

a family for
every orphan



2014-15 annual report

From the executive director

Dear Friend,

The past year has proven to be a difficult one in many respects. The world seems to be succumbing to chaos. A quick scan of the headlines highlights the tragedy of disease in Africa and the violence that preoccupies Israel, Palestine, Syria, Iraq and Ukraine, as well as many other nations. It has been especially heart-wrenching to watch as adopted children, families, current orphans and ministry partners whom we know personally have suffered due to the violence taking place in Ukraine.

Yet despite the suffering and intense political divisions we are witnessing, Christ's love still prevails. Sometimes we see the hope of His promise on a seemingly microscopic level in the form of one orphaned child finding a family, and other times we are blessed to see an outpouring of unity in a particularly fractious moment.

Take, for example, the Ukrainian bike team (comprised of former orphans) that partnered this past summer with the Alliance for Russia Without Orphans to ride across Siberia and encourage Russian families to consider adoption. As a result of the team's efforts, hundreds of orphan children were welcomed into loving homes.

As donors, your generosity helps to fuel miracles like this. In fact, your continued concern and compassion for orphans enabled little miracles to spread beyond Russia and Ukraine over the last year and spill into new countries like Nepal, Bangladesh, Uganda, India, Liberia, and Kenya.

Many of you may remember seeing photos of four-year old Rohit from Nepal. Abused and neglected, he was suffering from severe injuries to include a broken leg and

missing teeth. Support from kind-hearted individuals like you made it possible for Rohit to be removed from his dire situation and placed into a pastor's family where he has since received medical treatment and is developing into a happy and spirited little boy. A few weeks ago, we received a video of him kicking a soccer ball and giggling. It is clear to us that God is using you in a number of ways to help carry out His work.

From all of us at A Family for Every Orphan, THANK YOU for your love, prayers and financial support! Your compassion provides orphaned children with ongoing nurturance and stability in a world that is anything but stable. Providing such a foundation in children's lives opens their hearts to Christ's love and gives them the opportunity to share it with others. As we move into a new year, may we take comfort in the fact that God will continue to give us glimpses of His infinite love amidst our world's chaos.

Blessings,



Micala Siler



Micala, husband Jason, and daughters Keira, Cheyenne and Noelle.

You're helping orphans in more countries!



Your gifts are at work in Uganda, India, Liberia, Nepal, Russia and Ukraine. In 2015, your gifts will help more orphans find loving families in new places!

Once abused, now cherished and thriving

Seeing five-year old Rohit happily kicking a soccer ball with a huge grin on his sweet face is not something anyone would have expected just a few months ago. Rohit's story was one of poverty, abuse, and neglect. After Rohit's mother left and his father remarried, this little boy soon became the brunt of violence in his home.

Rohit's situation seemed hopeless, but thanks to your generosity coupled with the herculean efforts of our national partners in Nepal, the child was placed with Pastor Pandey and his family. Rohit came to his new home with a broken leg and swollen face, barely able to speak. Your giving provided the Pandey family with the finances they needed to be able to cover Rohit's medical and dental bills, as well as pay for the legal fees to make Rohit officially part of their family.

Rohit has shown tremendous improvement in his health, social interaction and emotional stability. Thank you for playing a pivotal role in transforming Rohit's life so he can grow, heal and flourish in his new home!



Earlier this year, Rohit was unhealthy, abused, and could barely speak.



Today, Rohit is thriving in his loving adoptive family. His broken leg and teeth have healed and he is slowly learning to talk. Thank you!

How You Have Helped!

Orphans with Ebola

Over 4,000 children were orphaned when their parents died of Ebola in Western Africa this fall. In addition to the stigmas orphans regularly face, Ebola orphans have one additional, critical factor to contend with—people are often afraid to care for them because they are fearful of contracting the disease.

Your giving this year has enabled a Liberian team of Ebola survivors (who are immune to the disease) to care for 163 of the neediest Ebola orphans. Throughout 2015, these national Christians will be providing food and school fees for these children, as well as working to place them into Christian adoptive or foster families.



Your gifts are helping find families and provide for the physical needs of Ebola orphans like these siblings.

How You Have Helped!

