

COMPASSION SUNDAY: IT BEGINS WITH A CHILD...



POVERTY FACTS

Here are some useful facts to include in your presentation. Choose one or two from the following list to add to the points you are making. Remember that speaking from your heart about sponsoring a child is always the most dynamic and effective way of sharing with others about the issues surrounding child poverty.

- › One third of the world's children live in extreme poverty.
- › One in every six children aged between 5 and 14 years of age is involved in child labor.
- › More than 2 billion people lack access to electricity and modern forms of energy.
- › More than 1 billion (one in five) people live on less than \$1 a day (U.S.).
- › Every day, 1,600 women and more than 10,000 newborns die globally due to complications that could have been prevented.
- › Approximately 15 million children under the age of 18 have lost one or both parents to AIDS.
- › 20 million children have had to leave their homes due to war. This is roughly the population of Australia.
- › An estimated 1.2 million children are trafficked every year, many for sexual exploitation or cheap labor.
- › Children under age 18 make up 49 percent of the population of the world's least developed countries, compared with 21 percent of the population of the world's industrialized nations.
- › Approximately 143 million children in the developing world (one in 13) are orphans.

Sources: www.unicef.org
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www.freeworldacademy.com
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For more facts about the devastating effects of poverty on the lives of children, explore the Quick Facts at www.compassion.com.