



JINNY FRUIN AND HOLT CHILDRENS SERVICES

Friends of Holt-Korea

I first came to Korea on a business trip with my husband Bob in July 1974. Bob had been here the year before when we had just adopted our first Korean daughter Karen who was 5 months old. I was delighted to visit the land of our daughter and to meet our 3-year-old son Dan who had just been offered to us. He was in a foster home in Il San. He arrived home in California 2 months later. In 1978 just before Bob died we received 2 replacement children from Holt. David was 5 and his sister Lauri who was 17months.

At Holt we met staff, and we wanted to know what our adopted parent group could do to help Holt. In Well Baby Clinic we met Dr Cho and her nurse. The nurse identified us as the parent group who sent new diapers and clothes as well as a few boxes of High Protein baby cereal. She proclaimed that they needed more cereal to feed sick and dying babies! At that time there were many premature babies. We decided that we could ask parents in our adopted group and other parent groups throughout the country to send money so that we could purchase more cereal. Latter we added jars of baby food – fruit, vegetables, and meat. We also sent cleft palate nipples for babies who needed them.

In 1976 we were invited back as escorts. Dr. Cho was very surprised to see us again! She proclaimed, “You Came Back!”. Unfortunately, Bob died in 1978. I decided that I wanted to carry on the project and was invited back in 1979. In the last 51 years I have returned to Holt approximately 36 times. Many times, I’ve escorted. More recently I’ve been accompanied by my grandson Robert whom I adopted. He first came to Seoul when he was 9 and he has visited 11 times.



This brief history was written to be presented at the festivities for the 70th Anniversary of Holt in September.

I regret that I was unable to attend the September celebration, but Robert and I did have an April visit to Holt Children's Services in Seoul.

Although adoption has been taken over by the Korean government, Holt Children's Services is still very much a social services agency servicing the needs of Korean children through various programs.

1. The Youth Orphan Program which helps children graduating from orphanages to pursue a career.

2. The Emergency Support Program for Pregnant Women in Crisis which gives needed supplies for infants.

3. The 365 Kids Kit which gives backpacks filled with educational supplies for a child from a home of a needy single parent. These supplies support the child's schoolwork.

Holt Children's Services continues to need help from Friends of Holt – Korea to further these services for the children of Korea. Their services extend from infants to school aged kids to teenagers! Thanks for your years of generosity. Please continue to help Holt Children Services in Korea.

Happy Holiday and Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy 2026!

Love and thanks,

Jinny and Robert



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