

Compassion International

2025 Ministry Update

Where God Moves

Compassion is on the move. We are responding to God's call to reach more of his children, and our prayerful, intentional steps have led us to serving 2.4 million children across 29 countries – more than ever before. We will not stop here.

Children are on the move. Their lives began in the grip of poverty, but as they walk through the doors of their local churches they are finding the love, protection, care and support they need to move forward. Their futures are not defined by poverty.

Churches are on the move. As they seek to serve more of the most vulnerable children within their reach, they are also discovering more effective approaches to address these children's needs. Their ministry is spreading the hope of Jesus in their communities.

You are on the move. Your prayers, partnership and generous support equip our church partners to act as the hands and feet of Jesus, remove obstacles for precious children, and ensure this work will continue for years to come. You are a vital partner as we follow where God moves to release children from poverty in Jesus' name. ***Thank you for joining us.***

> "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out ..."
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> — Matthew 4:19, NIV

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Seth in Burkina Faso

You Make This Work Possible

2.4 million children
are gaining hope through holistic care and programming.

9,000+ church partners
in 29 countries are caring for the most vulnerable children within their reach.

1.7 million supporters
are moving together to release children from poverty in Jesus' name.



Data reflects FY25: July 2024 – June 2025

Targeted Interventions Impact

With your support, our Frontline Church Partners launched 1,147 projects this year to help address the critical needs the children in our program face, bringing hope and lasting change.



54%
increase in the number of projects funded compared to FY20

Children Reached

1,118,900
Disaster Relief (includes family/community members)

769,200
Preventive and Emergency Health Care

183,700
Family Livelihood and Income Generation Support

312,200
New Learning Materials and Curriculum Development

145,400
Safe Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Training

155,200
Formal and Nonformal Education

78,000
Expansion in Malawi, Zambia, Cambodia and Myanmar

120,700
Housing, Classroom and Church Infrastructure

A Closer Look at Work on the Ground



A new church partnership in a remote town in Haiti is reaching 253 new children.



55 new borehole wells will provide safe water to families and communities.



Emergency relief fed 23,463 families after Cyclone Fengal devastated Sri Lanka.



Monica in Tanzania underwent a successful brain operation and regained her speech.



Start-up funds helped Stephen in Ghana establish a successful tailoring shop.

Every day, more children are known, loved and protected – and shown the love of Jesus.

Responding to Ministry Priorities

Our top ministry priorities for fiscal year 2025 included ministry expansion efforts that bring our holistic child and youth development program to the most vulnerable within our reach, equipping churches to respond to the global food crisis and other disasters, and reaching more mothers and babies through the Survival program with lifesaving care.

Thanks to you and our committed network of supporters, we were able to meet our goals in each area – bringing the hope and healing of Jesus to a growing number of mothers, babies, children and families.

Ministry Expansion

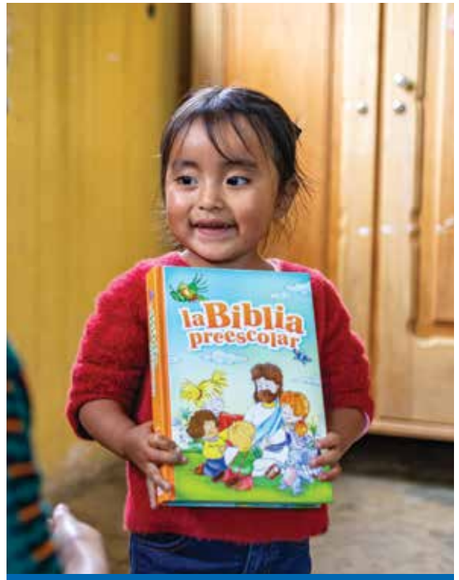
194,902
new children welcomed into the program

Crisis Response & Resilience

429
church partners equipped to provide emergency food relief

Baby & Mom Survival

70,067
babies and their mothers reached with care



Katherin is growing and learning new things after being enrolled in Compassion's program at a church in Guatemala.



Maria and her children in Zambia received monthly food rations to survive a severe drought.



Emmanuella beat the odds and reached her first birthday thanks to her adoptive aunt and Survival care in Togo.

Want to hear more about this year's priorities?

Don't hesitate to reach out! Here's a hint: We are *beyond* excited to follow where God is leading.



Survival program mothers make their way to a prayer meeting in a small village in Honduras.

