



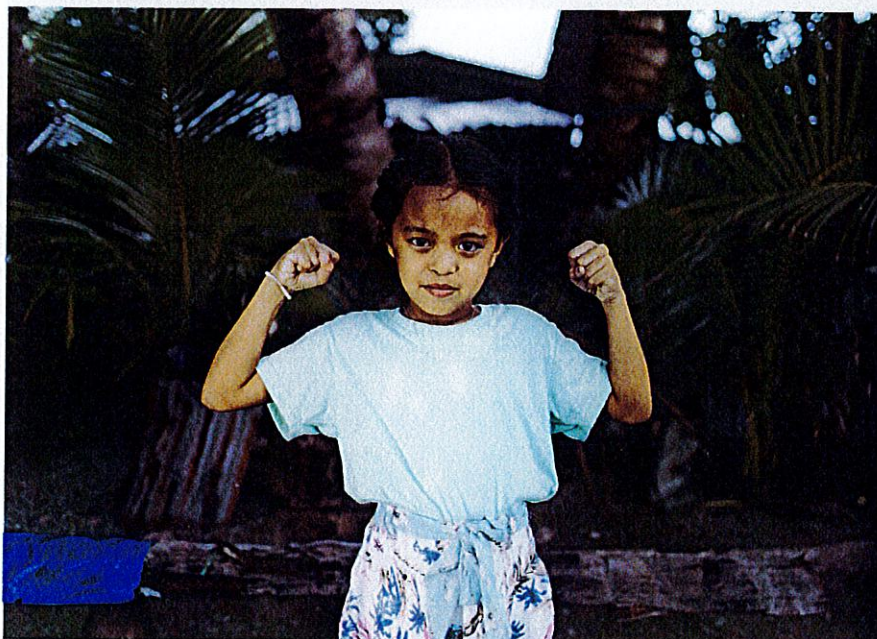
# Sponsorship Transforms Lives

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"To me, resilience is about facing our problems. Philippians 4:13 says, 'I can do all this through him who gives me strength.'"  
— Althea, age 8, the Philippines

## The Compassion Program Brings Hope

For children living in deep poverty, dreams for the future — like going to college, succeeding in a career or excelling in sports or art — are often out of reach. Life is simply about survival. These children often find themselves trekking miles in the morning sun to fetch water instead of getting to class on time. They may sit in school distracted by their hunger pangs, or worry if they will be sent home because their families can't pay for their school fees. Older children may spend their evenings watching their younger siblings while their parents work long hours, or working themselves, instead of playing with their friends. And sadly, circumstances are sometimes dire. Children from the poorest households die at twice the rate of their wealthier peers.

With your sponsorship support, the Compassion program changes this narrative, bringing whole-life transformation and lasting hope to children and their families. Through our child development program, we are addressing children's holistic needs, stepping in to provide the care and support that they need to survive, develop and thrive. We help meet their spiritual, economic, socio-emotional and physical needs. The program provides education, malnutrition treatment, health care, guidance, recreational activities and more.

Leading economists rated child sponsorship as the most cost-effective and impactful of all development interventions. Your gift helps ensure that children are known, loved and protected beginning in their crucial early childhood years until they reach adulthood, leading to long-term outcomes like better education and improved health. **Thank you for making this possible!**

### Compassion-Supported Children:



Spend an average of 4,000 hours in safe, nurturing programs.



Are up to 40% more likely to finish secondary school.



Are up to 80% more likely to graduate college.



Are up to 18% more likely to have salaried employment as adults.



Up to 75% more likely to become community leaders.

Source: Dr. Bruce Wydick, *Shrewd Samaritan* (2019)



## A Glimpse Into a Center Director's Day

Arnaldo is a center director in Pueblecito, a small indigenous town on the Colombian coast. More than 400 children and youth receive love and care there, and on program days, Arnaldo greets participants at the entrance of the Compassion center with a big smile.

Arnaldo likes to play with children and share time with them. He recognizes children's education is vital for their future, so he inspires them to dream about being professionals in a community where studying is not culturally typical. Since the center opened, Arnaldo shares that children have changed their mindset and are now motivated to improve themselves academically and pursue careers.

As director, Arnaldo visits children's families regularly to check on them, learn what their needs are and to pray for them. Sometimes, he visits them to deliver gifts from the center, like food baskets. Being a center director includes office and administrative work, but Arnaldo never loses sight of his purpose to impact children's lives by being a good example.

"In my role, I positively empower children. They approach me and see me as a model, an example to follow, because I have risen from many failures and difficulties in my childhood," said Arnaldo.

"He helps and cares about us," said 13-year-old Luisa.

