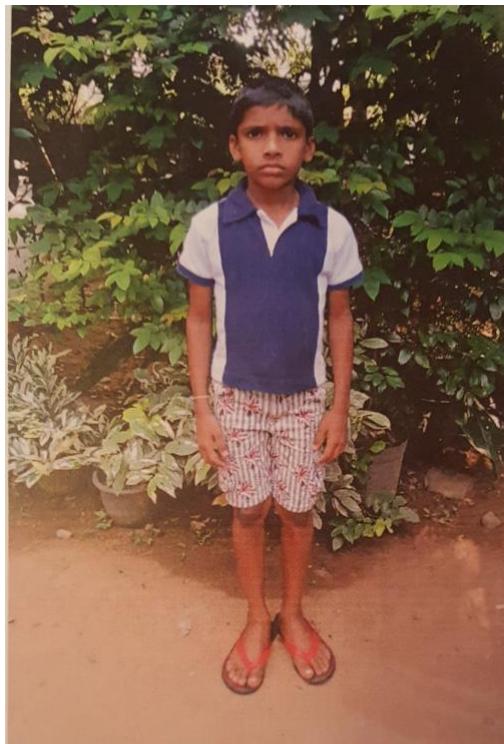


## An Update from the Outreach Committee

Perhaps many of you have heard of the wonderful work that Compassion International does throughout the world as a child-advocacy ministry pairing compassionate people with children living in extreme poverty. Currently, Compassion International is caring for more than 2 million children in 25 developing countries.

Through their holistic child development model, they blend physical, social, economic and spiritual care together to help the children fully mature in every facet of life and transcend what is often a generational legacy of poverty. Compassion gives whole-life care, by way of their frontline church partners, that is personal, individualized and tailored to the child's age, gender, health culture and family situation.



**Baragama Arachchilage  
Pabasara Akalanka**

Birthday  
**NOVEMBER 25, 2009**



We are blessed to be sponsoring Pabasara. Pabasara is 10 years old and lives in Sri Lanka in Sabaragamuwa Province. He lives with his father and mother. His father is sometimes employed as work is available. His mother is not employed. Pabasara helps his family by gathering firewood and washing clothes. He is in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade and loves to draw and read. His Center is Children First Ministry. The church is a cornerstone in the community and understands the needs of this child and what he faces daily.

At present Sri Lanka is shut down due to Covid19. Thus all Centers are also closed and there is great concern about the health of those who work at the centers and the families. However, the children and their families are still given help and support as is possible.

I know from experience how gratifying it is to sponsor a child. I sponsored Godson David for 11 years and watched him grow from a little boy living in a dirt floor hut to a college graduate teaching elementary school in Tanzania's capital. He is now 25 and engaged to his college sweetheart. We still correspond...Facebook and Messenger... who would have

thought it! I have watched him grow into a young man of integrity and faith. Now we as a congregation have the privilege to nurture Pabasara.

If anyone is interested in writing our boy, just give me a call and I will give you all the information. Please pray for Pabasara and his family.

God's peace,

Sue Wilders