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The Stories BEHIND THE NUMBERS

STRENGTH IN OUR NUMBERS

YEAR IN REVIEW, 2015–2016

“God has blessed us more than we could’ve imagined. We almost lost everything, but now we’ve found a new way.”

– JAYNE

When Alicia Alejandro, a Child Survival Program coordinator in Bolivia, discovered that nearly half of the mothers enrolled in the program could not read, she launched weekly literacy classes. Now local women who never went to school are able to earn a sixth-grade education.

Women like Eduarda Zuniga are gaining life-changing literacy skills along with parenting and spiritual support. Today Eduarda can help her son with his homework and show her daughter that education and perseverance are essential to breaking the cycle of poverty.

“With the support of the church and the Child Survival Program, my children are doing well.”

– JUANITA

When Juanita Aguayo joined the Child Survival Program in Colombia, her family received life-saving medical care for her son’s heart condition. Today, Juanita’s son is healthy and attends school.

“Your support has been a gift. I’m able to support my family now.”

– LUCIA

When Lucia Melgar, a Child Sponsorship Program coordinator in Peru, discovered that many sponsored children were not reading, she launched a reading program in every community. Today, sponsored children are excelling in school and gaining confidence.

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A Letter From SANTIAGO “JIMMY” MELLADO PRESIDENT AND CEO

Thank you so much for your partnership with Compassion. It is truly an honor and a blessing to walk alongside you as we work to release children from poverty in Jesus’ name.

By God’s grace, fiscal year 2016 proved to be a robust one for Compassion. We chose the theme—Strength in Numbers—for this year’s Annual Report to highlight how your faithful support has enabled us to carry out our mission of ending child poverty. 

For the first time in our 64-year history, we surpassed $800 million in revenue in 2016. That marks 17 consecutive years that Compassion has been blessed with revenue growth. That simply would not be possible without you. Thank you for your partnership and support!

We also faced some significant challenges in 2016. Natural disasters, like the massive earthquake that struck Ecuador in April and an ongoing drought in Ethiopia, tested our ability to minister to some of the most vulnerable children and families living in extreme poverty. PADF and PADF II, our global ministries and increasing government restrictions have posed additional challenges. But it is in times like these that we are most thankful for the strength of our mission and the commitment to the work we serve together. Through it all, we have seen God’s hand of blessing on our efforts and we are deeply thankful that He is continuing to expand the reach and relevance of this precious cause.

When we think of ministry strength, we can’t help but think of the many members who comprise the Compassion family:

– Over 1.2 million global sponsors
– 4,952 front-line church partners
– 3,371 staff, including the staff of our international partner organizations
– 20,000+ Compassion Kids Club leaders
– At least 350,000 volunteers around the world
– More than 1.8 million babies and mothers, children and students engaged in our programs

That’s more than three million souls that played a role in this amazing ministry last year. That is why we — as a community of dedicated child advocates who long to see children’s lives changed — and that unity is what makes us strong.

There is also incredible strength in the impact of our programs. In this report, we will share some stories to give you a glimpse into the reach of the programs we’ve shared some stories to give you a glimpse into the reach of the programs

Thank you for your strength to bring to Compassion’s ministry. May God in full blow you for your faithfulness, generosity and compassion for children.

In Christ,

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So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.

EPHESIANS 4:11-12 (NIV)

Financial Summary

PROGRAM EXPENSES $448,799,131
Child Development Program $421,353,194
Sponsor/Donor Ministries $27,447,227
SUPPORTING SERVICES $138,455,680
Fundraising $76,104,825
Administration $62,351,065
TOTAL EXPENSES $787,255,021

Statement of Activities
For the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015

Revenues, gains and other support $1,879,763,217
Child Development $1,531,820,327
Sponsor/Donor Ministries $147,585,546
Other (19,357,344)
Change in fair value of derivative instruments (6,657,704)
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments and foreign currency movements (139,152)
Changes in value of split-interest agreements (219,939)
Total revenue, gains, and other support $1,830,343,413

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Net Assets, beginning of year $907,927,225
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

KAREN WESOLOWSKI BOARD CHAIR

Looking back on my fourth year as Compassion’s board chair, the words of 1 Corinthians 13:8 come to mind; “The love of God is not that we love in word or talk, but that we love in deed and in truth.” As we work together toward that Godly goal, it might seem impossible at times. But God can accomplish what only we can’t and change our hearts and minds to make a difference for those on the other side of our hands, our hearts, our sacrifices and our efforts.