Provided a loving home for three orphans with special needs

Your generosity has made it possible for the Vasilenko family to adopt three orphans with disabilities in Ukraine! Their 15 year old adopted daughter, Tamara, has cerebral palsy but has improved dramatically under their care. Now they want to welcome more children with special needs into their family! After filling out the necessary paperwork, the authorities notified them that they would need to do some major construction on their house before they could adopt again. Specifically, they would have to replace the heating system as well as make the house accessible to individuals with physical limitations, like Tamara. Your gift has provided the Vasilenko family with the funds they needed to make the repairs to their home and move forward in the adoption process!



Thanks to YOU, Tamara will soon welcome new siblings with special needs into her family!

Three children have been waiting in orphanages, longing to be part of a family, but never daring to dream that someone would be willing to care for them because of their special needs. By helping the Vasilenkos to adopt them, you are allowing them to realize dreams and hopes for their lives that would never be possible without the care and concern of a loving and supportive family.



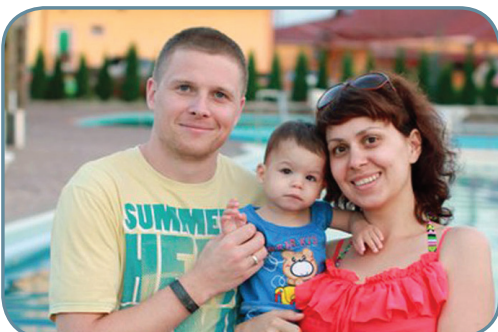
Supported adoptive & foster families

The Pravitski Family

Thanks to your gifts, the Pravitski family was able to install a heating system to keep their family of FIVE adopted children warm in the cold Ukrainian winters. They were also able to fix plumbing problems in their home and purchase a freezer. Thank you for providing those essential amenities for this remarkable family. They were truly surprised and blessed to receive gifts from you who live so far away.

Alexander and Elena

After praying for God to bless them with a child for 4 years, Alexander and Elena began to feel a desire to adopt growing in their hearts. They sought assistance through one of our partners supported through your giving, and were soon matched with their son, Victor! Despite some health issues, baby Victor was adopted this summer and will celebrate his first birthday with Mom and Dad. Now this precious baby has a family. And to add to the happy tale, Alexander and Elena are expecting a new addition next year!



Helped former orphans bike across Russia to promote adoption

This summer, you helped former orphans bike more than 3,000 miles across Russia over 48 days, sharing the message of adoption in each city they passed through. These amazing children told their life stories and many people were inspired to consider adoption or foster care as a result. Just one example of the profound effect is this family in Chelyabinsk, Russia, who adopted three children from a local orphanage after the bikeathon team spoke in their town! Now those precious children have a loving forever family.



Gave adoptive and foster parents post-adoption support and counseling



Your gifts helped send 200 Ukrainian and Russian adoptive and foster parents to the Strengthening Families conference in Kiev. This was an extra- special getaway for many of the couples who had never even been to a hotel before. Attendants participated in workshops on managing stress & anger, dealing with sexual abuse and psychological trauma in their children, and strengthening marriage. Thank you for giving adoptive and foster parents much needed post-adoption support and counseling!

Provided life-saving medicine for John, an HIV+ child in Uganda

Shortly after John was born, his mother became very sick. The dreams of her recovery were shattered when she was diagnosed as HIV positive. HIV/AIDS in most remote parts of Uganda is almost a sure death sentence. After the loss of his mother, it was discovered that John was also HIV positive. Soon John's father passed away as well, and John was taken to live with his grandmother who could only afford one meal per day for John, a shack for shelter, and tattered clothing. At just two years old, John was incredibly frail and his health was deteriorating rapidly. He was brought into an orphanage which provided him with critically needed medical care.

After some time in the children's home, John was adopted, but the costs of his anti-retroviral medication were extremely difficult for the family to bear. Your gifts provided the resources for his adoptive family to sustainably support John. He is now a child just like any other. Attending school, playing football and diligently taking his medicine, John has a bright future ahead of him. Thank you for helping John and his family!



The crisis in Ukraine



Preparing bread to distribute to hungry families

Over the past 10 months, Eastern Ukraine has been embroiled in a conflict between pro-Russian separatists and Ukrainian military forces. Ukrainian civilians, including many children, have been caught between the two warring factions. With your rapid financial help, our partners in Eastern Ukraine have worked tirelessly to evacuate orphans and families with children from at risk areas, and also to provide critical food and medical supplies to those who were not able to evacuate.

In addition to those children who were orphans prior to the Ukraine crisis, there are now more children whose parents have been killed in the fighting who need assistance. As fighting continues in Eastern Ukraine, the number of orphans and at-risk children will only continue to grow.



