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Communities with  
the Heart and  
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1) Helping churches attain a position of practical and spiritual relevance in the heart of their communities

2) Pastoral affirmation and leadership development

3) Facilitating Strategic Short term missions trips

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## Family News



Kaelyn, Sherry, Ron and Charis Lapka September 2009

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### A Small Group Challenge?

There are three church families here in desperate need of housing. Your small group/church could build any of these houses (approximate cost is \$6,000/USD house) , Please contact us. Bless you.



# Child Survival Program — Compassion International



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## “Prayer Matters”

Phil 1:3-6

Ministry development

Open doors

Divine appointments

Language development

Spiritual growth

Marriage protection

Health and Safety

Immigration Needs

Vehicle needs

House security Can/El

Salvador

## Answered Prayer:

Immigration papers

Safety

Health

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Language development

## Help a Child — Sponsor a Student!



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**difference** for the kingdom and the lives of these students. Please continue your support and/or prayerfully consider starting to support a student. Thank-you from all the students. God is saving lives, changing families and empowering communities!

## WHO’S WHO?

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