

Rebuilding Innocence



Childhood is seen as a magical time of innocence and excitement by those of us in the western world. This reality is much different for many children in the Philippines. In this country, there has been a sharp rise in the number of children being sexually exploited through the Internet. As demand for child pornography rises, desperate Filipino adults turn to child exploitation as a means of income. Far too often those sanctioning the abuse are parents, relatives, or close family friends of the victims. IJM (International Justice Mission) has been working to locate and liberate children from the cybersex industry in the Philippines. Children as young as infancy have been rescued from exploitation through the work of IJM and its local partner organizations.

Because of the close nature of many of the adult-child relationships of those caught in the cycle of abuse and exploitation, removing the children and meeting their needs is a challenging task. Child survivors need special psychological care in order to experience restoration and lead vibrant, fulfilled lives.

IJM Canada seeks to provide specialized aftercare for those who are rescued from the cybersex trade. Funding raised through FAIR will contribute to a two-year pilot program that will enable survivors to be placed in loving foster homes. Both foster parents and the staff involved in the process will receive specialized training on caring for these child survivors of complex trauma. If and when it's deemed to be safe, children will be placed with relatives or adoptive families in order to provide a permanent, supportive, and stable home.

FAIR's fundraising goal for this project is \$120,000, which will be used to fund a number of key areas of the aftercare program, including: \$45,000 towards training for new foster families and organizational staff as they seek to help these children process and begin to heal from their trauma; \$2,000 towards travel expenses for foster families who transport children to and from courthouse proceedings; and \$7,000 towards the general operational and start-up costs involved in creating this program. The remaining \$66,000 will be used to provide a subsidy for children who will be placed in foster homes, to help foster parents as they provide care and support for each child.

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“He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds...The Lord lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.” Psalms 147:3-6 (ESV)

God promises to heal the broken-hearted, binding up their wounds. Through FAIR's *Rebuilding Innocence* project, we can help to provide much-needed healing for children who have known unspeakable pain, walking with them towards a brighter future. **We encourage you to prayerfully consider how the Lord would have you respond to this urgent need on behalf of those who have no voice of their own.**

Yes!

I want to partner with FAIR through the **Rebuilding Innocence** appeal in the Philippines and I have prayerfully decided the following:



- Enclosed is my gift of \$_____. [Acct. #3286]
- Please put my donation of \$_____ onto a credit card:
 - VISA MasterCard
 - Card number: _____
 - Name on card: _____
 - Signature: _____ Expiry date: ____ / ____

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Name: _____
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Love Extended

— Winter 2017 FAIR Report —

NEPAL

Earthquake Relief

Total rec'd: \$167,800*

It has been almost two years since the devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake hit Nepal, causing the loss of lives, homes and livelihoods to many in the surrounding area. FAIR was once again blessed to witness the generosity of our Fellowship churches and donors responding with God's love to the people of Nepal.

In partnership with Operation Mobilization, FAIR was able to provide funds for immediate emergency needs (food, temporary housing and additional supplies) in addition to more long-term needs. Vocational and language training, as well as trauma camps were provided to families so they could begin to rebuild their lives, homes and livelihoods. Through these efforts and the relationships developed on the ground, Christian workers in Nepal have been able to share the Good News of Jesus Christ on an individual basis with those who have experienced tremendous loss.



HAITI

Hurricane Matthew Relief Update

Total rec'd: \$43,500*

On October 4, 2016, Hurricane Matthew, a category 4 storm, hit Haiti, killing close to 1,000 and leaving many without access to shelter, safe drinking water and food.

FAIR is supporting relief efforts through cholera prevention and treatment, access to clean drinking water, as well as food distribution and rebuilding of homes and livelihoods. Through our partners on the ground, 90% of the targeted population have been vaccinated for cholera, 1,000 hygiene kits have been distributed and, in addition to the procurement and distribution of other medical supplies via mobile clinics, 640,000 10-litre aquatabs have been delivered.



HAITI

Hungry Stomachs Project

Total rec'd: \$95,000*

This appeal was launched in September with a goal of assisting the feeding program run by Salem Christian Academy in Dondon in their desire to become self-sustaining. Construction of a security wall around a large kitchen garden on school property is underway and the fruit and vegetables produced in this garden will help reduce the feeding program's dependence on funding from Canadian supporters. In addition to providing a large percentage of the food used by the program, this project will also provide unique teaching opportunities for the students. A significant donation from Calvary Baptist (Oshawa, ON) has enabled us to more than double the project goal.

CAMBODIA

Precious Women Project

Total rec'd: \$10,000*

Praise the Lord for His Hand of provision for the ministry of Allison Montgomery, Fellowship International missionary as she works alongside the Precious Women ministry. FAIR funds support programs which empower women trapped in the sex trade industry to escape their exploitation through vocational training, counselling and hearing about Christ's love for them. We pray that God will provide the remaining \$6,000 to reach the project goal.



Allison Montgomery

* totals given are as of January 3rd

Refugee Sponsorship Update

Report from Grandview Baptist Sponsorship Team

Since September 2015, we have seen many churches commit to sponsoring refugees through our partnership with Christian and Missionary Alliance (C&MA). Several of these churches have already welcomed their sponsored families to Canada, including Grandview Baptist Church in Kitchener (ON). Here are some highlights from their experience so far:

"Our sponsored family of six arrived on Canadian soil on October 5th and since then there has been so much learning and activity, the days have been going by so fast! There are many practical things that need to be taken care of to get the family settled. We've walked with them through setting up things like cell phone plans and bank accounts and helping the kids get to school for the first time. We were fortunate to have connections with Arabic-speakers from the beginning and have been better able to understand their customs and to share ours. We have also been helping them practice their English; the kids are especially enthusiastic about learning.

"It has been such a blessing to be part of their transition to life in Canada. We truly walk with them through the highs and lows, celebrating when the father got a job in his field rushing with them to the hospital in the middle of the night when the youngest child was sick. Through all these things, the best part has been to connect with the family and to support them as they explore the city, begin to settle and to get connected within the community. We look forward to what God has in store for us as they become more established and we continue to build a deeper and stronger relationship."

Director's Corner



Dan Shurr
FAIR Director

Make sure to keep your eye out for FAIR'S upcoming mini appeals. We'll be highlighting new projects in four countries – one every two months starting in January until the end of August. For a complete list, visit our website: www.fellowship.ca.

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