

Mrs. Haggerty and other A.C.W.W. visitors at St. Simon (or Peter's) Home in Hong Kong with children sponsored by individuals and organizations. At least half of these organizations are Women's Institutes.



who suffered so horribly under the lashings of typhoon Wanda.

Before leaving St. Peter's we met the mother of Chang Yuk-Wak. A slim, attractive little woman, Wu Tai-tae works with her husband in the fields, carrying her youngest child in a sling on her back. Luckily, the typhoon had left their crops undamaged, though it had removed the roof from their small home. We spoke through one of the teachers as interpreter and she smiled as she expressed thanks that her son could have some schooling. I liked her. She taught me to be humbly grateful for a privilege that I and my sons have always taken for granted.

In a report such as this, one should not fail to mention the continued and consistent effort made by the government of Hong Kong to provide re-settlement blocks. One of these huge buildings with a school and play yard on

the flat roof is opened, we were told, about every two weeks, with every effort made to provide trained teachers for the children. However, with approximately forty per cent of this crowded population under the age of fifteen years, the challenge to provide for their education is enormous. Assistance of the innumerable social agencies is fully appreciated, and among these are many full and part-time workers like those we met at Castle Peak.

Hong Kong of the "fragrant harbour" has left us a fragrant memory of Chinese persons who work with Christian dedication to relieve misery and want in that unfortunate area. It was a privilege to meet the Reverend R. Tsang and Mrs. Tsang and Mabel Tam, the friendly case worker. Our grateful thanks to Mr. Kendrick Marshall, National Director, Canadian Save the Children Fund, who made this possible.

Girls in the Save the Children Plan

By Mrs. Jas. Haggerty

AN OUTSTANDING FEATURE of our tour of Hong Kong was a visit to a hostel or school, St. Simon Home, established by the Hong Kong Diocesan Association in London. Here the children are sponsored by individuals, church or other organizations, and at least half of them by Women's Institutes, many of them by Women's Institutes across Canada.

The services rendered to children of fisherfolk and widows working to support their families include education, health services and spiritual care. The demand far surpasses the facilities available.

They are a happy, healthy group of boys and **girls**, and I stress the word girls, for the women and girls are considered of very little importance in Hong Kong and are accorded few privileges. Education is not compulsory, neither is it free; therefore, the little girls have very little chance of attending

school. It was a joy to note that the girls received the same attention and privileges at this school as the boys did.

The buildings are crowded; there are not enough classrooms, but they stagger the classes and even hold sessions in the church which is badly in need of repair. But they are erecting new buildings as dormitories and classrooms instead of renovating the church, because they must choose the place where the need is greater.

St. Peter's Church is doing a magnificent work for St. Simon Home; the staff members are dedicated men and women. The Women's Institutes can be proud of this special project of sponsoring a child, whether it is in Hong Kong, India, Korea or elsewhere; and it would be my hope and prayer that many of you will continue the project that will bring happiness and help to these little "neighbours" of ours, as a "Thank you" that our children live under better conditions.