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January 23, 1974

A suggestion for a proposal for the Board Meeting, January 31, 1974

Whereas: the Board of Directors of FCVN has been characterized since October by a lack of effectiveness and resultant demoralization of the members of the Board, and

Whereas: many decisions of a long-lasting or permanent nature confront the Board which necessitate decisive action and intelligent decisions, and,

Whereas: the full potential of FCVN is not being realized -

Therefore, it is hereby proposed that:

All members of the Board of Directors except Jim Bumpus submit their resignations on January 31, effective immediately. Jim will then appoint 5-7 Board members, either from within FCVN or people entirely new to FCVN. This new Board will be an "Interim Board" to serve only until elections. Active, key members will serve as members or chair persons of "standing committees" who will advise the Board.

The day-to-day business of carrying out the policies of the Board will be handled by the office staff with the necessary authority vested in the office manager.

Considerations of this proposal:

1. If passed, it will allow quick and decisive action on the many questions before the Board.
2. Unless significant restructuring by way of this proposal or a similar proposition takes place, the following 60% of the present Board (Hegel, Buchanan, Silverberg, Silverberg, Bumpus) do not feel they can continue to work in any capacity.
3. Effective leadership and a new direction could very well vitalize and rebuild FCVN to realize its full potential.
4. We must acknowledge the difficulty, admitting that we all have contributed, in varying degrees, to the problems we now face.
5. The office manager (or executive assistant or whatever the title becomes) has a great responsibility and must be allowed the authority to carry out this responsibility.
6. In order for this plan to work, support from the present Board must be nearly unanimous.
7. This proposal (and any other proposal) should remain confidential until it is mutually agreed as to when and how a decision will be announced.

Upon request, FCVN will provide a description of the work done by each of these people and the estimated time spent per week to do the job. The chart should, however, give you an idea of how many people are needed, both practically and ideally. Obviously, the current crisis has taken its toll among our volunteers and hopefully the new H.Q. and Agency can fill some places we now leave blank.

Duties or Positions	Name of person now doing job	Salary	
President	Dave Hutchinson		
Vice President			
Secretary	Jan Woods		
Treasurer	Joe Lamb		
Other Board Members	Sandy Reynolds, Lola D' Orazio		
Executive Director			
Director of Adoptions	Jeanne Thieneman	\$835.00/ mo	
Adoption Secretary	Trish Hackett(until Oct 10)	\$ 200.00 / mo	
Casework Supervisor	Ruth Bollinger		
General Secretary	Dee Hudson	\$ 600.00/ mo	
Book keeper	Betsy Polk, Roberta Nielson		
Foster Orphanage Director	Kitty Lamb		
Medical Committee Director	Sarah Jarred		
Shipping Director	Joan Wagner/Carol Rausch		
Several assistants			
Chapter Relations Director	Nancy Hegel		
Liason USAID, other Agencies	Kerry Pettis, formerly Cheryl M		
Mailing List Co-ordinator 10 people to do newsletters	Jan Woods		List is on a computer
Editor Newsletter	Team effort at present		
Photographer	Bernie Mantey		
Slide show Co-ord.	Connie Ning (until Oct 10)		
Co-ordinator of Volunteers	Judith Johnston		
Public Relations Director	Team effort at present		
Convoy Co-ordinator	Jan Woods		
Someone to help with thank you's	Being done in office at present		
Lawyer	Hired as needed		
Auditor	Victor Waln	\$ 600.00 yearly	

Basic Needs: 2 adjoining offices; 1 or 2 garages, basements, or warehouses for deliveries, packing and storing  
 Access to 2 trucks, dollies, etc. Minimum of 2 line telephone.  
 FCVN already owns 2 typewriters, 1 tape recorder, and several file cabinets

Several combinations might be tried, depending on the time and talents of the people involved, ie one Bookkeeper/Secretary (full time). BK to do both Agency and General and act as Sec for General; one Secretary/Public Relations combination (full time).

The following people have fully endorsed the plan to re-locate the FCVN headquarters and Adoption Agency.

