



Annual Report

2014–2015





A Letter From **SANTIAGO “JIMMY” MELLADO** President and CEO

Thank you so much for your partnership in Compassion’s ministry. We are honored that you entrust us with your giving. Please know that you are truly changing the lives of children in poverty and sharing the hope of Jesus.

I hope it brings you great joy to see the difference your support has made this past fiscal year:



MORE THAN 1.7 MILLION CHILDREN

were enrolled in the Child Sponsorship Program and received critical help to develop their God-given potential and overcome poverty. More than 1.5 million of those children were linked to caring sponsors.



30,100 BABIES AND THEIR MOTHERS

received life-saving care through Compassion’s Child Survival Program.



2,442 STUDENTS

in the Leadership Development Program were provided with university education and Christian leadership training.



WE PRAISE GOD THAT 158,030 CHILDREN

in Compassion’s programs said “yes” to Jesus.

I’m grateful to God and our faithful financial partners for the year’s solid growth in total audit revenue of 6.5 percent. This marked Compassion’s 18th consecutive year of revenue growth. We are deeply thankful for God’s provision.

Along with these tremendous blessings, the ministry also navigated through a season of financial challenges. External economic events put pressure on Compassion’s financial position. At the same time, a critical investment in technology could not be postponed. We relied heavily on internal reserves and managed expenses closely to protect the financial health of the ministry.

As I reflect on all that has occurred over the last year, Romans 15:13 comes to mind: “Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit” (NASB). I love that Compassion’s ministry is all about providing hope and help to children who so desperately need it. And my sincere prayer for you — and for all Compassion sponsors and donors — is that you are filled with abounding hope, joy and peace as you trust in Him through all seasons of life.

Because of God’s faithfulness and your dedication, children are receiving life-changing care. What a privilege it is to transform lives together, in the name of Jesus. Thank you for allowing God to use you in such a powerful way!

In Christ,

President and CEO
Compassion International



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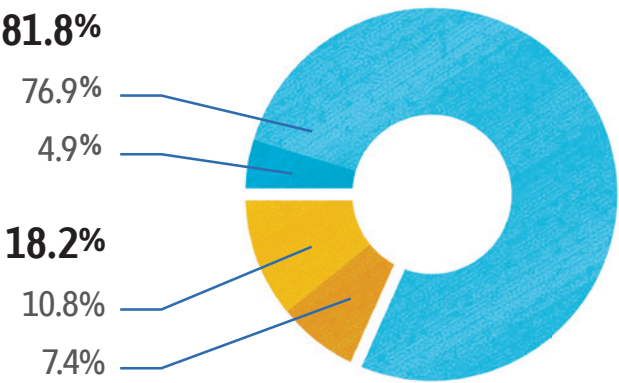


Compassion children in Fortaleza, Brazil, laugh, play and learn about the love of Jesus.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014

	2015 TOTAL	2014 TOTAL
Revenue, gains and other support		
Contributions	\$ 539,942,306	491,846,225
Gifts in-kind	935,931	529,376
Contributions from Global Partner Alliance	224,139,328	220,460,966
Interest, dividends and other income	1,803,308	2,133,562
Net realized and unrealized (losses) gains on investments and disposition of assets	119,537	2,755,583
Net unrealized (loss) gain on foreign exchange contracts	(358,722)	1,353,157
Changes in value of split-interest agreements	(198,194)	212,506
Total revenue, gains and other support	766,383,494	719,291,375
Expenses		
Program services		
Child development program	597,170,219	561,374,252
Sponsor/donor ministries	37,968,897	35,535,570
Total program services	635,139,116	596,909,822
Supporting activities		
Fundraising	83,926,854	67,746,851
Administration	57,437,751	45,862,112
Total supporting activities	141,364,605	113,608,963
Total expenses	776,503,721	710,518,785
Change in net assets	(10,120,227)	8,772,590
Net assets, beginning of year	207,192,460	198,419,870
Net assets, end of year	\$ 197,072,233	207,192,460



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SUPPORTING SERVICES	\$141,364,605
Fundraising	\$83,926,854
Administration	\$57,437,751
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$776,503,721

To see Compassion's 2014 and 2015 audited financial statements and Forms 990, please go to compassion.com/AnnualReport or call (800) 336-7676.

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A Message From
**KAREN
WESOLOWSKI**
Board Chair



Over the years, I have had the pleasure of watching Compassion tirelessly raise the bar in our efforts to release children from poverty in Jesus' name. This year has been no different. While the external landscape for international nonprofits grows ever more challenging, I am thankful that God is not bound by our limitations. We can depend upon Him to be a light to our path and provide what we need along the way. In FY15, God blessed Compassion with continued growth and faithful supporters, and filled us with an enduring hope for reaching more children in need of lifesaving care.

Compassion was met with much joy this past year — both in the faces of the more than 1.7 million children we serve and in new developments throughout the ministry. Chief among them was the addition of 411 new church partners to carry out Compassion's holistic child development programs. That's more than one partner in faith added to our family each day this past fiscal year!

The ministry also experienced the largest net growth of our sponsorship program in Compassion's history. In May 2015, more than 31,000 children received sponsors, who can lavish them with encouraging words and tell them of a love that knows no boundaries, despite the difficulties they face every day.

Such incredible growth is often coupled with the unknown, but I am grateful to be part of a ministry that fully embraces the hope that growth brings in the opportunity to reach new sponsors and release more children from poverty in Jesus' name.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without prayerful obedience in carrying out God's will and your commitment to Compassion and to the children in our care. As I look toward 2016 and beyond, I do so with a thankful heart that you have chosen Compassion to be a part of your personal ministry and, therefore, can change the trajectory of a child's life eternally.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Wesolowski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small heart symbol at the end.

