

## THE HIGHLIGHTS



### **New Desks for a Local School/Kenya**

In September, we were able to provide 30 new desks for Kiambogo Primary School in Kijabe. Most of the children in Forward Edge's nearby program called Mama Beth's attend this school. These desks were the talk of the whole village, and were the first step towards an entire renovation of the school.

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### **Rebuilding a Home/Haiti**

In July, a Forward Edge team to Meyotte helped little Alensky Henry's family put a roof on their house. The Henrys have lived in a tent since the January 2010 earthquake. Now they can once again sleep in a home under a protective roof! Alensky's mother later wrote a letter saying, "We are both touched and thankful...we can never thank you enough."



### **From Illiterate to Honor Roll/Nicaragua**

In 2014, twins Martha and Mayerling entered *Villa Esperanza*, Forward Edge's residential program for at-risk girls in Managua. They were 11 years old and could not read or write. This year, benefiting from a special tutoring program at the *Villa*, these girls have advanced so well academically that they made it onto the 2015 school honor roll!



### **Bunk Beds/Mexico**

In November, a Forward Edge mission team was able to provide bunk beds to the three largest families involved at *Trigo y Miel*, Forward Edge's program for vulnerable children in Oaxaca. These families had 15 children in the program this year, and they no longer have to sleep on the floor!



### **Safe Drinking Water/Haiti**

In August, your support helped Forward Edge leaders provide safe water training and distribution of Tapp water filters to every child's family in our Haiti children's program, *Nouvo Lavi*. This was literally a life-changing (and possibly life-saving) event for these families! During their visit, the children were asked why they were so happy and thankful, and they responded because, "You give us hope!"

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### **Providing Relief to Earthquake Victims/Nepal**

Generous supporters like you raised more than \$44,000 for Nepal earthquake relief efforts this year! A Forward Edge mission team also served in July. They helped remove debris from two families' homes in Kathmandu and ministered to a woman who lost 11 family members in the quake.



### **Tutoring Success/Mexico**

Briseida Garcia is one of many children in Forward Edge's Oaxaca program, *Trigo y Miel*, who has benefited from the tutoring classes offered this year at the center. When Briseida first began attending the tutoring classes she was failing her math tests, but now she's making grades in the 80th percentile! She now has hope and confidence that she can succeed in school and build a brighter future.



### **New Futures Coming to Fruition/Nicaragua**

Five girls now live in our "transition home" at *Villa Esperanza*, Forward Edge's residential program for at-risk girls in Managua. All five have recently started pursuing their careers! Three of them are studying at a university, one is in beauty school and another is enrolled in Nicaragua's National School of Ballet. The transformation is amazing, knowing that just seven years ago, before the *Villa* opened, these girls were either living in a city dump or in a family of forced prostitution.

### **Creating Positive Relationships/Nicaragua**

Twenty-six percent of children born in Nicaragua belong to teenage mothers (the highest percentage in all Latin America). That's why this past year Forward Edge's chastity-before-marriage program in Nicaragua presented a training course to nearly 1,300 students in numerous schools throughout Managua. And the goal is to reach more than 4,000 students next year!



### **From Life on the Streets to Top of the Class/Kenya**

AIDS orphans Edwin and Samantha Mwangi were rescued from life on the streets of Nairobi in 2010 by Mama Beth's, Forward Edge's program for vulnerable children in Kijabe. School was very difficult for Edwin at first, but after years of hard work and a growing confidence, Edwin graduated primary school this year as the highest-performing student in his school!



*"There are no words to describe where I was before, only fear; and Mama Beth's took that as far away as possible." —Edwin*



### **Studying to Become a Doctor/Haiti**

Esther is our oldest child at *Nouvo Lavi*, Forward Edge's program for vulnerable children in Meyotte, Haiti. Not only did she graduate high school this year, but she was also accepted into University Lumière, a local school of medicine! Your support helped us pay her entrance fee and she is now studying hard to become a doctor! She dreams of one day serving the children and families of *Nouvo Lavi*.

### **A New Home for Flood Victims/Colorado, USA**

Two Forward Edge teams from the Pacific Northwest were able to serve a single mother of two young girls who had been homeless since the flood of 2013. These teams renovated a house in disrepair, which allowed this family to celebrate the holidays in their very own home! When asked about the experience, this mom said "I would go through all of this again because the love and service these teams have shown my daughters was worth it all."



