



2018 ANNUAL REPORT

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

 FORWARD EDGE

OUR MISSION

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE
TO DISCOVER THEIR TRUE WORTH AND
PURSUE GOD'S EXTRAORDINARY PURPOSE
FOR THEIR LIVES.

OUR VISION

ACTIVATED CHURCHES AND INDIVIDUALS
IN THE U.S. AND AROUND THE WORLD
EMPOWERING THE VULNERABLE AND
GROWING AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS
CHRIST.

OUR PROGRAMS

INTEGRATING EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS

for vulnerable children and their communities
with strategic short-term mission trips provides a
unique opportunity for mutual growth. It generates
meaningful relationships, which lead to resources
for the children and communities to thrive, and
opportunities for everyone involved to experience
deeper personal transformation.

Helping Vulnerable CHILDREN •
Equipping The Next Generation



Holistic DEVELOPMENT •
Empowering Communities



Short-Term MISSION TRIPS •
Engaging Christ Followers



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TOTAL LIVES IMPACTED
in 2018:

34,571 (+50% from 2017)
Children, their immediate families,
and short-term missionaries.

A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

“If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.”

—African Proverb

As I look back on Forward Edge’s 35-year history, I have a deeper-than-ever appreciation for the wisdom of this proverb. Without a doubt, Forward Edge would not be as fruitful as it is today were it not for the thousands who over the years have served on our mission teams, sponsored children in our programs, made other financial gifts, participated in our Sell a Home, Save a Child campaign, and/or given at our benefit dinners in Portland, Seattle, and New York, not to mention our dedicated IHQ and field staff.

Together, we have truly gone far.

Another reason we’ve gone as far as we have is the fact that we’ve held true to our core mission of creating opportunities for people to discover their true worth and pursue God’s extraordinary purpose for their lives. From Forward Edge’s founding in 1983, this has been our “why”, and the reason we chose as our theme Scripture verse *Ephesians 2:10*: “For we are God’s workmanship [masterpiece], created in Christ Jesus for good works, which He prepared in advance for us to do.”

So, why is knowing our worth in God’s sight and pursuing His purposes for us so important? Because the contribution of every Christ follower is the lynchpin of God’s plan for the Church.

Ephesians 4:16 puts it like this: “From [Christ] the whole body, joined together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself in love, as each part does its work.”

Similarly, in *1 Peter 4:10*, it says that “Each one should use whatever gift he [or she] has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its

various forms.”

Nothing could be more clear: God’s strategy for the Church doesn’t hinge on the contributions of a small minority of super-gifted leaders, but on the participation of every member.

Over the years, whenever I’ve tried to illustrate God’s plan for the Church, I’ve often told the story of the Battle of Dunkirk in WWII—a battle you might be familiar with after the 2017 movie. If you’re not familiar with this story, here’s a brief description.

In the fall of 1941, more than 300,000 Allied troops—mostly British, some French—were trapped on the coast of France by an advancing German Army. But because there weren’t enough military vessels available to rescue them, the ordinary people of England rose up—in whatever float-worthy vessels they had at their disposal...fishing boats...barges...ferries...yachts—to ferry these trapped troops back to Britain and safety. It wasn’t the professionals who saved the day, but an army of civilians—what Churchill called his “mosquito fleet.”



THAT is God’s plan for the Church! Not a handful of professionals using their extraordinary gifts. But ordinary people—people like you and me—using whatever gifts and talents God has given them to contribute to His purposes...to make a difference in the world...to live lives that matter and have meaning.”

It’s the conviction that every individual person has value and was designed by God to make a real and genuinely needed difference in the world that’s fueled the work of Forward Edge for almost 40 years. It’s what inspired us in the early days to create opportunities for underutilized churchgoers to leave their comfort zones and put their faith into action on short-term mission trips. And it’s the same conviction—that every individual has worth and was designed by God to make a difference in the world—that fuels our efforts today to impact a much larger group of people...individuals dear to God’s heart: children born in a garbage dump in Nicaragua... AIDS orphans in Kenya...children in Haiti trapped in a form of domestic slavery called *restavek*.

I’ve often wondered what the world would be like if more Christ followers believed—*really* believed—God’s truth about themselves. And not just about themselves, but about those the world frequently marginalizes and overlooks: the materially poor...the orphan...the widow...the stranger. Precious masterpieces that Scripture calls us to reach out to and bless. And none are more precious than children.