Board Chair
Compassion International

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

U.S. SPONSORSHIP GROWTH

In May 2015, the Child Sponsorship Program gained 31,219 new sponsorships globally — the ministry's largest monthly net growth, in terms of commitments, in our 63-year history. In the same month, the United States broke the 1 millionth child sponsorship mark, contributing to a fiscal year-end total of 1,585,727 sponsored beneficiaries.



STEP INTO MY SHOES

Compassion's Step Into My Shoes (SIMS) advocacy toolkit was selected by *KidzMatter Magazine* as a 2015 leading ministry tool for children's and senior pastors. SIMS is a four-step experience that allows families, churches and schools to walk alongside a family in poverty and explore the question, "How much is enough?"



GLOBAL ADVOCACY

Great impact was also made through Compassion's Global Advocacy strategy to equip and empower churches, organizations and leaders who align with our commitment to release children from poverty in Jesus' name. Through these advocacy efforts, Compassion was able to mobilize more than 4,500 church leaders in more than 50 countries to reach additional children who are not able to participate in our sponsorship program!



WATCH AN INSPIRING VIDEO.

Hear from Compassion's President and CEO, Jimmy Mellado, how you're making an incredible difference.

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BECAUSE OF YOUR FAITHFULNESS ...

31,219 CHILDREN

WERE SPONSORED IN MAY 2015

[the largest Child Sponsorship Program net growth in Compassion's history]



411 NEW

CHURCH-BASED CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

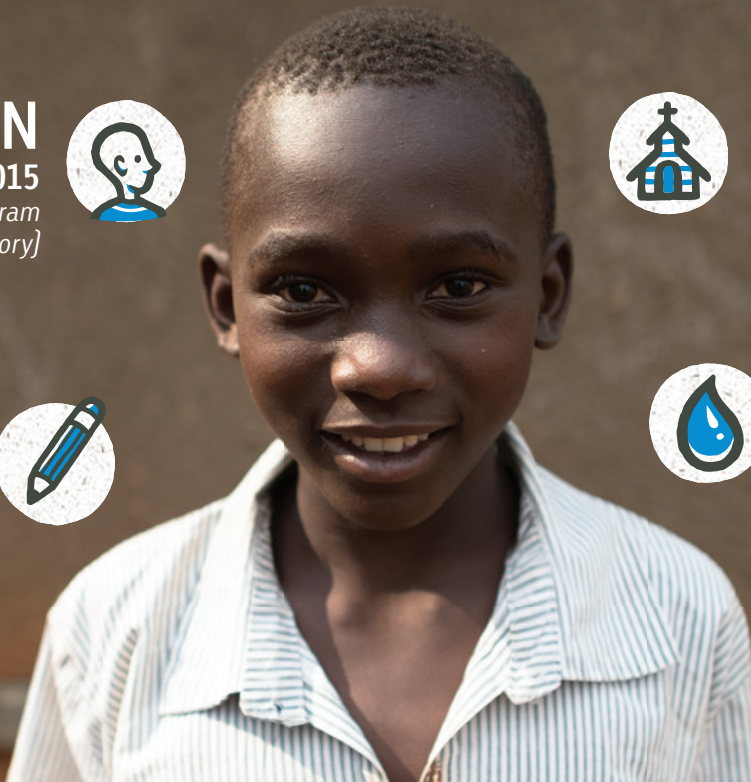
WERE ADDED — *that's more than one church partner per day*

More letters were sent to encourage children — over
300,000 MORE
THAN LAST YEAR



19,113

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
received Compassion Water of Life safe water systems

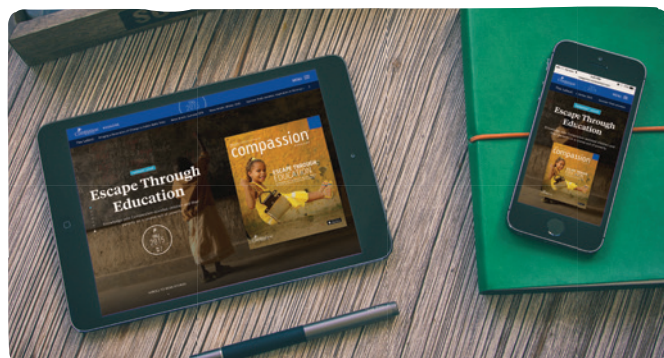


MOBILE EXPERIENCE



The phenomenal success of the “Change the Story: The Compassion Experience” traveling exhibit prompted the creation of four additional mobile units that were deployed from August to October 2015. The immersive exhibit allows visitors to experience other cultures, see the realities of global poverty, and discover true stories of hope. Now, seven traveling units are crisscrossing the country. In FY15, the Compassion Experience traveled to 80 U.S. cities, nearly tripling its reach from the previous year, and more than 200 events will be held next year.

COMPASSION MAGAZINE: NOW ONLINE



Compassion Magazine's new online edition (compassion.com/magazine) provides you with more robust content, photo essays, and easy-to-share stories in large print. The magazine is also available through iTunes on iPhone and iPad, or in print. More than 80,000 sponsors have signed up to receive the magazine online, saving the ministry money that would have been spent on paper and postage.



MISSION STATEMENT

In response to the Great Commission, Compassion International exists as an advocate for children, to release them from their spiritual, economic, social and physical poverty and enable them to become responsible and fulfilled Christian adults.