



MOST Ministries

Impacting the World for Jesus Christ through Short Term Missions

Doing the Most for MOST

By Marty Moro (MOST Ministries Executive Director)

Sandy Hardies, retiring board member of MOST Ministries, reminisced, “When I was a little kid I wanted to go where the missionaries were.” Little did she know her spirit of volunteerism would eventually lead her to serve on 46 MOST Ministries mission teams, 42 of them as the team leader.

After growing up in Denver, Sandy left for Concordia Teachers College in Seward, Nebraska where she studied education and graduated with a teaching degree. She accepted a call to Evergreen Lutheran School in Detroit where she served for 3 years. She taught for a year and a half at St. Thomas Lutheran School in East Detroit when she left the classroom so she and her husband, Ren, could start a family.

Sandy became involved with the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML), where she started to hear about MOST Ministries and where that urge to take part in the mission field was rekindled. In 2002, Sandy joined her first MOST mission team, a women’s ministry team to India led by MOST’s founder Gayle Sommerfeld. Two years later Sandy was on her 4th MOST mission team, but this time as the team leader – a position she would hold over her next 41 mission teams.

MOST mission team leaders are a valuable part of the ministry. This job is demanding and carries a great deal of responsibility. After, leading 42 teams, Sandy decided it was time to retire from the team leader role, but to continue serving as a team member. It is her goal to serve on 50 MOST mission teams. Her team number 47 is scheduled for April of 2024 – an eyeglass team to Zacapa, Guatemala.

Sandy has led MOST teams to 22 countries on 5 continents. These teams shared the Gospel in word and deed through projects requested by the missionary



hosts: eyeglass clinics, medical clinics, water purification projects, construction projects, ESL instruction, and men’s/women’s/children’s ministry projects. Sandy led them all!

Sandy offered many reflections on her time as a MOST team member and team leader:

- “God has blessed me graciously.”
- “It’s benefited me even more than the people we served.”
- “I’ve been involved with many organizations, but this has been the highlight.”
- “I’ve worked with wonderful teams and wonderful people.”
- “It was an opportunity to meet so many neat people.”
- “I made so many friends...all over the country... all over the world.”
- “It’s one of the best jobs I ever had.”
- “It’s the best thing I ever did.”

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Sandy credits her husband, Ren, for being so supportive of her work in the mission field – taking care of the home front while she was away, and joining her on some mission trips even though international travel wasn't his thing.

Sandy and Ren also partner with MOST by regularly volunteering at the Mission Center and with their financial support. When asked why they do so much for MOST, Sandy answered, "Because I believe in what we do."



Belize Eyeglass



Mexico Construction/VBS



Guatemala Medical



Tanzania Eyeglass

MOST Ministries sent thirteen teams in 2023:

5,302 Eyeglasses Distributed

1,122 Medical Clinic Patients

156 VBS Attendees

We are blessed by everyone who helped our teams impact the lives of

6,040 People

Welcome Melissa to MOST Ministries!

Melissa Kasper is a Wisconsin native who moved to Michigan in 2017. Her husband, Gabe, is the lead pastor at University Lutheran Chapel (ULC) in Ann Arbor and they have 3 terrific children. International missions has been important to Melissa since she went on her first mission trip to Mexico while in college. Her first full time job was as a program director at Camp Luther in Three Lakes, Wisconsin where she was given the opportunity to travel to Peru to work in an orphanage. She was blessed to participate in this annual trip and eventually led it for 5 years. Most recently she has traveled with her church to serve in Costa Rica. She is very excited to be serving at MOST, assisting in equipping others to share the Gospel around the world. When she isn't at work, she loves reading, drinking coffee, playing board games, and participating in her local MOPS ministry.



Team Members Needed:

Guatemala Water (#2422)	May 4-11
Honduras Eyeglass (#2413)	July 27 - Aug 3
Peru Eyeglass (#2415)	September 12-20
Kenya Eyeglass (#2419)	September 13-23

Click the "team info" tab on our website to see the complete 2024 Team Schedule.
The schedule changes often, so please check the website for up to date details.

There are scholarships available. Join our monthly eNews Flash mailing for that information or contact Kaleigh (MOST's Team Administrator) at kaleighb@mostministries.org to see if you qualify.



Nicaragua 2007



India 2002



Panama 2010

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

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

IN MEMORY OF

Bobbie Baker by Kim Headbloom
Bobbie Baker by Glenn & Lorraine Sattelmeier
Dorothy Courtright by Robert & Barbara Morton
Neil Finkenstadt by Barbara Oconnor
Karl Fuhlbrigge by Mary Fuhlbrigge
David Lenk by Maxine Lenk
Lois Morton by Robert & Barbara Morton
Trudy Papenberg by John Olson
Elsie Quitmeyer by Richard & Laura Greiner
Ruth Schlecht by Gerald & Jean Christensen
Patricia Siems by Megan Kendrick
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Arline Zehnder by Michael & B.J. Connor
Arline Zehnder by James & Karen Goewey
Arline Zehnder by David & Suzanne Hoppen
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Arline Zehnder by Matt & Julie Korte
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Arline Zehnder by Yolanda Sawaya
Arline Zehnder by Andrew & Roxanne Smith
Arline Zehnder by Roger & Cheryl Theimer
Arline Zehnder by Thomas Zehnder

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David Turner by Diane Turner
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Arline Zehnder by Lloyd & Violet Stuhr
Arline Zehnder by Karen Warmingham

IN HONOR OF

Charlotte Campbell by Christine & Joel Lehmann
Steve Kernan by Karl Schroeder
Les Syring by Laura Syring
Mission Teams by Martin & Karen Moro

David & Nancy Cronce by Cynthia Reinhold
Bethel Larsen by Scott & Gail Smith
Debra Watson by Alan Watson
Senders & Goers by Lillian Keller

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