Nothing demonstrates this more clearly than Compassion’s success this past year. First, when critical investments in fiscal year 2015-16 resulted in a $16 million loss, Compassion conducted a Board of Executive Officers the following year. I am delighted to report that Compassion finished last fiscal year with a $10 million net income — that’s 2 percent of our revenue! We also hit a milestone when our total revenue surpassed $800 million for the first time in Compassion’s history.

As important as these numbers are, their influence is only realized when they reach vulnerable children. It is my joy to tell you that Compassion’s Child Development Program brought healing, individualized and transformed lives and care and support to more than 1.8 million children living in poverty around the world last year. Essential to that care were your many billions dollars of giving, love and encouragement to those children. Together, we are truly transforming children’s lives and shaping the hope of Jesus.

Finally, I would like to assure you of the intentionally committed staff Compassion has. This past fiscal year included many challenges, including growing government restrictions, new technologies and natural disasters. The unity, commitment, and perseverance of the Compassion staff were a wonder. They are wholehearted child advocates and they serve Jesus Christ.

I look forward to serving alongside you for another wonderful fiscal year of Compassion’s board, thank you for your ongoing care for God’s children. We are grateful to each of you for your commitment and service to the ministry. May God continue to bless Compassion and each person doing their part to help release children from a life of poverty and point them toward the hope they have in Christ.

KAREN WESOLOWSKI Board Chair Compassion International
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By God’s grace, fiscal year 2016 proved to be a robust year for Compassion. We chose the theme Strength in Numbers for this year’s Annual Report to highlight how your faithful support has enabled the continued transforming power and growing impact of Compassion’s work.

For the first time in 64 years, our budget grew—enabling us to grow in revenue for the first time in 6 years. That marks 11 consecutive years that Compassion has been blessed with revenue growth. That simply would not have been possible without you. Thank you for your partnership and support!

We also faced some significant challenges in 2016. Natural disasters, like the massive earthquake that struck Nepal in April and the ongoing drought in Ethiopia, tested our ability to minister to some of the most vulnerable children and families living in extreme poverty. Meanwhile, global market fluctuations and increasing government restrictions have also posed challenges. But it is in times like these that we are most thankful for the strength of our ministry and the people who give us the resources to do what we do.

Through it all, we have seen God hand of blessing on our efforts and are deeply thankful that He is continuing to expand the reach and relevance of this precious cause.

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There is also incredible strength in the impact of our programs. In this report, we are thrilled to share some stories to give you a glimpse into the impact of the programs you’ve enabled. We hope you’ll do just beyond the numbers and see how your support truly transforms lives. From incalculable cost savings and the health and well-being of children and families, to the spiritual transformation that children experience in our programs, we are designed to deliver personal impact.

Thank you for the strength you bring to Compassion’s ministry. May God in turn bless you for your faithful generosity and compassion for children.

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To the Lord’s glory, we have also celebrated new partnerships: Compassion’s work in Japan, Australia, Canada, the UK, and 14 other nations.

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Looking back on my fourth year as Compassion’s board chair, the words of Ephesians 4:11-12 come to mind: “And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for every work of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.”

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COMMUNICATIONS
SUGGESTIONS AND FEEDBACK
compassion.com/ContactUs
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“The stories behind the numbers

YEAR IN REVIEW, 2015–2016

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around the world served as the hands and feet that carried out our holistic child development programs.

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When Joshua Mpiyo was 10, his mother enrolled him in the local Compassion center. Life in the Dandora slum of Kenya was dangerous; many of Joshua’s friends were dying of malaria. The Compassion project gave Joshua hope, lifesaving medical care, food and the chance to finish his schooling. Joshua excelled in school, graduated and pursued a biochemistry degree. Then his younger brother died of rheumatic heart disease caused by an untreated strep infection.

Joshua wanted to honor his brother’s memory while also helping others. He decided to pursue malaria research. After receiving his master’s degree he was accepted to the University of California, where he is currently a doctoral candidate researching malaria vaccinations.

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When my sponsor Beth wrote letters asking how I was doing in school and praising me … I can’t explain the value of those words.”
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