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COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL HOSTS LIVE EVENT ON CHURCH'S ROLE IN PROTECTING CHILDREN

Global Experts Gather to Discuss Child Protection

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (April 8, 2013) – Compassion International will host church leaders and Christian educators on April 13 for presentations and round-table discussions on the Church's role in protecting children. The live broadcast event will begin at 9:30 a.m. MDT and can be viewed by any interested party [online](#).

Attendees will hear from global experts from Compassion International and International Justice Mission on the subject of: *What is the global Church's role in protecting and developing vulnerable children?* Afterwards, leaders are encouraged to discuss how to advocate for children, how the Bible guides the Church to care for children and how international non-governmental organizations and churches can partner to protect children.

Topics and speakers for the event include:

- The Theology of the Child—Dr. Dan Brewster, holistic child development academic programs director for Compassion International
- Child Advocacy—Menchit Wong, Lausanne Movement senior associate for children at risk and child advocacy director for Compassion International
- The Church and Children—Dr. Bambang Budijanto, 4/14 Window steering chair and vice president of Asia region for Compassion International
- Beyond Trafficking: How Thai Children Are Gaining Protection That Prevents the Nightmare—Bethany Hoang, Institute for Biblical Justice director for International Justice Mission and Naomi Cramer Overton, USA advocacy director for Compassion International

The day concludes at 12:45 p.m. MDT with a case study on how two faith-based non-governmental organizations are partnering to protect children from child trafficking. Church leaders and educators from Denver Seminary will be invited to the live event. The live broadcast is open to the public. For more information on Compassion International, please visit compassion.com.

About Compassion International

Compassion International is the world's leading authority in child sponsorship. Compassion revolutionized the fight against global poverty by equipping the Church to develop children out of poverty to become responsible and fulfilled Christian adults. It is the only child sponsorship program to

be validated through independent, empirical research. Today, Compassion partners with more than 6,000 Christian churches in 26 countries to release more than 1.4 million babies, children and students from poverty in Jesus' name. Compassion has been awarded the highest rating for financial stewardship and transparency for 12 consecutive years by Charity Navigator, America's largest charity evaluator. For more information on the ministry, visit compassion.com or follow on Twitter at [@compassion](https://twitter.com/compassion).

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