Thank you for helping fund the evacuation of hundreds of families from the war zone in Eastern Ukraine.

Thank you for giving to support orphans and at-risk families in war-torn Eastern Ukraine!

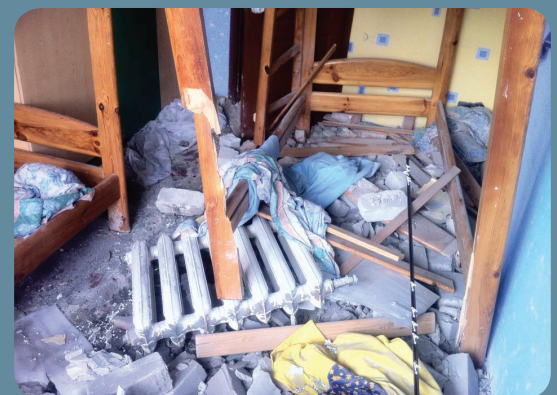
Over the past 10 months, your gifts along with those of many other individuals and organizations, have enabled our Ukrainian partners to:

- ➔ Provide food for **82,630** individuals
- ➔ Give warm clothes to **31,500** refugees
- ➔ Evacuate **7,600** orphans and at risk children
- ➔ Provide critical medical care to **3,245** people
- ➔ Help resettle **6,168** refugees who evacuated from Eastern Ukraine months ago and are now able to return home



Armed militants roam the streets of Slavyansk

Thanks to generous donations, the children in this orphanage were evacuated right before it was destroyed by artillery fire. You helped save their lives!





“She’s adorable, but ...”

Little 4½-year-old Irochka lives in a state orphanage in Ukraine. She’s funny, winsome, and, as you can see, cute as a button! For months she had to watch, heartbroken, as others were adopted and she was passed over. Many met her, observed firsthand her sweet and easygoing personality, and wanted to adopt her. But they were frightened by her diagnoses: Irochka is HIV positive and has Hepatitis C.

Praise God Irochka’s story doesn’t end there! Around the same time we asked you to pray for a miracle for Irochka, a Ukrainian family started the paperwork to adopt her! Won’t you thank God with us, and pray that the adoption will be processed very quickly, so that Irochka won’t have to keep asking the orphanage director, “When are Mama and Papa coming to get me?”

AFFEO’s outcomes & accomplishments

In a child’s words:

“I’m happy now, because I know I will not starve anymore. I go to school, I have toys but what is the most important I have a family – my mom and dad.”

SASHA, 10 years old



Number of children & families helped by AFFEO & partners

4,250 Children placed in loving families!

803 Social workers trained to help adoptive & foster families

8,170 Calls to our adoption help hotlines

328 Motivational events held
43,950 people reached

5,097 Parents who received post-adoption follow up support & counseling

1,812 Parents who received pre-adoption training

Our Vision: A World Without Orphans

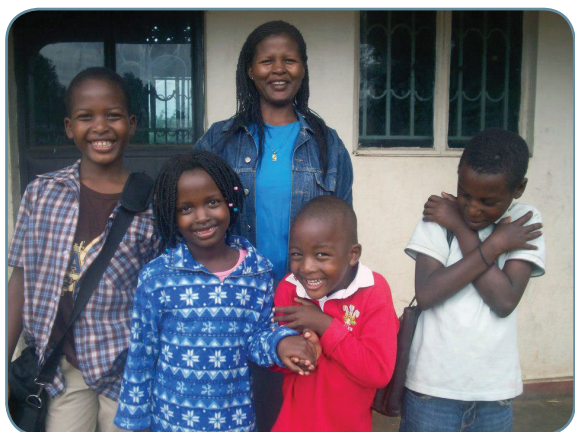


In 2012, leaders from around the world joined together to form a World Without Orphans movement (WWO) which is striving to inform, equip, and mobilize the church in nations around the world to care for orphans.

A Family for Every Orphan has been working in close partnership with a World Without Orphans to promote national adoption and foster care in our partner countries, as well as to support WWO initiatives in countries where AFFEO does not yet have official partnerships.

