

a family for  
every orphan



# *Annual Report* 2016



## A Letter from the Executive Director



# Family-Based Care is Spreading Like Wildfire

Dear Friend and Fellow Orphan Advocate,

As a mother, I find myself agonizing every day about the minutest details of my children's lives. Yet, Jesus tells us clearly in Luke 12:7 that the "very hairs of [our] heads are numbered." When I reflect on this, it reaffirms that every child deserves the painstaking concern for their physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being that only a loving parent can provide. We are so grateful for the many ways you have continued to support the vision of a **WORLD WITHOUT ORPHANS** – a world in which EVERY child experiences the love and stability of a permanent family and the word "orphan" becomes extinct.

Because of your generosity, the concept of family-based care for orphans is spreading like wildfire through the World Without Orphans movement and barriers to adoption and foster care are breaking down in developing nations. Christians who are so valiantly working to make change at a national level are ensuring that children can **REMAIN** in families that have been contending with hardship, that families separated can be **REUNITED** after being rehabilitated and lifted up and that children who have no one else in the world can **REGAIN** families through adoption and long-term foster care.

When you see the smiles on the faces of little ones like Natalia (p. 4) and Michael (p. 5), it's clear that your support is transforming the lives of individual children every day when they unite or reunite with their forever families. Thank you so much for your generous support in 2016. May God bless you and your family in 2017 as we continue to work together to see a world without orphans!

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Micala CH Siler". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Micala CH Siler



# *James 1:27*

*Pure and genuine religion  
in the sight of God the  
Father means caring for  
orphans*



