mankind. And therefore, never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."

I like to couple that commentary with a quote from another philosopher, John E. Searles. Searles calls this observation,

THE MEANING OF LIFE

"The meaning of life is to laugh, to live...
but also, it is to matter, to mean something...
to have it make some difference
that you lived at all."

In many of the world's cultures, especially in the cultures that are served by WFCF, just surviving from day to day is a struggle. A child in such cultures is, at first, another mouth to feed. And that "other mouth to feed" is expected to contribute to the well being of the family and the community as soon as possible, at very early ages. If the child is handicapped in any way, the child is often orphaned and abandoned. This is because such children are seen as additional burdens and an economic drain on the family and the community in which the child lives. These children are discarded and unwanted. And in no way are they a candidate for adoption by other adults in the extended family or the community. What a terrible and agonizing experience and way of life for the child, the parents who had hoped for so much, and for all the members of the community who are, consequently, reminded of this tragedy every day of their lives! Every loving, caring, and compassionate human being is pained at even just the knowledge of this tragedy. By enhancing the quality of life for other persons, we enhance the quality of life for all of us on the planet. Yes, the quality of our own lives as well. **NO MAN IS AN ISLAND.**

We, each and every one of us, yes all of us, can and should help out—make a difference. Some of us can give a little of our financial resources, our time, our relevant knowledge, our pressure on governments to take corrective action. Some of us can give very large portions of our financial resources, our time, our relevant knowledge, our pressure on governments to take corrective action. When I was in my own very early teenage years a man once asked me, "How will you know if your life has been a success?" As a young teen, I thought of money, financial assets, and material possessions. That man said to me, "Your life has been a success if other persons are better off because you have lived." That man was not John Searles, but I never forgot his message.

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WFCF is Pleased to Announce the Funding (\$US 13,500) of a 15-Passenger Van for the Baby Box Church in Seoul, Korea

Pastor Lee Jong-rak is a founder of the Baby Box Church. He is a simple man with a huge purpose; Pastor Lee saw a devastating problem. He thought of a way he could change it, and he became a prophetic voice to his society. His story is a story of faith; a story of hope; and a story of love. His Baby Box is the first and only box in Korea that is for collecting abandoned babies who are physically or mentally handicapped or are just unwanted by their mothers.



Hundreds of unwanted babies are abandoned on the side of the street in South Korea every year. Pastor Lee knew he needed to set up a way to save the lives of these precious babies. He built a drop box on the side of his home with a humble sign reading, "Place to leave babies."

The church's battered Van had so many problems and it was not safe to transport the children. It was their only mean of transportation when the children need to go out for the activities or the treatments at the hospital. WFCF proudly sponsored the Baby Box Church to replace the 15-passenger van. The new van is now at the service of the Baby Box Church and the children that live there.

The inside of the box contains a thick towel covering the bottom, and lights and heating to keep the baby comfortable. A bell rings when someone puts a baby in the box, then Pastor Lee, his wife, or staff associates come to immediately move the baby inside. His aim was to provide a life-giving alternative for desperate mothers in his city of Seoul. He even admits that he didn't really expect that babies would come in— He was mistaken. The babies came. In the middle of the night, in the middle of the day, some with notes, some without a word, and only a very few mothers actually spoke to him face-to-face.

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- Let your friends and associates know about WFCF
- Forward a copy of the WFCF Newsletter to friends and associates
- Encourage friends and associates to inform WFCF about appropriate projects to fund
- Consider including WFCF as a beneficiary in personal wills