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- ANGLETON FCVN (not active)  
Mrs. G.W. Barrow (Bobbie)  
1117 Robinhood  
Angleton, Texas  
(713) 849-6121
- BOSTON FCVN  
Pam Larsen  
84 Garden Street  
Cambridge, Mass. 02138
- BUFFALO FCVN  
Jackie Peters  
543 Harris Hill Rd.  
Lancaster, N.Y. 14086  
(716) 685-2580
- ✓CHESAPEAKE FCVN  
Jennifer D. Shaalan  
529 Allegheny Ave.  
Towson, Md. 21204  
(301) 828-0151
- CHICAGO AREA FCVN  
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- DOLPHIN FCVN  
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- FLORIDA FCVN  
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Ossining, N.Y. 10562  
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Silverwood, Mich. 48760  
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Charlie & Janice Harris  
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Dumas, Texas 79020  
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River Falls, Wis. 54022  
(715) 425-6055

Send Bonus Gift Coupons to:  
Mary Lou Robinson  
96 Rick Drive  
Florence, Mass. 01060

Send Betty Crocker Coupons to:  
Judy Silverberg  
4568 Beach Ct.  
Denver, Colo. 80211

Please address your letters to McCall's  
Mailbox, McCall's, 230 Park Avenue,  
New York, New York 10017.

Finally, you can urge your congressman in Washington to sponsor and support legislation designed to help these children—to give them immediate and adequate financial assistance, and to cut the red tape that now keeps them dangerously long before they can join the parents eager to care for them.

HOW YOU CAN HELP  
For information on how to adopt a Vietnamese child, write to any one of the following agencies, which are licensed by the Vietnamese government to process adoptions for American families. All of them provide other children's services as well, and donations (tax deductible) to any of them will reach those children in greatest need:  
Catholic Relief Services, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10001.  
Friends for All Children (formerly Friends of Children of Vietnam, Inc.), 445 South 68th Street, Boulder, Colorado 80303.  
Holt Adoption Program, Inc., P. O. Box 2420, Eugene, Oregon 97402.  
Traveler's Aid International Social Service of America/WAIF, 345 East 46th Street, New York, New York 10017.  
If you belong to a group that would like to sponsor an entire orphanage in Vietnam (there are 130 registered), any one of the above agencies can provide information. Or, write to the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service, Inc., 240 Park Avenue South, New York, New York 10003.

Jan. '74  
McCall's Magazine

JOB Board Exec Dir	JOB DESCRIPTION	Estimate time	Name and Address of Person now doing job	Salary or Cost
1 Full Time Adoption Director			Janne thieneman	\$ 850
1 Full Time Adoption Secretary			trish Hackett (until Oct 10)	\$ <del>200.00</del> <del>250</del>
1 Full Time Bookkeeper for both Adopt/ H.Q.			Betsy Polk Roberta Nielson	vol at present
1 Full Time Secretary * for H.Q.			Dee Hudson	600
1 Director, Foster Orphanage Program			Kittel Lamb	vol
1 Director Medical Comm			Sarah Jarred	vol
1 Director, Overseas Shipping				vol
1 co-ord packing teams			Jean Wagner	
1 box getter				
1 direct loading, unloading				
1 paperwork doer			Carol Raush	
1 Director Chapter Relations			Nancy Hegel	vol
1 Liason USAID, other agencies			Ketty Petts / former Cheryl	vol
1 Mailing list Co-ord			Jam Woods	vol
1 Editor Newsletter			<del>team</del> team at present	vol
1 Photographer			Bernie Mantey	vol
1 Slide Show Co-Ord			Cornie Ning (until Oct 10)	vol
1 Co-Ord Volunteers			Judith Johnston	vol
1 Director Public Relations			team effort at present as needed	vol as needed
1 Lawyer			Victor Wain	\$600
1 Auditor				
BASIC NEEDS				
2 Offices, adjoining				75
1 or 2 garages, basements, or warehouses for deliveries, packing and storing				free
Access to 2 pick up trucks, dolly etc.				free
Minimum of 2-line telephone				\$ 30-40
2 typewriters				Belong to group
1 adding machine, several file cabinets, tape recorder				
someone to do thank yous				
Conroy would	Jam Woods			
* Several combinations might be tried, depending on the time + talents of the people involved.				
ie. <sup>one</sup> Book Keeper / Secretary, Full Time, <del>for</del> BK, for both, Sec for General (paid)				
or one Full Time Secretary / Public Relations combination. (paid)				

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The objective of all dedicated company employees should be to thoroughly analyze all situations, anticipate all problems prior to their occurrence, have answers for these problems, and move swiftly to solve these problems when called upon.....

