Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST) Ministries is a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the LCMS. In response to Jesus words in Acts 1:8, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth”, MOST Ministries has sent mission teams throughout the United States and 52 countries around the world for the past 32 years. Some of these countries include Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Ethiopia, Ghana, South Africa, Thailand, Peru, and Sri Lanka.

MOST Ministries teams impact the world for Jesus by providing opportunities for individuals to be part of a hands-on mission team. They are field driven as they connect with LCMS missionaries and national church leaders in the field to assess ministry needs and develop and plan team projects. Teams are equipped to share the love of Jesus as they fit people with eyeglasses, build churches/schools, provide medical/dental care and health education, teach women marketable skills like sewing, or provide youth outreach through VBS, sports, music, or English language camps.

As part of their preparation to go into the field, team members need to raise the funds that will support their mission trip. They use personal funds and reach out to family and friends in the body of Christ for support. The average cost for participants ranges from $3,000 to $4,000 depending on the country they will serve. During a five-year period, there were twenty-four mission team trips cancelled due to a lack of team members. People were unable to raise the funds needed for their travel and service. The increasing travel costs are a hindrance to those willing to serve on mission teams.

The grant of $50,000 for MOST Ministries will provide scholarships that will cover up to half of the travel costs for mission team members needing financial assistance. With these scholarships, MOST Ministries will be able to send more mission teams to the ends of the earth to proclaim the Gospel through service and love alongside the missionaries and church leaders serving in these countries. This grant will help MOST Ministries to reach their goal “to impact the world for Jesus Christ, through short term missions”.

To learn more about MOST Ministries go to mostministries.org

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:19–20).

Learn more about this mission grant at lwml.org/mission-grants