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**Citrus Heights Man Prepares for Trip to Uganda
to Visit Five Children He Sponsors Through ChildFund International**

Winner of the ChildFund's "Experience of a Lifetime" Departs for Africa March 31

Richmond, Va. – March 8, 2012 – David Levis, of Citrus Heights, Calif., is about to have an "Experience of a Lifetime" when he leaves March 31 for Uganda, Africa, to visit five children he sponsors through ChildFund International.

ChildFund, which creates one-to-one connections through child sponsorships, has arranged for Levis to meet Dixon, age 9; Margaret, age 14; Sarah, age 5; Robinah, age 11; and Shafik, age 6, as the grand-prize for winning the "Experience of a Lifetime" promotion, which took place last summer. The prize includes an all-expense-paid, five-day trip to Uganda.

"Until now, David's only communication with his sponsored children has been through letters and photographs, and we are sure this will be a life-changing trip for him," said Anne Lynam Goddard, president and CEO of ChildFund. "It's ChildFund sponsors like David and his wife who really represent what our organization is about. So, it's exciting to give him the chance to meet his sponsored children and see what his support has done through the years."

Levis, a high school teacher and father of three, has been a ChildFund sponsor for more than 12 years. He and his wife, Stacie, currently sponsor 13 children in various parts of the globe.

"It's going to be really special to meet these children face-to-face," Levis said. "I can't even imagine what it will be like to talk with them and give them a hug. We already consider them to be members of our extended family, and I know that after this trip, we will be even closer."

ChildFund created the "Experience of a Lifetime" Facebook promotion with its supporters and their sponsored children in mind. Out of hundreds of entries, five finalists were selected last July through votes on the organization's Facebook page. Each finalist was required to write a short statement as to why he or she should win the trip. Their statements were then featured on ChildFund's Facebook page, and fans were asked to decide the winner by popular vote. Levis' entry received the most votes.

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