



First mission team led by Gayle & Don Sommerfeld to Cite Soleil, Haiti in 1989.



The MOST Ministries Office in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

HISTORY OF MOST MINISTRIES

In March of 1989, Don and Gayle Sommerfeld organized a team of 14 people from St. Luke Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor, Michigan, to rebuild a church in Cite Soleil, Haiti. The experience of seeing the overwhelming needs of the Haitian people led Don and Gayle to refocus their lives and they were called to action. Within three years, Don and Gayle had taken nine teams to Haiti. However, it soon became apparent that to continue to recruit, prepare and lead teams, Gayle would need to leave her employment and devote her time and energy to this ministry. In 1992, MOST Ministries (Mission Opportunities Short Term) was born.



MOST Ministries Founders, Gayle & Don Sommerfeld.



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MISSION OPPORTUNITIES SHORT TERM

EYEGLASS RECYCLING

You can help provide the gift of sight to others through our Eyeglass Recycling Program



"Impacting the world for Jesus Christ through short-term missions by empowering the found in reaching the lost."

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Countries

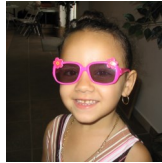
511
Teams

6,067
Team Members

229,916
Lives Impacted
Since 1989



This year, **4 million** eyeglasses will be thrown out in North America while **153 million** people worldwide suffer from uncorrected refractive errors.



Why We Need Your Used Eyeglasses ...

The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that of the 153 million people worldwide who have poor vision, 138 million or 90% live in African, Asian and Latin American countries. This is because in many of these countries people cannot afford the cost of a simple pair of eyeglasses. Sadly, more than 4 million pairs of eyeglasses are discarded every year in the U.S.

What Your Used Eyeglasses Are Worth ...

In developing countries, for a family of four who makes \$4.00 a day, a pair of eyeglasses can be the equivalent of a month's salary. As a result, large segments of this population live with vision problems which adversely impact their productivity, employability, and quality of life.

How Your Used Eyeglasses Can Help ...

Gently used eyeglasses can enable an adult to secure a job and support his or her family; a child to succeed in school; a senior to continue to live an independent lifestyle, or a mother or father to see their child's face clearly for the first time. Your simple act of charity will impact many lives for years to come.

Where Will Your Used Eyeglasses Go ...

After MOST Ministries cleans and recycles the donated eyeglasses, they are sent to some of the poorest countries in the world. Last year, MOST Ministries dispensed more than 10,000 pairs of eyeglasses through its short-term eyeglass mission teams. In addition, and most importantly, MOST Ministries provides all eyeglass recipients the opportunity to hear the saving message of Christ's love and forgiveness at each eyeglass clinic unless it is prohibited by the host country.

How Recycling Benefits the Environment ...

Recycling used eyeglasses helps our environment. U.S. laws are very strict about re-dispensing prescription products so recycling prevents plastics, metals, and cut lenses from ending up in landfills and taking up valuable landfill space. Used eyeglasses can be recycled and help thousands around the world experience corrected vision.

HOW CAN YOU OR YOUR ORGANIZATION HAVE AN IMPACT?

1) Start a Collection Drive

Your decision to start an Eyeglass Collection Drive will go a long way in helping to alleviate this problem. A collection drive is a worthwhile service activity for churches, schools, youth groups, and businesses. Also, it is also a wonderful Sunday School or Eagle Scout project.

By partnering with MOST Ministries, you can get your Eyeglass Collection Drive up and running in no time. Please visit our website for the following online resources.

- Step-by-step instructions on how to run your collection drive.
- Downloadable pamphlets
- Collection Box Posters
- Sample Article or News Release

2) Make a Financial Donation

MOST Ministries depends on gifts and pledges from people to fund its ministry and off-set the costs of its short-term teams. Donations can be made either online at www.mostministries.org or through the U.S. Mail.

3) Volunteer

MOST Ministries operates through the efforts of an extraordinary corps of volunteers. Volunteers perform many important tasks such as sorting and testing used eyeglasses, making new lenses, and providing office and development support. MOST Ministries is a wonderful place to volunteer. The work is fun, social and deeply rewarding.

4) Join a Short-Term Mission Team

MOST Ministries relies on individuals, church groups, or organizations to dispense the recycled eyeglasses to the poor in developing nations through its short-term mission teams.



QUESTIONS?

For additional information on any of the above opportunities, please contact MOST Ministries at 734.994.7909 or most@mostministries.org.