## Impact Summary: Lives You Have Touched



**32,254**  
**children**  
**& families**  
**helped**



**1,909** families  
reunited or  
strengthened



**341**  
motivational  
events



**1,528** social  
workers trained



**9.6 million**  
reached  
with the  
message  
of adoption



**13,340** adoption  
resources  
distributed



**1,813** parents  
received  
adoption  
support or  
counseling



**1,070** calls made to  
adoption help lines

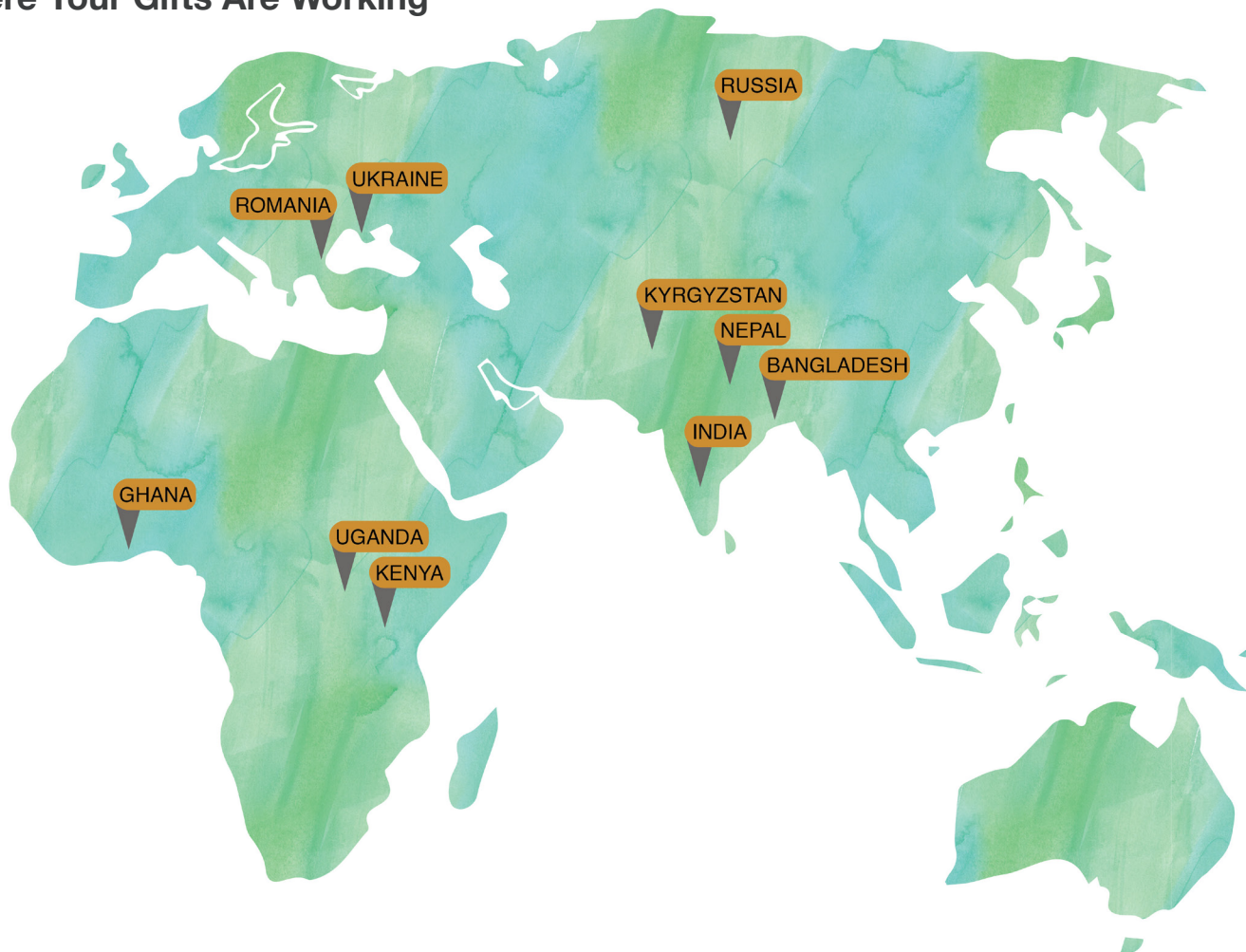


**3,276** families  
received  
material  
support





## Where Your Gifts Are Working





Romania

*Regain*

## Your generosity provided hope and a home for Natalia

Sweet little Natalia spent most of her life in a hospital, unwanted and abandoned, suffering from a severe skin disease. She never felt the sun on her skin or the warmth of a mother's touch. But when Natalia was 15 months old, her life changed dramatically. A loving couple saw more to Natalia than her skin condition and opened their hearts and home to a little girl aching for a loving Christian family.

**With your help, Natalia's new parents were able to provide her with ongoing medical care and set up a bedroom for Natalia in their home to finalize her adoption.** They now have reliable transportation for Natalia's medical exams and have welcomed Natalia as a permanent member of their family.

Thank you for making this little girl's dream of a loving and stable family a reality.



## You started Michael's journey to a lifetime of love

Michael's journey home has been long and hard, but worth every effort!

Crushed by the death of his wife, Michael's father gave him up to the state as an infant. Michael had been living in an orphanage his entire life!

Now re-married, holding a stable job and able to provide a safe home, Michael's dad wanted desperately to bring his son home. After two years of counseling, discipleship, and YOUR financial support, Michael's father was ready to bring him back home for good!

Michael is all settled in and loves his dad, new mother, and brother, Dilip. **Because of your generosity, Michael no longer goes to bed uncertain of what tomorrow holds.** Instead, he rises each morning with a smile knowing that Mom and Dad are right there next to him... now and for the rest of his life.

# Reunite



India





Ukraine

*Remain*

## Building strong bonds and forever families: your impact lasts a lifetime

Once a child is adopted into a loving, Christian home, the journey is far from over. Ongoing training, support, and continued prayer is vital for families in the fragile yet promising transition of new life for a child in a forever home.

The “Pathway of Trust” therapeutic summer camp counseled ten children and their adopted families in Ukraine, some of whom were refugees from war zones. The goal was to give these children a voice and help them on to a pathway to trust with their new loving parents.

Counselors practiced principles of Trust-Based Relational Intervention and connected to the hearts of these children to empower them. The parents shared that they were now able to look at their children from a different perspective that filled their hearts with love and compassion. They saw great potential for change and healing in their families.

**Thank you for helping projects like “Pathway of Trust” which enable adopted families to be successful in building deep, meaningful, trustful relationships, helping their children heal from trauma from in their past.**



## Arjun found stability in an unstable world, thanks to you

Arjun was found tending to a cow and sleeping on the front steps of different homes in a rural village in India. His mother died when he was little and he never knew his father. At only six, Arjun was trying desperately to survive, alone and hungry.

Thankfully, hope was just around the corner. This year, Arjun was cleared for adoption. Thanks to your support, he was quickly matched with pastor Emanuel and his wife Nila in a nearby state.

**After only a few short weeks of being welcomed into a loving and supportive family, Arjun has completely transformed!** He has filled out his broad frame and is catching onto English phrases. He loves to play soccer and is overflowing with curiosity. Arjun loves to learn, which is a delight to everyone around him. He's begun to call Emanuel & Nila 'Mom' and 'Dad'. People are even commenting on how Arjun is making the same faces as his father. Thank you for helping bring this family together!

# Regain



India





## Selfless giving makes adoptions like Dasha's possible

When Dasha first arrived at a children's home in Kyrgyzstan three years ago, she had a number of severe health issues including fetal alcohol syndrome, vision problems, and a hole in her heart. At the age of 8 she had never been to school.