From Survival to Revival

A revival is happening in a quiet corner of northern Honduras among mothers who, for far too long, lived without hope.

Years of crisis, disaster and deep-rooted poverty had erased all signs of hope. First, there was hunger and fear from the COVID-19 pandemic that weighed heavily on the community. Then in November 2020, two deadly hurricanes hit in two weeks. Recovery throughout Honduras has been slow, and with nearly 4 in 10 children dropping out before they finish middle school, the vicious cycle of poverty is carrying on to the next generation.

Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

— Psalm 25:5, NIV

But a group of Survival mothers in Compassion's program is finding hope amid the hardship they face. With their babies bundled in colorful blankets, they pause their daily chores to seek the Lord, laying their burdens at his feet as they gather for a discipleship meeting.

Some of the women walk for miles in the heat, arriving with dust on their skirts. But a fire has stirred in their hearts and they now know these meetings to be the most important part of their day. "We've learned to overcome excuses and make the effort to attend the prayer groups because our spiritual tanks are full, ready to face whatever hardships come our way," says Lurvin, mother to 4-month-old Isaac.

A Hesitant Start

Many of the mothers were at first hesitant to join the prayer and discipleship meetings led by Survival staff at their church. Their initial motivation for enrolling in Compassion's program was the essential food and medical assistance for their newborn babies. Yet as they opened Bibles and learned about the power of prayer, they soon found a door swung wide to deep healing and something they had long searched for: hope.

Over time, the meetings blossomed into a vibrant movement of faith. There were tearful prayers under tin roofs, shared meals after long days of labor and recited Scripture passages during power outages. Day by day, vulnerability, trust and the quiet but undeniable presence of the Holy Spirit grew among the mothers, and they gradually became the spiritual heartbeat of their entire community.

"I love joining the prayer meetings and sharing with the other mothers," says Maria, who is expecting her first baby. "We gather in the backyards of our homes, and the echo of our worship reaches every corner of the community, inviting others to join."

Truth Takes Hold

True transformation begins for each mother when she realizes that Scriptures are not just words – but a lifeline. She begins to cling to verses like breath in moments of exhaustion. And when silence or worry fills her mind, she can turn to prayer.

In one mother's kitchen, the smell of fresh tortillas mingles with the sound of Scripture being read. Across town, children play in a home's courtyard as the sound of their mothers' worship drifts outside. And in a new mother's home, she sings the hymns she's learned to her baby at night so they can sleep better. Amid the chaos of poverty, Christ's love has become their calm, their compass and their comfort.

Hope Spreads Wide

This revival didn't stop with the mothers. Some of their partners and husbands began to join the devotions, and neighbors paused outside gates to listen to worship. Their passion and faith spread like fire through dry grass, and the church's weekly services and prayer groups swelled.

"We take turns hosting prayer groups. Sometimes there is enough space for everyone to fit comfortably, and other times we just squeeze in close – but either way, we gather joyfully to celebrate the Lord," shares Survival participant Kenia.

The original group of 15 Survival mothers has graduated from the program, yet they continue to organize community prayer nights, support struggling neighbors and mentor new mothers. They entered Compassion's care solely focused on finding hope of survival for their babies, but today they have discovered a calling to serve and lift others up. In the place of hopelessness, they now feel chosen, equipped and deeply loved.



Mothers listen as Kenia shares what the Bible is teaching her.

Yuri, the Compassion program director at their church, shares, "These mothers never imagined they had this within them, yet they've become powerful leaders, now inspiring and guiding other mothers in the community who face the same struggles."

What's happening in this small community in northern Honduras is more than a series of prayer meetings, it's a movement of transformation rooted in faith, love and sisterhood. These mothers' journey is a living testament that when women are empowered through discipleship and faith, they don't rise alone – they lift everyone around them.

Kenia, with a proud smile on her face, shares, "I can't believe I was chosen to spiritually lead other Survival mothers. These women are just like me and are struggling to make ends meet. But faith has been the special ingredient that has empowered us as moms to grow stronger and become a force for change in our community."

Celebrating Survival Wins

An estimated **39,800** Bibles were distributed this year to new Survival mothers.

358 church partners launched Survival programming, reaching new mothers and babies in need.

14,649 babies were born into the program in the past year! Mothers were connected to postnatal care and received newborn essentials like clothes, baby wipes and blankets.

