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We believe in life before death

Christian Aid Week, May 11-17

FULL-TIME JOB. PART-TIME CHILDHOOD

Sangli is only nine but already he talks about his childhood in the past tense. It ended the day he started work, at just eight years old. Since then, he will tell you, life is a slog every day of the week. The 7 mile walk to find a good patch, the 9 hours kneeling in the dust mending shoes, the miserable 30p or so earned.

There is no play. The word does not enter his vocabulary. And no education, unless you include the kind you get on the streets, like how to look after yourself when a customer gets rough.

Why does he do it? Because his parents are so poor that they need, really need, his 30p a day to help pay for food and clothes.

If Sangli were the only child in the world working his childhood away, it would be one too many. As it is, he is one of some 55 million in India alone.

Christian Aid works to combat child labour by campaigning for decent adult wages and improving families' living standards so that parents can afford to take their kids off the street.

So please give all you can to help us in Christian Aid Week. Call us with a donation right now. You'll be giving children a chance to be children.

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