

a family for
every orphan



2015-16 ANNUAL REPORT

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friend,

It will never happen. That is impossible.

All too often, such things are tempting to think, to assume. Yet I've come to realize that God is so much bigger than my imagination and He never ceases to amaze!

Less than 12 months ago, the idea of launching projects in three new countries seemed like too much of a stretch; after all, we had just started working in six new countries in Africa and Asia. And the thought that we would be preparing for a first-ever global forum on orphans that would pull together 500 people from 50+ countries passionate about this work? Both ideas were beyond our most optimistic hopes.

In May, our Nepalese partners faced so many urgent needs following the devastating earthquakes that shook Nepal that we were doubtful they would be able to follow through on the many programs they had scheduled to promote adoption and foster care.

Again, we were wrong.

Thanks to your help and prayers, God has moved to place many little ones into forever families. He took the two fish and five loaves that you and others shared so generously and multiplied it far beyond my limited imagination.

In Nepal, despite the quakes, incredible work continues. We were all surprised to see that the attention from Nepali government leaders actually increased after the earthquakes! Interest is higher than ever in upcoming Orphan Sunday events as well as capacity building projects that will train social workers and develop legal advocacy packages to make adoption and foster care more easily attainable.

Similar encouraging reports are coming from virtually every corner of the globe. We added six new countries to our efforts in 2014, and were hesitant to add still more in 2015—would the funds and our monitoring capacity be enough? In the end, we took the chance; the potential for significant change in orphan care in Romania, Kyrgyzstan and Ghana was just too great to let the opportunity pass by. Your enthusiastic response confirmed that this was the right decision—and the stories shared in this report will offer another snapshot of why!

Finally, we were skeptical that a Christian movement promoting adoption and foster care could ever really thrive in India. Yet once again, we have been astonished at how mindsets are changing as a result of the intense efforts of individuals like those whom we partner with. Adoption by Christian families became legal in 2014, barriers to adoption and foster care are being broken down and hope is being restored!

Right now, so many little ones are reaching toward such hope. Thanks to you, they will hear the message loud and clear: *A great God cares for you and He is moving His people to care for you.*

Your dedication to helping orphans find loving FAMILIES in their home countries is having ripple effects around the globe. THANK YOU!

Blessings,



Micala CH Siler



Micala, husband Jason and daughters Noelle, Cheyenne, Natalie & Keira

LUKE & BASANTI:

A JOURNEY TO HOPE

HOW YOU HAVE HELPED!

INDIA



They say a picture is worth a thousand words. But it is impossible to name all of the emotions behind the eyes of these siblings, Luke and Basanti. The story they tell begins with grief, but because of your help, hope is sparking!

Luke is 11 years old and is learning the guitar and piano. Basanti, his 9 year old little sister, is flourishing in her dance class and enjoys playing the traditional Indian game “carron”.

After Luke and Basanti’s mother died in a construction accident and their father succumbed to tuberculosis, the kids were brought to a children’s home in India. There they have been given all that an institution can offer: education, shelter, food, clothes, and the protection and care of adult wardens.

Because Luke and Basanti are siblings and considered “older”, the likelihood of them being adopted (especially together) is very low. Fortunately, one of the children’s advocates that A Family for Every Orphan supports—that *you* support—recently found distant relatives of these two little ones. He is currently counseling these relatives, encouraging them to take these children in as their own to give them a future.

Support for kids while they’re in institutions is vital. However, it must be matched with an active pursuit to place children in forever families! This is being done for Luke and Basanti, but it is rare in India. With your support, Luke and Basanti will be given a brighter future.

UGANDA

YOU PUT ADOPTION ON THE AIRWAVES:

NOW MULTITUDES AREN’T JUST HEARING JOYFUL STORIES...
THEY ARE BECOMING PART OF THEM!

With chaos raging and heartache everywhere, the world is desperate for some positive news . . . for stories of hope and a chance to make a difference. That might explain how a new radio program in Uganda, focusing on all things adoption, has become one of the most popular programs on the radio station. It already has over one million listeners!

Your support helped launch this radio show earlier this year. It is dedicated to creating awareness about Uganda’s orphan crisis, sharing the biblical foundation for adoption, and becoming a resource for those wanting to get involved. The team, made up of five local Ugandans, has been overwhelmed with the response. Remember—one million listeners already!

And many are not just listening. . . they are acting. They are paying school fees for orphans, sponsoring them through churches, and investigating bringing lost little ones into their homes. Starting the discussion over the radio waves is leading to concrete change.