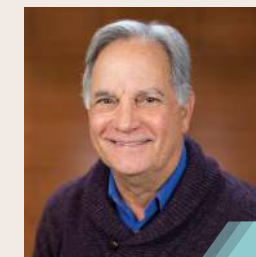
One billion children today suffer from extreme poverty. Every year, 1.5 million die from preventable causes...two million are sexually exploited...and every 14 seconds, a child is orphaned by AIDS. And these precious children are more than mere statistics. They have names, and they have faces.

They’re George, who was abandoned and left for dead by his mother in a Kenyan forest, but today is one exam away from graduating high school and attending college where he plans to study to become a Tourism Manager.

They’re Lucas, who spent years in violent gangs all across Mexico, but today is gainfully employed building homes for materially poor families in the state of Oaxaca. And they’re Erminia, who was raised in a Nicaraguan landfill and lost both of her parents to AIDS, but today is excelling in her schoolwork and dreams of one day becoming a doctor.

The point I’m making here is that every human being has infinite worth in God’s sight. And if we’re able, with God’s help, to rise above the suffering in our own lives to alleviate the suffering in someone else’s—whether they live in a materially poor country like Nicaragua or right around the corner—then our lives will have the meaning God intends them to have.

If you’ve partnered with Forward Edge over the years by serving on one of our mission teams, sponsoring a child, or giving in other ways, please know that you’ve had a vital part in stories like the ones presented in this year’s annual report. You share in every victory won, and the reward that will come in eternity. Together, we have truly gone far. And, God willing, our journey has just begun!



Joseph Anfuso

Founder and President
Forward Edge International



HELPING VULNERABLE CHILDREN

EQUIPPING THE NEXT GENERATION

We believe children are the seeds of the future. If planted and tended well, they will flourish, and greatly impact their own communities. Training and equipping the next generation is the greatest investment we can make. We call this child-focused community development, and it's at the heart of our international ministry and missions.





FROM SLAVE TO SEEN *Djenika's Story*

Djenika lives in Haiti. She lost her mother at an early age, and when her father remarried, her life became a modern-day Cinderella story...the bad parts of the story, at least.

Life with her stepmom and stepsister was anything but a fairytale. While her stepsister was sent off to school, Djenika would stay home. When her sister ate, Djenika would have to wait for her to finish before eating herself. While everyone else slept, Djenika woke up early and stayed up late to make sure all the chores were done.

Djenika's father realized she was not being well cared for at his home so he sent her to live with relatives, a cousin and his family.

This is a common practice in Haiti called *restavek*. Parents who are unable or unwilling to care for their children will give them to a relative, or sometimes a stranger. In many

restavek situations children will be used as domestic servants. At her cousin's, Djenika was expected to do the bulk of the housework and was given no extra free time to be a kid. Soon, the children Djenika was living with grew jealous of her presence and began torturing her incessantly. This happens in many *restavek* situations; family members will view *restavek* children as outsiders or "less-than" the biological children of the family. The children started stealing her school materials and burning them so she would fail her classes. They called her names and refused to play with her. One could only imagine the deep sense of loneliness this left Djenika feeling.

HELPING VULNERABLE Children

But God had a plan for His beautiful daughter.

While living with her cousins, Djenika came across a neighbor named Fabnise—the same Fabnise who manages Forward Edge's child sponsorship program in Haiti.

Fabnise invited Djenika to the program, where she was fed, began learning about Jesus, and got to play with other kids who quickly became her friends. This was huge for Djenika because she never really had friends before. She soon received a sponsor, which she says is what changed her life.

“Every Saturday I go to the children's program. I always have my full joy because I can play with the kids, they can play with me, and I can always smile.”

—Djenika, Age 12

Djenika still lives with her cousins, but as Fabnise, her sponsors, mission team members, and others continue to pour into her life, she's beginning to learn her immense value as a person. Through their actions and words, they're letting her know that she is seen, not only by them, but also by the One who created her, and that He has an amazing purpose for her life.

Learn about the other ways we're caring for *restavek* children on page 13.



EQUIPPING the Next Generation

In 2018:

5,127
Children Served

180,105
Nutritious Meals Served

811
Children Received Educational Support

1,000
Children Graduated to the Next Grade (+35%)

EQUIPPING the Next Generation



These personal stories of transformation are just a glimpse into the thousands of lives being changed around the world. See all the locations we work in on page 24.

2,240
**Children Received Spiritual
Care and Instruction**

2,491
**Teenagers Received
Abstinence Education**

1,798
**Teenagers Committed
to Abstinence**



HELPING VULNERABLE Children



FROM SERVED TO SERVANT *Anthony's Story*

Growing up in the rural areas of Kijabe, Kenya is not easy. Children here are living in some of the worst conditions on our planet.

