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## MISSION GRANT STORY

### STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MOST MINISTRIES MISSION TRIPS \$20,000

The focus of Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST) Ministries is to: “Impact the world for Jesus Christ, through short term missions, by empowering the found in reaching the lost.” MOST Ministries began in 1989 as the vision of one couple who took a mission team to Haiti. Since then, the ministry has sent more than 4,000 people on short term mission trips to 40 countries around the world, impacting 150,000 lives for Christ. MOST mission teams have worked in places throughout the world, including Bolivia, Cambodia, China, Guatemala, India, Latvia, Mongolia, Nicaragua, Poland, and Tanzania. The work carried out by these teams includes providing people with eyeglasses, building churches and schools, delivering medical and dental care and health education, teaching women marketable skills, and providing youth outreach (including sports, music, and English language camps). The teams also train educators and professionals in palliative care, in suicide awareness and prevention, and in understanding and living with HIV/AIDS. Each mission team has a clear plan for delivering the Gospel message while caring for needs of daily living.

Many young people have a desire to serve in the mission field, but the rising costs of travel make it difficult for them to participate in mission trips. Two years ago, a generous donor created a scholarship

fund at MOST Ministries that assisted nine college and university students in participating in short term mission trips. This LWML mission grant of \$20,000 will allow MOST Ministries to continue this scholarship fund and send 15 additional students on short term mission trips. These scholarships will contribute significantly to the costs of the trips, but the students will also be expected to raise some funds on their own, giving them the experience of reaching out to others to support their ministry efforts.

This LWML mission grant supports the development of more mission-minded young people. Through their participation on mission trips, students gain valuable experience that will expand their worldview by seeing how others in the world live and discovering how they can personally be involved. One student who taught Vacation Bible School in Mongolia wrote: “I was able to dedicate my time to Christ, re-devote my life to Him, appreciate God’s beautiful creation, and recognize my ‘calls.’ I thank God every day for my global experience of sharing Christ with others, who, in turn, shared just as much with me.” To read more testimonies or blogs posted by students on mission trips, visit the MOST Ministries website ([www.mostministries.org](http://www.mostministries.org)). Information about post-trip presentations by returning students will also be made available to the LWML.