



Summer 2025

# MOST Ministries

Impacting the World for Jesus Christ through Short Term Missions

## Hearts For Jesus

By Marty Moro (MOST Ministries Executive Director)

*Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.  
(Matthew 25:40)*

In February 1972, Lutheran Elementary Schools in Michigan started working together to gather their February chapel offerings and designating them for a ministry selected by the Michigan District. This annual campaign became known as “Hearts for Jesus”. In February 2025 MOST Ministries was blessed to be that designated “Hearts for Jesus” ministry. MOST Ministries and its work in the mission field was highlighted during chapel messages in Michigan District Lutheran schools during February.

The phrase, “Hearts for Jesus”, tells the children in our Lutheran schools that we are showing love to our Savior by showing love to people in need – in Matthew 25 Jesus tells us that when we help others, we are actually helping Him.



This past February, Lutheran school students did exactly that – they helped people in need with their donations of chapel offerings designated for missions through MOST Ministries. MOST staff members and volunteers traveled across the state to share the story of MOST Ministries in chapel presentations in Michigan District’s Lutheran schools. They shared how MOST sends short term mission teams into the international mission field to help people who are in need of medical care, clean water, better eyesight and in need of Gospel. They shared how MOST mission teams share the Gospel in word and deed.

Many students also helped by donating their old eyeglasses that are no longer needed. During chapel messages they learned how these eyeglasses will be put to good use in the mission field, after they are refurbished by MOST



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# You Have a Role in the Great Commission

By Kelly Bone (MOST Ministries Volunteer Coordinator)

Volunteers with MOST Ministries change the world by preparing mission supplies to send throughout the world with our short-term mission teams. Over 2 billion people around the world need eyeglasses but don't have the resources to receive them. Our volunteers at MOST work diligently to refurbish donated eyeglasses. These eyeglasses then travel to developing countries with our team members and are handed out at our eyeglass clinics.

Volunteering at MOST Ministries assures us that enough eyeglasses will be ready to go when our international hosts request a team. Not only is it rewarding work, but it is also a great time of fellowship with new and old friends. If you have a few hours, please consider coming into the Mission Center at 655 Phoenix Drive in Ann Arbor. We will be waiting for you with the coffee flowing. No experience is needed. Just bring a friend and make a difference.



# Called, Then Equipped

By Liesl Brunner (MOST Team to South Africa)

## *How on earth did I get myself into this?*

That's what I thought standing in the customs line in Johannesburg, South Africa, exhausted and nervous, my teammates behind me.

All I could do was clutch my passport and pray. "God," I asked Him, "Why did You send me?"

It had been six months since I saw the announcement tucked into the church bulletin. Something inexplicable tugged at me, and before I knew it, I had committed to the trip.

In the weeks before the trip, I asked God that same question over and over again. Between the chaos of the pre-field meetings, the anxiety of my passport almost not making it in time, and the record snowstorm that canceled our fundraiser, I couldn't fathom why He wanted me to carry this stress.

Being significantly younger than all my other teammates didn't help much, either. The generational differences were occasionally frustrating to navigate, and more than a few times I prayed for strength amid all these challenges.

When I stepped off the plane, I didn't feel any different. But what I failed to notice was God preparing me to go, even when I couldn't see His hand in it.

Throughout the course of the ten days, I could see why I was there. My unique gifts became evident in ways I had never noticed before. I was able to do a highly physical job during the clinics that suited a younger team member, and yet I was never exhausted. My love for languages came in handy when I could puzzle out pronunciations for names the rest of the team couldn't.

And I'll never forget speaking to a class of twelfth graders on our last day in Africa. As a twelfth grader myself, I was both intimidated and emboldened by this class of young men and women the same age as me.



The teacher explained that they were discussing the economic gender divide in South Africa, and as the adults spoke about how the youth were the future of the country, I felt the Lord stirring in me.

So, I gave them the words God had given me. "You are not the future of your country," I told them, reminding them of 1 Timothy 4:12. "You are the present."

When God called me to that mission trip, I couldn't see how He was equipping me. Yet, in His infinite goodness, He did. He put me in the right place at the perfect time. All I had to do was place my trust in Him.



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Ministries volunteers. And how lives are impacted when people in need receive eyeglasses distributed by mission team members at MOST eyeglass clinics.

At MOST, we appreciate all the schools, teachers, and students who participated in Hearts for Jesus this year. Thank you to those of you who took the time to learn more about MOST, who made financial gifts through your chapel offerings, who donated eyeglasses, and who included MOST in your prayers!

Special thanks also to the Michigan District and to Travis Grulke, Superintendent of Schools, for sponsoring this Hearts for Jesus effort every year and for extending the invitation to MOST Ministries to be this year's highlighted mission. Thank you all for your support!

## Volunteer at MOST Ministries

Approximately 200,000 pairs of donated eyeglasses enter the Mission Center each year and we need your help to process them for our mission teams! Volunteers are needed Monday - Thursday from 9am - 4pm.

Questions? Contact MOST at 734-994-7909

## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

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

### IN MEMORY OF

Pat Breuker by Robert & Susan Hegel  
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Jane Kirchoff by Gerald & Jean Christensen  
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Pat Breuker by Ridge Point Family  
Larry Finkel by Erin Koglin  
Lance Jennings by Louis & Cindy Grubbs  
Duane & Katie Renken by John & Susan Drach  
Jacqueline Rullman by Anita Hoisington  
Ken Tatkenhorst's Sister-In-Law by Janet Erickson

### IN HONOR OF

Sherill Behnke's Retirement by Sheryl Barnhart  
Marty Moro by St. Joseph LWML Zone

Kelly Bone by Gateway LWML Zone  
Marty Moro by Richard & Barbara Zeile

Gifts can be made online or mailed.

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