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Dear <Mail Salutation>

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

2 CORINTHIANS 9:15

What a special time of year this is as we celebrate God's precious gift to us—His Son, Jesus Christ! I pray the good news of Jesus' birth and the gift of His Presence will continue to fill your homes and hearts this Christmas.

The
Global
Food
Crisis



As we draw near to the end of another year, I want to thank you for your generous support through prayer, letters, financial contributions and advocacy. We are greatly blessed by your partnership!

Your support for vulnerable children and their families around the world has enabled our local church partners to continue loving and caring for over 2 million children in more than 25 countries. Thank you for bringing the love and hope of Jesus to those who need it most.

This Christmas, as we gather around tables to celebrate, let's continue to pause and reflect upon those who have been deeply impacted by 2022. Conflict, extreme weather and COVID-19 have created a global food crisis that is having a devastating impact on children in poverty. According to the United Nations, the world is moving backwards in its efforts to end hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition.

Even before the Global Food Crisis, Compassion has been working with communities around the world to develop sustainable solutions to hunger. Our local church partners are responding to the crisis by providing both short and long-term assistance. They are meeting vulnerable families' immediate nutritional needs through the delivery of food packages as well as developing sustainable solutions to stop ongoing hunger by equipping families with seeds, fertiliser, livestock and agriculture training. ►



In Indonesia, Frizky, a 21-year-old agricultural student, proposed a hydroponic garden as part of the youth program at his local Compassion child development centre. The idea was championed by the local staff and, today, the garden supplies vegetables to supermarkets. The garden is also the subject of Frizky's thesis paper which saw him graduate with distinction.

“I was so excited by the spirit and commitment from the centre staff who got involved and helped me and my friends to build the installation for our hydroponic garden.”

FRIZKY



In Togo, farmers in the Dapaong region face extreme challenges in growing sufficient crops to feed themselves and their families. With the impact of the pandemic only adding to their struggle, Compassion's local church partner stepped in to provide training, agricultural supplies and technical support to increase growth. This resulted in an 18% increase in farm production, which enabled the farmers to have both sufficient food and enough to donate crops back to the centre, ensuring the cycle of generosity would continue.

“If you open my heart, you will find joy only. We are rejoicing over this intervention because it came at the right time!”

SEDJORKA, FARMER IN DAPAONG

At a time when severe food insecurity is on the rise at an unprecedented rate, your support will enable more stories of hope like these to be told as, together, we answer hunger with hope. Your support will make a significant difference in the lives of children who will face the harsh reality of severe food insecurity this Christmas.

<Mail Salutation>, now is the time to answer hunger with hope!

You can find out more about the Global Food Crisis and how you can answer hunger with hope by visiting cmpsn.co/answerhunger or by calling Compassion Australia on 1300 22 44 53.

Thank you for your commitment to seeing children released from poverty. This Christmas, we pray you will experience the great joy and peace of our Saviour.

From my home to yours,

**CLARE STEELE,
COMPASSION AUSTRALIA CEO**

**Scan the QR code
to answer hunger
with hope!**