Many have been orphaned by AIDS and suffer from extreme malnutrition and water-borne illnesses.

Anthony grew up seeing this sad tale play out over and over again: sickness, death, children orphaned, hopelessness, despair. He himself grew up surrounded by poverty, just as thousands of other children do, but he had one distinct advantage: his grandmother had instilled in him, from a very early age, a passion for following God. Anthony shares that even from a young age, "I had a zeal to know God and to serve God more [so I could] reach the young people like me with God's Word."

At the tender age of 14, and after much prayer, Anthony realized God was calling him into ministry. Could you even imagine yourself at 14 having such clarity of purpose? But God will use even the youngest among us for His glory.

"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not

hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'" —Matthew 19:13–14

But there was a problem. Anthony's family couldn't afford the high fees to get him in the seminary program.

This is when our Kenya Program Director, Jane Wathagana, first met Anthony. She heard about his passion to teach the Word, and instantly added him to the Mama Beth's Children's Program she leads in Kijabe. Against all odds, because of this chance to be sponsored, Anthony was able to go to Bible School. After four years of hard work, in March of 2018, he graduated at the age of 18!

But God's not even close to done writing Anthony's story. Right away, Anthony began reaching out to youth in the Kijabe community. His true heart for the kids is that they'll know Jesus in a deep way, from an early age, just like he had. Ministering to children suffering from extreme poverty, both physically and spiritually, can be exhausting, but Anthony keeps his sights less on the day-to-day struggles and more on the end-game goal: showing these kids just how much they matter to God, and that He has a special purpose for each of them.

Already, 60 children in the community have dedicated their lives to the Lord because of Anthony's ministry!

“Ministering to the kids at Mama Beth's program is the most beautiful thing that I do, and through loving the kids, being patient with them, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, I have been able to minister to them.”

—Anthony, Age 18

We're overjoyed to celebrate Anthony's amazing accomplishment of growing from a sponsored child into a dedicated servant of God. We can't wait to see God's purposes continue to unfold in Anthony's life as he continues to serve the children of Kijabe.



HOLISTIC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES FOR LASTING CHANGE

International community development, when done right, has the potential to greatly enhance the resources, education, skills, and potential of communities suffering from extreme poverty. We may not have all the answers, but we do have proven keys that unlock the potential of individuals, families, and communities to begin breaking the cycle of poverty for themselves.

This means teaming up with local leaders who know and love their own people, discovering their communities' felt needs, then equipping community members through training, education, and job creation. This is the key to lasting change: empowerment.



FROM SEEDS TO SUCCESS

Community Development in Haiti



2018 was our second year serving the Southern Haiti community of Vernet, home to 3,000 people.

It's been wonderful seeing our Haiti field staff and short-term missionaries pouring into the children, families, and community there through a feeding program, health clinics, Bible studies, VBS camps, job training, and home-building projects. Our heart is to not only meet immediate needs for this community, but to build them up more holistically through strategic community development initiatives.

In 2017, we conducted a 10-Seed Assessment with the Vernet community. This is a time-tested method of uncovering a community's felt needs in order to find sustainable solutions to the problems limiting their social, spiritual, and economic growth.

HOLISTIC COMMUNITY Development



The goal is to work alongside the community, not *for* them—or even against them—which can happen when organizations have good intentions, but little understanding about those they seek to help. In this way, community members are equipped to engage in meeting their own needs, in the present, and in the future.

After meeting with over a dozen people representing the Vernet community, we were able to pinpoint their top three development priorities: 1) job creation; 2) increased access to good education; and 3) access to safe drinking water.

In 2018, we took our first steps toward these development priorities. We started with education because it's a major key to breaking the cycle of poverty. Studies show that just one extra year of schooling increases an individual's earnings by up to 10% (UNESCO 2011), and for girls, it jumps to as high as 20% (World Bank 2002).

Sixty-five percent of children in Vernet don't finish elementary school, and roughly 75% never finish high school. Dire economic situations often force children to drop out of school to find work prematurely, but many children simply drop out because they are failing in their classes.

Much of the children's lack of success in school is attributed to ineffective teaching. Fifty percent of teachers in Haiti lack basic teacher qualifications (USAID 2015).

In 2018, we held several teacher-training workshops and plan to expand these trainings over time. We've partnered with an organization called Project 4 Haiti (P4H) whose mission is ending poverty in Haiti by training and equipping the teachers molding the next generation. P4H will help us lead 20 local teachers in Vernet through intensive, research-based, professional development training. These teachers will be equipped to become local trainers for other teachers in nearby communities, furthering these teaching tools to reach even more students.

