

# **compassionate life** FOUNDATION [james127.org](http://james127.org)

## Helping Orphans and Widows in Swaziland, Africa

“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.” James 1:27 (NIV)



### CLF Partnering With God's People To:

**Strengthen families** in order for them to protect and care or orphans and vulnerable children. Helping families help themselves and their neighbors.

**Mobilize and support** community based responses to provide both immediate & long term assistance to vulnerable households.

**Ensure access** for orphans and vulnerable children to essential services, including education, health care, birth registration and others.

**Help protect** the most vulnerable children by channeling resources to impoverished communities.

**Raise awareness** at all levels through advocacy and social mobilization to create a supportive environment for children affected by HIV/AIDS.

**Help develop the spiritual** well being of children, families and communities.

#### Being Jesus's Hands and Feet

**When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless like sheep without a shepherd.**  
*(Matthew 9:36)*



### Swaziland, Africa

- Has one of the highest HIV/AIDS rates in the world.
- Life expectancy is 49 yrs. old, ranked one of the lowest in the world.

Swazi women age 25 to 29 have an HIV prevalence rate of 49%.

- Over 150,000 children in Swaziland have lost at least one parent.
- More than one in four adults age 15-49 are infected with HIV/AIDS.
- In Swaziland 69% of the population lives below the poverty line.

#### In Sub-Saharan Africa:

Over 15 million children are orphaned due to HIV/AIDS. And over 25 million people are living with HIV/AIDS.



SWAZILAND

**“It's not what you believe that counts; it's what you believe enough to do.”**

## More About Swaziland and the Need

The smallest country in the Southern Hemisphere, Swaziland is a landlocked, independent kingdom about the size of New Jersey.

It's bordered on three sides by the Republic of South Africa, with a 70 mile eastern border with Mozambique, and is about 40 miles from the Indian Ocean.

The climate varies from tropical to near temperate. Drought is a major problem. The terrain is mostly mountains and hills; some moderately sloping plains. A good portion of the land is covered in rocks, boulders and tall green grass.

Farming is a way of life for the Swazi people. Most families grow maize as their main food source. Cattle, goats, and chickens are an important part of every homestead.

The unemployment rate in Swaziland has reached an all time high of 50%, (some say its much higher), with many people struggling to find employment.

The Swazi people eat **one meal per day (two if they're lucky)**, usually consisting of porridge for breakfast and maize and beans for dinner.

Life for the Swazi people consists of a constant struggle to have enough food. The need for cash to buy clothing, pay for school fees, required uniforms and personal needs is always an issue.

In 2015, free primary education became a reality for the first time in Swaziland. However paying for uniforms, shoes and a High School education is still one of the major challenges most families face. **Many families must choose between sending their youth onto High School and feeding their families.**

Most people in the rural areas of Swaziland live in houses made of mud, rock and stick with thatched roofs. People near the cities live in houses made of brick and cement with roofs made of corrugated metal.

Most rural villages have small trading stores. Larger clothing and grocery



stores can be found in the cities. **Water is carried from streams or springs, sometimes a great distance.** Some have access to running water. Electricity is available in many villages but most people live without because they cannot afford it.

Most Swazi people speak English and classes are generally taught in English. SiSwati is the official language.

The majority of families in third world countries live on **less than \$2 a day**; the average daily income per family in the United States is **over \$139 a day**. If each person gave as little as \$0.50 cents per day, **poverty could be eliminated!**

CLF was birthed in 2004 when God opened our eyes to the needs of His people and our hearts were moved into action. In addition to God showing us the faces of those dying of AIDS and the beautiful children left behind, He has shown us the faces of poverty and despair left in its wake.

We have a burden, with a special focus on caring for Orphans and Widows. We partner with those to whom God directs us, who are already on the front lines fighting the war on poverty, disease, & spiritual emptiness.

Compassionate Life Foundation (CLF) is a registered 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, non-denominational organization, seeking to be God's "hands and feet" showing love and compassion to the poor and needy people of the world. Donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

### Compassionate Life Foundation Partnering With El Shaddai Ministry



#### CLF is Committed to Helping El Shaddai Meet the Children's MOST BASIC Needs!

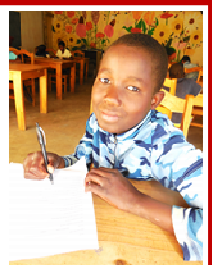
This is how sponsorship funds are distributed monthly to support 83 children and 25 Staff.

Food	\$ 2,700
Staff	\$ 1,175
Education	\$ 575
Clothing	\$ 300
Phone & Electric	\$ 1,120
Medical and Dental	\$ 150
Fuel and Gas	\$ 450
Transportation	\$ 210
<b>TOTAL MONTHLY</b>	<b>\$ 6,680</b>

To help Compassionate Life meet these critical needs please visit our website for more Information. Become a Sponsor or a Partner for as little as \$1.15 per day or \$420 per year.

#### Become a CLF Sponsor, Help Meet the Most Important Needs of a Child!

For as little as \$35 a month your child will thrive because you cared enough to give. Improving their overall Spiritual, Emotional and Physical wellbeing and health! Be that LIGHT that brings HOPE! The total support needed for each child is \$1200 per year which helps to provide each child with food, clothing, housing and other basic needs. You may register to sponsor a child at the 1st Level \$420 (\$35 monthly), the 2nd Level \$840 (\$70 monthly) or 3rd Level \$1200 (\$100 monthly). Make a difference for eternity.



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