

# Compassion AT CHRISTMAS *Ecuador & Beyond...*

## Sponsoring Children in Ecuador & Peru

### RECAPTURING THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS IN JESUS' NAME

- ▶ One of Jesus' defining characteristics is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Matthew 9:36 – When Jesus saw the crowds, He had COMPASSION on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.
  - Matthew 14:14 – When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, He had COMPASSION on them and healed their sick.
  - Matthew 15:32 – Jesus called His disciples to Him and said, "I have COMPASSION for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I don't want to send them away hungry..."
  - Matthew 20:34 - Jesus had COMPASSION on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed Him.
- ▶ Christ-followers are called to imitate our Lord's compassion.
  - Colossians 3:12 - Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with COMPASSION...
- ▶ Christmas seems to elevate the COMPASSION quotient in all of us.

### REALITY CHECK

- ▶ Around the world today there are \_\_\_\_\_ children living in \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ Every single day \_\_\_\_\_ children \_\_\_\_\_ from poverty or poverty-related issues.

### CREEKSIDE'S STRATEGY FOR UNLEASHING COMPASSION ON ECUADOR

- ① \_\_\_\_\_ at least \_\_\_\_\_ through Compassion International.
- ② \_\_\_\_\_ in the Amazon Jungle & in Northern Peru.
- ③ \_\_\_\_\_ more mission \_\_\_\_\_ to Ecuador (& Peru) in 2025 & beyond to visit sponsored children in person.

### REALITY CHECK (continued)

- ▶ Compassion is not a \_\_\_\_\_. Compassion is \_\_\_\_\_! (1 John 3:16-18)
- ▶ The problem with poverty is not God's \_\_\_\_\_ but human \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Matthew 25:40 - Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me.

### PLEASE RELEASE A CHILD FROM EXTREME POVERTY IN JESUS' NAME TODAY



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