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## The Joy of Supporting a Worthy Cause

I believe that the typical sponsor of children with FACE gets a great boost in their spirit when they receive updated pictures of their sponsored child year after year.

There is definitely a great joy, I am told, when it dawns on you that you are making a difference in the life of a young child several thousand miles away. For those of us that take the opportunity to travel to

Ghana to meet and deliver the needed help to these children, we really do experience first hand, the joy and gratitude, shown by these children and their families when we meet them, and in this newsletter, we try to pass on the feeling to you.

Many of the children tell us that, because of the help they receive from the sponsor to continue to go

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(left) FACE volunteers children we are sponsoring in Assin village.  
(below left) FACE volunteer, Beverley sharing a smile with a young girl and her grandmother.  
(below) Our Joseph with twin kids that we sponsor in Abore.



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to school, they are now very confident of their future. During the interviews, we asked them what they want to be when they grow up? Typical responses were, “I want to be a teacher, a doctor, a nurse, a policeman” and yes, a few said “President of Ghana”. These are kids that, until FACE got involved with them, did not have hope of accessing education. The assurance of support for their schooling is also helping the children with their grades. The children showed us their report cards at the meeting and this year we noticed that at least half of the sponsored children in each village were in the first or second quartile of the class grade.

We can report that your sponsorship of the educational cost is definitely making a difference in the lives of these children. We know that getting an education is going to mean a brighter future for them and an opportunity for them to grow up and make a difference in their communities.

Over 340 children were sponsored this year, which means that we are enabling better possibilities in the lives of these young ones, and this we know, brings joy to your heart as a sponsor.

*George Addei-Piprah, FACE Board member and Honorary Consul General for Ghana in British Columbia*



*We put smiles on the faces of these young ones.*



*FACE Ghana volunteer, Joyce, stressing the importance of bettering themselves through this sponsorship opportunity.*



*Kids we sponsor in Asokore.*



*In Mankoadze village.*

*(left) The chief of Jaakye village came to help us deliver the kits to this child and his guardian.*

## A Report by Suzanne Eyers from Ejura, Ghana



It is truly amazing how many new sponsors and donations, along with the continued support of repeat sponsors, gave me the opportunity to help so many impoverished children this year. My eighth trip to Ejura allowed us to see 97 children go to school. Imagine 97 are now obtaining an education that they could not have managed, had it not been for the generous Canadians.

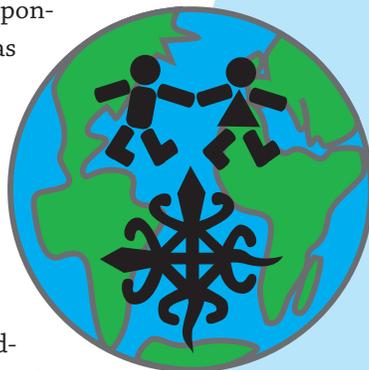
Ejura is a small village in the Ashanti Region of Ghana, West Africa. It is an agriculture area and thus they are dependent on the weather for their livelihood.

This past March saw 59 children in primary grades (Kindergarten to Grade 6) and 30 children are now in Grade 7-9 levels. Seven are sponsored in Grade 10 to 12 now, as well as one girl in her second year of nurses' training. Seven will be graduating with Grade 9 this summer and one will be graduating from Grade 12.

Our 21 year-old boy is still elated to be in his Grade 6 class.

It is still my honour to volunteer with FACE and support these incredibly needy, but bright and grateful children. We are giving them an opportunity for their future.

*Suzanne Eyers, Volunteer & Member of the Board of FACE*



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### Our mission

- To work to break the cycle of poverty through primary education.
- Focus on primary school children in the rural areas of Africa.
- Focus on getting 100% of sponsors' donations to children through the use of volunteers and direct action.

### Criteria for selection of sponsored children

- Must be attending primary school.
- Must live in a rural area of Africa.
- Parents must be known in the community as having experienced financial difficulties.

### What your donation does for the child

- We personally deliver to the child and his or her parent a kit containing essential school supplies: 2 sets of school uniforms, a pair of sandals, 2 dozen exercise books, pens, pencils, and a dictionary all in a nice backpack. To help with providing lunches we also give \$50 to the parent.

### Criteria for on-going support of a child

- Child must stay in school. The monitoring committee in the village must certify this.
- Money must be used for the intended purpose.
- The child must continue to do well in school.

## Newsflash!

This has been a special year for FACE. Two of our long-time F.A.C.E. volunteers have been recently honoured for their selfless work and passion to improving the lives of impoverished people.

Our very own Suzanne Evers was honoured at the fourth annual celebration of International Women’s Day. This function was organised by the Rotary Club of Langley Central on March 28, 2015 at the Newlands Golf and Country Club. Former City of Surrey Mayor Dianne Watts was on hand to pay tribute as Ms. Evers was honored as one of three “Women of distinction”, for her continuing work with FACE in Ejura, Ghana.

Secondly, our founder, Mr. George Piprah, was also honoured in March at the Ghana’s 58th Independence Day celebration in New Westminster, organised by the Ghana Canada Association of British Columbia. George was honoured for his longstanding work with the Ghanaian community in British Columbia and abroad, through his role as Honorary Consul and for his volunteer endeavors with FACE in Ghana, West Africa.



### Number of children sponsored

In 2007 .....	50
In 2008 .....	120
In 2009 .....	158
In 2010 .....	180
In 2011 .....	240
In 2012 .....	250
In 2013 .....	270
In 2014 .....	300
In 2015 .....	340

Focus on Africa and FACE sincerely thank all the child sponsors.



## JOIN US

### Have you always wanted to go to Africa as a volunteer?

You have an opportunity to go with us on this project, next year, to Ghana as a volunteer. You will travel with us to seven villages so you will see a good section of the countryside. Volunteers pay for their airfare, etc. If you are interested in this life-changing experience, call George at 604.230.8659.

### Donation form

Yes, I want to make a difference in the life of a primary school student in Africa.

I will sponsor (check one):

- One (1) child to go to school. Donation is \$165 annually.
- Two (2) children to go to school. Donation is \$330 annually.



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### Your donation today can give a child a future!

You will receive a tax deductible receipt for your donation. You will also receive a picture of the child, their name and, if possible, a letter from the child.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**We are proud to say that 90% of your donation gets to the sponsored child.**