

Friendship Baptist Church Presents



Perpetual Ministry

Ministering to
The Total Person
Internationally

A composite image featuring a portrait of Bishop Duane C. Tisdale on the left and the Friendship Baptist Church logo on the right. The bishop is wearing a black suit and a purple clerical collar, with his hands clasped in prayer. The church logo is a shield-shaped emblem with a gold border, containing a purple cross, a book, and a hand in prayer. The text "TOLEDO, OH" and "EST. 1905" is on the sides, and "FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH" is on a banner at the bottom. Below the portrait, the text "Bishop Duane C. Tisdale" and "Senior Pastor" is written in a cursive font. Below the logo, the text "The Church That Makes The Difference" and "Ministering to the Total Person" is written in a sans-serif font.

Compassion International

Who We Are

What is Compassion?

Compassion means “to suffer with” and is an emotional response of sympathy. But it’s not just a feeling. The feeling is combined with a desire to help. Because we have compassion, we want to take action and help the person who is suffering.

Notice the last word of the definition above — “with.” We are called to suffer with someone, to suffer together. This is what differentiates compassion from empathy.

Who is Compassion International?

Compassion International is a child-advocacy ministry that pairs compassionate people with those who are suffering from poverty. The ministry releases children from spiritual, economic, social, and physical poverty. The goal is for each child to become a responsible and fulfilled adult.

Compassion's work has grown from modest beginnings in South Korea in 1952 when American evangelist Rev. Everett Swanson felt compelled to help 35 children orphaned by the Korean conflict. Today it is a worldwide ministry where millions of children are now reaping the benefits of one man's clear, God-given vision.

Compassion. A movement. A calling. A cause. A people.

Compassion is global, reflecting the beautiful diversity of God's kingdom.

- We are collaborative, depending on teamwork and partnership.
- We are inclusive and accepting of others.
- We are honest. We say what we mean, and we do what we say.

- We are respectful, protecting the divine character in everyone.
- We strive to always be grace filled, kind, forgiving and merciful.
- We are loving. God's love fuels us, and we unabashedly love one another.
- We are passionate, against injustice and for our cause.
- Compassion is authentic, facing hard realities with an adventuresome spirit.
- We are totally focused on our our mission. Single-minded in our pursuit.

Our ministry is contextual, customized and culturally relevant. It is effective, proven and outcome driven.

Our creative spirit drives innovative solutions to the challenges and opportunities before us.

Compassion is professional. We do our work with excellence but without pretension.

Our faith in God and in His promises empowers us to be confident. In the face of evil raging around us, we remain hopeful and lift one another's spirits as we go about our mission of releasing children from poverty in Jesus' name.

We are Compassion.



What Makes Us Distinct?

WHAT MAKES COMPASSION DISTINCT

7,000+ INTERNATIONAL CHURCH PARTNERS

CHURCH BASED

1,900,000+ SPONSORED CHILDREN

CHILD FOCUSED

65+ YEARS SERVING CHILDREN IN JESUS' NAME

CHRIST CENTERED

Our Commitment to Christ

Jesus is the core of our ministry and his life and teachings shape our programs. They reflect the spiritual commitments of our staff. And they guide how we love people, respect communities and cooperate with nations.

Our Commitment to Children

Child development through Compassion is all about the individual child. Each one receives the holistic care they deserve to realize their full, God-created potential in life. It is only through a careful blend of physical, social, economic and spiritual care that a child can fully mature in every facet of life and transcend a legacy of poverty.

Our Commitment to the Church

Compassion partners with indigenous local churches for effective child development. We believe the strategic placement of local churches makes them best suited to address the holistic needs of the children in

their communities. And only they can effectively deliver the Jesus-based teaching and whole-life care that children in poverty deserve.

Beyond our three Cs, we further affirm a commitment to integrity with the following.

Our Commitment to You

We affirm these commitments to each person that sponsors a child with us.

Our Commitment to Child Protection

In support of Christ's mandate to care for and protect His little ones, we are committed to safeguarding children in our programs from all forms of abuse and exploitation.



