

## **ESSENTIAL INFORMATION ABOUT COMPASSION**

### **MISSION**

Compassion exists as an advocate for children – to partner with, equip and inspire the Church to release children from poverty in Jesus' name

### **VISION**

Transformation of lives, communities and nations through releasing children from poverty in Jesus' name

### **DISTINCTIVES**

**Christ-centred:** We are dedicated to caring for the poor in response to God's call and giving hope to the hopeless by spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ in an age-appropriate, culturally relevant and non-coercive way.

**Child-focused:** Children are the hardest hit by poverty, the least able to change their circumstances, and at the heart of Jesus' ministry. We address the holistic needs of the individual child so that they can become responsible and fulfilled Christian adults and change agents in their communities.

**Church-based:** We partner with local churches to implement our holistic child development model because they are uniquely placed to understand the real needs of their community and foster an environment of stability.

### **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

1. **WE BELIEVE** the Bible is the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
2. **WE BELIEVE** there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. **WE BELIEVE** in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His Virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His shed blood for the remission of sins, in resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father and in His personal return in power and glory.
4. **WE BELIEVE** salvation is found only through Jesus Christ and requires individuals to acknowledge their sin, accept His forgiveness and repent.
5. **WE BELIEVE** that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
6. **WE BELIEVE** in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
7. **WE BELIEVE** in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto eternal separation from God.
8. **WE BELIEVE** in the spiritual unity of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.
9. **WE BELIEVE** Jesus established the Church to carry out ministry on earth.