We anticipate much fruit from this project in the form of increased graduation rates and future economic development.

Another initiative we began in 2018 in Haiti is a partnership with Restavek Freedom, which is an organization working to end the common Haitian practice of child-slavery called *restavek*. They accomplish this through comprehensive training for community leaders and guardians of *restavek* children, and by interceding on behalf of *restavek* children in immediate need (see Djenika's story on page 6 for an inside look into *restavek*). Since many *restavek* children are kept out of school, our goal through this partnership is to get children back in class, where they'll have the chance to grow and thrive.

"Despite the desperation and material poverty that surrounds our families in Vernet, they have hope that in partnership with Forward Edge they can create a better community and build a brighter future." —Wendell Robinson, Forward Edge Senior Program Officer

We're humbled to be a part of Vernet's development, and look forward to the bright future ahead for this community. Thank you for partnering with us in 2018 to make these initiatives possible!

LONG-TERM IMPACT STATISTICS:

One extra year of schooling increases an individual's earnings by up to 10%

UNESCO GEM Report, Education Counts, Toward the Millennium Development Goals, p.7 (2011).

One additional school year can increase a woman's earnings by 10% to 20%

World Bank, Returns to Investment in Education (2002).

We're excited to be launching our newest children's program, Light a Candle Uganda, in 2019! This program serves more than 400 children living in the slums of Kampala, Uganda—among some of the worst living conditions on earth.

PICKING PEARL PARTNERS

Our New Uganda Program

We began pursuing a partnership with Light a Candle in 2018. Adopting new programs can be a lengthy process because it's of utmost importance that new Forward Edge partners are intensely vetted. Local leaders of Forward Edge programs (we call them "Pearl Partners") need to have six important qualities: 1) a strong and visible relationship with Jesus Christ; 2) high personal integrity; 3) an impeccable reputation in his or her community/nation; 4) a track record of effective ministry in one of the following areas: children's ministry, community development, or church planting; 5) a desire and felt need to form a mutually beneficial partnership with a Christian NGO in the U.S., i.e. they don't have such a partnership, but desire one; and 6) a desire and ability to build and maintain a transparent, mutually-accountable relationship with Forward Edge, not centered around or limited to financial support.

Bonny Lugayizi, Director of Light a Candle Uganda, has all these qualities (read more about Bonny on page 24).



The thing that impressed me most about Bonny when I met with him was his passion and vision for the children of Uganda. That vision being, 'that every child deserves the opportunity to have a quality education and hear the message of Jesus.'

—Jeff Thompson

Forward Edge Senior Program Officer

If you're feeling called to invest in the children of Light a Candle Uganda, consider: 1) sponsoring one of the children, and/or 2) organizing a short-term mission trip to serve them! More information about helping children in Uganda can be found on our website here: forwardedge.org/help-children/uganda.

HOLISTIC COMMUNITY Development



FROM SHACK TO SAFETY

Building a Home for Zita's Family

In 2018, two new earth-block homes were built in Oaxaca, Mexico! One of the families blessed by our earth-block home-building ministry (Operation Enduring Homes) was Zita and her three boys. The family of four had been living in a drafty, dirt-floor, sheet-metal shack.

Zita is a single mom, and her three young boys, Eduardo, Randy, and Yael (pictured above), have been part of our children's program in Oaxaca, *Trigo y Miel*, for the past five years. The boys' father had abandoned them a couple of years ago, and since then, Zita has struggled to provide for her family. She makes and sells tamales to support her children, but her wages weren't enough to provide her family with a safe home.

Construction began last Fall by the Operation Enduring Homes team—hard-working local men working alongside Forward Edge Missionary, Tom Hogan, to build safe and sustainable homes.

Throughout the construction process, Zita paid back the team in the way she knew best: cooking many delicious meals for the workers. Her boys even helped add stucco to the walls.

Zita's home took only a little more than two months to complete, but the safety and opportunities it now provides for Zita and her children will last for generations.

For more information about Operation Enduring Homes, visit: forwardedge.org/earth-block-homes.



EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES for Lasting Change

343 (+11%)
Received Sustainable Livelihoods

2,293 (+43%)
Received Safe Drinking Water

1,336 (+17%)
Received Free Healthcare

2,024 (+44%)
Received Spiritual Care

1,011
Responded to the Gospel



SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIPS

ENGAGING CHRIST FOLLOWERS INTO PURSUING GOD'S PURPOSES

Short-term mission trips have received warranted criticism in recent years, but with the right training, guidance, and international partners (see Holistic Community Development on page 10), short-term mission trips can become a catalyzing experience where individuals, churches, and entire communities are transformed as they align with God's plans and purposes; we call this phenomenon "accelerated discipleship." We've learned a lot over the last 35+ years of mobilizing short-term missionaries and can guarantee there are few experiences in this world that compare to one week entirely devoted to following God and serving others.





