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**ANNUAL
REPORT**

FOR THE KINGDOM'S CAUSE

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

“And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" - I Kings 19:11-13



Elijah was working so hard for the Lord and felt like he was done. He thought he ‘wasn’t good enough’ and that there ‘just wasn’t anything left in the tank’ for his ministry calling. Yet, our loving and patient, Holy God, showed His might and power first, then gently spoke to the distressed prophet in a whisper.

In the hectic, digital age with constant data, sound, and sights assaulting our senses, do we ever quiet our heart and mind, and make room to hear that ‘whisper’? Is God speaking to you today? How long has He been calling?

I, for one, do not want to miss what God has in store for my relationship with Him or concerning His plan for my life. I want to walk in fellowship with my God and Savior daily, like Adam did in the garden, like Samuel, and like Daniel, always in faithful communion with the Lord.

We live in exciting times as we rapidly approach the culmination of God’s epic prophetic end-time plan. Our Sojourner students have been learning that we are still, ever since the church was born at the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost), in the midst of the ‘summer harvest’ period of the Church Age. The harvest workers are diligently engaged in God’s fields until, one day, they will hear the trumpet blast calling them in from the fields. What a blessed hope we have indeed!

Until then, there is still time for those whom God will call to hear the Gospel and be saved. The best way to ‘shine our light’ in a dark world is to be ‘abiding in the vine’, staying in God’s Word, walking in an attitude of prayer all day.

Are you weary in your service or ministry? Let’s be reminded to take time daily to quiet our souls, listen to that ‘still small voice’, think vertically, and obediently take advantage of every opportunity to shine our light in a dark world. Let’s treasure our time in God’s Word, in prayer, and in fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Let’s allow the joy of the Lord to be seen in our daily lives such that others will thirst for living water!

Together in His Harvest,

Steve Petersen

“People who do not know the Lord ask why in the world we waste our lives as missionaries. They forget that they too are expending their lives, and when the bubble has burst they will have nothing of eternal significance to show for the years they have wasted.”

- Nate Saint, Missionary martyr to the Huaorani



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Teen Missions International Worldwide

**Some Creative Access Countries (CAC) are excluded to maintain the safety of our bases and staff.*



THE ADMINISTRATION TEAM



Steve Petersen - President



Steve became the President of Teen Missions in June 2022. Steve was raised in Denver, CO, and heard the Lord's call to missions when he was just 12 years old. He first served on a Teen Missions team to the Virgin Islands in 1979, when he was 15 years old. After graduating in 1984 from Christ for the Nations Institute in Dallas, Texas, Steve joined Teen Missions staff. In 2000, Steve married Gay and they have two children, Timothy and Faith. In his many years as a missionary with TMI, he has overseen video, computer, and website-related development. He also served at TMI as Vice President of Operations for several years. Steve enjoys serving as an instructor at Sojourner School of Ministry and teaches Synthesis, Personal Evangelism and Revelation/Daniel.

Seth Phippen - Vice President of Operations

Seth began serving at Teen Missions as the Vice President of Operations in January 2023. While growing up, he knew that God wanted him to be involved in advancing the Gospel. When he was 15, he went on his first mission trip with Teen Missions. After that summer, he knew God wanted him to attend the Teen Missions Bible school in Florida (BMW). Seth met his wife, Emily, also a student at the Bible school, and after marrying, they served their internship together in Malawi, Africa, for nine months. Seth and Emily joined the staff of TMI in 2015. Seth became the Country Coordinator in Malawi, Africa and served in that position for six years, overseeing the staff, Bible school students, Rescue Units, and Sunday schools at three bases. Seth and Emily have four children - James, Lauren, Emma, and Sadie.



Shonn Foy - Vice President of Advancement



Shonn became the Vice President of Advancement in January 2023. At the age of 13, Shonn began to feel a strong call to full-time Christian ministry. After four years in the USMC, he attended Bible college, where he graduated with a BS in Pastoral Studies/Missions. Following college, Shonn received his Master's in Healthcare Administration and was employed for 25 years in a Christian healthcare agency. His passion has always been developing and growing ministries. Shonn met his wife, Lori, while serving as counselors at a camp and married in 1986. They have four married children, and ten grandchildren. They were on staff at Teen Missions from 2012-2015, but then God led Shonn to be the director of a church camp in Iowa for seven years. Shonn and Lori returned to Teen Missions in the fall of 2022.