IMPACT REPORT:

Worldwide, your gifts help fund adoption-focused media programs with an estimated reach of 2 million people!

HOW YOU HAVE HELPED!

YOUR GIFTS LITERALLY LAY FOUNDATIONS: PROVIDING MATERIAL HELP CHANGES LIVES

KYRGYZSTAN

Heat in the winter. Functioning electricity. A way to bathe.

Most of us take all of the above for granted. But for some families, such basics are special blessings. In fact, these “luxuries” often make the difference when a social worker is deciding between a home environment vs. an institution.

Snezhana’s parents died when she was young. At the time, her older sister Vera was unable to provide for her—her home had no heating in the bedroom, nor even a bathroom, so Vera had to go to the neighbor’s to take a shower! So... Snezhana was sent to an orphanage and later placed in a foster family.

Over the past three years, Vera has worked very hard to repair her house so Snezhana can come home forever. Thanks to your help, Vera was FINALLY able to finish the heating/electricity and install a bathroom ... all of which made it possible for her to bring her sister home. **The home was repaired! The sisters have been reunited! Thank you!**



IMPACT REPORT: Your generous gifts this year brought not only comfort, but literally made the reunification of families possible!

UKRAINE



“We sincerely thank you for your financial help for the bathroom repair. Thanks to your help we are blessed to bathe our children in a comfortable and beautiful bathtub. Our bathroom looks amazing! Thank you very much for this!!!”

– Elena & Pavel Belousovi

Nazar and his sister Vera were adopted into the loving Christian family of Elena and Pavel in 2008. The doctors warned them that Nazar’s childbirth had been very traumatic and that he would likely have life-long complications. Pavel and Elena brought Nazar home anyway. After several years of therapy and multiple diagnoses, Nazar could finally hold his head up and sit with help at the age of five. The Belousovi family amassed a variety of expenses due to the costs of adequately providing for Nazar’s special needs.

This year, you relieved a great burden by helping the family remodel the bathroom to be more comfortable and accessible for this special boy.

EMERGENCY ACTION:

IN DESPERATE TIMES, YOU OFFERED PROTECTION & PROVISION

HOW YOU HAVE HELPED!

NEPAL



After April's 7.8 magnitude earthquake shook Nepal to its very core, helping families in a practical way became an urgent priority.

Though the situation was desperate for everyone, the children were particularly vulnerable. At a time when they urgently needed a champion, **you stood up to protect and provide.**

Because of you, children like this little girl (pictured above) were protected from human traffickers,

disease, inclement weather and other dangers. Children from orphanages that had been destroyed were placed in temporary care. Families were reunited and strengthened by receiving food, water, clothing and medicine.

Your support also played a huge role in the repair of 400 houses in rural communities. With livable homes, many children were able to stay in their familiar community and even return to school.

Your willingness and eagerness to immediately offer help in the wake of this quake were a tremendous blessing that many will never forget.

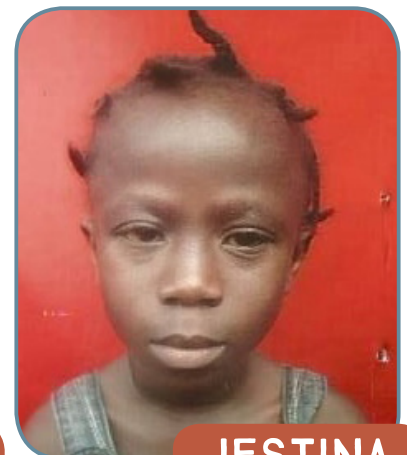


LIBERIA

Early this year, you sent emergency relief funds to help place Liberian Ebola orphans in Christian families and provide them with food and school fees. With your help, these heroic families stood against the local misconception that children orphaned by Ebola were contagious. In a powerful testimony to all, they opened their hearts and homes to the most vulnerable. Thanks to you, children like baby Philip (1) and Jestina (8) not only received **physical provision**, but the **emotional and spiritual care** that is especially needed after becoming an orphan. Thank you!



PHILIP



JESTINA

IMPACT REPORT: In 2015, you sent emergency aid to Nepal and Liberia, keeping multitudes of little ones safe in their most desperate hour!

HOW YOU HAVE HELPED!

BUILDING STRONG BONDS AND FOREVER FAMILIES:

YOUR IMPACT LASTS A LIFETIME

UKRAINE

Obviously the adoption process does not end with the signing of the paperwork ... we never shy away from the very real emotional, financial, and other potential challenges that often lurk in the unknown future.