FORGING FAITHFUL FATHERS

Team Teaches Godly Fatherhood in Nicaragua

There’s something special about traveling thousands of miles and freely giving valuable time and resources in order to serve others.

The value of this sacrificial act is not lost on the community of men in Nicaragua who went through life-changing fatherhood training in the Fall of 2018 with team members from Christ Church in New Jersey.

“The staff can minister to the men themselves, but it’s different when teams come down. It shows the people in Nicaragua that you want to invest in them, and it’s a sacrifice you’re making for them.” —Paul Barmaksezian, Forward Edge Missionary, Nicaragua

The idea for Christ Church Fatherhood Teams was birthed when this team’s group leader, Todd Sayles, noticed something in common with most of the women and children they’d previously served in the developing world: they had no fathers in the home. That’s when Todd posed the question, “Who’s helping the fathers step up for their own families?”

Todd didn’t expect to be given a quick and clear answer by his church leaders, “You can.”

Todd was already leading groups of men through fatherhood training within his own city, so he gathered the best curriculum he had, a group of men from his church, and headed down to Nicaragua to help men become better fathers for their families.

Todd’s attitude wonderfully exemplifies the definition behind our name, Forward Edge: “When God directs people to put their faith into action and they respond with obedience—even without knowing what lies ahead—they are stepping onto life’s ‘forward edge.’”

This Fatherhood Team held three separate trainings within their short week at our child-focused community development program in Nicaragua called *Villa Esperanza*.

SHORT-TERM Mission Trips

They held a training for local pastors representing 20 different churches, a workshop for 26 teenage boys, and a book study with the men who work at the *Villa*.

One of the highlights of their week was meeting with the group of men who work at *Villa Esperanza* as drivers, guards and maintenance workers. The Christ Church team was able to continue the 24/7 parenthood training they had started with these men in 2017. One major theme of this training is the importance of fathers spending time investing in their families.

“The men genuinely want to do better for their kids and are implementing things they learned from the last training.”
—Paul Barmaksezian
Forward Edge Missionary, Nicaragua

The training has truly hit home with the group of men. One beloved *Villa* employee, Cruz, is now setting aside one day each week to spend with his kids and has even rearranged his schedule so he can pick up his kids from school each day. Sadly, this kind of intentional behavior is not common among fathers in Nicaragua.

The practicality of this training has been one of the greatest benefits to the men going through it. They now have specific ways they can foster healthy relationships with their families. And the team members from New Jersey have been experiencing life transformation as well. They’ve begun implementing some of the same ideas they’ve been teaching, and are making healthy adjustments in how they interact with their own families back home.

It’s amazing how a week of serving God and investing in others can alter the trajectory of entire families, both in the U.S. and abroad.



ENGAGING CHRIST FOLLOWERS into Pursuing God’s Purposes

Mission Team Impact in 2018:

\$383,455
Value of Donated Professional Services

8,545
Children and Families Impacted

1,336
Medical Patients Served

1,529
People Presented with the Gospel



SHARING THE STRUGGLE

Dave Gains a New Perspective in Cuba

Dave Hughes is the Pastor of People Care at Westside: A Jesus Church in Tigard, OR. His bread and butter is pouring into people in one-on-one settings. So, when he was asked to preach several times while serving on a mission trip to Cuba, saying he was uncomfortable would be an understatement. Unbeknownst to Dave... God was writing His own beautiful story through this awkward and uncomfortable moment.

While speaking at our partner church in El Cobre, Cuba, Dave shared a bit of his personal story: the struggle he and his wife have caring for their daughter, Rachel (pictured right, with Dave), who has Down Syndrome. Rachel recently turned 27, and Dave worries for her future since there are still so many unknowns.

After speaking, Dave was surprised when one of the Cuban women attending the church emerged from the crowd to find him. She shared with him that her daughter, Ana Paula (pictured above), also had Down Syndrome, and that she was immensely touched and comforted through his sharing of his own story. Dave was then able to encourage and pray for this woman as someone who understood her situation. It was a moment only God could have appointed.

“I think God works in the uncomfortable.”

—Dave Hughes

Pastor of People Care, Westside: A Jesus Church, Tigard, OR

The entire experience gave Dave a whole new perspective on his own struggles with his daughter. Here he was in Cuba, where families

have very few material goods, yet the people were generous, loving, community-oriented, and faithful. How much harder it would be, he thought, for Ana Paula's mother to care for a child with special needs without access to the therapy and resources readily available in the U.S.

