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As Christmas draws near, I am taking the liberty of sharing with you some aspects of my personal and family life. Although I have a fine family, I have never had the opportunity to introduce them to the great majority of our Crusade members and supporters.

On the front page is a recent family photograph. Seated next to me is my wife Lillian, holding our first grandchild, Katherine Gae Schwarz. Next to Lillian is Katherine's mother and our daugher-in-law, Rosalie.

On my right is our daughter Rosemary, while standing are Dr. John Whitehall and our sons, John and David. Rosemary is a fifth-year medical student at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia. The medical course in Australia requires 6 years so she has another two years of study before she graduates as a doctor. Our oldest son John is a pharmacist while David has completed high school and plans to study law. Dr. John Whitehall has been an honorary member of our family since he was five years old. He graduated as a medical doctor 12 months ago and is presently in residence at Sydney Hospital.

No man has ever enjoyed greater loyalty and cooperation from his family. My wife Lillian has been a true partner in every sense of the word. Without complaint she has been mother and father to our children while I traveled the world in the fight against communism. I have never had one minute of worry concerning the care our children would receive. I have known that all their problems would be understood, all their pains would be felt and their joys shared. I have never needed to hesitate about undertaking any journey or task for fear that my wife would not understand.

I remember visiting Manila in the Philippines to attend a conference in 1951. At that time I was still engaged in active medical practice, and I arranged for another doctor to care for my patients during my expected absence. While in Manila, I received an invitation to go to Japan to speak and work there. Feeling I should accept this invitation, I sent my wife a cable as follows: "Going on to Japan. Don't know when I will be home. Arrange for the practice. Love, Fred." When I finally arrived home many weeks later, my welcome was unmarred by any trace of complaint.

When I made my first trip to America in 1950, David was a baby. He is now a young man. Only once have I been able to be home to celebrate his birthday.

I have often been questioned regarding my motivation for fighting communism. I have replied that one strong motivating force has been my love for my family. Communist doctrine divides people into two classes—the proletariat and the bourgeoisie. Communist doctrine teaches that the bourgeoisie is evil and must be destroyed. My family are members of the bourgeoisie, and I have felt a responsibility to preserve them from the destruction that would follow communist victory.

Another question that has been asked frequently is, "Why do you fight communism in the United States instead of remaining in Australia to fight it there?"

The answer is clear to anyone who understands the reality of the forces existing in the world. Australia has a population of 11 million. When Japan attacked Australia, the United States had to come to our defense. Today we are more than ever dependent upon the United States for our very life. If the United States became either unable or unwilling to protect Australia, our position would be desperate indeed.

The security of the free world depends upon the United States. Any contribution to understanding communism that I have been able to make in the United States has been more effective for the defense of Australia than any contribution I could have made within Australia itself.

Another question that has perplexed many is, "Why don't you bring your family to live in the United States?"

This is not as simple as it appears. America has immigration laws, and these have made it difficult, if not impossible, for the family to come as immigrants. We also conduct anti-communist work in Australia, and my wife is the secretary of the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade of Australia. In addition, there has been the question of disrupting the education of the children. We also love Australia and are proud to be Australians.

Physical family separation has been unavoidable. This has been associated with a remarkable family unity of mind and spirit. My wife and I have written to each other every day. When I have been able to go home, the family fellowship has been unmarred by the long absences.

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Our Lord promised, "There is no man that has left house of brethren or sisters of father of mother of wife or children or lands for My sake and the Gospel's, but he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses and brethren and sisters and mothers and children and lands with persecutions; and in the world to come, eternal life." Mark 10:29-30

I have certainly experienced the part of the promise that refers to this life, and I confidently anticipate the future. I have been showered with friendship and love and welcomed into the homes and treated as one of the family by so many fine Americans. My heart is warm within me when I consider what so many have done.

On the other hand, I have had my share of persecution. This has usually taken the form of libel and slander. When the guilty ones are the communists, this is not hard to bear, but when people in responsible positions join in the campaign and tell outrageous lies, it is sometimes difficult to avoid feeling a little bitterness. One example is the slanderous statement made by Stanley Mosk in 1962 when he was Attorney General of the State of California. These slanders are still repeated as illustrated in "Look" magazine of November 1, 1966, "At times, he shared platform dates with Dr. Fred Schwarz, whose Christian anti-Communism 'school' has been discredited by California's attorney general."

Of course, I have a strong desire to return home to my family. It would be unnatural if this were not so. At times this desire becomes almost overpowering. However, I intend to continue in the fight within the United States as long as I feel that my services are needed and fruitful. The need for a continuing exposure of changing communist tactics is obvious.

The Crusade family is now very large. We support thousands in more than 21 countries throughout the world. It would be a cruel thing to forsake them at this time.

The manner in which our needs are supplied is a never-ending miracle. We need \$50,000 each month and our pledged support is less than \$4,000. We have our periods of anxiety, but we have always been able to pay our bills and to undertake new programs.

We are presently challenged by new and important projects. These are:

- 1) Schools of anti-communism for university and college students.
- 2) An anti-communism educational program in Thailand.

Many of you share our concern about the Marxism, Socialism, Anarchy, and degeneracy so prevalent on many college campuses. We wish to train at least 1,000 students to fight effectively for individual freedom, free enterprise, civic responsibility, and moral integrity on the campuses. We will need to provide selected students with scholarships for transportation, lodging, food, and tuition.

Dr. Sluis is planning to go to Thailand to launch our educational program in January, 1967. We hope his visit can be as fruitful as his work was in British Guiana. If we inform the Thai people now of the true doctrines and objectives of communism, we may save much blood and treasure later.

Many of you are not called upon to leave your families and to travel to distant lands. You can help provide the support which is absolutely essential for these programs. We need an additional \$80,000. Will you make a loving gift this Christmas season?

May I take this opportunity to thank you for the hospitality, kindness, generosity and love which you have shown me in such abundance. I would be ungrateful indeed if I could not say with sincerity, "I love America and Americans," and pray, "God bless America."