Mission Statement

Our mission is to release children from poverty in Jesus' name.

It's a mission about love. We love God, and we demonstrate our love and live out our faith by extending care to others.

We offer our programs to the poorest of the poor, to the children in greatest need, without ulterior motive. We devote ourselves to helping children of all faiths, cultures, backgrounds and race — without imposing any religious obligation or conversion requirement upon them.

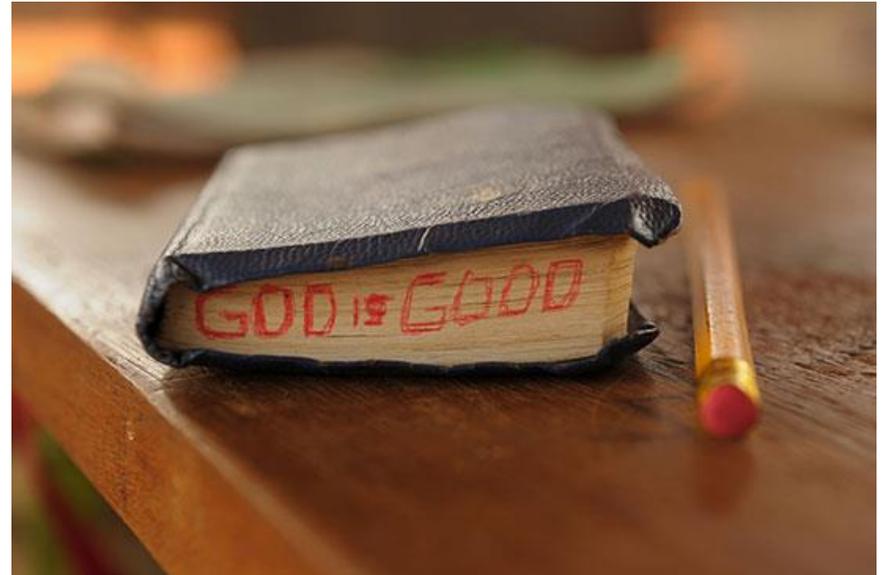
We simply aspire to be like our Savior, Jesus Christ, in who we are and what we do.

Our Statement of Faith

We Believe

- ...in the Holy Scriptures as originally given by God, divinely inspired, infallible, entirely trustworthy; and the supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct...
- **One God**, eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- Our **Lord Jesus Christ**, God manifest in the flesh, His virgin birth, His sinless human life, His divine miracles, His vicarious and atoning death, His bodily resurrection, His ascension, His mediatorial work, and His Personal return in power and glory...
- The **Salvation** of lost and sinful man through the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ by faith apart from works, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit...

- The **Holy Spirit**, by whose indwelling the believer is enabled to live a holy life, to witness and work for the Lord Jesus Christ...
- The **Unity** of the Spirit of all true believers, the Church, the Body of Christ...
- The **Resurrection** of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.



Our Commitment to You

We affirm the following commitments to each person that sponsors a child through Compassion International:

- We commit to honor Jesus Christ in all that we do. Jesus is the core of our ministry and his life and teachings shape our programs.
- We commit to work in partnership with the local church. Our ministry strengthens the local church through a partnership that reaches out to children and families in their local communities.
- We commit to directly impact each child's individual development. We've seen over and over again that what happens in the life of a child is much more significant than what happens in the environment that surrounds the child.
- We commit to holistic child development — developing minds, bodies and spirits. All of our child development programs provide opportunities that encourage healthy development in four areas — spiritual, physical, social and economic.
- We commit to educate and challenge our sponsors about poverty and development. As advocates for children, we will help our sponsors understand the complex issues of poverty and the effects of poverty on children and their development.
- We commit to use money only for the purpose for which it was raised. Child sponsorship funds must be used to develop the children who are sponsored. Our Child Sponsorship Program is completely focused on the development of these children.
- We commit to link each child to only one sponsor. Each Compassion-sponsored child has only one sponsor. We

encourage sponsors to develop meaningful relationships of encouragement with the children they sponsor.