Dave likens the faith of the people he met in Cuba to that of Job in the Bible. Even when Job lost everything, he still fell down and worshipped the Lord (Job 1:20).

Dave has been inspired greatly by those he met in Cuba. Every time he thinks back to his time there, he's reminded of the things he experienced he hopes to weave into his own life: living each day with gratefulness, generosity, sharing love, and seeking community, despite the outward struggles he may face.



Forward Edge has a rich history of Phase II disaster-recovery work, assisting disaster survivors long after first responders have left.

We focus on the long-term recovery effort for the most vulnerable—widows, single moms, low-income families, the elderly, and others unable to rebuild on their own.

SHORT-TERM Mission Trips

RESTORING A LEGACY

Disaster Recovery in Puerto Rico

In 2018, we coordinated 189 short-term missionaries to assist in the hurricane recovery efforts in Houston and Puerto Rico.

Some of these missionaries were able to help Pablo and Delia (pictured right) in Puerto Rico who lost their roof during Hurricane Maria and were denied support from FEMA because of a clerical error.

Pablo's father had built the home himself and used it as a place of ministry and outreach for decades. The home had been a pillar of faith for the community.

“It was bigger than a roof. Yes, it was a roof, but it was beyond that. It was a legacy, a spiritual legacy.”

—Wendell Robinson

Forward Edge Senior Program Officer

With the help of short-term missionaries serving through Forward Edge, Pablo and Delia's home was restored, and so was this pillar of the community.



35 Years ON THE FORWARD EDGE

Our first mission team served in Prato, Italy where they ministered to recovering drug addicts and shared the gospel in the local piazzas.



1983

Teams helped construct children's homes in Guatemala and Nicaragua.



1980s

Evangelism teams served in the UK, China, Cuba, Russia, Romania, numerous Summer Olympic Games, and among unreached people groups in Nepal and Tibet.



1980s-1990s

Our first disaster-recovery team served in Florida following Hurricane Andrew.



1992

After the 1999 Balkan War, teams came to the aid of widows and orphans in Kosovo.



1999

Following 9/11, teams served at ground zero in NYC, preparing meals for workers, and manning "prayer stations" nearby.



2001

More than 3,000 team members were sent to the Gulf Coast to help Katrina survivors rebuild.



2005

A safe-water project was initiated on the Atlantic coast of Nicaragua, drilling wells and providing safe drinking water to thousands.



2008

Villa Esperanza (Hope Village) opened its doors as a home for girls rescued from Nicaragua's largest open-air garbage dump.



Our children's program in Les Cayes, Haiti was launched, serving children at risk of entering a form of domestic slavery called *restavek*.



2017

A partnership was formed with Light a Candle Uganda, a program for at-risk children in the slums of Kampala, Uganda.



2018

Dental teams provided care in the remote highlands of Guatemala.



1985

Our first medical team served in Nicaragua.



1986

Teams served on several Native American reservations, including the Crow (Montana), Navajo (New Mexico), and White Mountain Apache (Arizona).



1990s

Teams served the materially poor in Oaxaca, Mexico by pouring concrete floors and performing cataract-removal surgeries that restored sight to the blind.



2000s



Our partnership with Mama Beth's Children's Program in Kijabe, Kenya began.



2004

More than 1,000 team members were sent to Haiti after the earthquake that killed more than 200,000 people.



2010

Trigo y Miel (Wheat and Honey), our program for at-risk children in Oaxaca, Mexico was launched.



2011

Our children's program in Cuba was launched, and a partnership was formed with The Transformation Center which serves the homeless and vulnerable in Baltimore, MD.



2016



2010-2019

Domestic disaster-recovery teams served flood, tornado, and hurricane survivors in Alabama, Colorado, Kentucky, Missouri, New York, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia, Puerto Rico, and Florida. International disaster-recovery teams also served in the Philippines, Mexico, Haiti, and Nepal.

Cuba

Child-Focused Community Development

The average family lives on \$20 a month in Cuba.

Directors of Forward Edge Cuba, Gabriel Lopez and Leidis Tejeda, are Cuban nationals who've been serving as local missionaries since they gave their lives to Christ in 2006. They're deeply involved in their local church and always looking for new ways to serve their community.



Haiti

Child-Focused Community Development

Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.

Jean Chavannes Jeune directs Forward Edge Haiti. Over the past 38 years he has been serving as a pastor, evangelist, missionary, and economic development expert, widely known and respected in the nation of Haiti. He was also a two-time presidential candidate in Haiti.