### **Hood to Coast Team/USA**

In August, a team of 12 runners ran the famous Hood to Coast relay race in Oregon and raised nearly \$10,000 for children in Forward Edge programs!



## THE NUMBERS

Children served through Forward Edge programs **1,186**

Disaster victims served through Forward Edge **420**

Volunteers who served on Forward Edge mission teams **694**

Value of donated professional and non-professional services **\$729,000**

People Forward Edge helped return to their homes, schools or places of worship **256**

People who received free health-care **1,854**

Number of nutritious meals served to vulnerable children **111,573**

People who received safe drinking water **1,095**

People provided with sustainable livelihoods **149**

Youth and adults receiving vocational and/or college training **102**

People who received a clear and compelling presentation of the Gospel **4,611**

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As I consider all that God accomplished through Forward Edge in 2015, I find myself asking a familiar question: What is it that made God's work through Forward Edge meaningful?

There are, of course, some obvious answers. Hundreds of vulnerable children received physical, emotional, and spiritual care. Disaster victims in Colorado, Oklahoma and Nepal received help returning to their homes. And nearly 700 Christ-followers, from across the U.S. and Canada, had opportunities to put their faith into action.

But there is an even deeper reason why God's work through Forward Edge—this past year, and every year—is meaningful. And the reason is this: All those involved—whether at-risk children in Kenya or short-term volunteers to Nicaragua—had a unique opportunity to discover and pursue God's plan for their lives. Beyond the repaired homes

and nutritious meals... the free health care and academic tutoring... faith in the hearts of hundreds of children and adults was perfected... faith that God is real and good, and that He has a unique and significant purpose for their lives.

After all, that is our vision: "Vulnerable children cared for, disaster victims restored, and everyone involved with Forward Edge discovering and pursuing God's plan for their lives."

To those of you who served with Forward Edge in 2015, and those of you who supported that service, thank you for responding to God's call on your life. Thank you for stepping onto life's "forward edge." You share in every victory won this past year, and the reward that will come in eternity.



Joseph Anuso  
Founder and President

## OUR MISSION

Partnering with God to transform the lives of vulnerable children, disaster victims, and those who go to serve them.

## OUR VISION

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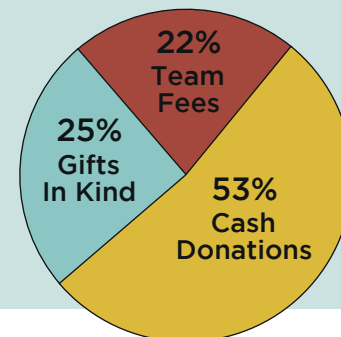
Since 1983, more than 16,000 volunteers have served with Forward Edge worldwide.



## THE FINANCIALS

2015 Total Revenue **\$2,880,000**

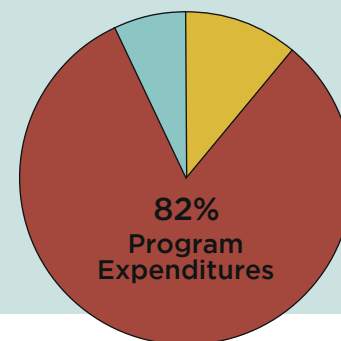
Team Fee Revenue **\$629,000**  
Cash Donations Revenue **\$1,522,000**  
Gift in Kind Revenue **\$729,000**



2015 Total Expenditures **\$3,004,000**

Program Expenditures **\$2,470,000**  
Fundraising Expenditures **\$206,000**  
Admin Expenditures **\$328,000**

Fundraising Expenditures **7%**  
Admin Expenditures **11%**



2015 Total End of Year  
Net Assets **\$948,000**

## Forward Edge Board Members

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## Forward Edge Staff

74 Total / By Location

International Headquarters  
(Vancouver, WA) ..... 13 Staff  
Haiti ..... 4 Nationals  
Kenya ..... 2 Nationals  
Mexico ..... 2 U.S. Missionaries, 4 Nationals  
Nicaragua ..... 4 U.S. Missionaries, 4 Nationals  
United States ..... 1 Mobile Missionary (Disaster Response)



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