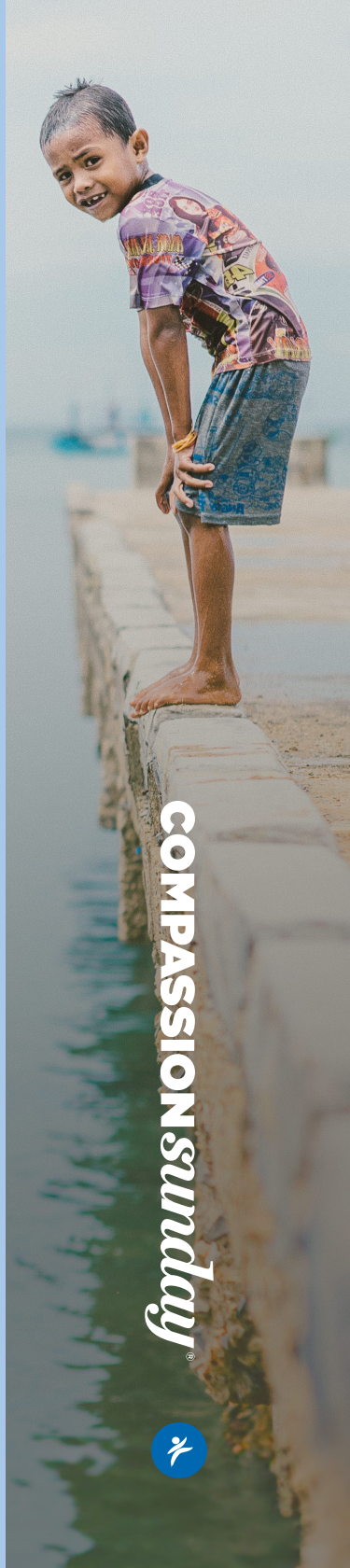


# One Act of Faith Can Change a Life

INFORMATION BOOKLET

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Speak up for those who cannot  
speak for themselves, for the  
rights of all who are destitute.

– PROVERBS 31:8, NIV

## You're invited to step out in faith.

Jesus calls us to have faith like a child – simple and trusting. This kind of faith gives us the courage to advocate for the world's most vulnerable children. Here's how:

- **Say “yes” to Compassion Sunday:** When we step out in faith, Jesus works through us to achieve more than we can imagine, making a difference that echoes through eternity.
- **Host a Compassion Sunday Event:** By organizing this event at your church, you'll give vulnerable children the chance to embark on a life-changing journey with Jesus.
- **Spark Transformation:** Your actions can ignite a transformation that defeats poverty in the lives of children experiencing poverty. Together, let's bring children hope.



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INDONESIA



For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

– 2 TIMOTHY 1:7, NIV

Rosa, Liz and their friend

BOLIVIA



## What is Compassion Sunday?

When you host a Compassion Sunday event, you invite your church family to sponsor children during your church service. You'll be part of a movement of churches across the country, releasing vulnerable children from poverty in Jesus' name!

We know stepping out in faith can feel nerve-racking – particularly if it involves public speaking. But hosting a Compassion Sunday event can be as simple as:

- **Showing a short video** we'll provide.
- **Sharing your heart** for children living in poverty for just a minute or two.
- **Setting up a sign-up table** where people can choose a child to sponsor.

Your own story already shows how one person's compassion can launch a child's journey out of poverty. Imagine the impact if more people took that same step of faith!

# Why Compassion Sunday?

Speaking up for the world's most vulnerable children can change lives. Discover the powerful reasons why your voice matters.



A boy walks into his local Compassion centre

● RWANDA

## So that every child can know **Jesus**.

We are bold in our faith and believe Jesus is the truest source of transformation. To overcome poverty, children must encounter the gospel – and every child in Compassion's program will hear Jesus' message of hope. By partnering exclusively with churches worldwide, we empower children to break free from poverty in Jesus' name.

