CHANGE THE WORLD FOR
ONE CHILD
this Compassion Sunday

RELEASING CHILDREN FROM POVERTY IN JESUS’ NAME
Dear Friends,

It breaks our heart that over 400 million children are currently living in abject poverty. Many believe their lives don’t matter. We know that’s not true.

God’s heart for the poor is clear. It’s not enough to help children to go to school, have access to healthcare and food. We also have to show them that they are valued, that they are loved and give them an opportunity to learn about God’s love for them.

This Compassion Sunday, will you share God’s heart for the poor and the work of Compassion with your church? Will you give your congregation the chance to come alongside a child in poverty? Together we can change the world, one child at a time.

To sponsor a child is one of the most life-transforming things you can do to bring Godly eternal significance to both individual lives and the life of your whole church family.”

DENNIS GREENIDGE
We know your time is precious, which is why we’ve created a handy range of resources to hold a service focusing on God’s heart for the poor and children living in poverty.

This includes presentation outlines, a PowerPoint, sermons, children’s resources and a great film to bring everything to life.

The sponsor who gave you this pack is passionate about sharing God’s heart for the poor and will help you to run a Compassion Sunday Service.

All you have to do is say ‘yes.’

Compassion impacts individuals in the church because it brings overseas mission to their doorstep and lifts their faith.”

STAN WARREN
Imagine what the Church would be like if everyone became personally involved in mission. Sponsorship gives individuals, couples and families in your church the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus by supporting and discipling a child in poverty.

It’s not just the financial support which counts. By sharing prayers, letters and cards, members of your church can show a child that God loves and cares for them. Sponsors become missionaries without even stepping outside their front door!

As Matthew 18:5 states, ‘whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.’
we are
EXPERIENCED

Compassion has over 60 years of experience in releasing children from poverty in Jesus’ name. We work in 26 countries where we support over 1.7 million children, at nearly 7,000 church-based projects. We work with the poorest of the poor, regardless of their faith.

CHRIST-CENTRED
Jesus is the inspiration for what we do and how we do it. We’re proud of our Christian identity and we believe that when young people come to see how precious they are to God, true transformation takes place.

CHILD-FOCUSED
We’re specialists in child development. We draw on our experience to ensure the programmes we run are tailored to the specific needs of the children in the communities where they live. By changing the life of one child, we’ve seen the positive impact resonate throughout their family and community.

CHURCH-BASED
We believe the Church is God’s plan for the world. We help build up and resource local churches in the developing world to serve children in their community. These churches become beacons of hope, not just for the children but for the community as a whole.

HOW MUCH DOES SPONSORSHIP COST?
It costs €30 a month to sponsor a child. For every €1 you give to Compassion Ireland, a minimum of 80c goes directly to your sponsored child, 5c is spent on facilitating your relationship and 15c goes towards getting the next child sponsored, administration and governance costs. To see Compassion’s latest Annual Report please visit http://www.compassion.ie/financial-integrity
There’s no quick fix for global poverty. But we can make a huge difference to the life of one child.

Jane’ Alam is a Compassion graduate who was born into a slum community where around 10,000 people shared just one tap and two toilets. He was once one child waiting to be sponsored.

When he got sponsored, Jane’ was the first in his community to go to school. He received medical check-ups, food and even things like soap and toothpaste. But Jane’ describes the greatest gifts were hearing about God’s love for him and building a relationship with his sponsor.

Today, Jane’ has gone further than anyone could ever have dreamed. He finished high school at the top of his class, got a Bachelor’s in Business Administration and won a scholarship to the University of Manchester. In 2014, he finished his Masters with first class honours.

Jane’ is now a Compassion sponsor himself. He sponsors Sankritha, a little girl with a big smile who lives in a slum community made up of abandoned drain pipes.

Jane’ is living proof that the cycle of poverty can be broken. There are many children just like Jane’ who are waiting for an opportunity. By holding a Compassion Sunday in your church, you can help us reach them. You can help us change the world, one child at a time.
“LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME, AND DO NOT HINDER THEM, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN BELONGS TO SUCH AS THESE.”

MATTHEW 19:14 (NIV)