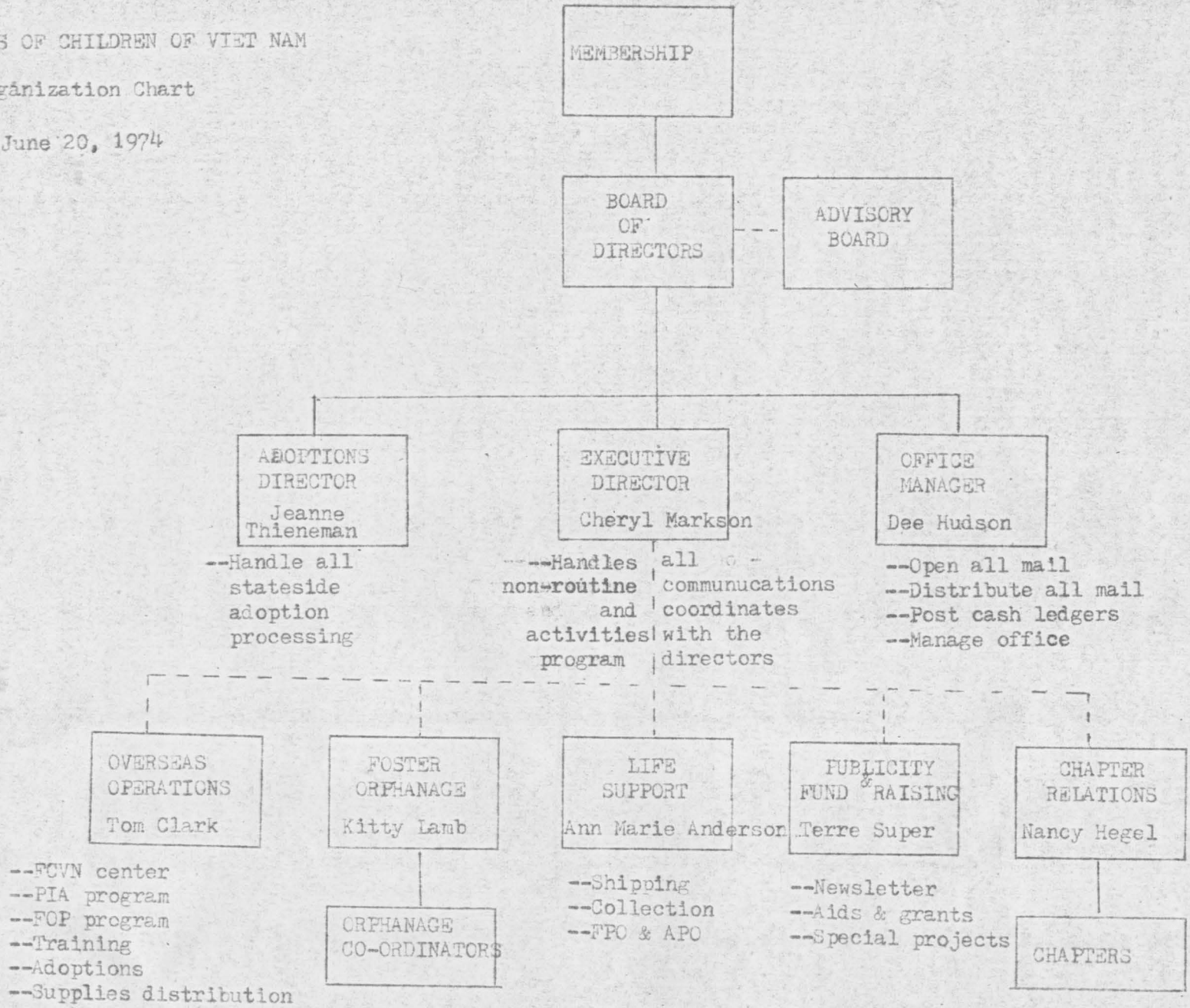
However.....

when you are up to your ass in alligators, it is difficult to remind yourself that your initial objective was to drain the swamp

FRIENDS OF CHILDREN OF VIET NAM

Organization Chart

June 20, 1974





I MET YOU AT THE ORPHANAGE YARD

your sad eyes  
overflowed with  
loneliness  
and pain.  
you saw me.  
you turned your face away.  
your hands drew circles,  
circles  
on the dusty ground.

i dared not ask you  
where your father  
and your mother were  
i dared not open your wounds  
i only wished to sit with you  
a moment  
saying a word or two.

o you small ones  
of four or five  
your life buds already amputated,  
already engulfed  
by cruelty, hatred and violence.

why? why?  
my generation  
my cowardly age  
must shoulder the blame.

i'll go  
in a moment.  
you will remain  
in the shabby yard  
but your eyes will return  
to your familiar yard  
and your fingers  
draw again those small circles  
of pain  
on the dusty ground.

