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## Merry Christmas

The Editor and the Committee of the Journal thank readers and contributors for their valued support throughout the year and would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

# Let's restore the Balance.



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## It's not a question of charity. It is a matter of justice.

A handful of rich nations-ours among them-consuming most of the world's resources.

The rest . . . two thirds of the world . . . some three billion human beings . . . living lives plagued by hunger and disease and deprived of basic necessities.

The have's and the have-not's. On a global scale.

## You can help restore the balance.

Through Foster Parents Pian you can do something. No, you will not change the world. But you will be assisting a family towards the self sufficiency that is their due as human persons.

We have no political or religious affiliations. Our sole purpose is to help people in the developing nations to help themselves... through the support of those who care. Do you care? Enough to help?

You can sponsor a family in Latin America, Asia or Africa. It will cost you \$14.50 a month. This contribution provides the family with vital counselling, guidance and encouragement from an indigenous social worker. It provides some financial support, medical care, health education and vocational training.

It is small assistance by our standards. Yet it lays a foundation for future progress by the family's own efforts.

Our objective: not dependency, but initiative and selfreliance.

Person to person help.

You will be put in touch with the family and kept informed of its progress. One of the children (the "Foster Child") will



write to you regularly. It need not be just a matter of dollars and cents.

There can be personal interest and personal involvement. Perhaps you cannot commit yourself to full sponsorship. Then just send what you can. It will be put to good use in family, community self-help projects and co-operatives. Foster Parents Plan of Australia is currently at work in Ethiopia, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Haiti, Peru, Indonesia (Bali & Yogyakarta), Republic of Korea and the Philippines.



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