Unfortunately, in Kyrgyz culture, it's very unlikely that a child like Dasha will be adopted due to her physical issues and developmental delays. Thankfully, a local woman named Lena wanted to adopt Dasha and thanks to a special gift, she was able to do just that!

A single mom who already had several adopted children, Lena needed a steady job first before she could adopt again. With the support she received, Lena now runs a successful tutoring school and kindergarten in the village. **Now Dasha has a mom for a lifetime! Thank you for making adoptions like this possible!**



Kyrgyzstan

*Regain*



## You're helping children with special needs thrive in foster families

Sanwari was a grandma. Her children were grown and out of the home and she was ready to settle into a life pace that was just a little more relaxed. Then the Lord told her that He had a special plan... He wanted her to do something that went against the grain of her culture in Bangladesh.

Not long after that, she met several little girls at a school for children with special needs. Her heart broke as she realized that these precious girls would most likely never be given the chance to thrive in a loving family because of their disabilities. Their faces burned in her memory as she prayed for them, and she knew... she was called to take them into her home as her own daughters.

That was seven years ago. **Sanwari continues to patiently and lovingly provide special care for her foster children- all with special needs!** Your support is allowing these children, and many others in Bangladesh, to be embraced in the loving arms of foster families who are equipped to care for them. Thank you!

# Regain



Bangladesh





## Your gifts literally lay foundations: providing material help changes lives

Valentina has devoted her life to caring for orphans in Ukraine. A mother to nine foster children, Valentina would say she had everything she needed. That is, until their lives were turned upside down and they had to flee their home in the war-torn city of Lugansk, leaving all of their belongings behind. Their home was destroyed.

Having lost everything, Valentina had to literally build her family home back up from the ashes. As she struggled to create a safe space for her children, Children's Services threatened to take action saying the new house wasn't suitable for a family of nine children.

**Thanks to your rapid response, repairs were made and Valentina's home is now warm and welcoming** with a kitchen equipped to cook enough food to fill the stomachs of her beautiful children! Thank you for giving Valentina's children the gift of an unchanging and devoted family in the midst of turmoil.



Ukraine

# Remain



## You're spreading the good news of foster care in Ghana

You helped launch the very first Foster Care Awareness Month event in Ghana!

The event began with an energizing march through the streets of Ghana where children carried banners that read, "Children belong in family!" and "Care for children!"

Foster children had the opportunity to share their stories and encourage local families to adopt and care for orphaned and at-risk children. The event culminated with a Fun Fair, where kids played and families were given food, clothing, and school supplies.

**Your support made it possible for over 3,200 people, including 530 orphans, to participate in this event.** Steps are being taken for the government to officially recognize March as Foster Care Awareness Month and to mobilize educational scholarships, and advocate for the health and basic needs for orphans and at-risk children. Thank you for helping orphans in Ghana!

# Regain



Ghana





Ukraine

*Pray*

## You'd be smiling too! Your prayers made a difference in Sasha's life

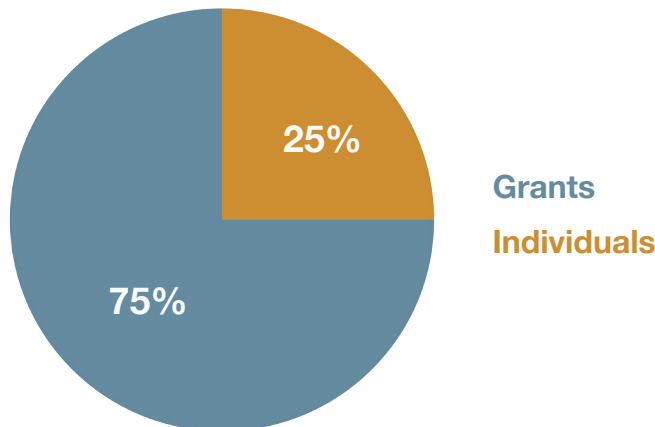
This miracle adoption took place despite the fact that Sasha weighed less than two pounds at birth and doctors were certain he would not survive. He had HIV, passed on to him by his birth mother, and a number of other serious health issues. Abandoned at the hospital, he grew up in a state orphanage for children with special needs. He did not engage well with others and was often aggressive.

Things began to look up for Sasha when a mentor from a local church began to visit. This mentor warmly cared for Sasha and began tutoring him in preparation for school. In just a short time, Sasha became more good-natured, active and curious. He developed a love for cycling, drawing and singing. After additional testing, doctors discovered that Sasha does not have the mental disabilities they originally thought he did.

