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## Compassion

Releasing children from poverty in Jesus' name

Children are very precious to God, yet they are often the hardest hit by poverty. Poverty is often defined as living on less than \$2 per day. But poverty is much more complex.

Poverty encompasses more than just a lack of financial resources. It involves the inability to access education, cope with health challenges, and enduring social stigmas, isolation, shame, and a sense of worthlessness. Poverty results from broken relationships, starting with one's connection to a higher power, extending to interactions with others, and ultimately affecting one's self-esteem, often making individuals feel powerless and inferior. An estimated 400 million children live in poverty worldwide, and while there has been progress, it's not sufficient.

Many children from impoverished backgrounds can't attend school due to factors like homelessness, orphanhood, or the need to work to support their families. Moreover, 17,000 children under five die every day from largely preventable causes, with a global child mortality rate of 43 deaths per 1,000 live births, disproportionately affecting the poorest regions and the first month of life. Malnutrition also plagues one in six children under five, with one in four experiencing stunted growth. Even before birth, a child's health may be at risk due to parents' struggles to afford healthcare, vaccinations, medication, and transportation, leading to unchecked preventable illnesses that can harm a child's development.

For more than 70 years, Compassion has existed to release children from poverty in Jesus' name. They partner with churches in over 25 developing countries so that support is driven and given by locals to locals. Through Compassion's Child Sponsorship Program, more than 2 million children are currently being released from poverty in Jesus' name.

You might wonder, what does the Child Sponsorship Program involve? Well, for individuals like you and me, it means that we can make a significant impact by sponsoring a child for just \$55 a month. Through this sponsorship, we empower local churches in underprivileged communities worldwide to engage with and uplift not only the child but their entire family. This support ensures that children have access to fundamental necessities like clean water, nourishment, secure shelter, proper clothing, healthcare, educational opportunities, and the chance to build meaningful relationships—all while also having the opportunity to encounter the Good News.

*Find out more at [compassion.com.au](https://compassion.com.au)*



## **Your Sponsorship in Action**

*From \$55 per month, your sponsored child will receive:*



### **Age-appropriate Christian teaching and discipleship**

In a culturally sensitive way, children are given the opportunity to hear the Gospel message. They learn how God has shown His love for the world by sending Jesus Christ, and how He has a plan and purpose for their lives.



### **Education, vocational skills and training**

Children in our programme are supported to attend and stay in school. They also receive vocational training opportunities and extra-curricular activities such as sports, field trips, music, and computer training.



“Compassion gave me the best things I’ve ever had.  
They gave me love, hope and the opportunity to dream and overcome.”

**JOSE FRANK MONTERO**  
DOCTOR, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



“If not for Compassion, I may not have seen that God is true and sovereign, and that there is hope. Something bad happened to me, but God turned it into good.”

**MICAH ROSE CAPARAS**  
LAW STUDENT, PHILIPPINES

