




COMPASSION  
*Child*  
SPONSORSHIP  
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Releasing children from poverty  
**Compassion**  
in Jesus' name



REIGATE ST MARY'S  
PREPARATORY AND CHOIR SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

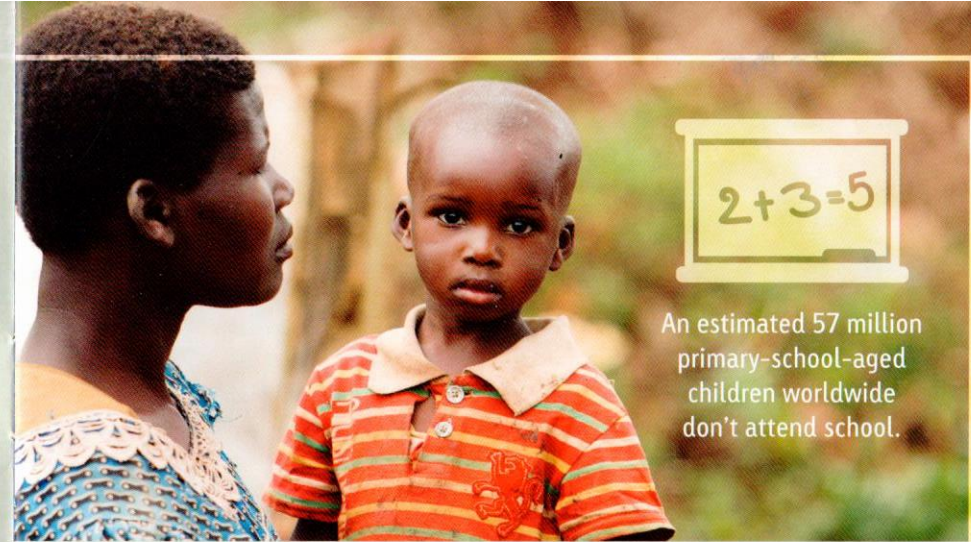
We have been sponsoring two children in Africa for the last 6 years. Thembo, a 10 year old in Uganda, and Fatima, a 12 year old in Tanzania would never have had the chance to go to school, receive nutritional support or have access to medical care if they had not been sponsored through Compassion, and all this from children bringing in just 20p each month.

I recently met with one of the directors from Compassion and he is immensely grateful for the sponsorship Reigate St Mary's provides. Having seen first-hand the difference that this can make to the life and health of a child, and even more importantly to their future prospects, he knows that such a small amount of money truly lifts a child out of poverty and transforms their life chances.

Because it takes so little to make such a big difference, it struck me that it would be fantastic if Reigate St Mary's could sponsor more than two children. Therefore I put it to the Form Reps that we might aim for sponsoring one child per class. This equates to just £18 a year per family if the majority of families were in agreement. There is of course no obligation at all for parents to sign up but any family that is willing to commit to £18 a year, added to the fee bill, would be enough to sponsor one child per class from Year 1 upwards and two children across the Reception classes. By doing this it would lift a further twelve children out of poverty and give them the chance of a real future and the opportunity to make a difference in their own communities.

If you would be willing to support this new charitable initiative, which is not only a charitable act but forms part of our Education for Social Responsibility, please tick the box and sign the tear-off slip at the back of this leaflet and then return it to the School Office. There is additional information about Compassion child sponsorship included in the following pages.

When I raised this proposal with the Form Reps, the feedback was that the majority of parents were in favour of such an initiative. Of course some of you already give generously to other causes and may not feel that you can give to more charitable organisations and that is absolutely fine.



An estimated 57 million primary-school-aged children worldwide don't attend school.

The other concern was that by ticking a box and simply donating money yearly it might remove the sense of relationship between a child's giving and the recipient in a far off land. Therefore, what I have suggested is that children continue to bring in their 20p pieces on the first Monday of each month and in this way we can provide each sponsored child with an annual birthday present and if enough money is generated we might even sponsor yet another child through Compassion. But more importantly because each class will be responsible for a child they will be writing letters to their sponsored child and learning about life in a different part of the world.

If as many of you as feel able are willing to support this worthy cause it equates to about 35p a week per family. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and considering joining in with this initiative.

Yours sincerely,

Marcus Culverwell  
Headmaster



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## Compassion CHILD SPONSORSHIP

### ONE-TO-ONE RELATIONSHIP:

Each child has only **ONE SPONSOR** with whom they exchange letters. The encouragement, prayers and gifts from sponsors are invaluable in affirming the child's worth and providing **HOPE**.



## ...How DOES IT WORK?

Today, 1.6 million children attend  
Compassion programmes in 26  
developing countries around the world



The children attend a Compassion programme at least 44 weeks of the year. This allows us to carefully assess their development over time as they grow.



