

Pastor's Patch: Harvest



This is Owusuaa who lives with her family in Ghana. She's also the wonderful child we sponsor as a family with Compassion UK for the past two years. We get regular letters from her and Juliana sends letters in response. She is part of the Compassion Programme that works with a local church providing education, healthcare and a church family to Owusuaa. Her family also benefit and it is part of an ongoing partnership that we pray will make a difference to God's Kingdom as well as her community.

In September or October we normally have a Harvest Service at Brixham Baptist Church. However, this year on 5th October we will invite Compassion to return and share more of their ministry around the world to children and their communities. Their work is "*Releasing children from poverty in Jesus' name*". So as well as giving thanks for "all good gifts around us" this Autumn, we may feel that we want to sponsor or continue sponsoring a child with Compassion. Alternatively, our Harvest offering may be to pray for the work of Compassion, or even commit to pray for our own children and families. In addition let us pray for the families and children we have as part of our church community.

The Psalmist wrote.....

*Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him.
Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth.
Blessed is the parent whose quiver is full of them.*
(Psalm 127 verses 3-4)

In this way we are reminded just how precious children are, and therefore how carefully we are to respect and raise them in the ways of the Lord.

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