Oaxaca, Mexico

Child-Focused Community Development

One-third of the population in Oaxaca is indigenous and face extreme social and economic marginalization.

Directors of Trigo y Miel, Pastor Victor and Lety Velasco, have over 15 years of pastoral experience. In 2006, God called them to launch a program serving children in the impoverished community of Olimpo where they serve more than 120 children and their families daily.



Nicaragua

Child-Focused Community Development

Nicaragua has the highest teen pregnancy rate in Latin America. One-in-three teenagers have a child before they turn 18.

Directors of Forward Edge Nicaragua, Wilbert Alvarado and Gloria Sequeira, both Nicaraguan nationals, have a long history of serving their community and spreading the Gospel. Wilbert served as the director of a purity training ministry for adolescents called Creating Positive Relationships and as a leader with International Fellowship of Evangelical Students in Nicaragua. Gloria was a school principal for many years and began serving families in Managua's city dump, where she met the girls who inspired her vision for Villa Esperanza.



Kenya

Child-Focused Community Development

700 children are orphaned every day in Kenya, one-third due to HIV/AIDS.

Director of Mama Beth's Children's Program, Jane Wathagana, was born in Kijabe where her mother, Mama Beth, spent decades caring for scores of impoverished children. Jane took over the program in 2006, and currently manages care for hundreds of children.



Uganda (Opened 2019)

Child-Focused Community Development

There are 57 slums in Kampala, Uganda alone. 50% of the slum population are children under 15.

Bonny and Julian Lugayizi are the directors of Light a Candle Uganda, a ministry serving thousands of children and families living in the slums of Kampala, Uganda. Both natives of Kampala, Bonny and Julian care deeply for their community and provide the resources and education necessary to lift many out of poverty.



Baltimore

Inner-City Outreach

Over 1 in 5 people in Baltimore live in poverty.

Our partners in Baltimore, Pastor Brian and Carol Zimmerman, lead Streetlite Church in the heart of Baltimore, MD. Their inner-city outreach ministry, The Transformation Center, works to holistically heal problems of poverty, addiction, poor education, unemployment, and social dysfunction.



OUR LOCATIONS

Disaster Recovery Locations

We send teams to help rebuild in places hardest hit by natural disasters. In each location we team up with local partners serving their own community.

Puerto Rico

Hurricane Maria

Worst recorded hurricane to ever hit Puerto Rico, displacing over 200,000 people.

Florida (Opened 2019)

Hurricane Michael

First-ever category 4 hurricane to hit Florida's panhandle. \$14.5 billion in damages.

Houston (Closed 2019)

Hurricane Harvey

Costliest hurricane since Katrina. \$125 billion in damages.

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Our Staff

International Headquarters (Vancouver, WA): 13 Staff

Cuba:

3 Nationals

Haiti:

4 Nationals

Kenya:

3 Nationals

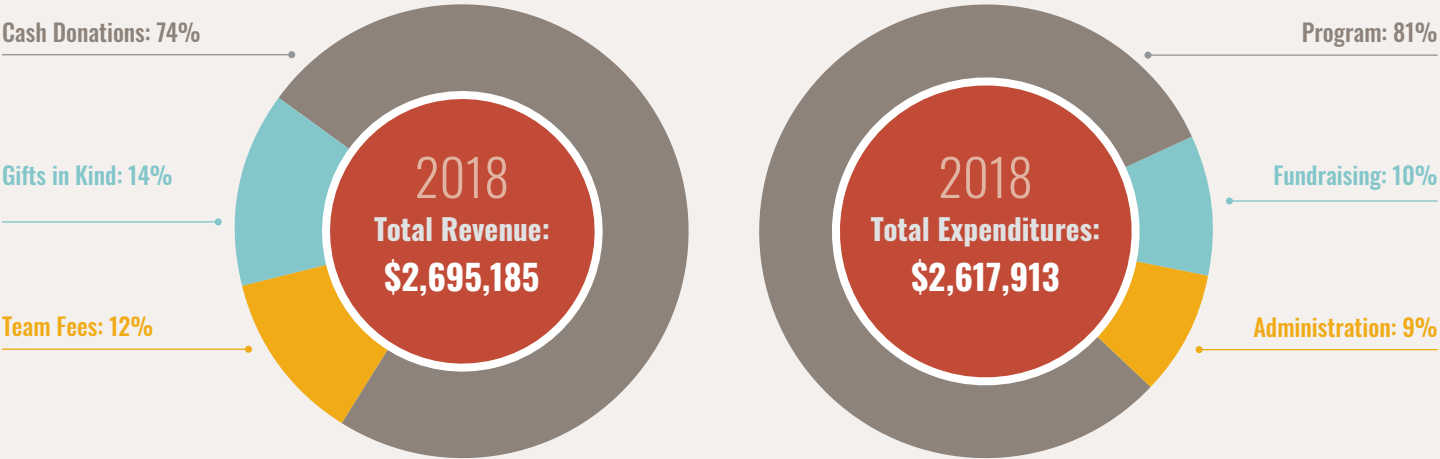
Mexico:

