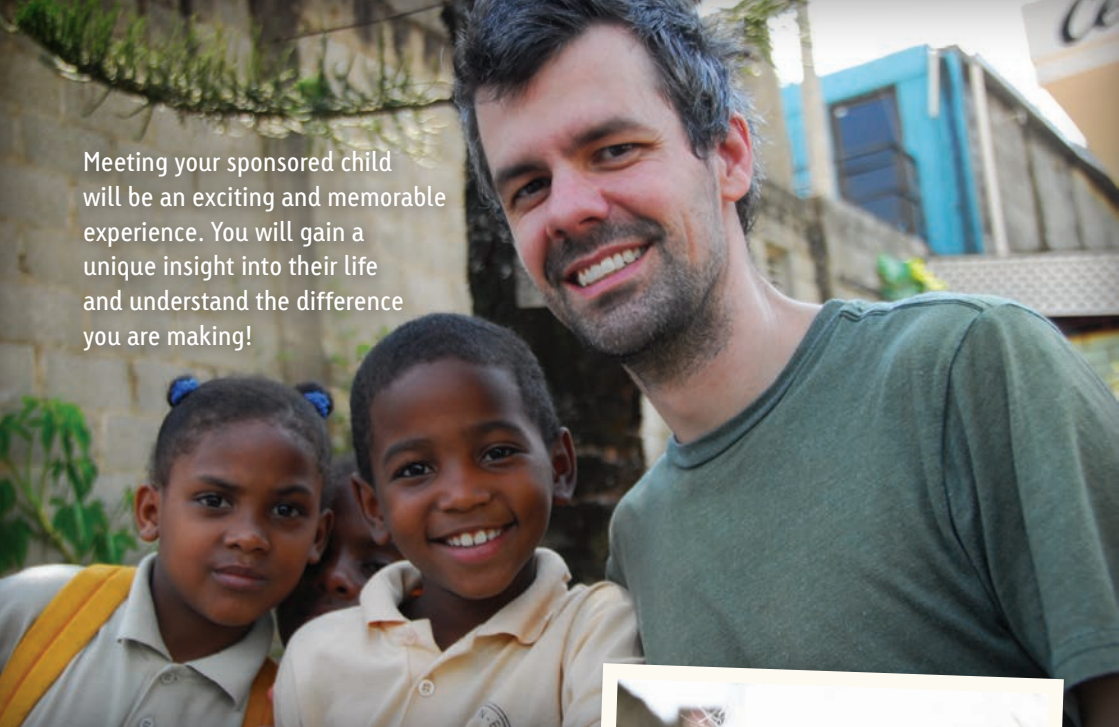




*Visiting your sponsored child*

Meeting your sponsored child will be an exciting and memorable experience. You will gain a unique insight into their life and understand the difference you are making!



## HOW DO VISITS WORK?

- You need to arrange your visit through Compassion UK. Please get in touch with us at least **6-8 weeks** in advance. We recommend that your visit is not your sole purpose of travel.
  - You need to have sponsored your child for at least a year before visiting.
  - Your visit will take place at your sponsored child's Compassion project or at a suitable location. If it's possible, you will also visit your sponsored child's home. Please be aware that not all Compassion projects are open every day and most close during the school holidays.
  - You will always have a Compassion staff member or representative with you for translation, logistics and child protection purposes.
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- Your visit will be three to six hours long, allowing you plenty of time to get to know your sponsored child.
  - While visiting your sponsored child, you will need to pay for any expenses incurred, which could include transport, visit host, meals and accommodation.

## WHAT TO DO, STEP BY STEP

### 1 Request a visit

To confirm that you'd like to go ahead, please get in touch by sending us the following paperwork:

- a) A completed Compassion Child Protection Form  
[available at [compassionuk.org/tours-and-visits](http://compassionuk.org/tours-and-visits)]
- b) A completed Itinerary Form  
[available at [compassionuk.org/tours-and-visits](http://compassionuk.org/tours-and-visits)]
- c) A photocopy of either:
  - A Disclosure and Barring Service Check (formerly CRB check)
  - or a Basic Disclosure (see [disclosurescotland.co.uk](http://disclosurescotland.co.uk))Please note that the documentation must have been completed within two years of your proposed visit date.
- d) A recent photograph
- e) A photocopy of your passport photo page



If you have questions, please call us on **01932 836490** or e-mail [info@compassionuk.org](mailto:info@compassionuk.org)

Any accompanying family members or friends over the age of 18 also need to provide a signed Compassion Child Protection Form, a valid disclosure and a photocopy of their passport photo page.

### 2 We'll be in touch

Once we receive all your documents we will contact the country you wish to visit to see if the dates are suitable. We will then send you the details of your proposed visit including date, itinerary and costs. Please note that you will need to arrange your own travel and accommodation.

### 3 Say yes and prepare for your visit!

Once you are happy with the arrangements, we'll send you a more detailed guide containing some tips for your visit. In the weeks leading up to your trip, pray for your visit and your sponsored child.

### 4 The visit

Enjoy the time and experiences you share with your sponsored child!



“ Our visit was encouraging for the Compassion project as well as being a truly enriching experience for ourselves. ”

GRAEME AND KATHARINE GUNN



“ If you ever have the opportunity to meet your sponsored child please take it – it makes a huge difference not just for them but for their family too. ”

ENOLA AND KEN BUTLER



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