In the past year, WWO in partnership with AFFEO has:

- Created forums for Christian leaders, churches, NGOs and government leaders in 14 countries to collaborate and launch national orphan care movements
- Supported already existing “Without Orphan” movements in 7 countries by networking national and regional leaders, providing consulting services, finding relevant speakers and fundraising for conferences and other orphan care initiatives
- Hosted and trained 4,000+ participants at WWO events, representing 80 countries, preparing them to use their spheres of influence to change social ministries for orphans towards family-based care and promote the concept of adoption and foster care
- Helped lead 18 conferences/leader forums in Korea, Spain, US, Hungary, Colombia, India, Bangladesh, Thailand, Indonesia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Ukraine, Belarus, South Africa, and France to network international Christian leaders, raise awareness for orphans and cast the WWO vision, and promote resource sharing amongst nations
- Began developing and distributing training materials on launching and sustaining national orphan care movements
- Developed an international prayer movement
- Developed curriculum and expanded teams of vetted trainers for travel to different countries to conduct site assessments and provide train the-trainer workshops for social workers

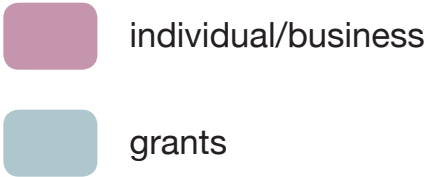
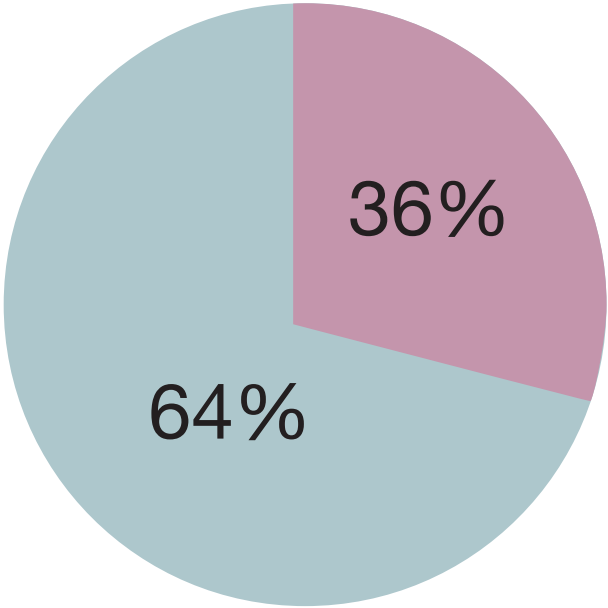


The Vision is spreading...to Nepal!

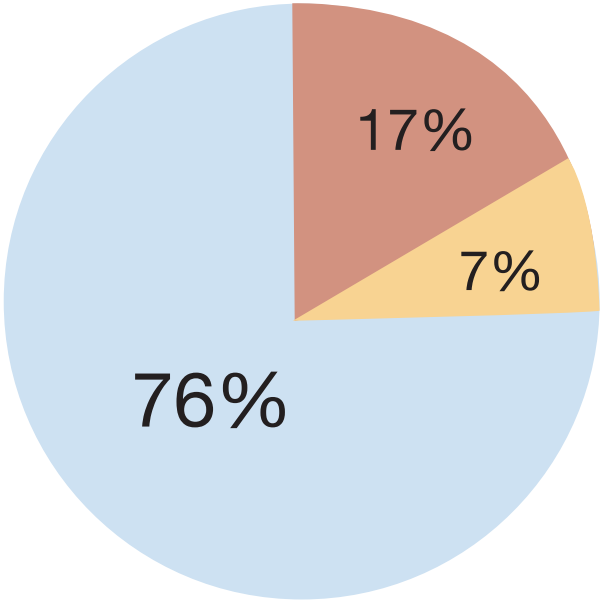
Adoption in Nepal is just coming to the attention of the local church and there is a strong need for materials, resources, training and encouragement. Your gifts allowed us to support the Nepal Without Orphans launch conference in Kathmandu earlier this year. This conference acted as a catalyst by bringing leaders together for exposure, brainstorming, prayer and planning. Since the conference, a team of 11 leaders from different regions of Nepal have come together to make this orphan initiative a priority. Stay tuned to hear how the Nepal Without Orphans movement grows!

Financial overview

sources of funding



uses of funding



Financial statement

	FY 2014	FY 2013
Revenue	\$300,751 [\$457,751]*	\$346,088
Expense	\$335,796	\$304,432
Change in Net Assets	\$(37,259)	\$41,656
Net Assets, End of Year	\$60,071	\$97,330

*reflects revenue with additional funds committed at the end of FY14 and received by 11/7/14



Meet Ian. From this picture you would never know that Ian was found abandoned at a hospital with HIV, TB, stage 3 malnutrition, and a failing kidney. His smile melts hearts and his eyes are always full of hope, care and love. Finding Ian a home was a battle. The stigma behind adoption in India is already so thick. The stigma behind the adoption of special needs children is immeasurably thick.

