



# MOST Ministries

*Impacting the World for Jesus Christ*

## MOST Is “On the Move” Despite COVID-19!

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South Africa

Despite having to cancel 31 of the 33 mission trips that were on MOST Ministries' schedule this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic, our staff and Board of Directors have not been deterred from our shared responsibility to further MOST's mission. In fact, we are making plans to expand the reach of the Ministry and increase its impact in the mission field after we are allowed to resume sending teams – which we hope and pray will be in 2021.

Rather than allow ourselves to get discouraged and become fearful about what we could not control as the pandemic unpredictably continued, our staff has: continued to pray together each morning, seeking God's guidance and blessings on the Ministry and our Ministry partners; and focused our efforts on doing whatever we can do to keep the Ministry operating smoothly, stay financially healthy, and remain poised to send volunteer teams to serve in other countries as soon as international borders and travel

restrictions are lifted for visitors.

This year MOST Ministries has applied for more grant monies than ever before in order to reduce the cost for individuals to participate on a MOST mission team. We are changing many of our internal processes to become a more efficient and effective ministry. We are improving the curriculum for several of our current on-the-field mission projects that were in need of a partial overhaul. We are exploring new types of service projects that could make a greater impact on the lives of hundreds of impoverished families and individuals who are marginalized and have no social safety net. We are also reaching out to more pastors and missionaries working in areas of the world where a MOST team has never been or hasn't been in a long time -- so we can help them expand their church through acts of service and sharing the saving gospel of Jesus Christ with people in their communities.

So, as you can see, the pandemic has not stopped the work and goal of MOST Ministries to “impact the world for Christ through short-term missions.” One of our Board members recently sent me these encouraging words from scripture:

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*“But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.”*

*2 Corinthians 4:8-9*

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## COVID-19 Update from MOST Ministries' Hosts

### Eliu Yacab (Belize)

It is a pleasure to greet you. I just wanted to let you know that here in Belize things have changed. As you know Covid-19 came to change the whole world. However, we as children of God have continued taking the message across to those who don't know the Lord yet. It's been a challenge since we have not been able to fellowship. So we have used social media as our main source of evangelism. We have also assisted families with the little we have which also makes an impact. I would like you all to pray for our finances since it has been hard to be without, but we trust in the Lord that all will be well. We want to thank you all for the moments we shared together while in Belize. Our people were impacted by the assistance you all gave us as well. We miss each and every one of you and I hope one day we can cross paths. God bless you all and may God continue protecting you.

### Rev. Dr. Elry (Guatemala)

Grace alone; Faith alone; Word alone. This is the verse of the week for my community. By using Facebook, WhatsApp, and YouTube, I am able to hold Divine service every Sunday and Bible studies four times a week. I also hold a live prayer every day at 9pm. There is mercy help where every week, 30 families received a bag of food worth \$25 USD. Every month, the families received a bag of food worth \$50 USD (see the pictures below of the families who received food). No face-to-face services are allowed due to government regulations and there is a curfew every night. May God continue to bless these ministries.





“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”  
Matthew 28:19-20

### Dang Thaweesin (Thailand)

With Thailand on lockdown because of the coronavirus, parents living in poverty have no way to feed their children since they have no job, no income, and no savings. If they cannot work, their families don't eat. Life is totally changed. During this pandemic, Concordia Welfare and Education Foundation's (CWEFT) team has changed the day care to be a canteen, to cook, serve and reach out to the children, mothers, and families. CWEFT's team has packed boxed lunches daily and delivers them to the kids. In 83 days, CWEFT shared 16,600 meals which were distributed to over 2,500 people within 11 slum communities. We are also providing weekly care packages for the children's families. Each package includes education supplies so the kids can keep up with their schooling during the lockdown, medicine, masks, and soap. CWEFT has distributed 1,800 care packages. In addition, we made sure all the children have cloth face masks and have been taught about proper health and hygiene practices to prevent catching the virus. We connect with family members, residents, and community leaders to show the love of Jesus and our care for them and their neighbors. We thank God for allowing CWEFT to continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus to bring COVID-19 crisis relief to the people of the Bang Na Community.



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And, together, we say "Amen!" MOST Ministries is continuing to move forward! God's promises, along with our Ministry partners' encouraging words and faithful support, are constant reminders that He is more powerful than all of the difficulties and tragedies that the world, our country, and our Ministry has encountered this year - and He has not and will not let these circumstances overwhelm us!

This fall, our Board of Directors and I will be reaching out to our Ministry partners to thank them for their support of MOST Ministries and discuss how together we can continue to serve people in need and share the life-saving message of the Gospel all over the world.

We also will be hosting a one-hour "virtual" fundraising event on Sunday afternoon, November 8th at 4pm EST. The "Mobilized for Missions" virtual event will include a few "live" presentations and several short videos from some of our international hosts, team members, and volunteers. Further information about MOST's virtual event and how to watch it from the comfort of your own home, will be posted on MOST Ministries' website and Facebook page. Up-to-date information will also be posted on our event page ([www.MOSTMinistries.org/mobilized\\_for\\_missions](http://www.MOSTMinistries.org/mobilized_for_missions)). It will be a jam-packed hour that is sure to bless!

## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

This is a wonderful way to remember or honor a loved one.

### IN MEMORY OF

Marvin Appold by Glenn & Lorraine Sattelmeier  
Dorothy Brown by Sharon Dovin  
Olive Eberle by Gerald & Jean Christensen  
Linda FunNel by Janice Schrader  
My wife by Calvin Kappes  
Jack & Jean Moeller by Kathleen Dickerson

### IN HONOR OF

George & Elise Locke's 55th Anniversary by Anonymous  
Cindy Pine by Elizabeth Frederick  
Gayle Sommerfeld by Will & Barbara Hoffmeier  
Lynn Wrightson by Kay Haab

Gifts can be made online or mailed.  
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India



Uganda

## 2021 Teams

MOST Ministries 2021 Team Schedule has been published!  
If you are interested in joining a team, visit our website at  
[mostministries.org/team\\_schedule](http://mostministries.org/team_schedule) to learn more.



## Mission Opportunities Short Term

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