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**FRIENDS  
OF CHILDREN  
OF VIET NAM**

**Friends of Children of Vietnam**

600 Gilpin Street • Denver, Colorado 80218

Dear Friend,

An orphanage is not the best place in the world to be . . . but with good food, adequate schooling and loving care, the children in the Vietnamese orphanages can become productive members of society. Many people want to help when they realize that their support goes to the children, and not into grand offices, funding, study after study, or to over-paid staff. Money goes for the children.

Friends of Children of Vietnam has grown to its present status of 34 chapters nationwide. Along the way, we acquired non-profit, tax-exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service, registered with the National Better Business Bureau, and have recently been granted registration with the Office of Private and Voluntary Cooperation of the United States Agency of International Development. Basically, however, we are still an enthusiastic, determined bunch of volunteers. This is our first attempt to "reach out" to those who have not contacted us first. We believe in what we're doing. We work for love. We also believe you will want to.

A nun in an orphanage outside of Saigon writes, "I know how difficult fund raising can be, and I assure you that whatever donations result from your heroic efforts, they will be most appreciated and stretched to the utmost to bring relief to the children concerned." Many thoughtful people are able to contribute \$50 or more. However, gifts of \$25, \$10, and \$5 go a long ways towards providing basic needs for orphans in Vietnam. Our Heartfelt thanks on behalf of the many children to whose drab, meaningless existence you will be bringing hope and sunshine.

Sincerely,

Joan Wagner  
Publicity/Fund Raising

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**FRIENDS  
OF CHILDREN  
OF VIET NAM**

HEADQUARTERS  
4568-Beech-Court  
Denver, Colorado-80214  
(303)-778-0144

600 Gilpin  
Denver, Colo.  
80218

ADOPTION AGENCY  
445-South-68th-Street-  
Denver, Colorado-80203  
(303)-494-7905

PRICE: \$47,500  
LOANS: \$ 891  
EQUITY: \$40,609

October, 1974

Dear Chapter Friends,

Many questions have been raised in the last month about our "waiting list." You've really done your jobs well: disseminating information, running workshops, helping to "open up" reluctant states. Consequently we here have been flooded with preliminary inquiries and, having sent out over 1000, are now receiving a deluge of prelim applications. We've been actively working with over 220 families who are in various stages of the process, have about 200 regular applications still to come in, and receive home studies every day. This is a much larger operation than we had planned from the beginning, and our tiny office staff had to slow down our normally fast processing in some area. We chose to do this at the least crucial point: between receipt of the prelim and sending out the regular application. We did want to serve families well, not overcommitting prematurely. We currently have a wait list of about 100 names, but do not anticipate a delay of more than two months for any of them.

This last week, however, the crisis with the Saigon staff has had consequences for families in the final stages of the process. A letter from Cherie stated: "inform you to no longer place children...if you continue to do so you are going to be faced with some very upset families... you have absolutely no one here to process the papers. Furthermore I cannot assure you that most of the children will be available."

This is in direct contradiction to her resignation statement which said she, Tom and Thuy would do all possible to ensure a smooth transition so as not to harm FCVN. We are trying now to establish who is going to be in charge and whom we can depend on. Papers and children are coming out of Saigon faster in the last few weeks than they ever have, so I feel confident that those families who have already received pictures will be served quickly. Our problem here is the 20-30 home studies, with more coming in every day, that represent families who, under normal conditions, would be receiving the offer of a child, but with the given situation, we can tell them nothing.

For months now Dee Hudson (office manager), Trish Hackett (parttime secretary who has left for monetary reasons), and myself have been trying to do most of the day to day work and apply the policies and procedures so ably set up by Carol Westlake and Ruth Bollinger. Dee and I are in daily contact with the families and it is heartbreaking not to be able to explain the delay or the absence of news on their children.