Orphans still need your help!

Fortunately Ian was transferred to a foster care style children's home that has lots of experience taking care of children with similar needs. He will live in a small family unit with 'siblings' and be given the best shot at complete health restoration, education and a future that could be offered at this point. Ian's story is a miracle.

While we rejoice that Ian is now in an environment where he is taken care of, loved and given opportunities for a future, we also grieve. There are millions of orphans like Ian in India, and most will grow up in institutions. Never to be taken into families, these children's futures are bleak. Even with the support of a children's home for 16-20 years, with basic education and little life experience, most of these children will succumb to crime, sex trafficking, suicide and homelessness once they leave an institution. The future for special needs children is even more hopeless. Sadly, the same is true in all of the countries we work in. There is so much more to be done so that every orphan will know the love of a family.



My name is Sasha. My parents left me in an orphanage when I was little because my legs are disabled. I dream of someday being a computer operator, but the future is still a mystery to me.



Sweet and kind-hearted Tanya (8) hopes that someday she and her two brothers will have a permanent family to care for them and help her with her school work.



Nine-year old Pasha loves to play soccer. Very active and frequently mischievous, he's not the biggest fan of sitting still long enough to study, but tries his best. Pasha wishes for a mom and dad to love him unconditionally.

From the chair of the board

Dear friends,

It is again an honor for A Family for Every Orphan (AFFEO) to provide this annual report. We continue to be excited about all the progress that has been made, by God's grace and with your support, in providing loving Christian families for orphans in a growing list of countries around the world.

I, along with the rest of our board and staff at AFFEO, feel the calling to help orphans now as much as ever. According to a recent Time magazine article drawing from data provided by sources including the U.S. State Department and the Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism, international adoptions by Americans have dropped 55% in the past fifteen years. Reasons for the decline range from political disputes to added bureaucratic hurdles to growing costs.

In 2013, only 7,021 orphans were adopted into the U.S. from overseas. While AFFEO fully supports those families who are able to open their hearts and families in this way, we recognize that those numbers represent a tiny fraction of the estimated 153 million orphans in the world today. We firmly believe that AFFEO's strategy of enabling Christian families in foreign countries to domestically adopt the orphans within their own communities has the greatest chance to significantly lower the number of orphans worldwide.

I can reassure you that our board of directors and our staff continually strive to keep AFFEO above reproach in all its decisions and actions. Financial accountability, transparency, and prudence are values we hold in highest regard and practice to the utmost of our abilities. We do our best to honor our calling as Christians to be "spotless and blameless" (2 Peter 3:14) both as individuals and as a team.

Again, I want to thank each of you for your support and partnership with AFFEO in the critical, life changing opportunities we have before us to give orphaned children families of their own! We ask for your continued prayerful support as we work together to find 'A Family for Every Orphan.'



In Christ,

Karl Scheuerman
Chair, Board of Directors
A Family for Every Orphan

How you can help in 2015

We would love for you to get more involved with placing children in families in their home countries! Here are some ideas for how you can help:

GIVE:

Donations of \$39 a month for one year provide an orphaned child with a loving family in their own country.

PRAY:

We send out brief, frequent e-updates with prayer requests and praise reports for individual children and families. View past prayer requests and praises or sign up to receive the weekly email: afamilyforeveryorphan.org/pray.

SPREAD THE WORD:

Did the story of a particular child catch your heart? Then please share with your friends via email, Facebook, Twitter, or in person!

KEEP IN TOUCH:

Stay current with A Family for Every Orphan news; sign up to receive our e-newsletter or postal mail.

LIKE US & FOLLOW US:

Like us on Facebook (facebook.com/afamilyforeveryorphan) and follow us on Twitter ([afam4everyorphan](https://twitter.com/afam4everyorphan)).

VOLUNTEER:

Want to get more involved? We'd LOVE for you to volunteer! Whatever your strengths and passions are, we're sure we could use them! Contact us for more info on how to volunteer: info@afamilyforeveryorphan.org.



Our Mission

A Family for Every Orphan helps orphans find loving Christian families in their home countries.

Our Vision

Our vision is a world without orphans.

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