**“When I met Jesus, he washed away all my tears. He changed me completely. When I [saw] what Compassion did, I moved from hopelessness to hope and being a hope giver. Jesus changed me to change others.”**



**Emma**  
Compassion alumnus  
and genocide survivor

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# So that every child can be safe.

Children in extreme poverty face dangers like hunger, abuse, child marriage and trafficking. Compassion's local church partners create caring faith communities that know children by name.

Church partners work to protect children, prevent abuse and empower them to take an active role in their own safety. When abuse is reported, we act swiftly to ensure intervention, restoration and healing.



**“I knew my dad was serious about the wedding. I rushed to the centre and [told] the centre director. I knew that she could, and would, do something to save me from this scourge. Were it not for the support of the centre, I would have been married against my will at a young age.”**

**Djamila\*, age 14**  
*\* Name changed to protect identity.*  
 ● BURKINA FASO



# So that every child can thrive.

Children in poverty often lack access to medical care, trapping them in a cycle of illness and hardship. That's why sponsorship provides every child with yearly medical checkups, emergency care and essential resources like wheelchairs, hearing aids and glasses when needed. This support allows children to grow up healthy and hopeful.



**Andreina, Yubielka and Anderson**  
 ● NICARAGUA



**“Sometimes ... I would run into things because I couldn't see clearly. I am grateful because my parents were not able to afford glasses for me, but the centre was there to help me. Now I can read easily and write without a problem.”**

– Yubielka, age 13





Children playing at their local Compassion centre

● TOGO

## Meet a Compassion Sunday Host **Like You**



**Sue, Compassion Sunday Host**

Sue has hosted Compassion Sunday several times because providing support to kids “brings me closer to God than anything ever has,” she says.

As a pediatric nurse, Sue is passionate about caring for children and has witnessed how sponsorship changes lives. “I see sponsorship as beneficial,” she says, “because it connects children to a local church in their community that gives them hope and a place to turn to when they’re stressed or scared.”



The first time Sue hosted a Compassion Sunday, she had high expectations and was surprised when only one child packet was picked up. But after years of hosting, Sue tells first-time hosts, “Don’t be discouraged if all the packets don’t get picked up. Hosting might be

super easy,” she says, “but if it’s not, start small. Small things will work their way to bigger things.”

Over the years, Sue’s watched her church be inspired to sponsor or donate after the event and says Compassion Sunday builds community for sponsors in her church.

For Sue, hosting Compassion Sunday is a way to live out her faith in a practical way. “Do it even if it feels difficult,” she says. “Let Jesus do the talking.”



# Ready to make a difference?

Thank you so much for choosing to be the hands and feet of Jesus for the world's most vulnerable children! You're now part of a global movement of people who see real needs, feel deep empathy for those in poverty and move with compassion to release children from poverty in Jesus' name.

Through your act of faith, God is going to change lives!

## Here are your next steps

1. **We're inviting churches across Canada** to participate in Compassion Sunday together on April 26, 2026, but your church is also welcome to host the event on another date if necessary.
2. **Register your event** at [compassionsunday.ca](https://compassionsunday.ca)
3. **Pray** for God's guidance and blessing as you prepare for your Compassion Sunday event.

Once you've registered your event, we'll send everything you need for your event to change lives, from resources to personal support. We're here to help!

**If you have questions, please:**

Email us at [CompSunday@compassion.ca](mailto:CompSunday@compassion.ca)

**Once again, a heartfelt thank you for bringing hope to vulnerable children. Your one act of faith could change lives for eternity.**



Kaio and friends

● BRAZIL



**“I want our children to dream of being what they want. We are indigenous people, and we always will be. But that is not all of us. We can also be teachers, doctors and even astronauts. Here in the centre, my children are encouraged to dream big.”**

**- Cacique Magno**

*Father of Kaio, a Compassion participant*



**Olive Aneno,**  
*Compassion Graduate*  
● **UGANDA**

**“My life has changed only because someone believed that they could make a difference. That they could release a child from poverty. And I’m here only because Christ lives in me, and Christ worked through my sponsors to transform me and to heal me. Compassion made it possible for me to be where I am today by giving me hope.”**