- We commit to the highest industry standards for the use of funds. We'll keep our administrative and fundraising costs as low as possible, balancing this with the need for quality and integrity through the ministry.
- We commit to financial integrity and accountability. We take our role as stewards of resources very seriously. We regularly perform audits to ensure that our programs are being well managed and that funds are being properly disbursed and applied.
- We commit to give every child in our program a chance to respond to the gospel. Every child who participates in a Compassion program is given the opportunity to learn about Jesus and discover how to develop a lifelong relationship with God.

History of Compassion International

Releasing children from poverty in Jesus' name since 1952

ONE MAN'S ACT OF COMPASSION

More than 65 years ago, Rev. Everett Swanson flew from Chicago to South Korea to minister to American troops fighting in the Korean War. During his time there, he grew increasingly troubled by the sight of hundreds of war orphans living on the streets, abandoned by society.

One morning he saw city workers scoop up what looked like piles of rags and toss them into the back of a truck. He walked up to the truck for a closer look — and was horrified to see that the "piles" were not rags, but the frozen bodies of orphans who had

died overnight in the streets. Swanson could not turn his back on these unwanted children and vowed to find a way to help them.

1950s

Appalled by the great number of small, shivering and starving war orphans on the streets, Rev. Swanson began including his experience in Korea into his revival meetings, and Christians responded by donating funds to purchase rice and fuel for the children.

Soon after, he developed special sponsorship programs for individuals, families or churches to help support orphans for a few dollars a month. The sponsorship money provided Biblical lessons, food, clothing, shelter and medical aid on a regular basis.

To handle the funds and attend to the day-to-day business of ministering to the orphans, Rev. Swanson formed the nonprofit Everett Swanson Evangelistic Association in the basement of his Chicago home.

For 40 years we played an important role in Korea, helping the children thrive and grow into the adults who built a prosperous economy.

Today, South Korea is a partner country, with sponsors there now helping children in low- and middle-income countries.

1960s

By September 1961, the Everett Swanson Evangelistic Association supported 108 orphanages and homes in South Korea.

Compassion, Incorporated

Two years later, Rev. Swanson's increasing uneasiness with seeing his name represent a growing ministry and inspired by Jesus' words in Matthew 15:32, "I have compassion on the multitude. I will not send them away hungry," he changed the name of the Everett Swanson Evangelical Association to Compassion, Incorporated. Compassion of Canada, Ltd., is also formed in 1963.

The First "Sponsor Trip"

In November 1965, 113 friends of Compassion travel to South Korea to visit Compassion-assisted orphanages. The trip is so successful six more trips occurred over the years.

Our first official sponsor trip, in which sponsors visit the children they support, occurred in 1986. Today, we conduct numerous sponsor trips each year, visiting every country where we work.

Going Global

On November 15, 1965, Rev. Swanson dies, after 13 years of pioneering ministry. After several months of prayer, the board of Compassion, Inc. selects Rev. Henry L. Harvey as president. During Rev. Harvey's eight-year tenure, we started projects in 17 new countries.

In 1968, we established the Family Helper Plan in Indonesia. By providing children with school tuition, nutritious meals, medical care, Bible lessons and other benefits, our staff workers helped keep impoverished families together.

The Family Helper Plan's success in Indonesia allowed us to expand into three other countries.

1970s

Building Minds and Futures

In 1970, we organized Special Care Centers to treat children with physical handicaps and medical illness, offering relief through surgery, training, physical therapy, adequate nourishment and special equipment.

We also:

- Launched our ministry in the Dominican Republic as a relief program donating food, medicine and money for children selected by the local churches.
- Designed a school-related sponsorship program to serve children in Haiti, Colombia and Thailand.

The school-related sponsorship program helped children of subsistence farmers or widows, unable to attend school because of fees or because no schools are available, attend school regularly. Students also received medical care, supplementary meals, clothing, and biblical instruction.

