

2016 Missions Accomplished

Galatians 6:9 "Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary." Praise be to God – we have reaped a bountiful harvest over the past 28 years with nearly 220,000 people hearing the Gospel message!

Country	Team Members	Ministry Provided	Lives Touched	Team Leader
Peru	4	VBS	40	Lexi Schmidt
Nicaragua	14	Dental / Eyeglasses	739	Lisa Marshall
Nicaragua	15	Eyeglasses	350	Cindy Pine
Nicaragua	5	Water	174	Sandy Hardies
Nicaragua	7	Medical	691	Debby Suchyta
Nicaragua	5	Water	130	Sandy Hardies
Nicaragua	7	Evangelism / Church painting	187	Kevin Gambill
Nicaragua	9	Water	200	Josh Hunholz
Guatemala	13	Water / Trafficking in Persons	268	Roxann Leidel
Guatemala	10	Medical	592	Cindy Pine
Guatemala	14	Eyeglasses	844	Jean Christensen
Guatemala	23	Eyeglasses	1752	Nancy Jankowski
Guinea	6	Eyeglasses	552	Sandy Hardies
Guatemala	12	Eyeglasses	577	Cheri Dennis
Guatemala	10	Construction	80	Sandy Hardies
Guatemala	13	Medical	458	Debby Suchyta
Belize	13	Eyeglasses	664	Roxann Leidel
Mexico	11	Eyeglasses	582	Debby Suchyta
Mexico	9	Eyeglasses	372	Kelly Bone
India	7	Eyeglasses	633	Kathy Nickodemus
Belize	13	Medical	337	Pat Carlson
South Africa	9	Eyeglasses	709	Debby Suchyta
Nicaragua	9	Medical	590	Steve Gambill
Dominican Republic	8	Construction	27	Brian Zirbel
Dominican Republic	9	Construction	45	Greg Suchyta
TOTAL:	255			
		2017 TOTAL SERVED	11521	
		2017 Total Served with Eyeglasses	7328	

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Mission Opportunities Short Term

The generosity of MOST Ministries' donors is one of our greatest blessings. Your support sends teams to places where they can make an eternal difference. Your compassion impacts lives all over the world for Jesus Christ.

SOUTH AFRICAN FISHERS OF MEN

Matthew 4:19 *Then He said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."*

The Holy Spirit has been hard at work through MOST Ministries in the past year – an eyeglass team to a new host in South Africa, just like one of the hundreds of teams we've sent out over the past 28 years, sparked the excitement and interest of the people they served. By the end of the week, congregation members there were asking, "There is a great need, and this is an amazing outreach -- how can we do this for ourselves and serve our own people with short term missions?"

Throughout 2017 a four way discussion was started between St. Peter Confessional Lutheran Church in Middelburg, South Africa, MOST Ministries, the Michigan District, and Christian Friends of Africa (COFA) – a nonprofit that oversees legal and financial operations in Africa. We all agreed that this new model of mission work followed the old adage: "Teach a man to fish, and you feed him for a

lifetime." Nearly a year and a half after that first team and many conversations later, and through a generous partnership with the Michigan District, MOST Ministries will be launching a four-year program to equip the congregation at St. Peter to develop a permanent eyeglass clinic.



SOUTH AFRICA FLAG

MOST Ministries sent a second eyeglass team in 2017. Some members of St. Peter church joined this team, which provided them the opportunity to experience how to test for vision and distribute the correct prescriptions. This was a very successful training opportunity.

Over the next four years, MOST Ministries' staff will continue training St. Peter's members as employees of the new permanent eyeglass clinic on the church's campus. We will share our best practices, assist them in setting up the physical clinic, train them on how to recruit volunteers and team members

and how to use and maintain eyeglass testing equipment. MOST Ministries will also provide them with start-up supplies, including witnessing materials and used eyeglasses. Once the St. Peter clinic is up and running, they are planning to be self-sustainable by charging a very small fee for the eye exams at their clinics.

This will be an effective way for the South African congregation at St.

Peter, Middelburg to put their faith into action, sharing the Gospel all over their community and country as well as some other African nations. As you keep MOST Ministries in your thoughts, pray that this endeavor gives glory to God and will empower our South African brothers to more effectively become "fishers of men."

STAFF CHANGES IN 2017

The year 2017 brought the following changes to the staff of MOST Ministries: In July, Tim Frusti resigned as Executive Director for personal reasons, and in August Sarah DePriest, our former mission engager, was asked to step into

the Interim Director Position. The Board of Directors will be looking to fill the Executive Director position permanently in 2018. Debby and Greg Suchyta moved to Wisconsin in the fall of 2017 to be closer to family. Greg stepped down

from his position as the storeroom manager while Debby continues to work remotely as our Team Development Director. Anna Valaskova was hired to replace Greg as storeroom manager in December 2017.

