

Your Impact Through Education and Training



Your global impact this financial year

250 million children aren't in school today. Children and youth living in poverty often have to make tough choices to help their families survive, which puts their education at risk. When youth cannot pursue further education, they are forced to accept lower paying jobs, continuing the cycle of poverty in their families.

Yet you didn't look away from your neighbours. Together, you moved with compassion—and this is what changed.

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3,882

students are breaking barriers blocking their education, with the support of 112 local churches.

100

teenagers in Thailand are becoming the best leaders they can be through leadership training and mentorship.

200

young people are now on the path to a better future by attending university or college.

17

computer labs have been built across Indonesia and Bangladesh to give children access to digital tools and enrich their learning.

900

youth across 9 local churches in Kenya are participating in digital skills training, building skills to break the cycle of poverty.



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2,127

young adults are working towards their dreams at university.

4,811

students are expanding their minds using new library facilities.

Your compassion in action

Hear from your neighbours how your compassion has brought opportunity to their lives over the years.



Mothers in Bolivia

For years, Juliana wanted to read her Bible, but she couldn't.

Now, pencil in hand, she's learning.

Alongside other mothers in Bolivia, Juliana is discovering something many people never get the chance to learn as children: how to read and write.

"I came to attend literacy classes," she says. "I want to learn to read and write. I want to read the Bible but I can't."

The lessons are making everyday things possible: reading a bus timetable. Helping their child with a homework sheet. Meditating on a Bible verse.

"Sometimes I cried because I hadn't learned," says Ambrosia. "But not anymore. I know what the letters mean now."

These mothers started by learning the basics. Now they're helping their children learn theirs.



Marjorie, 23, Ecuador

"When I told my family that I wanted to study and become a nurse, they told me that it would be a very difficult dream to achieve and that I should consider giving up on it," says Marjorie.

"But one of the most important memories I had when I was a little girl was the pastor telling me that everything is possible when you have God in your heart. That changed my mind and my world," she says.

When they saw how much she cared about becoming a nurse, her family and her local church supported her every step of the way.

"It was hard," she recalls, "but every time I felt like giving up, I remembered the support I had from the church, the people who believed in me, and that pushed me forward."

Now, as a health specialist in the Compassion program in her hometown, Marjorie teaches the next generation about health, disease prevention and the importance of maintaining a healthy body and mind.

"I want to give back with grace everything I received by grace," Marjorie says. "I know what it feels like to have nothing but faith, and I want these children to know that their dreams are possible."



Edward, Compassion graduate, Uganda

"As a child, I had many dreams about what I wanted to be," says Edward. "First, I wanted to be a bus driver, then a policeman... Later, I wanted to be a teacher."

"But everything shifted when Auntie Jackie Forde bought me a book about Dr Benjamin Carson, a brain surgeon in the United States. From the time I read that book, I knew I wanted to be a doctor," he says.

Edward went on to receive a government scholarship and additional support from Compassion through medical school. As he progressed in his studies, his dream was shaped by the stories of his family members living with HIV.

"So I became a medical doctor and HIV researcher," says Edward. "My research focuses on finding a cure for HIV."

"When someone is living with HIV, they face two kinds of stigmas," Edward explains. "One is external: how other people treat them or what is said about them. But even worse is the internal stigma: how a person feels about themselves, the regrets, the questions of 'Why me?' and 'When will this come to an end?' and 'Do people know what I'm really going through?'"

"When you speak with them and really listen, eventually they will open up. Often they begin to cry as they share their experiences. That's why, even though we have treatment that controls the virus, the ultimate answer will be a cure."

Your impact for young women

This year, your collective giving over International Women's Day has fully funded university education for 14 young women in Indonesia.

Fourteen futures opened and fourteen young women now stepping into opportunities they once only dreamed of—pursuing careers in management, nursing and accounting. Your kindness has removed financial barriers and replaced them with hope, dignity and possibility.



Thank you

Education opens opportunities for children and youth, helping them see beyond their current barriers to a better future. Because of your gift, young people are now freely pursuing their dreams and gaining the knowledge they need to transform their lives.

Thank you for moving with compassion by giving to Education and Training. To learn more about the fund, visit www.compassion.com.au/donate/education-and-training



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