

COMPASSION CANADA

50 years and counting

In 2013, we will celebrate our 50th anniversary at Compassion Canada. To help commemorate it, let's look at a few of our milestones and give thanks for how God has been at work.

1952

Compassion International is **founded by an evangelist from Chicago, Rev. Everett Swanson**, who was moved by the plight of war orphans in South Korea.



1963

Compassion Canada is established when sponsors Bob and Janet Forsyth expanded Compassion's ministry from the United States to Canada, allowing Canadians to respond to the needs of children around the world.

1968

Compassion's ministry expands into India, Indonesia, Haiti and Singapore.

1972

Jim Somerville becomes the first president of Compassion Canada; **the offices move from Chatham to London, Ontario.** [Our current office shown below.]



1983

Rev. Dave MacLeod is named president of Compassion Canada following Jim Somerville's retirement. Rev. Barry Slauenwhite joins Compassion Canada's staff as Vice-President of Marketing and Church Ministry.

1991

10,000 children are sponsored through Compassion Canada.



1993

Compassion leaves Korea after 40 successful years of ministry. Rev. Macleod steps down as president of Compassion Canada, and Rev. Barry Slauenwhite is named its third president.

1996

The Netherlands joins Australia [1978], Canada, France [1990], Great Britain [1975] and New Zealand [1986] as Compassion Partner Countries.

Over 200,000 children are sponsored through Compassion's worldwide ministry.

The Leadership Development Program enrolls its first class of students in the Philippines. The program expands into Haiti and Guatemala the following year.

2004

South Korea comes full circle, becoming a partner country and establishing Compassion Korea. It is the third new partner country since 1996, following Italy [2001] and Switzerland [2003].



2003

25,000 children are sponsored through Compassion Canada as it celebrates its 40th anniversary. Over 500,000 children are supported through Compassion's partners worldwide.



2007

Compassion Canada celebrates 50,000 children sponsored by Canadians. Over 900,000 children in 26 countries are assisted by Compassion worldwide.

2008

Dr. Barry Slauenwhite celebrates 25 years of ministry service.



2009

Compassion International celebrates 1,000,000 sponsored children. **70,000 of these children are sponsored through Compassion Canada.**

2012

Compassion Canada celebrates 90,000 sponsored children.

2013

Compassion Canada celebrates 50 YEARS OF MINISTRY!