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Adventist Ministries of Compassion Canada

“Is this not the fast that I have chosen: ... Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; when you see the naked, that you cover him, and not hide yourself from your own flesh?” Isa. 58: 6. 7.

Why support the ministries of compassion? It is true that “It is in giving that we receive.” By being compassionate we will relieve the suffering of others but also increase our well-being.

1. The ministry of compassion will help us live a meaningful life. Albert Schweitzer said, “The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others.”
2. The ministry of compassion is good for our health. “Thy light shall break forth as the morning, and thy health shall spring forth speedily.” (58: 8.)
3. The ministry of compassion is good for our prayer life. “Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and He will say, ‘Here I am.’” (58: 9.)

Ellen White gives us the perfect example for our right attitude while facing the suffering. “Man had been ... ruined by Satan, but the Saviour had compassion on our helpless condition.” DA, p. 503. This is also the biblical perspective: “As I have loved you, so you must love one another. John 13:34.

Compassion is not something you just talk about. It is something you do. As Teddy Roosevelt said, “People do not care how much you know, until they know how much you care.” Thank you for your generous offering in favor of the ministries of compassion.