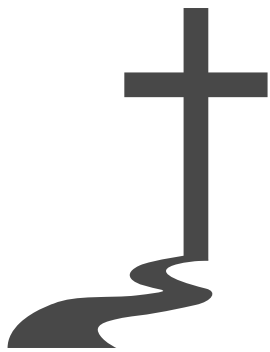
"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." - 1 Corinthians 15:58

OUR VISION



To serve the Church as a strategic resource for motivation, training, and mobilizing youth to fulfill the Great Commission.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...” - Matthew 28:19 ESV



OUR MISSION

To inspire and equip a new generation to boldly proclaim salvation in Christ alone.

“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.” - 1 Peter 2:9 ESV

In everything we do, we seek to reflect OUR CORE VALUES

THE AUTHORITY OF GOD'S WORD

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”
- 2 Timothy 3:16



AN INTERDENOMINATIONAL APPROACH

“Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard... For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.” - Psalms 133:1-3

A COMMON CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

“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 that I have commanded you...” Matthew 28:19-20

COMMITMENT TO A SPIRIT OF GRACE

“But I say walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh... But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control... If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.” - Galatians 5:16, 22-23

COMMON CALLING TO WORLD EVANGELISM

“And He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation.’ - Mark 16:15



OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

- We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible and authoritative Word of God inerrant in its original documents. (*2 Timothy 3:16*)
 - We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in the three persons: The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (*1 Corinthians 8:6*)
 - We believe in the Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood and His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and His tangible return in power and glory. (*Isaiah 7:14; 2 Corinthians 5:21; John 11:25, 26*)
 - We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is essential. (*Titus 3:5,6; Acts 2:38-39*)
 - We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life. (*1 Corinthians 6:19; 2 Timothy 1:14*)
 - We believe in the resurrection of the body of the saved and lost — they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation. (*1 Corinthians 15:52; 1 Thessalonians 4:16*)
 - We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in Christ. (*1 Corinthians 1:10, Ephesians 4:11-13*)
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OUR FOUNDATIONAL FAMILY VALUES

- We believe that God has established marriage as a lifelong, exclusive covenant relationship between one biological man and one biological woman and that all intimate sexual activity outside the marriage relationship, whether heterosexual, homosexual, or otherwise, is immoral and therefore sin. (*Genesis. 2:24-25, Exodus 20:14, 17, 22:19; Leviticus 18:22-23, 20:13, 15-16; Matthew 19:4-6, 9; Romans 1:18-31; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, 15-20; 1 Timothy 1:8-11; Jude 7*).
- We believe that God created the human race male and female and that all conduct intending to adopt a gender other than one's birth gender is immoral and, therefore, sin. (*Genesis 1:27; Deuteronomy 22:5*).
- We believe the Bible teaches that God is the ultimate source and sustainer of all human life (*Genesis 1:27; Psalm 31:15; Isaiah 45:12; 1 Timothy 6:13*); and that human life begins at the moment of conception (*Psalm 51:5, 58:3; Jeremiah 1:5*). As a result, all human life is to be respected and valued as God's sacred work and should be preserved and protected in a manner consistent with biblical ethics. Moreover, we encourage the body of Christ to speak out on behalf of those whose lives are threatened and who are unable to speak out for themselves.

TRAINING & DISCIPLESHIP

BOOT CAMPS

Australia, Cameroon, Florida, Honduras, Madagascar, Malawi, Philippines, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and Creative Access Countries.



WORLDWIDE BOOT CAMPS

39 BOOT CAMPS

163 TEAMS

3,362 TEAM MEMBERS

907 LEADERS

18,972 DECISIONS
FOR CHRIST

The Lord's Boot Camp is 10 days of intense spiritual and physical training. Unique to Teen Missions and foundational for our mission program, Boot Camp trains and prepares team members and leaders to work as a unit to be as effective as possible in their work and evangelism projects.