It is absolutely critical that new families receive help to navigate these dynamics. The post-adoption/foster counseling that you help provide enables families to come out of this journey stronger than ever rather than frayed or failing. **Your partnership helps to build forever families... households of peace, joy, and stability.**

This past August, in the Kiev region of Ukraine, a therapeutic summer camp called “Pathways of Trust” took place.

This camp was a great success, and just in time to help families that had welcomed orphans into their homes!

Children and parents were able to practice the skills necessary to develop meaningful relationships. What a blessing to help build forever families!



*“The camp was **my place of restoration**. We had the atmosphere of peace, joy and stability. I, as a foster parent, was able to find new strengths and inspirations for further parenting and learned amazing parenting techniques that work great with my son.”*

– Olena, foster mother

IMPACT REPORT: Thanks to your partnership, 1,630 parents received either pre or post-adoption support and counseling in 2015!

FROM ABUSED TO ADORED:

YOUR PRAYERS MADE THE DIFFERENCE!

HOW YOU HAVE HELPED!

Last Easter, your heart was touched by three troubled siblings in Ukraine. The youngest, five-year-old Denis, could not even speak when he was brought to an orphanage about two years ago. Instead, he bleated and screamed in an attempt to communicate what he needed or wanted.

Despite Denis' aggressive behavior, poor attention span, and developmental delays, caretakers could see that he had a very tender heart. They also noticed that his older siblings demonstrated the same vulnerability and tenderness, despite their own learning and behavioral difficulties.

You began to pray for a patient, loving family who could navigate these behavioral issues and help heal the neglect and abuse that Denis and his siblings had suffered. Your prayers were answered!

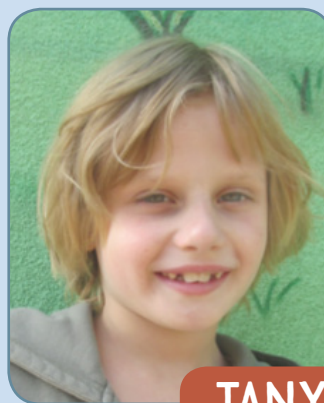
A family saw beyond the problems Denis, Tanya and Pavel presented and took them under their wing in a long-term foster situation. Praise God that these parents were able to discern the heart needs and potential of these three precious children! They now live in a village with their new family, which includes seven additional siblings. Please continue to pray for Denis, Tanya and Pavel to be nurtured, adjust well, and personally know the love of their heavenly Father.



DENIS



PAVEL



TANYA

These siblings had a long journey to a family to love them, but thanks to your help and prayers, they made it!

IMPACT SUMMARY: LIVES YOU HAVE TOUCHED

95,353

Children & Families Helped by
AFFEO & Partners

181 Motivational Events

5,530 Calls to Adoption Hotlines

17,400 Adoption Resources
Distributed

1,106 Social Workers Trained to
Help Adoptive & Foster
Families

1,630 Parents Who Received
Adoption Support & Counseling

108 Reunited or Strengthened Families

OVER 2 MILLION

People Reached With the Message
of Adoption

A WORLD WITHOUT ORPHANS:

A SHARED VISION

We are not in this alone! With much gratitude, A Family for Every Orphan wishes to highlight the fact that we are just one part of a much larger work—known as the World Without Orphans movement (WWO)—to bring lost little ones into forever homes.

Because WWO is a movement—not an organization—multiple organizations (including AFFEO) are working to find creative ways to collaborate towards this shared vision.

Here is just one example of this collaboration: Ghana Without Orphans was formed just two months after Rev. George Abaidoo attended an Orphan Challenge workshop facilitated by a WWO leader and in partnership with AFFEO. Although it was launched virtually single-handedly in late 2014, Ghana Without Orphans is now steered by an eleven-member committee of highly qualified, well-connected and passionate Christian orphan care leaders. **They have already established a 5-year plan with the goal of placing 5,000 orphans into loving families through 5,000 local churches!**



And Ghana is just the beginning. George recently shared, “I am in the process of initiating the West Africa Without Orphans (WAWO), which includes Gambia, Sierra Leon, Liberia, Burkina Faso, Togo, and Nigeria!”

Every child taken in, every church that catches the vision, every national movement that begins has a “ripple effect.”

Rejoice with us at the impact!

