

# Compassion Fast Facts

## WHO IS COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL?

- > a ministry to the world's children in poverty since 1952
- > a leading authority in Christian holistic child development through sponsorship
- > a child sponsorship program that has been independently validated to have a significant impact on educational, employment and leadership outcomes of our children
- > a partner with more than 6,700 churches representing 60 denominations in 25 developing countries
- > an organization committed to sharing hope and helping over 1.8 million babies, children and youth to be released from poverty

## WHAT IS COMPASSION'S MISSION?

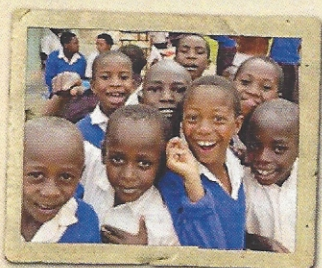
In response to the Great Commission, Compassion International exists as an advocate for children, to release them from their spiritual, economic, social and physical poverty and enable them to become responsible and fulfilled Christian adults.

## HOW IS COMPASSION UNIQUE?

Our success with holistic child development is embodied in our unique distinctives:



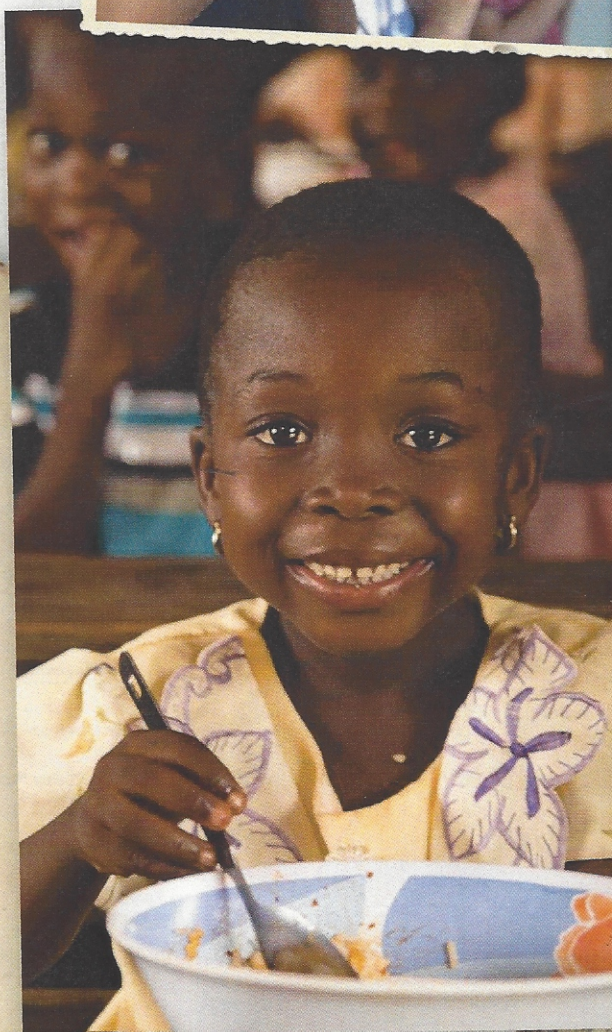
**CHRIST-CENTERED** Compassion is dedicated to caring for the poor and nurturing hope by spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. When children see themselves as Jesus sees them, they will flourish.



**CHILD-FOCUSED** The ministry of Compassion is holistic, engaging each child as a complete person, with the goal that children develop mentally, physically, socially, emotionally and spiritually. We want to support their growth into healthy, responsible and fulfilled Christian adults.



**CHURCH-BASED** Compassion programs are delivered exclusively in partnership with the local church. Compassion equips, trains and provides resources so churches may realize their vision of changing their communities by serving children and helping them reach their God-given potential.



  
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## HOW DOES COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL HELP?

Compassion supports, encourages and equips children — from conception to self-sufficiency — through four core integrated programs:

### Child Survival Program — More Than 30,000 Mothers and Young Children Currently Assisted

The goal of this program is that children survive the early years when they are most vulnerable to disease and malnutrition. Before and after a child is born, mothers are provided the resources and training they need to promote their child's healthy start in life:

- › prenatal care and access to a trained birthing attendant
- › medical care and immunizations
- › group and in-home training in child care
- › emotional and spiritual support
- › nutritional support and access to safe water

### Child Sponsorship Program — More Than 1.8 Million Children Currently Assisted

The hallmark of Compassion's work is one-to-one child sponsorship. Through sponsorship support, children are able to participate in a holistic church-based child development program that offers life-changing benefits:

- › educational opportunities
- › health and hygiene training
- › medical checkups
- › nutritional support
- › stable and caring relationships with student center staff
- › the message of God's love through Jesus Christ



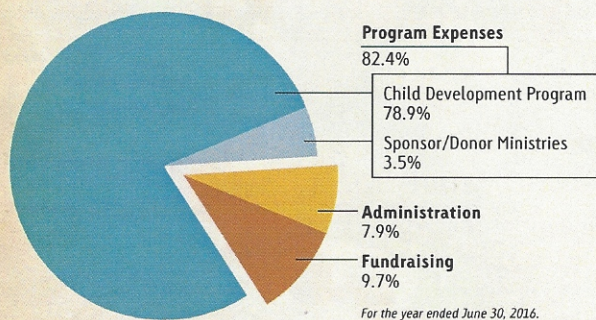
### Complementary Interventions

Many crucial activities and initiatives affect and improve the lives of sponsored children and beneficiaries that cannot be met by child sponsorship alone. Through the Complementary Interventions program, Compassion can tackle these unforeseen barriers to a child's development. These interventions include:

- › safe water
- › emergency medical treatment
- › education assistance
- › orphan care
- › HIV and AIDS assistance
- › crisis response
- › child protection
- › income-generation training

## WHAT IS COMPASSION'S COMMITMENT TO INTEGRITY?

Compassion, funded solely by private donations, is committed to the wise stewardship of all funds received and spent. That's why **at least 80 cents of every dollar is spent on programs that transform the lives of children in need.**



Accountability is ensured through:

- › annual financial audits by an independent external auditing firm
- › regular audits of our country field offices
- › a program of ongoing learning through research to improve the effectiveness of our child development programs in the lives of children

### More Financial Information on Compassion

For a copy of the most recent financial audit statement, call (800) 336-7676 or visit [compassion.com/about/financial](http://compassion.com/about/financial).

### Recognitions of Compassion's Financial and Program Integrity

Compassion consistently receives top ratings from several accrediting agencies, including the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability [founding member] and the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance.



Compassion continues to be recognized for superior financial integrity by several publications and financial accountability groups.

**THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PHILANTHROPY** lists Compassion in their "Top Rated Charities."

**THE JOURNAL OF POLITICAL ECONOMY** published peer-reviewed research — the first of its kind — providing evidence that Compassion's Child Sponsorship Program is powerful and effective in releasing children from poverty.



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**Ashly Alejandra Cerna Lopez**

Birthday  
**NOVEMBER 17, 2012**

Child Number: ES091800257



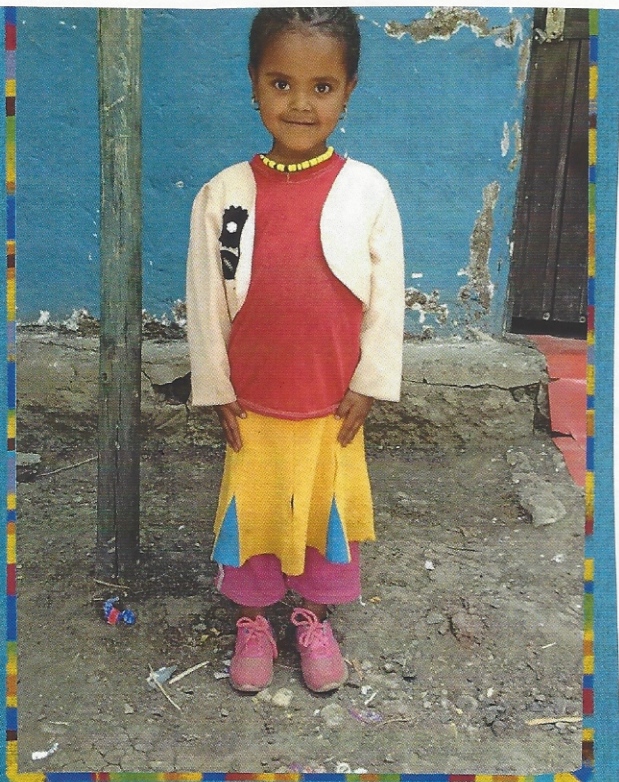
**Alejandra**  
March 2022



**Pukee Lahuna**

Birthday  
**MARCH 1, 2010**

Child Number: TH036700357



**Kolola**

Birthday: Mar. 14, 2013  
Lives in: Ethiopia