Boot Camp classes include:

- Personal Evangelism
- Bible
- Teaching Phonics
- Drama
- Basic Construction
- Puppets
- Music
- Specialty classes for specific projects



"How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?" -Romans 10:14

"Evangelism is not about us bringing Jesus to people—He is already there. Our job is to help them see Him."
 -Steve Saint, Missionary

-Honduras



Overseas Boot Camps

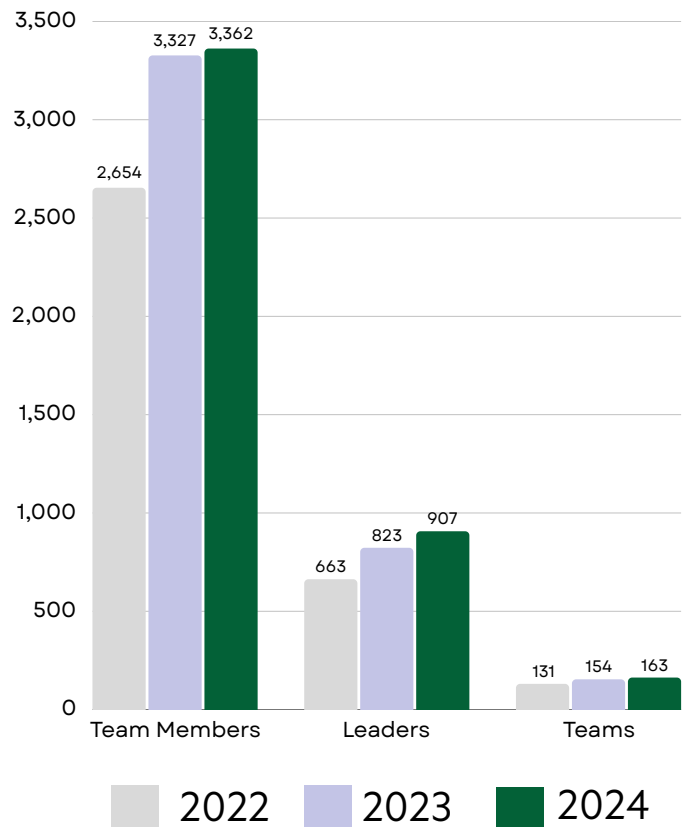
South Africa

"Nthabiseng, aged 13, came to Boot Camp and ***gave her life to the Lord Jesus Christ***. She is in line to be a Songoma (witch doctor) and is awaiting the final initiation when she reaches age 20. For two nights, she heard Christ preached during rally. During those two messages, Jesus was mentioned as the ***King of Kings and Healer*** of all diseases. She was struck with the fact that there is one Great Healer who can heal all our diseases. She came up for prayer and was ***led to the Lord Jesus Christ***. We continue praying for her for the Lord to touch her and lead her into all truth." - SA Staff

-Creative Access Country



Worldwide Boot Camps



TRAINING & DISCIPLESHIP

BIBLE SCHOOLS

Australia, Cameroon, Florida, Honduras, Madagascar, Malawi, Philippines, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and Creative Access Countries.

The Teen Missions Bible schools exist to equip and disciple young adults for full-time ministry. Our aim is to instill in our students a passion and love for Christ and the lost.

WORLDWIDE BIBLE SCHOOLS

30 BIBLE SCHOOLS

IN 17 COUNTRIES

627 STUDENTS

-Honduras



-United States



"The church is not an audience to be entertained; it is an army to be empowered." - David Platt, Pastor

-Malawi



"I have deep joy and gratitude for the opportunity to study at the BMW in Manyoni. I have long desired to grow spiritually and serve God through both hard work and evangelism. After attending Boot Camp and applying, I was thrilled to be accepted into the school, where I am now learning God's Word. My goal is to teach the youth, both locally and internationally, if God wills. I pray for strength to complete my studies and confidently share God's Word."