IN 2015, WWO IN PARTNERSHIP WITH AFFEO HAS :

- Assisted 26 nations in activating, mobilizing, and equipping local leaders to care for orphans
- Held 11 conferences to raise awareness and connect leaders
- Assisted 14 countries with existing national orphan care movements
- Shared the vision and resources with thousands of attendees from 40+ countries

“A CHILD NO ONE ELSE WANTS”

TRANSFORMATION IN ROMANIA

For many years, the prevailing Romanian attitude toward adoption was that it was a last resort, taken only if one cannot have children.

Now, that is changing. The Romania Without Orphans (RWO) team is working to promote adoption and support families through the process! A couple named Dan and Dana recently felt God calling them to adopt “a child no one else wants.” The RWO team knew of a little girl, 300 miles away, who was hospitalized due to a congenital skin disease. She was about to be transferred to a special orphanage for “handicapped children.” So they piled into the car to visit Maria. She was so desperate to be loved and held, as her appearance generally drove people away. Just three days later, Dan and Dana began adoption proceedings!

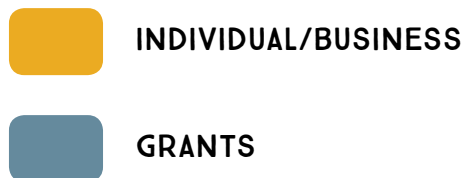
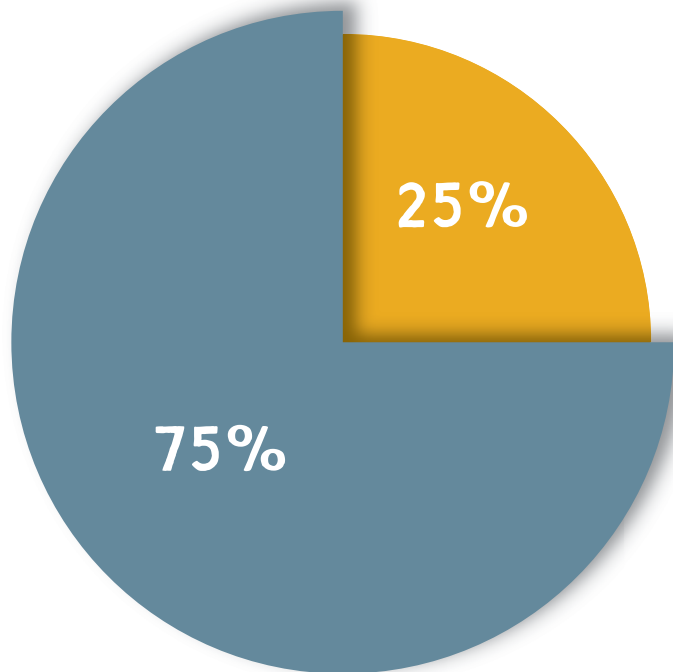
This is your impact—touching hearts and minds, helping to place children “no one else wants” into forever homes. Thank you for being a part of the WWO movement!



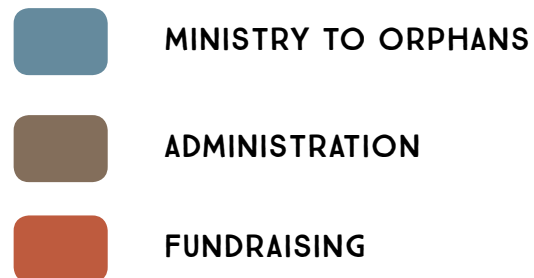
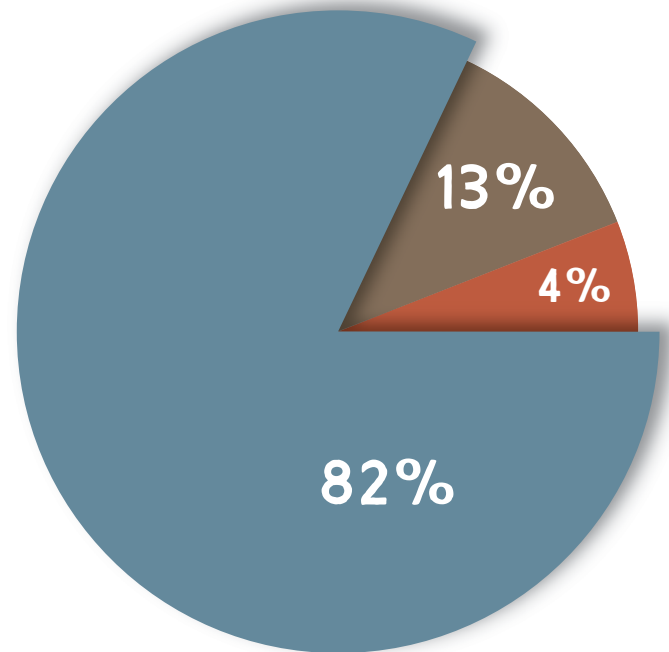
DAN WITH HIS CHILDREN, EAGERLY AWAITING MARIA’S ADOPTION!

