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There are, of course, some obvious answers. Hundreds of vulnerable children received physical, emotional, and spiritual care. Disaster victims in Nicaragua 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 I see in 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 ANFUSO
Founder and President

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 workplaces 102
People who received free health care 1,095
Number of nutritious meals served to vulnerable children 111,573
People who received safe drinking water 1,095
People provided with vocational and/or college training 102
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