Magdalena Robert - Mwanza, Tanzania

MERCY & DISCIPLESHIP

RESCUE UNITS

Cameroon, Malawi, Tanzania,
Uganda, and Zambia

39 RESCUE UNITS

IN 5 COUNTRIES

3,748 DECISIONS
FOR CHRIST



With a desire to do more to help orphans in Africa, Teen Missions began “taking the orphanage to the orphan.” With permission from the village chief, a building is constructed to serve orphans within a 5-mile radius. Two facilitators meet the spiritual needs of the orphans by sharing Jesus with them at every opportunity. They meet physical needs by providing educational materials, assisting with basic first aid and malarial medicines, and training them in agriculture.

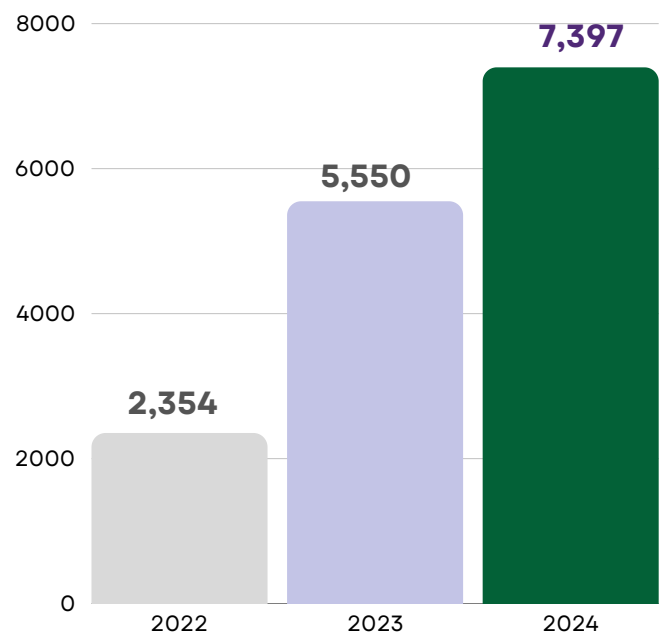
-Rescue Unit Staff Testimony

“Recently, we visited **Mercy, an 11-year-old who lost both parents**, and is currently in grade 4. Mercy is cared for by her elder sister, who has six children of her own. When we were visiting, Mercy’s sister informed us that she could not afford to send Mercy to school this year.

Recognizing the urgency of the situation, we took immediate action to **purchase the required supplies** for Mercy and helped her enroll in school. Both Mercy and her sister were overjoyed and expressed their **immense gratitude to Teen Missions** for the support provided. They emphasized how much it meant to them, as they were concerned about Mercy’s education.”

“GIVING IS TRUE LOVING”
-Charles Spurgeon, Preacher

ORPHANS RECEIVING CARE



EVANGELISM & DISCIPLESHIP

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Cameroon, Honduras, Madagascar, Malawi, Philippines, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, & CAC

531 SUNDAY SCHOOLS

13 COUNTRIES

140 CIRCUIT RIDERS

70,199 FOR CHRIST



-SIMS SS Circuit Riders, Zambia

“Every week, we witness the **transformative impact of His love** in the lives of our children and in our community. Through His guidance, our Sunday School program continues to flourish, with more children **eager to learn about the Word of God** and grow in faith.”

We are particularly thankful to our sponsors... Your contributions have not only enriched our learning environment, but have also **shown our children the love and care of Christ through your actions.**

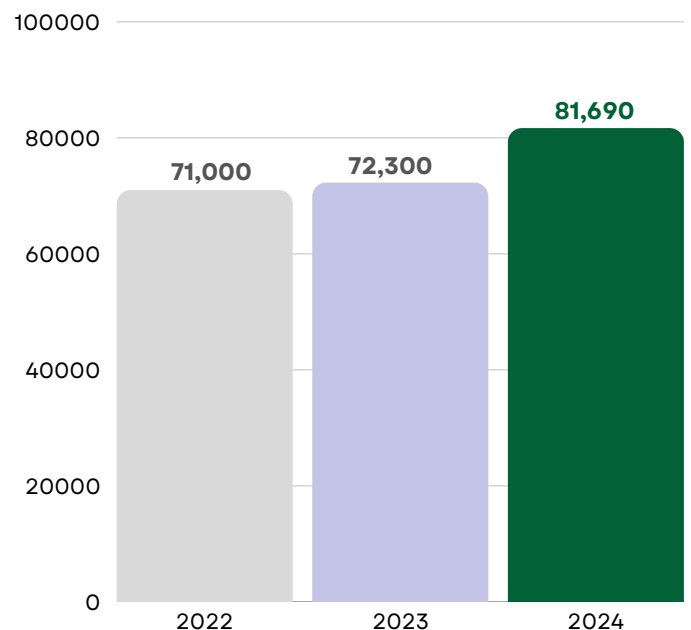


"The Great Commission is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed."