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

SOURCES OF FUNDING



USES OF FUNDING



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	FY2015	FY2014	FY2013
Revenue	\$550,144	\$300,751	\$346,088
Expense	\$519,158	\$335,796	\$304,432
Change in Net Assets	\$8,453	(\$37,259)	\$41,656
Net Assets, End of Year	\$68,524	\$60,071	\$97,330

“I WANT TO HAVE HOME AND MOMMY”

THE NEED IS STILL GREAT!



Olga, 4

A home and a mommy... these words and wishes came from Olga, a sweet four-year old who arrived at a Ukrainian orphanage one year ago and enjoys puzzles, books, and dolls.

Her soul's cry for a family is echoed in the hearts of literally millions of children. Though progress has been made, the need remains absolutely enormous, almost overwhelming.

Yet this is what God would have us do, one life at a time.

Every time you pray and every gift you offer helps to answer the cry of a child who is essentially alone in the world...



Diana, 15

Diana is athletic and social. She loves biking, skating, dancing and spending time with her friends. She is known for her kindness. Diana would like nothing more than to have a family, but she knows that **it is unlikely she will be adopted due to her age.**



Victor, 6

Victor 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. **Victor wishes for a mom and dad to love him unconditionally.**

James, 1 Last summer, James was found abandoned at a hospital in New Delhi, India. With his health failing and no one to advocate for him, one of our partners was called for help. Thanks to some in-country coordination, he was transferred halfway across the nation to a home that had the space and facilities to care for James' needs.

James' health is already improving and he was just registered for adoption! Would you keep James in your prayers? **We are burdened by the overwhelming need for special needs care facilities** for abandoned children and are also praying for more parents to be moved to adopt children like James.



Esther, 2 When Esther's mother died, she was placed in the care of her aunt. Soon after this, Esther's aunt was killed and Esther was found abandoned. A local government official brought Esther to our national partner's home. Now, at 2 years old, Esther is thriving. Her absolute favorite place is the kitchen—the heart of the home. No matter where she's supposed to be, she always ends up back in the kitchen, full of smiles and giggles.

Though she is thriving, she still doesn't have a permanent loving family of her very own. Our hope is that Esther can be placed with family or be released for legal adoption. With your support, efforts to put Esther in a forever family press on. On behalf of Esther and all of the children you are helping, **THANK YOU!**

FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Dear Friends,

The team here at AFFEO is so very grateful to God for all He has done this year as we have worked to provide “a family for every orphan.” By bringing together such a *wonderful and talented global team of staff, volunteers and partners* in this critical task, God continues to show the depth and breadth of His love for orphans in amazing ways—particularly through your selfless support!

In 2015, your faithful and generous support has enabled AFFEO to expand our efforts in partnering with Christian churches, organizations, families and leaders in 3 more countries—this is in addition to the 6 we had added in 2014. AFFEO also partners with the World Without Orphans movement and its outreach in 26 countries. These statistics, and others described within this report, demonstrate the critical work that is so desperately needed and the massive impact that is possible when we each step forward in large and small ways to say, “Yes! I can and will do ‘that.’”

As we reflect on this last year, let’s remember this is really about placing children like Luke and Basanti (pg 3), and Snezhana (pg 4) in loving, Christian families. With millions of children worldwide waiting for a family, there is still much to do. However, it only takes one family stepping forward to help change a child’s life. Just think, one decision by you can redefine an orphaned child into a child with a loving, forever family. The challenges before us are daunting, but our God is sovereign, all-powerful and deeply concerned about the plight of every single orphaned child around the world.

On behalf of all the members of AFFEO and most importantly, the children that you have and will yet help, I offer my most sincere appreciation for you and all you do! We cherish your continued prayers, support and participation as we work to meet the needs of orphaned children around the world.

In Christ!



Oriah Longanecker
Chair, Board of Directors
A Family for Every Orphan



HOW YOU CAN HELP IN 2016

Want 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:

Join Pray for Every Orphan to receive prayer requests and praises: afamilyforeveryorphan.org/pray.

SPREAD THE WORD:

Did the story of a particular child catch your heart? Please share it 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 mailings: afamilyforeveryorphan.org

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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.

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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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