

MOST Ministries

Mission Opportunities Short Term | 2019 Annual Report

Impacting the World for Jesus Christ Through Short-Term Missions by Empowering the Found in Reaching the Lost



30th Anniversary Celebration & Annual Fundraising Luncheon

On September 22, 2019 MOST Ministries celebrated its 30th Anniversary in the Black Box Theatre on the campus of Concordia University Ann Arbor. Approximately 150 people attended the celebratory luncheon and annual fundraising event.

Muzi Khumalo, the Director of the Caring Friends Eyeglass Clinic in Middleburg, South Africa, was the keynote speaker. Muzi thanked MOST Ministries for providing support (through a grant from the Michigan District LCMS) and for sending five short-term mission teams to assist the Eyeglass Clinic since its official launch in September 2018.

Sue Pfeil, a former nurse and missionary, thanked MOST Ministries for its lasting impact on the growth of the church in Kyrgyzstan. MOST helped Sue and her missionary husband, Rev. Bob Pfeil, start an “Eyeglass Ministry” in Kyrgyzstan in 2002, which is still active today.

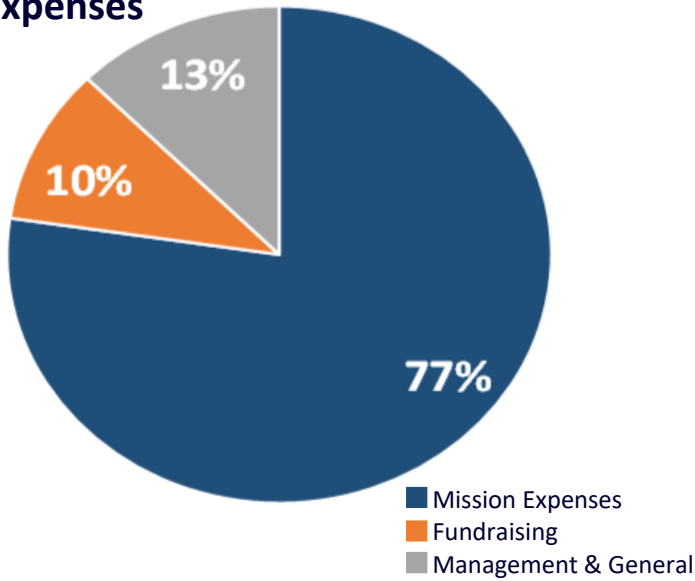
Gayle Sommerfeld, MOST Ministries’ Founder, rounded out the program by taking us back to the humble beginnings of the Ministry in 1989. Gayle provided a retrospective on the remarkable progress and impact that MOST has made in the last 30 years. She also thanked our goers, senders, volunteers, financial supporters, and prayer partners for making it possible to serve the physical and spiritual needs of nearly ¼ million lost and hurting people in 52 countries.



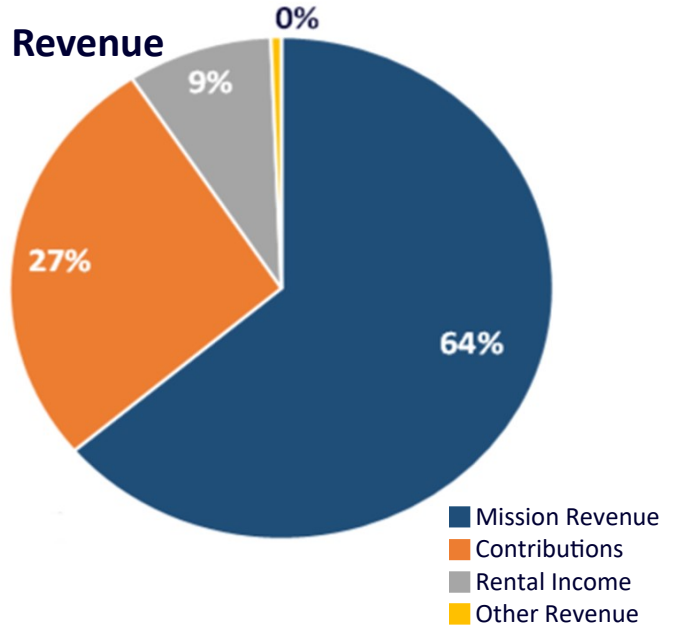
MOST Ministries Financial Statistics for 2019

Information is taken from the audited financial statements of Mission Opportunities Short Term.