MOST MINISTRIES

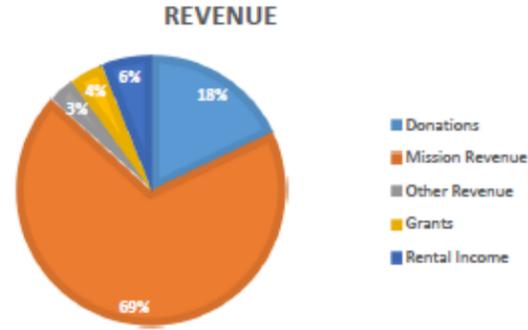
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MOST Ministries Financial Statistics for 2017

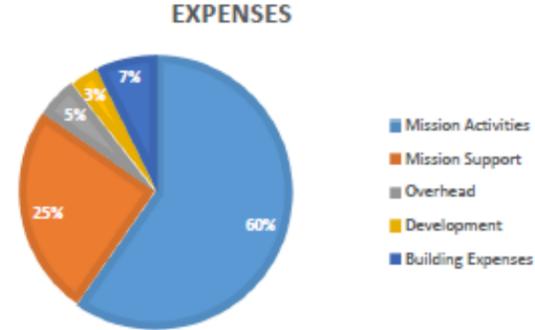
Revenue



Revenue by Source:

Donations	\$209,530
Mission Revenue	\$804,377
Other Revenue	\$36,768
Grants	\$46,894
Rental Income	\$71,040
Total Revenue	\$1,134,710

Expenses



Expenses:

Mission Activities	\$666,016
Mission Support	\$278,459
Overhead	\$53,884
Development	\$36,824
Building Expenses	\$80,811
Total Expenses	\$1,115,994

Key Personnel Involved in the Ministry

2017 Board of Directors

Jan Gerzevske, Chairman
Penny Selle, Vice Chairman
Jeff Heikkinen, Treasurer
Chad Woltemath, Secretary
Charlotte Campbell

Shirley Becker
Kathryn Krause
Pat Morley
Rev. Drew Gruenhagen
Chuck Hempel

Bethel Larsen
Carol Stuhr
Don Sommerfeld, Emeriti
Gayle Sommerfeld, Emeriti

2017 Legacy Members

This essential group of generous individuals provides annual ongoing and dependable financial support for MOST Ministries. The Legacy Team members make five-year pledges of at least \$1,000 per year. In 2017, we added 5 new Legacy members for a total of 54! They are a tremendous blessing to the ministry.

2017 Team Leaders

Kelly Bone
Pat Carlson
Jean Christensen
Cheri Dennis
Sarah DePriest
Kevin Gambill
Sandy Hardies

Steve Hayes
Barbara Hoffmeier
Joshua Hunholz
Nancy Jankowski
Roxann Leidel
Lisa Marshall
Kathy Nickodemus

Cindy Pine
Jen Robertson
Lexi Schmidt
Debby Suchyta
Greg Suchyta
Darcy Zent
Brian Zirbel

2017 Ministry Highlights

-In June 2017 at the National LWML convention a \$60,000 grant was approved for Family Friendly Scholarships! MOST Ministries values our intergenerational teams and will use this scholarship to encourage students from 9th grade through college to serve on the mission field with their families and consider mission and church work as a career choice.

- 1st Corinthians 12:27 "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." Last year volunteers from 31 states participated in the Great Commission by collecting eyeglasses, making witness materials, sending donations of all sorts, and serving on teams.

-MOST Ministries launched a bimonthly ENews Flash – keeping supporters of the ministry up to date on news from the field, introducing them to our international hosts, and reminding everyone that prayer is greatly needed and appreciated. If you would like to be

added to the ENews Flash, please contact the office at most@mostministries.org

-In 2017 a new team request came from the Concordia Welfare and Education Foundation (CWEF) in Thailand. There will be a scout trip in 2018 and a mission team planned for 2019.

-MOST Ministries laid the groundwork to partner with CUAA's new nursing school to facilitate an International Community Health Education Class for second year students. These students will get hands on experience in handling patients, observe cultural health care differences, and learn more about global health issues.

Creation Care: New Project Formation

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters." Psalm 24:1-2

In the fall of 2017 MOST Ministries polled recent team members asking if they had heard of creation care and if they would be interested in being part of this type of team. We had a positive response to this poll. Through conversations with our international partners, MOST Ministries has received requests from Belize and Guatemala to include this topic alongside our health and hygiene curriculum. Teams to these countries will be offering lessons on trash, recycling, composting, and how our environment affects our health.

The curriculum we will be using is from the library of Community Health Evangelism (CHE), which offers a hands-on learning style, as well as incorporates key Biblical themes. The goal of this project is to teach communities how to be good stewards of the natural resources around them and honor the Creator by seeking to cherish and care for His creation.

2017 Staff

Sarah DePriest, Interim Executive Director
Tim Frusti, Executive Director
Kelly Bone, Business Manager & Development Officer
Jeanne Mantey, Website & PR
Patti Monroe, Team Support

Debby Suchyta, Team Development Director
Greg Suchyta, Storehouse Manager & Ministry Support
Linda Thompson, Ministry Support
Anna Valaskova, Storeroom Manager
Lynn Wrightson, Volunteer Director & Eyeglass Administrator

2017 Photo Highlights



Women receiving glasses from Guinea eyeglass team

Guinea Eyeglass Team including BoD President, Jan Gerzevske (3rd from left)