Steve Saint, Missionary

The Circuit Riders and Sunday School Ministry was born out of the need to give orphans and individuals surrounding our Rescue Units spiritual training. Our Circuit Riders travel by motorcycle, bicycle or boat to remote villages to conduct Sunday schools.

Average Weekly Attendance



MERCY & DISCIPLESHIP

MATRON UNITS

Malawi, Zambia, and CAC

9 MATRON UNITS

IN 3 COUNTRIES

350 GIRLS MONTHLY

"True discipleship happens when people see the gospel lived out, not just spoken about."

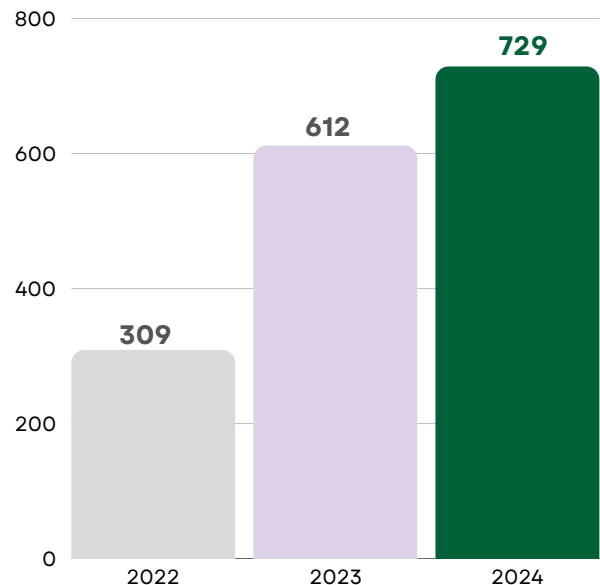
Steve Saint, Missionary



Teen Missions Matron Units provide girls with a safe place to live near a school and necessary school supplies for them to continue their education. The girls receive support and guidance from staff ladies within a structured Christian environment.



DECISIONS FOR CHRIST





DEVELOPING GOSPEL PARTNERS TO ADVANCE THE KINGDOM

**“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.”
- Philippians 1:3-5**

Dear Global Gospel Partners,

Thank you for your faithful generosity in advancing the mission of Teen Missions International. As a global ministry, we are committed to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ while meeting urgent physical needs. The pages of this report testify to God’s goodness and the countless lives being transformed daily—made possible through your support.

Your contributions have had an immediate and profound impact in **Zambia**, where severe drought and crop failures have left millions in crisis. Through your generosity, we have provided life-sustaining food and hope to some of the most vulnerable—over 6,000 orphans registered at our 19 Rescue Units. So far, we have served 47,989 meals, bringing relief to hungry children and families.

Beyond nourishment, your gifts are a tangible expression of God’s love. Each meal reminds these children that they are not forgotten—that Christ sees, cares, and provides. This vital work is carried out by over 200 dedicated Teen Missions staff, including Oscar and his team, who tirelessly minister to these communities. Your support enables them to serve and bring the hope of the Gospel to those in desperate need.

Because of friends like you, we can continue responding to crises, extending God’s love, and sharing His truth with the world. Thank you for partnering with us in this mission. Your generosity is making an eternal impact.

In His care,

Shonn Patrick Foy
VP of Development
Proverbs 3:5,6

“As base a thing as money often is, yet it can be transmuted into everlasting treasure. It can be converted into food for the hungry and clothing for the poor. It can keep a missionary actively winning lost men to the light of the Gospel, and thus transmute itself into heavenly values.”

