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**Project Compassion – Week Five**

Throughout Lent, Caritas Australia's Project Compassion, has attempted to draw our attention to many important issues in our world. We have been invited to take up the cross and follow Jesus in our own time.

Over the last few weeks, we have shared some of the stories of people whose lives have been transformed thanks to your support of Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

There is the story of 16-year-old Laxmi, who lives in one of the most remote communities in Nepal. After losing her father at a young age, she was vulnerable to falling further into extreme poverty. But thanks to your generosity and the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club, became a leader in her school and is now a mentor to other girls in her village.

There is also Thu from Vietnam, who can now earn extra income and care for his wife despite his disability. In Zimbabwe, women like Priscilla can now learn conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and support their families during the current drought.

And finally, there is the story of the Baabayn Aboriginal corporation which provides a welcoming environment for First Australian families and individuals to help them heal from the past and create a better future for their children.

It is through the generous support of people like you that we are able to continue our mission of helping lift vulnerable communities out of poverty.

Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people experience extreme hunger and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. In recent years, COVID-19 has also devastated vulnerable people already living in poverty, with the health and economic impacts to reverberate for years to come.

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. The funds you raise can help communities around the world improve their access to food and clean water, support education and skills training, help families to increase their income and provide training in Disaster Risk Reduction.

Together, we can help these communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

Supporting Project Compassion is a way for us to proclaim the faith that is in our hearts and help our sisters and brothers in need. Your gift will help uplift the most marginalised and vulnerable members of society.

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