“Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed.”

PSALM 82:3
Volunteering for Compassion has enabled me to experience the presence and power of God in a way I never have before. This is His heart, His passion and He is working through this ministry, through us, and through the global Church.

CLARE, NORTH YORKSHIRE

Compassion’s Volunteer Network is for people just like you who believe every single child is precious and unique. It’s made up of individuals from all walks of life, coming together to transform the lives of children living in poverty – in Jesus’ name.

Every day, over 19,000* children die because of preventable causes. Reducing this figure may seem daunting, but we can make a big impact by working together.

This is your invitation. Come and be part of an incredible family of volunteers who give their time and talents to share Compassion with others.

*http://www.unicef.org/mdg/index_childmortality.htm
There are many fantastic ways to make a difference, from being a Compassion activist in your church to committing to pray for activities being organised by other members of the Compassion Volunteer Network. We have opportunities that will suit all talents and interests.

**SUPPORT AT EVERY STEP**
Whichever option you choose, you will have access to Compassion’s comprehensive resources, training guides, prayer updates and, of course, a great community of volunteers and Compassion team members.

**CHRIST-CENTRED**
Every child is given the opportunity to hear of the love of Jesus for them and to develop a life-long relationship with God.

**CHILD-FOCUSED**
At Compassion projects, children are known, loved and protected. They are encouraged to develop according to their individual talents with vocational skills training, goal setting and much more.

**CHURCH-BASED**
Compassion works in partnership with local churches who identify the children with the greatest need. Loving church volunteers input into the children’s lives on a regular basis.

**what can I do to help?**

Compassion began in 1952 when Reverend Everett Swanson travelled to South Korea to preach the gospel to troops in the Republic of Korea army. During his stay in the country, his heart was broken by the plight of the Korean War orphans.

On his return home, Reverend Swanson launched a ministry to provide for their needs. Today, Compassion is an international child development charity that works across 26 countries in the developing world to release children from poverty in Jesus’ name.

“Being a Compassion volunteer has been a fantastic way for me to impact the lives of many children and families in far-off parts of the world. It’s a way of being God’s hands and feet for the least of these and seeing the lasting impact.”

**BONNIE, TYNE AND WEAR**

CompassionUK.org/volunteers

Passion. Shared.
FIVE WAYS TO VOLUNTEER

1 local church activist

Our Local Church Activists are passionate sponsors who agree to represent Compassion in their churches.

WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING?
• Promoting Compassion campaigns
• Distributing resources
• Finding sponsors within your sphere of influence
• Encouraging sponsors to pray for and write to their sponsored children

WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL YOU MAKE?
Local Church Activists perform a front-line role in Compassion’s mission to connect sponsors in the UK with children living in poverty.
Children sponsored through your church will receive healthcare, education, food, clothing, social and emotional care, and the opportunity to hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

WHAT WILL COMPASSION PROVIDE?
• Our annual campaign kits
• Copies of our six-monthly Compassion Magazine to share with your church
• Identification as the Compassion contact for your church

Please note that you must be a Compassion sponsor to become a Local Church Activist.

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WHAT WILL COMPASSION PROVIDE?
• A comprehensive DVD and guide to Compassion with ‘How To’ guides for presenting to your church or small group, plus many powerful short films
• A representative of the Compassion Volunteer Network on standby to answer any questions

WHAT WILL WE PROVIDE?
• Free entry* to the event you are helping with
• A Compassion t-shirt and Events Team identification
• A full briefing ahead of the event
• An in-depth Event Handbook and training on the day
• The opportunity to work with a fun team
• Experience that will look great on your CV

WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL YOU MAKE?
Our event volunteers are the face of Compassion at local and national events throughout the year. With their help, each child sponsored is a life completely changed.

For more information please call the Events Team on 01932 832253 or e-mail events@compassionuk.org.

Do you have experience in hospitality, catering, exhibitions or public speaking? We’re always looking for outgoing, friendly and passionate people to join the Compassion team at the events we attend. If you’re a team player who is passionate about justice and ending poverty, we’d love you to join us!

WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING?
• Engaging potential sponsors at exhibitions, seminars, concerts, conferences and festivals
• Operating Compassion stands and helping with sponsorship sign-ups
• Running cafés at Bible weeks

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*With the exception of some events such as Hillsong Colour and Hillsong Conference where a volunteer gets reduced price entry. If you’re under 18, you will need to be accompanied by an adult.

“Compassion makes a difference, not only to the children who are sponsored but also their families and communities, bringing hope and joy to the otherwise hopeless.”
KAREN, TENBURY WELLS
Combine your passion with our resources and challenge people within your sphere of influence to sponsor a child through casual conversations and social media.

**WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING?**
- Using social media to engage your friends and family with Compassion’s ministry
- Sharing Compassion stories, photos, inspirational films and campaign materials

**WHAT WILL WE PROVIDE?**
- A comprehensive DVD and guide to Compassion
- Films and compelling stories to share
- Our annual campaign kits

**WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL YOU MAKE?**
Talking to people about Compassion and using social media channels are both great ways to share your experiences and show people the difference they can make by sponsoring a child.

**CHRIS, SWINDON**

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Prayer is at the heart of all we do. We need people who will commit to praying for our work and the activities our amazing volunteers are involved in.

**WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING?**
- Praying for the needs of Compassion children worldwide
- Praying for local activities being organised by our network of volunteers and our regional team who travel the country introducing Compassion to church leaders

**WHAT WILL WE PROVIDE?**
- An invitation to join our volunteer network Facebook group where you’ll find our latest prayer requests and celebrations of victory as we see God break through
- Fortnightly prayer and praise e-mails

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**WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL YOU MAKE?**
With Christ at the heart of Compassion, the power of prayer is an important tool for fighting poverty. Your commitment to pray for our ministry will make all the difference in the world.

You’ll also have the chance to encourage and support other members of the network by sharing your breakthroughs and challenges.
If you like a challenge, this could be the perfect way to get involved. People raise money for Compassion in all sorts of unique and creative ways.

WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING?
You could undertake a sporting feat, a bake sale or any other wacky event that gets people to take notice.
Or you could join one of our Blood, Sweat and Compassion challenges by climbing Kilimanjaro or walking the Inca Trail. Find out more at www.compassion.ukrft.com/home.

WHAT WILL WE PROVIDE?
• If you’re not sure how to get the ball rolling, we’ll provide some initial ideas and tips to help
• Find out more at www.compassionuk.org/fundraising

WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL YOU MAKE?
With the help of the funds you raise, we will be able to equip and resource our Child Survival Projects, Leadership Development Programme students or RESPOND Initiatives.
By fundraising for our Child Survival Projects you will be empowering the local church to support pregnant mothers and babies in the most important years of life.
Supporting the Leadership Development Programme gives children from Compassion projects the opportunity to receive a university education and leadership skills that will not only empower them, but also their families and communities.
Our RESPOND Initiatives meet specific critical needs of children, families and communities. These can include disaster relief, preventative healthcare and classroom building.

‘As each has received a gift, employ it in serving one another, as good managers of the grace of God’
1 Peter 4:10
“One of the highlights of my life was God introducing and calling me to this powerful ministry. I delight myself in serving him here.”

CHEGE MWANGI
IS CHILD SPONSORSHIP EFFECTIVE?

WYDICK RESEARCH

In April 2013, independent, peer-reviewed research by Dr Bruce Wydick, Professor of Economics and International Studies at the University of San Francisco, was published in the Journal of Political Economy – one of the most prestigious journals in the world.

The research* has shown that former Compassion-sponsored children were more likely than their unsponsored peers to:

- Stay in school for longer
- Have salaried/white-collar jobs
- Be leaders in their communities and churches

If you would like to join our Compassion Volunteer Network in one or more of the ways we have outlined in this brochure, please visit www.compassionuk.org/volunteers, call 01932 832250, e-mail volunteers@compassionuk.org or complete and return the attached slip.

The attached DVD contains inspirational films, useful information and training tools, including:

- A GUIDE TO HOW COMPASSION WORKS
- HOW TO SHARE COMPASSION WITH YOUR CHURCH
- HOW TO SHARE COMPASSION WITH YOUR SMALL GROUP
- POWERPOINT SLIDES FOR PRESENTATIONS

*To find out more about the research conducted by Dr Bruce Wydick, please visit our website www.compassionuk.org/research