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Spring Harvest partner with Compassion UK

Spring Harvest and Compassion UK are delighted to announce their new partnership, beginning in April 2011.

Through its events and resources, Spring Harvest has built a reputation on equipping the church for action in practical, life-changing ways. With equal dedication, Compassion is committed to specific action which improves the physical and spiritual welfare of vulnerable children across the world. By working in partnership, they hope to support each other's mission and provide opportunities for the people of God to turn their faith into action.

Spring Harvest 2011's theme, 'Route 66: Biblical direction for the road we travel' will equip guests to better understand their Bible, to apply its teaching and to live out the powerful call of the Spirit. As part of this theme, Compassion are looking forward to giving guests a fresh perspective on some of the 2,000 verses of Scripture directly related to poverty and the Christian responsibility towards the poor.

Ian Hamilton, Compassion's Executive Director says, "Spring Harvest has taken a lead in inspiring Christians to put their faith into action for decades. Compassion is delighted to be assisting guests at this year's Spring Harvest to do just that – put God's love into action by helping some of the world's poorest and most vulnerable children. We are looking forward to seeing thousands of lives transformed both in the developing world and right here in the UK."

Wendy Beech-Ward, Director of Spring Harvest says, "We're thrilled to be working in partnership with Compassion. Over the years we've seen the work they have fulfilled in the area of social justice, especially their work with deprived children. This year as we're looking at how the Bible impacts our lives, it felt right to cement our partnership, not just to preach it but to put it into action. We hope that together we can make a real difference in reaching people with God's word – both spiritually and physically."

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Notes to editors

Attracting thousands of Christians each year, Spring Harvest is a cross-denominational, multi-week event that takes place at Butlins Minehead from 9-24 April and Butlins Skegness from 9-14 April 2011. Both Resorts offers Guests comfortable Self-catering or Half Board accommodation in units for up to 8 people. The latest availability can be found at **www.springharvest.org**.

The event invites Guests to experience a comprehensive adult, youth and children's programme of Bible teaching, worship, workshops and seminars. There are also many Butlins leisure facilities at each Resort and a late night programme offering comedy, drama, worship, chat shows and the best UK Christian bands.

Book online at www.springharvest.org or call Butlins on 0845 070 4743.

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