

BREAD FOR THE CHILDREN

Many of the heartwarming stories of our military forces serving abroad are never published or broadcast by news media eager to report battles and casualties in the quest for strategic advantage. But our men and women in uniform are often engaged in humanitarian causes that demonstrate their concern for civilian populations suffering from the effects of war.

I was reminded of that reality recently in an article from *God's Psychiatry*, written by Charles L. Allen and published by Revell.



The Allied soldiers gathered many hungry, homeless children after World War II and placed them in large camps. The children were abundantly fed and cared for. At night, however, they did not sleep well. They seemed restless and afraid.

Finally, a psychologist offered a solution. After the children were put to bed, they each received a slice of bread. If they wanted more to eat, they could have it, but this particular slice was not to be eaten; it was just to hold.

That slice of bread produced marvelous results. The child would go to sleep, subconsciously feeling there was something to eat tomorrow. That calmed the child.

Consider the positive touch, then, of our soldiers on these children.

But there is a lesson through this story for us today. In Psalm 23, David says, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." Instinctively, the sheep know the shepherd has made plans for their grazing. They feel that the shepherd has made ample provision, so they will lie down in peace.

We can have that same assurance about His actions for us.

– Beecher Hunter