5 Nationals, 2 U.S. Missionaries

Nicaragua:

39 Nationals, 3 U.S. Missionaries

FINANCIALS & ACCOUNTABILITY



2018 TOTAL END OF YEAR NET ASSETS: **\$1,046,163**

OUR PROMISES TO YOU



81 cents of every \$1 you give goes directly toward programs that help vulnerable children, disaster survivors, and communities in need.



All your gifts to help vulnerable children go toward effective programs dedicated to long-term, holistic transformation.



All your gifts to help disaster victims are used to help the most vulnerable return to their homes (widows, low-income families, single moms, etc.).



Your investment empowers credible, local leaders caring for their own people.



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2018 (With Comparative Totals For the Year Ended December 31, 2017)

ASSETS	2018	2017
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$389,183	\$394,575
Investments	42,924	11,400
Employee Receivables	228	-
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	27,899	24,269
Total Current Assets	\$460,234	\$430,244
LONG-TERM ASSETS		
Fixed Assets, net of depreciation	680,300	676,207
Total Assets	\$1,140,534	\$1,106,451
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	2018	2017
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accrued Expenses	\$43,656	\$44,653
Current Portion of Debt	2,570	-
Deferred Team Fee Revenue	33,375	92,907
Total Current Liabilities	79,601	137,560
Long-Term Portion of Debt	14,770	-
Total Liabilities	94,371	137,560
NET ASSETS		
Net Assets With Restrictions	238,000	277,074
Net Assets Without Restrictions	808,163	691,817
Total Net Assets	1,046,163	968,891
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$1,140,534	\$1,106,451

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	2018			2017
	WITH RESTRICTIONS	WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS	TOTAL	TOTAL
REVENUES				
Donations & Grants	\$1,134,728	\$1,239,438	\$2,374,166	\$2,425,241
Trip Fees	314,799	-	314,799	446,189
Other Income	6,164	-	6,164	123
Investment Income	56	-	56	132
Subtotal	1,455,747	1,239,438	2,695,185	2,871,685
Satisfaction of Program Restrictions	1,278,512	(1,278,512)	-	-
Total Revenues	2,734,259	(39,074)	2,695,185	2,871,685
EXPENSES				
Programs	2,115,434	-	2,115,434	2,398,717
SUPPORT SERVICES				
Administration	243,818	-	243,818	247,541
Fundraising	258,661	-	258,661	209,540
Total Support Services	502,479	-	502,479	457,081
Total Expenses	2,617,913	-	2,617,913	2,855,798
Change in Net Assets	116,346	(39,074)	77,272	15,887
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	691,817	277,074	968,891	953,004
Net Assets, End of Year	\$808,163	\$238,000	\$1,046,163	\$968,891

THANK YOU

For Transforming Lives with Us in 2018

“From the bottom of our hearts we’d like to thank every donor and team member whose sacrifices—big and small—have made it possible for God to write the beautiful stories of transformation shared in this report. We genuinely couldn’t do it without you...and we wouldn’t want it any other way.”

Someone recently posed the question to our IHQ staff, “If you could be given all the money you need for your ministry but lose all the people who support you, would you take the money?” Our answer: “Not a chance.” Forward Edge wouldn’t be the ministry God has made it if it wasn’t for the people He’s brought together through it...we’re so thankful for that...and we’re so thankful for you.

“If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.” —African Proverb



THANK YOU TO EVERY PART OF THE FORWARD EDGE FAMILY:

Sell a Home, Save a Child (SAHSAC) Members and Donors who donate a portion of their Real Estate commissions to Forward Edge children’s programs.

Child Sponsors and Monthly Sustaining Donors who keep our children’s programs running month after month. (We need more like you!)

Iliana’s Alliance Members (partners who give \$1,000 or more annually, have donated 100 or more gifts, or included Forward Edge in their estate plans.)

Short-Term Missionaries who sacrificed, time, energy, comfort, and finances to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Fundraising Banquet Participants and Corporate Sponsors in Portland, New York, and Seattle.

M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust who provides grants to help us transform many more lives.


Church and School Partners investing in lasting change.


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