Today, we partner with thousands of churches in low- and middle-income countries to provide tutoring and after-school activities. Because they work one-on-one with children, our church partners are keenly aware of the children's individual needs and are able to help them with what they need most.

In 1972, we begin work in the Philippines and in the United States Native American field.

Two years later, we began our ministry in Honduras and Ecuador, Rev. Harvey retired as president, and we established a program of school projects to assist children who otherwise would not have the chance to receive an education. These projects paid for teachers' salaries, books, supplies, school uniforms, medical care and, in many instances, a hot, nutritious meal each school day.

A Critical Step

In June 1975, Wally Erickson became our third president. During Wally's term as president, the number of sponsored children climbed from 25,000 to more than 180,000.

TEAR Fund, a Christian relief agency in Great Britain, affiliates with us for child sponsorship in 1975, and we began working in Brazil and Bolivia.

We expanded our Family Helper Plan into Guatemala in 1976, and in 1977 began our ministry in El Salvador with the Child Sponsorship Program.

In 1978, Australian sponsors helped create Compassion Limited of Australia, and we established a fund to meet critical needs caused by natural disasters and medical crises that afflict sponsored children and their families. We began working in Mexico in 1979.

1980s

A New Home and a New Direction

From our new home in Colorado Springs, Colo., we introduced the Non-Formal Education (NFE) program in 1980.

The NFE program included educational activities and training outside of formal school to help children help themselves. The

Compassion-assisted, church-run child development centers participating in the NFE program began addressing more than physical needs. Children learned how to overcome obstacles to their future development. They learned vocational skills, principles of hygiene and nutrition, and leadership skills to improve their lives, and perhaps, even improve their communities.

The NFE program is the foundation for our current Holistic Child Development Model, a comprehensive approach to child development that requires more planning and deeper involvement with families and communities.

We also launched our Child Sponsorship Program in Kenya, Uganda and Rwanda and changed our name from Compassion, Inc. to Compassion International, Inc.

Complementary Interventions

In 1983, we establish the MEALS and MEALSPlus programs to provide food and daycare for young children and to assist our other programs in providing nutrition and health-related activities.

In 1984, we introduce The Compassion Fund to provide extraordinary medical and education assistance to sponsored children and set up the Un-sponsored Children's Fund to help provide support to newly registered children waiting for a sponsor.

In 1985, we begin our ministry in Peru, and in 1986, Tear Fund New Zealand becomes a cooperating country partner.

1990s

In 1990, Bibles for All Kids is organized to provide Bibles for all Compassion-assisted children and to support our goal of giving each child the opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel.

Service d'Entraide et de Liaison (SEL) of France became an affiliated partner country.

In 1991, the Overseas Scholarship Grant Program is organized to financially support older children who have completed their formal education and would like to continue in secondary school, vocational training or university.

In 1992, we began work in the United States with American inner-city and rural youth, as well as Native American children, and in 1993, we simultaneously stop working in Korea after 40 successful years of ministry and began working in Ethiopia.

A New Era of Leadership

Rev. Wally Erickson retired in 1993 after serving as president for 18 years, and Dr. Wess Stafford assumed the presidency. The following year, Miriam Swanson Westerberg, Director Emeritus and Everett Swanson's widow, passed away on February 4.

The Netherlands became a Compassion Partner Country in 1996, and we also launched the inaugural version of compassion.com that year.

By 1998, over a quarter million children are sponsored through our worldwide ministry, and in 1999, we began child development work in Tanzania. Compassion UK also opened in the United Kingdom in 1999.

2000s

In 2001, we relocated our Global Ministry Center to the north side of Colorado Springs, Italy became a partner country and more

than 400,000 children in 21 countries around the globe receive assistance through our Child Sponsorship Program.

50 Years of Releasing Children from Poverty in Jesus' Name

2002 marked 50 years of child development ministry, and we celebrated by expanding our Child Sponsorship Program into Nicaragua, bringing the total number of assisted countries to 22.