90% of Survival mothers breastfeed their babies, overcoming the significant barriers that poverty raises to successful breastfeeding.



Friendship in a War Zone

Conflict in Myanmar has displaced thousands of children, forcing them to flee their homes and leave everything behind. But our reach in this region is expanding, and children are not only finding support to survive – they are smiling, laughing and making new friends, thanks to your support and a network of local churches.

"The houses here are built of cement, but I liked my old house better because I grew up there," says K'Paw. His new friends nod their heads, understanding exactly how he feels.

Say Wah, sitting next to K'Paw, adds, "Our house was made of bamboo with a roof of dried leaves. It was always cool even when it was baking outside. I played with my friends at the house, but now all that's gone. I miss them."

K'Paw, Say Wah and their new friends, Moo Chit and K'Pru, are among 122 children in the village now supported by Compassion's program. Their lives have been upturned, but slowly, they're finding they are not alone.

Say Wah's journey began when he came home early from school and noticed his belongings packed into small bags. The sounds of war had drawn too close, and his father said they needed to head into the jungle for a long journey to a safer place.

As Say Wah looked around his new home, he wondered if he would ever feel happy again. But little did he know, three children had just arrived from other villages, hundreds of miles apart. Within a few days, the four became fast friends. Their strong friendship was forged by their shared experience of displacement, fear and trauma.

The families are now safe, but new challenges have emerged. Moo Chit's family formerly had a large rice field where they could also grow vegetables. Her parents and many others knew the difficulty of earning a living in a remote area where jobs and food are scarce. They all wondered what the future held. Would they be able to go to school? Where would their food come from?

But even in darkness, God is moving. Our local partners in the region expanded into the children's new village, and the four were welcomed into Compassion's program.

"We started with a few classes on Sundays, and soon we will have a full program on Saturdays with nutrition and school support," says ToTo, a Compassion Thailand staff member. For displaced children, these activities are a return to a happy childhood.

"My best moment so far was attending the program at the church. I met many new friends there, and we played and skipped rope together after class," says Moo Chit, smiling.

"Mine was Sunday at the church, too!" adds K'Pru. "I enjoyed all the classes with my friends, reading and writing, and listening to Bible stories."

The four children are now starting school, and the bonds between church staff and new children continue to grow through fun activities, counseling, support and trust. For K'Paw and his friends, the village may never feel like home, but it has become a safe place of refuge.



From left to right: K'Pru, Moo Chit, Say Wah, K'Paw



We plan to serve 100,000 children along the Thailand-Myanmar border in the next three years!
Scan the QR code or visit www.compassion.com/kilo to learn more about life for these children and the opportunities they receive through Compassion's care.

Greater Learning. Greater Impact.

Everywhere Rose looked, she saw issues she wanted to fix. As a staff member at a Compassion-partnered church focused on helping children, it hurt to see so many children dropping out of school, struggling to eat and losing hope. With so many needs and limited resources, it was hard to know what to do next.

This is why Compassion's Life Transformation Platform – a resource designed to help churches record data, identify needs and implement solutions – was created. It gives those closest to the children the ability to discover and address the top needs.

The Life Transformation Platform is now making its way to more than 9,000 Compassion-partnered churches, and Rose's church in Tanzania was one of the first to begin training. Follow along as Rose and her team use the platform to address needs in their community.



Step 1: Training

Rose and other staff from her Compassion-partnered church first attended workshops where they learned about the new platform and also about how to accurately collect data, analyze results and identify solutions. The team left empowered and eager to begin their work.

Step 2: Needs Assessment

Rose and her team then collected data from their community and children enrolled in Compassion's program, created focus groups and sought input from local leaders. From this effort they were able to identify priority needs and local resources for addressing the needs.

Top Concerns:

- Injury prevention and safety
- Numeracy
- Literacy
- Safe water access
- Food security

Local Resources:

- Government partners and local organizations
- Nearby Compassion-partnered churches
- Children's parents

Step 3: Intervention Selection and Planning

After discussing the needs and available resources, the team began prioritizing and making plans. One feature of the Life Transformation Platform is a library of evidence-based resources and activities that helps churches address specific needs. Rose's team found guides on improving learning outcomes and mobilizing local resources, which equipped them to narrow their focus to the issue of children's declining math, reading and writing skills, and then plan their next steps.