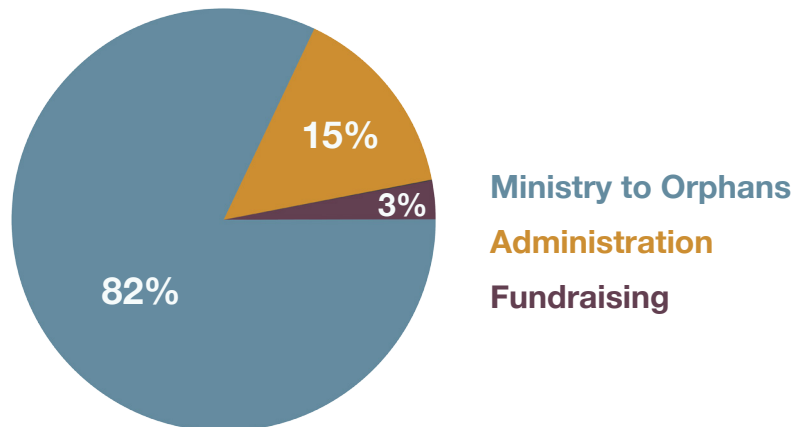
**Your prayers, joined with many others, were answered when a Ukrainian couple having a lot of experience with special needs children adopted Sasha!** Please join us in praising God that Sasha is now in a forever, loving family!

# Financial Overview

## Sources of Funding



## Uses of Funding



## Financial Statement

	FY2016*	FY2015**	FY2014	FY2013
<b>Revenue</b>	\$672,993	\$562,664	\$300,751	\$346,088
<b>Expense</b>	\$599,930	\$522,250	\$335,796	\$304,432
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	\$73,063	\$40,414	\$(35,045)	\$41,656
<b>Net Assets, End of Year</b>	\$176,082	\$104,859	\$55,649	\$90,694

\*Internal unaudited

\*\*Numbers have been audited and updated since 2015 Annual Report

Audited financial statements available by request: [info@afamilyforeveryorphan.org](mailto:info@afamilyforeveryorphan.org) or [afamilyforeveryorphan.org/financial](http://afamilyforeveryorphan.org/financial)





India

*Still Waiting*

## THE NEED IS STILL GREAT

Six-year-old Simon lived with his family on the streets until a fateful accident killed his parents. Simon was left in the care of his grandfather, who soon died too.

Simon was brought to a children's home in rural Southeast Asia. He has been through more trauma than most of us can imagine, and when he first arrived he was very scared. He acted out, struggled with everyday tasks, and isolated himself from his peers.

He has blossomed slowly. He's gotten used to his new caregivers and routine. Now, you can usually find him playing toy cars with his best friends.

Tragically, most orphans get lost in the system, taking anywhere from 6-24 months to be registered for adoption. Simon's story is different. His case was handled almost immediately and he is already available for adoption.

As we celebrate the children who have found loving homes this past year, **Simon represents the thousands more that are still waiting.** Will you continue to partner and pray with us that Simon and many more like him will find their forever families soon?

# 6 Ways to get Involved

## 1. Pray

Join Pray for Every Orphan to receive prayer requests and praises: [afamilyforeveryorphan.org/pray](http://afamilyforeveryorphan.org/pray).

## 2. Share

Did the story of a particular child catch your heart? Please share it with your friends via email, social media, or in person!



## 3. Give

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

## 4. Like & Follow

Facebook : a family for every orphan  
Twitter : @fam4everyorphan  
Instagram : @afamilyforeveryorphan

## 5. Volunteer

Want to get more involved? We'd LOVE for you to volunteer! Whatever your strengths and passions are, we can use them! Contact us for more details: [info@afamilyforeveryorphan.org](mailto:info@afamilyforeveryorphan.org).



## 6. Keep in Touch

Stay current with A Family for Every Orphan news. Sign up for our mailings: [afamilyforeveryorphan.org](http://afamilyforeveryorphan.org)





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## From the Chair of the Board

Dear Partners, Donors, Volunteers and Friends,

Thank you so very much for your partnership, gifts, and prayers for A Family for Every Orphan this year. Thanks to you, 32,254 children remained in, were reunited with, or regained the essential love and support of Christian families in 10 countries around the world!

Please know that you are changing the lives of these children by modeling the love of Jesus. I hope that warms your heart as much as it does mine - truly an outpouring of love that is PRICELESS!

God has again done great things and grown our impact in substantial ways during the past year. Your support directly aids in opening new doors of opportunity - like bringing together key leaders from 60 countries for the World Without Orphans Global Forum in Thailand; and spreading hope and healing families in those communities around the world.

With God's faithfulness and your dedication, orphaned children are receiving life changing opportunities. It is such a privilege to help transform these lives together. I sincerely thank you for allowing God to use you in such a powerful way! I look forward to seeing how God changes even more lives through our partnership in the years to come.

In Christ!

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Orah Longanecker





*Thank  
You!*



## MISSION

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

## VISION

Our vision is a world without orphans

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