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BRF is pleased to announce it is working with the Christian child development organisation, Compassion UK, for its 2010 Barnabas Christmas promotion.

For many years the idea of donating to charities working around the world, through the buying of Christmas cards, has given people a deep sense of embracing the real meaning of Christmas.

Our aim this year is to recognise this desire and through the purchase of a Barnabas children's title, give you the opportunity to help fund the work of Compassion's Child Survival Programme.

When you purchase a book from the Barnabas children's Christmas promotion we will give 10% of the cover price to Compassion.



'Compassion is delighted to be working with Barnabas on this unique and exciting campaign. Compassion's Child Survival Programme works with the most vulnerable expectant mothers and their babies. The programme supports and feeds malnourished children, while training mothers to sustain the growth and development of their little ones. Together we can help improve the lives of children in need.'

STEVE BUNN, MARKETING DIRECTOR, COMPASSION UK
www.compassionuk.org/child-survival-programme



We are very excited about this unique promotion, which we hope will be the first of many linking the work of BRF with the work of Christian charities working around the world.

KAREN LAISTER, DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE, BRF

Compassion's Child Survival Programme

Around the world, thousands of children under the age of five die every day from easily preventable causes such as malnutrition, malaria, and pneumonia. Therefore, the first step in effective child development is to ensure that children survive the early years when they are most vulnerable.

With your support, Compassion's Child Survival Programme is designed to help these little ones survive and thrive, even before they are born. This means educating the mother or primary caregiver, before and after her child is born, about providing critical care during the earliest years.

Working through local church partners, Compassion provides nutrition, medical assistance, parental education and social support for mothers and caregivers to help the world's most impoverished children survive the first few years of life, serving them up to the age of three, when they can be registered into the Child Sponsorship Programme.

One of the programmes you will be supporting is the Jeevan Jyoti Bal Vikas Kendra Child Survival Programme.

Jeevan Jyoti Bal Vikas Kendra Child Survival Programme

Jeevan Jyoti Bal Vikas Kendra Child Survival Programme is located in Bangla Basti, Pathri, 200 km north of Delhi.

Physical Development

In order to ensure that the babies develop physically, the Child Survival Programme provides the pregnant mothers with prenatal medical checkups and a safe birthing experience. After birth, the staff ensure that the infants are immunised and that their growth and development is carefully monitored with regular health screenings.

The mothers and caregivers are also taught how to prevent, identify and treat commonplace childhood illnesses. To help them in this, they are given first aid kits for their homes.

The babies and toddlers are encouraged to develop their motor skills through play and exercises, with the staff teaching simple exercises that can



be done at home. The mothers learn to use what is available to prepare healthy, nutritious meals for themselves and their children. The mothers and caregivers are also provided with regular medical check-ups for themselves and the children as well as health and self-esteem lessons.

During home visits, the staff work with the mothers to help them apply what they have learnt from the Child Survival Programme in their homes and create safe environments for their children. They also give advice on a variety of issues, including breastfeeding and family planning.

Social development

Through activities such as family planning classes, early marriage awareness programmes, self-esteem classes, field trips, neighbourhood meetings and family get-togethers, the staff facilitate the building of relationships and support among the mothers and caregivers. The children also have the opportunity to play and interact during this time, building their social skills. The staff include the rest of the family through parent meetings, classes on managing money, family fellowship and drug counselling for fathers, while regular home visits help to build trust between the children, families, caregivers and staff.

Economic development

The staff empower the mothers and caregivers with economic training to help them provide for their families. They have the opportunity to attend vocational training and income-generating skills classes.

Spiritual development

The community's main religion is Hindu, but the mothers and caregivers of Jeevan Jyoti Bal Vikas Kendra Child Survival Programme come from a variety of religious backgrounds. The staff seek to share the gospel with them in a sensitive and appropriate way and support and encourage spiritual growth through the example of Christian role models, Bible study groups, spiritual retreats and family counselling.

