



## FURAHA CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM (FCSP)

**Final Report – 2016** Submitted by: Julie Wiebe - Canadian Coordinator

The Furaha Program review trip was in April and a team of five carried out the interviews of 100 children/youth in the program and organized for distribution of gifts and supplies. The FCSP continues to provide help for families meet needs for a child's education, spiritual growth, food and clothing. Several graduated as teachers, nurses, tailors, mechanics and hairdressers. In 2016-17 40 new children joined the program, 14 new sponsors joined and 10 sponsors exited the program. Edrin Serwano and staff in Uganda continue to do commendable work and service incorporating improvements and adjustments to improve reporting. Special thanks to the Furaha staff team and to each sponsor for your life-changing part in so many young lives in Uganda, Congo and Sudan. We had our first staff meeting in Uganda this visit.

War is continuing to devastate and disrupt lives of sponsored children and families in Sudan and DR Congo. Much prayer is needed.

Colleen Stevenson, the director of several sponsorship programs in Uganda, continues to serve in her many roles in the mission work. She still endures severe back pain. Please continue to pray for energy, courage, strength and healing in this health journey for her and Tim and the Uganda/Africa church mission work.

Plans are developing to have new people in western Canada join the Canadian Furaha team. Ken and Julie Wiebe are moving to Wetaskiwin where they will be carrying on this work. These are exciting times of change and promise.

### **Program Activities in 2016**

\* Coordinator & administrator: Julie & Ken Wiebe/ assistant: Denuja Navaratnarajah

\* Support funds were wired four times to Uganda

Child support - \$100,215.63      Special needs - 5,032.00      Gifts - 2,111.83

FCSP admin.expense - (Cdn) - 2,746.93      (Uganda) - 3,579.13

\* Furaha Presentations were made at family camp and to some congregations

\* Most sponsors' support is up-to-date

\* More sponsors sent and received correspondence this year.

### **Program Statistics**

- 326 children were supported over 2016; 37 new children; 14 new sponsors; 10 sponsors exited; 80% sponsors in western Canada (German churches in Kelowna, Vernon, Canadian COG Ministries churches and many other individuals) 20% sponsors eastern Canada (from churches and others)
- Monthly support remained at \$30/child (\$31/child through CanadaHelps)
- Most sponsors made donations by check, electronic transfer from their bank or through the CanadaHelps organization
- Special needs funds are helping an academically gifted student with university fees (to become a doctor)

### **2017 Objectives**

- # Increase support total to 330 sponsored children in Uganda, DR Congo, Sudan
- # Increase sponsorship by a minimum of 10 new sponsors
- # Establish regular correspondence from all sponsored children
- # Continue to improve communication with sponsors; keep support up to date acknowledging receipt of payments and informing of program changes
- # Conduct program review trip in 2018 –to do financial/records audit; introduce new staff to Furaha program management
- # Maintain regular monthly sponsorship at \$30/child or (\$31/child through CanadaHelps organization)
- # Promote the Furaha program in ‘Sponsorship’ Month in June
- # Promote the program through personal contacts and churches

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**Important:** FCSP has a separate business account – support can be made by:

- Checks to : **Furaha Child Sponsorship Program or FCSP**
- Mailed to : **only after April/17** 14 Nordal Close, Wetaskiwin, AB T9A 0P1 until then mail to 10 Cloverhill Ave. Dundas, ON L9H 2P2
- Electronic Transfer to : [kenjwiebe100@gmail.com](mailto:kenjwiebe100@gmail.com)
- Automatic deduction through CANADA HELPS :  
Go to website <https://www.canadahelps.org/DonationDetails.aspx>