

First Christian Church Compassion Sunday

NARRATOR: Hopes and dreams shine in the eyes of every child. There is nothing more precious to a parent than the dreams of tomorrow reflected in their child's eyes, and there is nothing more heartfelt than the desire to see those dreams come true. But not all parents can give their children the resources they need. Providing even the basics is a daily challenge.

MALE SPEAKER: This is the greatest privilege I believe I've ever had — in sponsoring a young child. I have no grandchildren of my own, and so this is a true joy to be able to sponsor these two little girls that I have. My first little girl is 5 years old. She just turned 6, actually. I've had her for a year. And she is a true little joy. She sends me stick pictures. She colors. She makes stick figures and then she colors them in for me. Sponsoring an individual, especially a young person, a child that, you know, is living in some pretty unimaginable conditions compared to what we have around us is very satisfying. And it's even more so when you put a face with that. It's just a blessing to be able to do, and I would recommend it to anybody.

FEMALE SPEAKER: My husband, he was really — he said we should do this. We should sponsor. And I was so happy because I said, "Yeah, I've been wanting to for a long time." And so we went to sponsor, and all the sponsorships were gone [from the sign-up table]. And so we got a pamphlet, and we wrote and they gave us a little girl from India. She is 7 years old, and she's very sweet. Her name is Siuri. And we feel that our hearts are blessed for this because we can write about God to her and share love to her. And my second little girl is — I just received, so I haven't — this is my first letter from her. She is 10 years old, and she'll be 11 in August, same birth month as mine. It's amazing because we have a



family. We can't really go on mission trips right now or we feel bound. But this is a way that we can share way across the waters and she can have a chance. You know, sometimes little girls in those countries don't have a big chance of achieving. But when you do — or little boys, even.

MALE SPEAKER: The idea of being able to provide for a young person just struck me very forcefully. So after the service, I went back and kind of looked at some of the papers and got some of the details on it. And I was dumbfounded to find it was \$1 a day — or [just about] \$1 a day, a year.

FEMALE SPEAKER: When you give them a sponsorship, they have a chance to be educated, to increase their world around them. And they can talk about God with their friends and with their parents and their brothers and sisters. It feels like we have almost like a foster child, you know. She's there, and she's somebody that we're gonna take care of for a long time until she is grown.

NARRATOR: Impoverished children all over the world are finding hope through Compassion sponsorship, all because someone like you cared enough to help. Compassion-sponsored children have the opportunity to attend school, to receive health care, and to learn skills that will help them be able to one day support themselves.

FEMALE SPEAKER: I hope that you'll consider sponsoring a child with Compassion International. These children need your help. They receive — for \$32 a month — they receive education, they receive health benefits, and they learn about Jesus Christ. I have a sign-up table out in the foyer, and I really hope that you'll come out and look at these children and consider sponsoring a child for Compassion. Thank you.

NARRATOR: Join the Compassion family of sponsors today. A child is waiting for the hope you can bring and the love you can share. A child is waiting for you.