Expenses



Revenue



Expenses:

Mission Expenses	745,875
Fundraising	98,255
Management & General	<u>120,195</u>
Total Expenses	\$964,325

Revenue by Source:

Mission Revenue	582,713
Contributions	246,135
Rental Income	78,902
Other Revenue	<u>5,698</u>
Total Revenue	\$913,448

New Countries or Hosts MOST Served in 2019



Country: Ethiopia

Host: Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY)

Project: Eyeglass

Eyeglass clinics were held at three schools for the deaf in Ethiopia. MOST team members tested the vision of over 900 students between the ages of 7-22 and their teachers, ¾ of whom were deaf. Statistically, there are many more deaf people, per capita, in countries where health care is less advanced or less accessible. Poor children in Ethiopia who have ear infections are less likely to receive medical attention and antibiotics, which can result in becoming deaf. MOST team members, some of whom were deaf or knew sign language, worked with translators skilled both in English and sign language to provide vision testing and eyeglasses to the students and teachers in need of corrective lenses.

Country: Germany

Host: Die Brucke (The Bridge)

Project: Music & Refugee Ministry

A MOST Ministries team comprised of musicians worked alongside a Lutheran missionary/pastor and deaconess to help them with Die Brucke's mission of gospel outreach to Middle Eastern refugees and the unchurched in Leipzig, Germany. Our team members prayed over former Muslims who were new to the Christian faith. One of the team members commented, "Many seeds were sewn and God is at work powerfully here in Leipzig!"

2019 Legacy Members

MOST Ministries Legacy Members provide a five-year financial pledge of at least \$1,000 per year. In 2019, MOST had a total of 34 current Legacy pledge members. They are a tremendous blessing to the Ministry.

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2019 Team Leaders

Tim Bernthal - Trainee
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2019 Staff

Ruth Martin, Executive Director
Kelly Bone, Business Manager & Volunteer Coordinator
Tyler Seehafer, Team Administrator
Kaleigh Bone, Team Administrator & Communication Specialist
Anna Valaskova, Storeroom Manager
Linda Thompson, Ministry Support
Sarah DePriest, Grant Writer

30 Years in Review

LIVES IMPACTED

240,661

COUNTRIES SERVED

52

TEAMS

533

TEAM MEMBERS

6,282

Country: Thailand

Host: Concordia Welfare and Education Foundation - Thailand (CWEFT)

Project: Eyeglass

Thailand is a predominantly Buddhist country. CWEFT, a Christian organization that ministers to the needs of underprivileged children and families in Thailand, requested a MOST Ministries team to conduct eyeglass clinics and share the gospel in impoverished areas of Bangkok and rural villages in the Northern part of the country.

Country: Tanzania

Host: Next Life

Project: Sewing Microenterprise

In many rural areas of the world, poor females don't have access to affordable disposable feminine pads – something that females in first world countries "take for granted." This is a serious, re-occurring problem because it prevents girls from attending school and prevents women from working during their monthly menstrual cycle.

In January MOST Ministries sent a mission team to a rural area of Tanzania to train a group of women to sew reusable feminine hygiene kits. These women learned a valuable skill which will empower them to financially support themselves and their families *and* provide a much needed product to improve the quality of life for hundreds of women in their community.

Country: Kenya

Host: Robert Gutwa (Sacred Center for Orphans and Widows)

Project: Female Hygiene Education, Distribution of pads & Eyeglass

MOST Ministries partnered with Dignity4Girls to teach feminine hygiene, distribute washable feminine pads sewn by US churches, and to educate girls, women, and men in predominantly Muslim villages about the dangers of female genital mutilation (FGM). The team also arrived with extra supplies for the Sacred Center's sewing enterprise, supporting its effort to sew feminine pads for locals. Although women and girls had a special focus on this team, all were blessed by two days of eyeglass clinics.

2019 TEAMS



2019 in Review	TEAM MEMBERS	LIVES IMPACTED
	212	10,045
	EYEGASSES DISTRIBUTED	WATER FILTERS DISTRIBUTED
	8,586	84



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