Step 4: Implementation

The team discovered that this issue also affected children at four nearby Compassion-partnered churches, and that children often complained about the lack of desks at their schools. Each local primary school served an average of 2,000 students but only had roughly 170 desks, leaving children to sit on the floor for hours as they tried to learn. The churches joined forces and launched a local fundraising campaign. They reached out to local businesses, organizations, neighboring churches and the broader community, and with each donation, they purchased and delivered new desks to schools.

Step 5: Evaluation

The team meets regularly to evaluate progress, discuss action items and revisit goals. With this campaign well underway, they are prioritizing the next area of concern, starting a continual cycle of needs assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation. Rose now feels empowered as she and her team move to the next item on the list. She shares with a smile, "Through the Life Transformation Platform, we are now changing how we address needs."

Equipping Every Church

19%
of church partners are using the Life Transformation Platform.

409,000+
child participants have spoken into the data collection, making their voices heard.

100%
of partner countries are now integrating the platform into their ministry model.

To learn more, visit www.compassion.com/LTP

Transformation Multiplies in Malawi

Your gifts often extend well beyond the children directly served by Compassion's program. This is true for Eliza, a Compassion-assisted mother in Malawi, who is passing on the skills she's learned to help other families combat food insecurity.



Eliza teaches a group of mothers how to make organic fertilizer.

"There were nights I gave my children just water and said, 'Don't cry, just sleep. Maybe tomorrow we will find something to eat.' They cried because of hunger – I cried because I could not feed them. I love my children, but love alone could not feed them."

Sitting on the floor of the small kitchen she and her children found shelter in, Eliza knew she was losing the fight for their survival. Each day she searched for work doing casual labor, washing laundry and drawing water. On a good day she brought home a meal for her family. But this day had been a bad one, and her children's cries haunted her as she tried to sleep.

Little did she know, word of her struggle had reached Fanny, a worker at a nearby Compassion-partnered church in Malawi.

A New Season Begins

Fanny knew immediately that she could help. "Fanny told me the church would support my son and empower me," Eliza says. "That was the first time in years that someone reached out and spoke hope to me."

Eliza's 3-year-old son was enrolled in the Compassion program and began to thrive through education, medical, spiritual and physical support. But the growth didn't stop with him.

Eliza started attending meetings that offered parenting lessons, spiritual guidance and skills development. "We were empowered to believe that we can rise from a point of nothing to build a better future," says Eliza. The seeds of hope took root.

Fanny and her staff knew that Eliza and the other caregivers they served needed a sustainable way to feed their children, so they offered training on how to make organic fertilizer.

"We were empowered to believe that we can rise from a point of nothing to build a better future."

Bags of fertilizer can sell for $50 – an amount Eliza had never even seen – but there are effective ways to make it from common ingredients. With ash from cooking fires, animal droppings and maize bran, families could grow crops and improve their harvests.

"It sounded too simple to believe. But they said, 'Try it!' So I did," Eliza recalls. She followed each step of the process, mixing the ingredients carefully. When the time was right, she applied the fertilizer to her maize field, then prayed and waited.

Each day passed slowly but Eliza watched in amazement as the maize rose tall and green, and then turned gold. At the end of her harvest she realized that there was more than enough to feed her family for a year and enough left over to sell.

"Now I don't worry about food," Eliza says, smiling. "My children have enough to eat. I can provide for them anything they want – shoes, clothes and food."

Transformation Spreads

Many in the village had doubted the effectiveness of homemade fertilizer, but Eliza's success was undeniable. News traveled quickly to Chief Ziyembe, the village headman.

"The news was astounding. I had to ask her to teach others, including me," says the chief.

The pain of hunger is something Eliza will never forget, so she jumped at the opportunity to help others. "If you have food, you have peace, so everyone must have food in their home. With food, they can focus on

other activities to build their lives," she says. Eliza began teaching neighbors, community leaders and anyone willing to learn – including 67-year-old Agness.

"She taught me everything," shares Agness, who successfully put into practice what she learned. "I could not believe what my eyes were seeing! My small field gave me more than I anticipated." Her typical harvest resulted in one oxcart of maize, but this year she harvested two and a half oxcarts. Now she is working on making fertilizer for her next season.

From One Family to Many

As more and more families find the same success, the cycle of hunger in the community is breaking. Stanley, pastor of the local Compassion-partnered church, has witnessed this transformative journey and praises God for the growing number of families helped.