For Arnaldo, being a center director is not just a job but a call from God. He has been working there for nine years, since the center started. All this time, he has been committed to helping children dream and believe that there is a better life for them, a life free from poverty.

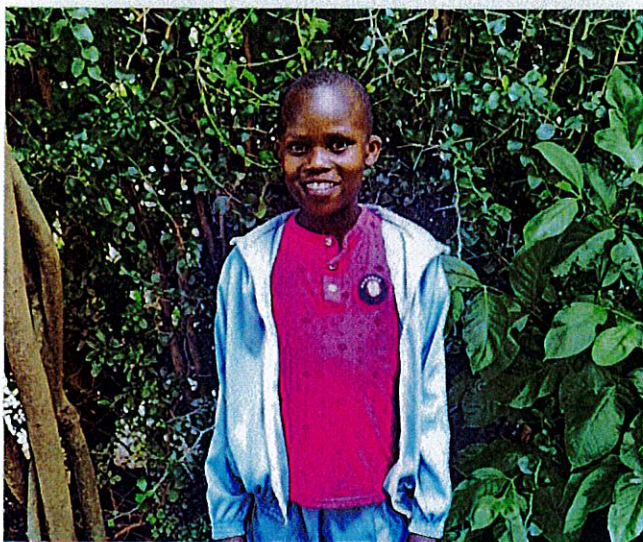
"The legacy that I hope to leave in the lives of the children is that they believe everything is possible," he said. "Amid our difficulties and needs, everything is possible if we trust the Lord."



Genesis is 3 years old and is a participant at Iglesia Cristiana Monte Salvacion. Her favorite program activity is learning about God.

# Your Sponsorship Makes a Difference

Compassion's program addresses children's holistic needs, empowering them to be physically, socially and emotionally healthy. Staff members work hard to ensure every participant can break the chains of poverty and reach their full potential. Thank you for making it possible for children like Sharon, Aaron, Ehpaw and Juan to engage in program activities that fit their context.



**Sharon, age 11, Kenya**

Sharon lives with her parents and two siblings. She loves playing group games like hide-and-seek, and she enjoys seeing her friends at the Compassion center.



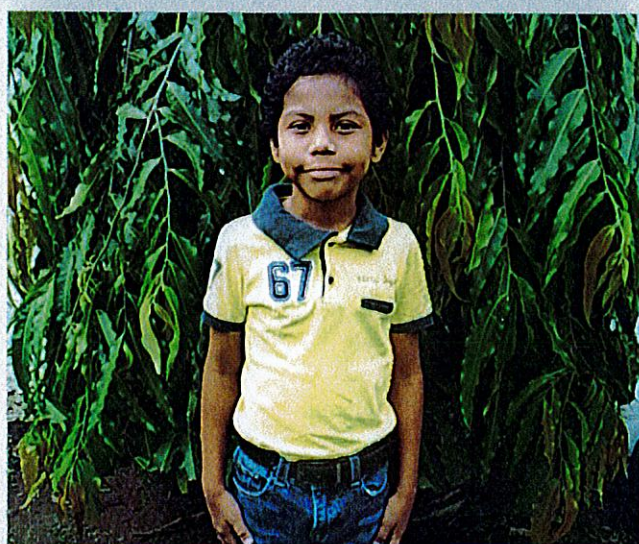
**Aaron, age 8, El Salvador**

Aaron lives with his mother, grandmother and other family members. His favorite program activity is learning about God.



**Ehpaw, age 15, Thailand**

Ehpaw lives with her father and younger brother. She likes bicycling and playing games, and she helps her family with chores like cleaning and sewing.



**Juan, age 9, Mexico**

Juan lives with his parents and older sister. He enjoys baseball, basketball and soccer. His favorite school subjects are language, math and physical education.

# Your Giving Helps Shape the Future

A recent study of 99 Compassion alumni in the Dominican Republic highlighted that Compassion's holistic child development program doesn't just impact the children in the program — it has a far greater reach into their families, communities and beyond.

## Individual Impact



97% said they were released from poverty

95% reported participation in the program as a child resulted in feeling hope as an adult



95% reported having achieved their educational goals

93% said the Compassion center changed their lives



## Ripple Effects



92% said participation helped them provide a better life for their children

90% said they serve their community



79% said participation helped them break the cycle of poverty in their family

*All data as reported by Compassion alumni in the Dominican Republic*



## Thank You for Helping Change Lives

Thank you for sponsoring vulnerable children in need. Your commitment ensures they receive the holistic care they need to have a strong start in life, ultimately empowering them to break the chains of poverty. Please reach out if you have any questions.

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