



The Compassion Experience

Your church is part of a global
neighbourhood.

 **Compassion**® Releasing children from poverty in Jesus' name



“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...”

MATTHEW 28:19

Making disciples isn't the mission of any one individual Christian. It's the mission of The Church.

It's the Church who has been called and commissioned to share the life-changing love of Jesus throughout the world. It's the Church that plays the role of ambassador for the Kingdom, spreading the hope of the gospel wherever she is planted. And it's the Church that has been called to know God, love people and impact their global neighbourhood.

That's the mission of The Church. There is nothing on earth that can stop it. It's our mission, too.

Scripture reminds us that we are one body of many parts (1 Corinthians 12:12). This compels us to honour one another in collaborative and mutually beneficial relationships where each partner achieves their mission—beyond what one could do on their own.

At Compassion, one of our greatest joys is connecting the Canadian Church with churches around the globe who are also moving with compassion to love and serve their neighbours. We would love to link arms with your church and together fulfill this holy mission!

Allow us to introduce ourselves. We're Compassion!

As a leading child development organization, Compassion's mission is to release children from poverty in Jesus' name. Today, Compassion is helping over 2 million children and youth overcome poverty in every aspect of their lives through the world's most comprehensive response to child poverty: our proven holistic child development program.

Our invitation is simple—move with compassion to make an impact in the lives of children and youth living in poverty.

Here are some fun facts about us:

Compassion was **founded in 1952** when a move of compassion ignited our founder's heart for children.

We partner with over **8,500 local churches in 29 countries** around the world to spark generational change in children, families and entire communities.

Over **90,000 people** in Canada are a part of this movement, making a real and tangible difference in the fight against poverty.

If we could describe ourselves in three phrases, they would be:



Christ-centred.

Our response to a world in need is to love like Jesus did — because we believe in the power of the transformative love of Christ to change lives.



Child-focused.

We strategically choose to focus on children because we believe it is the best way to break the cycle of poverty.



Church-driven.

We build long-term relationships with local churches around the world that enable local leaders to implement effective programs and deliver whole-life care.





“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind”; and, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’”

LUKE 10:27

This mission means we have some things in common...

We spent time learning from church leaders in Canada about what matters most to them when it comes to mission. Here are some things we learned...

You're a community of Jesus-followers seeking to love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and love your neighbour as yourself (Luke 10:27).

You are passionate about the Great Commission—making disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19-20).

You want to live like Jesus did, being His hands and feet on earth (Luke 4:18).

You have a heart for investing in the development and discipleship of children and youth both here and around the world (Luke 18:16).

It sounds like we're passionate about the same things!

That's why we're so excited to share some news with you: we've created an impactful way for our missions to collide. It's called The Compassion Experience.

What is The Compassion Experience?

Think of it as the most impactful collaboration you've ever been a part of.

Your church + Compassion =

Multiplied Kingdom Impact

Given our many similarities, we think that **together, we can make an even bigger Kingdom impact**. The goal of The Compassion Experience is for your church and Compassion to link arms in our shared missions of knowing God, loving people and impacting the global neighbourhood.

Our heart is to use the passion, skills and knowledge we have gained in our 60 years of releasing children from poverty to help sharpen your mission strategy. We hope to achieve this together in a way that fits your church's personality, vision and goals.



A man in a blue polo shirt is leading a group of children in prayer. He has his hands raised high above his head, palms together. The children, also in blue shirts, are following his lead. They are in a room with a brick wall and a sign that says "En la Casa de D".

The Compassion Experience will equip you and your church to...



Share the gospel with your global neighbours and deepen your church community's understanding of the gospel and passion for evangelism here at home.



Invest in the discipleship of children, youth and families around the world and advance the spiritual development of your church community here at home.



Build strong and safe communities around the world where children and youth can thrive and draw your church community closer together through a shared and strategic practice of missions.



Move with compassion to **impact your global neighbourhood** and **spark transformative impact for your local congregation.**

How will your church move with compassion?

Choose your own impact-loaded adventure!

Your church has its personality, vision, strengths and preferences. That's why The Compassion Experience was designed to be fully customizable. As we work together to champion holistic child development, your church is invited to build a custom journey of engaging experiences under the following three categories:

- 1. Know God**
Choose from a selection of faith-sharpening tools, such as devotionals, small group resources and kids and youth curriculums, that will deepen your community's understanding of God's heart for the poor and the Church's unique mandate to love our neighbours, work for justice and serve people experiencing poverty.
- 2. Love People**
Choose immersive experiences such as virtual reality and letter-writing events that allow your church community to grow in their love for their global neighbourhood.
- 3. Impact the Global Neighbourhood**
Choose to plan church-wide events such as a Compassion Sunday and A Compassion Christmas that invite your community to move with compassion to impact children living in poverty.



Sound exciting? We think so, too.



“Compassion is the real deal. Having been on several trips with Compassion, I’ve seen first-hand the incredible impact their work has on children, families and communities. Best of all, it’s administered effectively through the local church... an approach that truly advances the Kingdom.”

Pastor Carey Nieuwhof (Barrie, Ontario)



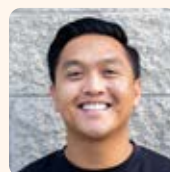
“For me, it was the best ministry weekend of my entire ministry career. As a pastor, I felt like our hearts [expanded]. I think that’s something every pastor wants. To help their church get closer to Jesus and have a heart that reflects His. Our partnership with Compassion really helped that happen.”

Pastor Brad Watson (Windsor, Ontario)



“Partnering with Compassion has allowed our church to put a name and a face to global issues in a deeply personal and meaningful way. Whether it’s been through individual child sponsorship or supporting other Compassion projects, we’re in this together and seeing lives changed.”

Pastor Gordon Dickinson (Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island)



“Compassion really is a partnership. As a church, we feel so connected to the work globally, and it’s because Compassion is constantly updating us and giving us more opportunities. Compassion is also a great steward. We’ve found that anything that they’re entrusted with, they’ve been able to impact the world with it. That’s why we continue to partner with Compassion and will always be a partner of the work they’re doing.”

Pastor Paul Berenguer (Brampton, ON)

We’ve been blessed to see church communities reinvigorated by joining this joyful movement to release kids from poverty. When we act in Jesus’ name to end child poverty, people come alive—in your church and around the world.

Let's explore
how we can
**maximize our
impact together.**



Connect with us today: church@compassion.ca