"In past years, families came here asking for food," he says. "Now they come here with gratitude. We see joy where there was shame. We see progress where there was despair. We thought we were only helping the children in our program. But now we know we are impacting children from families beyond." His dream of seeing a community that is food secure with healthy children who have enough to eat is coming to fruition.

As for Eliza, she knows with food and health comes dignity. She wants to see the same dignity restored to others who suffer as she did. "I used to think I was a nobody. The church empowered me and now I can help others. This is more than fertilizer. This is God's grace and a second chance. A way out and a way up."

Using the profit from her first harvest, Eliza was able to build a house for her family. Her heart is filled to the brim with gratitude for the church and everyone who helped bring her smile, hope and dignity back.

1,500 Compassion-assisted households in disaster-prone areas of Malawi are currently enrolled in training to build more resilient livelihoods and food sources.

"Thank you. You did not just help my child. You gave me back my life so I can take care of my children."



Eliza with her son, Evidence

Falcons Touch Down in the Dominican Republic

It all started with a bold step from Bradley Pinion, punter for the Atlanta Falcons. If plays go to plan, Bradley shouldn't need to set foot on the field. But when fourth down comes and all other options are out, he must do everything he can to push back the opposing team with a perfect punt.

In an effort to challenge himself both on and off the field, Bradley and his wife, Kaeleigh, came up with Punts for Purpose: For every punt landing inside the 20-yard line, they would make a donation to Compassion.

By the end of 2023, nearly half of NFL punters were participating, and gifts went toward a larger initiative called Fight for First, which supported Compassion's Survival mothers and babies. At the start of 2025, Bradley celebrated alongside professional golf, baseball, hockey and football players as their donations crossed the $7.5 million goal line.

Bradley's next bold step came when Kaeleigh urged him to invite team and staff members to join a trip to see Compassion's work. A few months later, a group of Falcons players, spouses, front office staff, coaches and leaders boarded a plane to the Dominican Republic. They visited homes, played baseball against a youth team (the youth won!), and witnessed the impact local churches are making in children's lives.

Compassion's president and CEO, Santiago "Jimmy" Mellado, joined the trip and shared, "We all know a united team is incredibly powerful, and this team is coming together to transform the lives of children living in poverty." Thanks to bold and faithful steps, more and more are joining God and Compassion in this sacred work.



"We want to bring other people along because we see the impact Compassion is having. We want others to see it, support it and have that same fire that we have."
— Bradley and Kaeleigh Pinion

The Pinions (back left) meet a Compassion-assisted family alongside Liam and Ashleigh McCullough.



"We've never done anything like this before and I'm so grateful we had this opportunity. We are a values-driven organization both on and off the field, and we've always wanted to be a positive, impactful force for good in communities." — Atlanta Falcons President Greg Beadles

Atlanta Falcons President Greg Beadles shows a Compassion-sponsored youth how to grip a football.



Head Coach Raheem Morris helps serve lunch to Compassion-assisted children during a program day.



Players Liam McCullough, Bradley Pinion and JD Bertrand play with children during the visit.



Players Darnell Mooney and Kaden Elliss shake hands after the youth won the baseball game 6 to 5.

Room for More

Meet James and Fatma. They are among the 24% of people in Ghana living in poverty. James supports his family by farming and also faithfully serves as the local school's PTA president. Fatma helps manage the farm and household. **And together they are raising 18 children – nine biological and nine adopted.**

"When I see a child who has lost their parents, it weighs heavily on me," shares James. He thought there was nothing he could do, but this changed when his child joined Compassion's program and James attended his first caregiver meeting. He heard how important it is for every child to have love and protection and decided to boldly and faithfully follow God's call on his heart. Fatma felt the same stirring, so they immediately started welcoming orphaned and neglected children into their home. **"It's not about the amount of money I have, but doing the best I can,"** he shares. One by one, children in desperate need joined their family and found love.

James and his family are making amazing strides of out poverty thanks to help from their local church. Scan the QR code or visit www.compassion.com/more to meet this incredible family and witness the progress they are making.



Incredible stories of how God moves through children, parents, churches and supporters emerge every day. We are grateful for another year of working together to care for children in need.

Your gifts, your sacrifices and your prayers are moving churches around the world to act as the hands and feet of Jesus. Lives are changing and children are being released from poverty in Jesus' name.

Thank you.

Releasing children from poverty
Compassion®
in Jesus' name



Christ-Centered

Church-Driven

Child-Focused