FCVN has always been committed to children, but with an adoption agency we have also taken on responsibilities to families. Those few of us privileged to work with them know them from their phone calls, letters, agencies, friends... we agonize with them, encourage them, rejoice with them when the long wait is finally over. Many of these families are your friends and chapter members, but

Over 60 Years of Serving the Denver Area



not one of them is a stranger to us. In many states, chapters and the Denver office have worked long and hard to gain the trust of other agencies and parent groups, have fought against old prejudices, and we have been very successful. We have opened up many closed doors and we've been able to do it together.

Now we have the credibility and professional reputation as an adoption agency that we were working toward. We are being referred to prospective applicants by other agencies and delighted parents. We stand in line to receive many thousands of dollars in USAID <sup>trng</sup> if they pass Congress (the same funds from which FFAC received \$100,000 last year, we hear tell!) and of course adoption fees are beginning to be a large factor. With a lot of hard work on both sides of the world, we are so close to having it all, but we can easily destroy it if we let internal dissension seep into our relationships with prospective adoptive parents and other agencies.

Cherie has suggested that if I'm not replaced immediately that she may send documents directly to agencies or families without regard to each state's very intricate requirements for handling such matters. FGVN hired me to apply its adoption policies and I feel too much responsibility to our current commitments to walk away now, though that would be easy to do under the tremendous pressure being exerted.

In closing, I beg all of you, no matter what your feeling about our current administrative problems -- don't jeopardize our standing with your local agencies or adoptive applicants. No one of us is as important as a couple who may never have biological children, or a single parent for whom we're the last hope, or a whole family that already has emotional ties to a known child. If we folded now, losing either our Saigon or Colorado contracts and credibility, not Cherie, nor Cheryl, nor I would ever know the hurt suffered by those families who now hope... and wait.

Hoa Binh -- please,

*Jeanne Thierman*

Does not like living in commercial/industrial area.  
Existing payment a definite problem, but not fatal.  
1. House in residential area (Peters Commerce City).  
2. Loan relief.  
3. Additional income in anticipation of retirement in six years.

OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. Ben E. Hickey

COUNSELOR: Aris DeGroot

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WEST: 6677 WEST COLFAX AVENUE, J. C. R. S. SHOPPING CENTER • (303) 238-6347



FEE: 10%      PRICE: \$47,500  
LOANS: 6,891  
EQUITY: \$40,609

HAVE: Development site for variety of commercial/shop uses with most site problems solved. .89 acre C-3 site 147.62'x 255.62' (37.735 sq. ft.). Improvements: frame 750 sq. ft. 2-bedroom house with 1/2 basement and 1-car detached garage. City sewer, natural gas, well water to existing improvements.

ADDRESS: 6911 East 56th Avenue, Commerce City

LOAN: \$6,000 note at 18% payable to Arvada Finance Company. 18 months remaining with monthly payments of \$362.00 P.I. Pay off amount \$6,891.36 as of September 15, 1974.

WHY DOES NOT WANT:

Does not like living in commercial/industrial area.  
Existing loan payment a definite problem, but not fatal.

WANTS:

1. House in residential area (prefers Commerce City).
2. Loan relief.
3. Additional income in anticipation of retirement in six years.

OWNERS:

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COUNSELOR:

Arie DeGroot

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First Kings, 3:16

Then came there two women that were harlots, unto the king, and stood before him.

And the one woman said, O my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house.

And it came to pass the third day after that I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also: and we were together; there was no stranger with us in the house, save we two in the house.

And this woman's child died in the night; because she overlaid it.

And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while thine handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom.

And when I rose in the morning to give my child suck, behold it was dead: but when I had considered it in the morning, behold, it was not my son, which I did bear.

And the other woman said, Nay; but the living is my son, and the dead is thy son. And this said, No: but the dead is thy son, and the living is my son. Thus they spake before the king.

Then said the king, The one saith, This is my son that liveth, and thy son is the dead: and the other saith, Nay; but thy son is the dead, and my son is the living.

And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king.

And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other.

Then spake the woman whose the living child was unto the king, for her bowels yearned upon her son, and she said, O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said. Let it be neither mine nor thine, but divide it.

Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she is the mother thereof.

And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him to do judgment.

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