Each child is lovingly cared for and known by name at the local church.

OVER 6,500 PROJECTS - 1.6 MILLION CHILDREN - 26 COUNTRIES



The children receive a Bible and the opportunity to hear the gospel.



When the need arises, our RESPOND initiatives provide specialised care such as medical intervention, added educational support, disaster relief and child protection.

*Known, loved AND protected.*

Together WE CAN  
*release children* FROM POVERTY.

# HOLISTIC *child* DEVELOPMENT



**IMAGINE A HOUSE WITH NO ROOF.**  
When one component is lacking, it cannot live up to its full potential.

## NOW WHAT ABOUT A CHILD LIVING IN POVERTY?

We believe that every child is **PRECIOUS AND UNIQUE** and our programmes are tailored to meet the needs of each one. We want each child to become a responsible Christian adult and give them the **HOPE** of a better future.



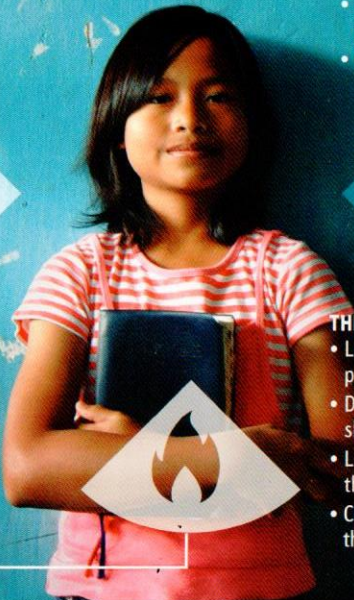
### THE BODY:

- Nutritional support
- Health, sanitation and hygiene education
- Family health education



### THE MIND:

- After school tutoring
- Assistance with school fees, supplies and uniforms
- Life skills
- Vocational training
- Literacy classes, craft and music workshops
- Career planning and goal setting



### THE HEART:

- Loving personal attention from project staff
- Development of basic social skills, such as respect for others
- Love and encouragement from their sponsor
- Contact with their sponsor through letters, gifts and photos



### THE SPIRIT:

- Hearing the gospel
- Learning that God loves them
- Bible study, singing, prayer and Christian education
- Participation in community voluntary work

*Mind, body, heart AND spirit.*  
IT MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD

# Your SPONSORED CHILD RECEIVES



Educational support and school uniforms



The love of a local church and an opportunity to hear the gospel



Letters translated into their home language



Medical care and nutritional support



A one-to-one relationship with you, their only sponsor



Vocational training

*What*  
**SPONSORS RECEIVE...**



Photos and information updates



Child letters to keep you connected



Compassion news and information about the work

## Does IT WORK?

We have been releasing children from poverty for over 60 years and have seen sponsorship make a significant difference in the lives of thousands of children and their families.



Everything we do is strategically focused on helping children to achieve their God-given potential. This includes initiatives to support their family and community.

Now, independent 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



\*To find out more about the research conducted by Dr Bruce Wydick, please visit our website.

[www.compassionuk.org](http://www.compassionuk.org)

TOGETHER WE CAN  
*change the world* ONE CHILD AT A TIME.

## How THE MONEY IS USED...

As a Compassion sponsor, you generously invest into the life of a child living in poverty.



The development and implementation of Compassion programmes that directly benefit the child.



Fundraising to find new sponsors, admin, governance, and child ministry to facilitate a personal, one-to-one relationship between the sponsor and child.

At least 80 per cent of Gift Aid income received is also spent on additional grants, child ministry and advocating on behalf of children living in poverty.



**100%**

100 per cent of additional child, family and project financial gifts given by a sponsor go directly to the beneficiary. Gifts are decided and bought in consultation with the pastor and Compassion project staff.

Compassion is 100 per cent funded by our supporters and we do not rely on government grants.



Percentages are based on 2012/13 accounts and projected 2013/14 budget

Support THIS INITIATIVE



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**TO:** The School Office, Reigate St Mary's Preparatory and Choir School,  
Chart Lane, Reigate, RH2 7RN

### COMPASSION CHARITY

- I/We confirm that we would like to donate £18 per year to Compassion to sponsor a child and agree to the cost being added to our first termly fee bill.
- I/We would prefer not to donate £18 per year to Compassion to sponsor a child at this stage.

Pupil: .....

Form: .....

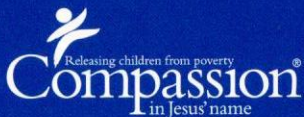
Signed: .....

Date:     /     / .....

**PLEASE FILL IN THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

This donation agreement is for one year only. RGS's sole role is to transfer funds to Compassion UK on behalf of and with the signed agreement of parents. All monies will go directly to Compassion UK for the agreed purpose. RGS is not liable for any actions or activities taken by Compassion UK.


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