Survival of the Smallest

Building on the experience of our Meals and Meals-Plus program in the 1980s as well as our early child development program in the 1990s, we launched the first Compassion Survival interventions in Haiti, Peru, India and Ecuador in 2003. Compassion Survival focuses on home-based programming and includes the mother/parent/caregiver.

The home-based activities of
Compassion Survival are an ideal way
to accurately assess challenges and
potential dangers for moms and babies,
while providing customized education,
mentoring and learning opportunities
that will address their needs.

We also launched YouthPartnersNET in 2003 to take ownership of our work in the U.S. YouthPartnersNET provides services to a national network of ministries meeting leadership and practical needs in inner city and Native American communities.

Rapid Expansion

Compassion Suisse opened in Switzerland in 2003, and we began our Child Sponsorship Program in Bangladesh that December.

South Korea became a partner country in 2004, and we began our Child Sponsorship Program in Burkina Faso.

In 2005, we began our Child Sponsorship Program in Ghana, and by 2006, we assisted more than 800,000 children in 24 countries. In 2007, we provided a start-up grant to YouthPartnersNET to launch CityConnexx, a grassroots effort to meet the growing need to create direct relationships and collaboration between urban, suburban, rural and Native American communities in the U.S. Compassion Deutschland (Germany) became a partner country.

One AND a Million

In 2009, Compassion Togo became the newest country we work in, and Fellow Kpodo, a quiet 8-year-old boy in Togo, became our 1 millionth sponsored child.

2010s

We began our ministry in Sri Lanka in 2010 with Compassion Survival. Our entry into Sri Lanka marked the first time we began working in a country with a program other than child sponsorship. Child sponsorship began in Sri Lanka two years later.

Child sponsorship does work!

Independent research conducted by Dr. Bruce Wydick, a professor of economics and international studies at the University of San Francisco, along with two colleagues, concluded that our Child Sponsorship Program has large and statistically significant impacts on the educational, employment and leadership

outcomes of children. The peer-reviewed research was published in the April 2013 issue of the Journal of Political Economy—one of the most prestigious economics journals in the world.

Legacy and Vision

After 36 years of service to children in poverty, including two decades as President and CEO, Dr. Wess Stafford welcomed Santiago "Jimmy" Mellado as his successor in 2013. Jimmy is only the fifth president in our history.

"I will stand by the decisions
Compassion made in the past to ensure
that we keep a Christ-centered focus in
our DNA." — Jimmy Mellado

Withdrawal From India

After 48 years, we stop our work in India. Nearly 147,000 babies, children and young adults registered in our child development programs are affected.

The Heart of Compassion Beats Stronger Than Ever

Today, after more than 65 years serving children in Jesus' name we still devote ourselves to helping children of all faiths, cultures, backgrounds and races without imposing any religious belief or conversion requirements upon them. We still offer our programs to the poorest of the poor, to the children in greatest need, without ulterior motive, and we still rely upon and trust the ability of our church partners to create environments of unparalleled stability where children experience God's love and acceptance in tangible ways.

Working in Jesus' name is not a platitude; it's a strategy we've followed since Rev. Swanson first created our ministry to children in 1952.

The Pastor's Vision:

This ministry has touched my spirit very deeply. I believe that it is what the Father would have us to do as part of our global ministry. I believe that if we want to hear the heartbeat of God and receive His divine favor over all else we do in our personal and corporate lives as believers we must serve children near and in foreign lands.

I am asking for personal and a corporate commitment that involves us as a congregation to commit to be a village to sponsor 10 children.

- This cost us \$47.00 monthly per child which is \$470 monthly as a village/church or \$5640.00 which yearly for 5 years. I would like to raise the yearly amount of \$5640.00 on December 31, 2018 during our "Watch Meeting Service".
- Then monthly have persons from the congregation and the ministries to write letters to the children we are sponsoring.
- Keep up with birthdays of the children
- Celebrate Holidays with them by letters, cards and other forms of communication.