



## Sending Out Christ's Love

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We are in the midst of a world-changing pandemic. As you think about the ways you've been challenged emotionally, spiritually, and relationally since March, imagine going through the pandemic...but you live in a third world country. Living through a pandemic with the challenges of poverty can be disastrous. Compassion International is a ministry that has been serving children in poverty around the world since 1952 and is needed now more than ever.

Next month, Faith Community Church will host our annual Compassion Sunday. This designated day is a chance for FCC attendees to begin sponsoring a child, bringing the gospel to those who need the hope Jesus can offer.

### **A Mistake Leads to a Blessing**

Mike and Cassie Krueger, along with their seven children, currently sponsor four children around the world. They have been sponsoring children through Compassion for over 18 years. And in those years, their reason for teaming up with Compassion has remained the same. "We wanted to sponsor a child because we wanted to help someone know Jesus. We host Compassion Sundays because we know that one child being sponsored could make an eternal difference," says Mike.

The Kruegers oversee Compassion Sunday each year at FCC. Last year Cassie was looking through the sponsor packets and noticed a child the Kruegers already sponsored. It turned out that Compassion had accidentally attached the wrong photo to the packet, and it was supposed to be the twin brother of a girl they already sponsored. The Kruegers decided to sponsor the twin brother as well!

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The Krueger family keeps in touch with their sponsored children by writing them letters several times a year. They love getting letters back and emphasize there's no better feeling than receiving word the child has accepted Jesus as their Savior.

“It is a blessing to see how the child has grown, to read about their dreams, hopes and concerns, and to know you are having an impact on a family across the world,” says Mike. It also blesses the Kruegers to know there are children in Ethiopia and the Dominican Republic praying for their family.

### Precious Letters

Doug and Jean Weiler are also long-time supporters of Compassion International. They have been sponsoring children since 2010 and currently sponsor three children in Ethiopia, Ghana, and Indonesia.

In 2011, FCC started a church-to-church relationship with an Ethiopian church outside of Addis Ababa. When a mission trip was organized, Doug decided to take his first trip to a third-world country. Initially he felt out of his comfort zone.

But on that trip not only did he feel welcomed by the church, he was able to personally meet the seven-year-old child he and Jean sponsored. Doug returned the next year on a second mission trip, and Jean joined him. They were able to meet their sponsored child's parents and Doug says, “Many great friendships were confirmed.”



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