- A.W. Tozer, Pastor

"We will not wish we had made more money, acquired more stuff, lived more comfortably, taken more vacations, watched more television, pursued greater retirement, or been more successful in the eyes of the world. Instead, we will wish we had given more of ourselves to living for the glory of God." - David Platt, Pastor

A TMI Supporter Testimony



My (Curt) first involvement with Teen Missions was **as a teenager in 1972**. At that point in my life, I was struggling to connect my knowledge of my Heavenly Father and His love for me, and my application of that knowledge to my life. What I came to understand that summer in Peru, was that God made me special and I was usable and valuable in His service without having to become someone different. Understanding that changed my entire life.

Diane and I both believe God gave us a gift: **a passion to steward our all for His glory**. We have chosen to invest a significant portion of our lives to the ministry of Teen Missions. There are a number of ways that we have done this.

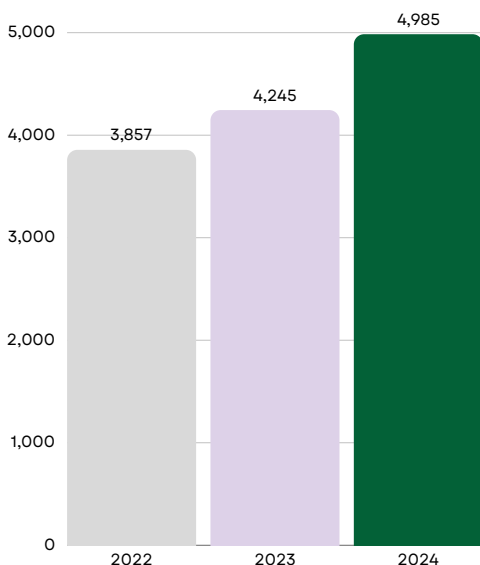
- We have hosted groups and leadership seminars in our area.
- We have represented Teen Missions at meetings and conferences.
- We have lead teen and adult teams to numerous countries.
- We sent all of our children on teams.
- We have served on the International Board.
- We have volunteered many years, in many ways, doing many things at the Lord's Boot Camp.
- We have shared our financial resources with Teen Missions.

Investing your resources of prayer, time, and finances with Teen Missions as they disciple this and the next generation **is a wise investment for Eternity**. Why not prayerfully consider how God would have you join the Teen Missions team in changing the world for Jesus' sake?

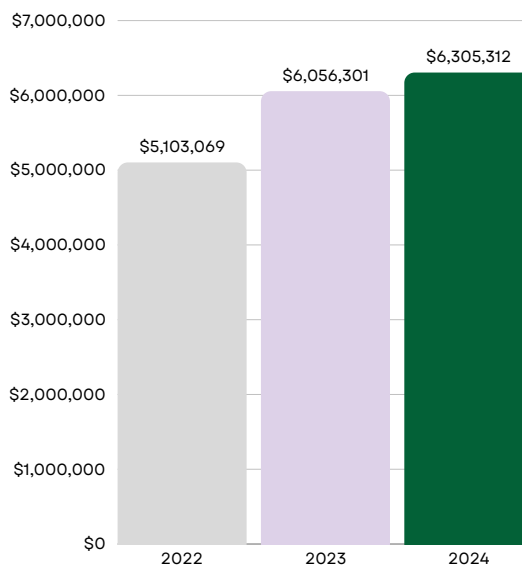
Curt & Diane Bitterman

ANNUAL DONOR REPORT

TOTAL TMI DONORS



TOTAL INCOME FROM GIFTS



"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, It is more blessed to give than to receive." - Acts 20:35

MEET THE
TEEN MISSIONS BOARD
OF DIRECTORS



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"Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety." - Proverbs 11:14

MEET THE CHURCH ADVISORY BOARD

The purpose of the Church Advisory Board shall be to advise, assist, support and advocate for the Association and its various ministry programs. Members are volunteers who share expert knowledge of the ministry and competency requirements for specific roles within the ministry.

The Church Advisory Board is expected to offer recommendations for ministry program improvement and provide information relevant to policies, which the Board of Directors may consider in making decisions on behalf of the Association.



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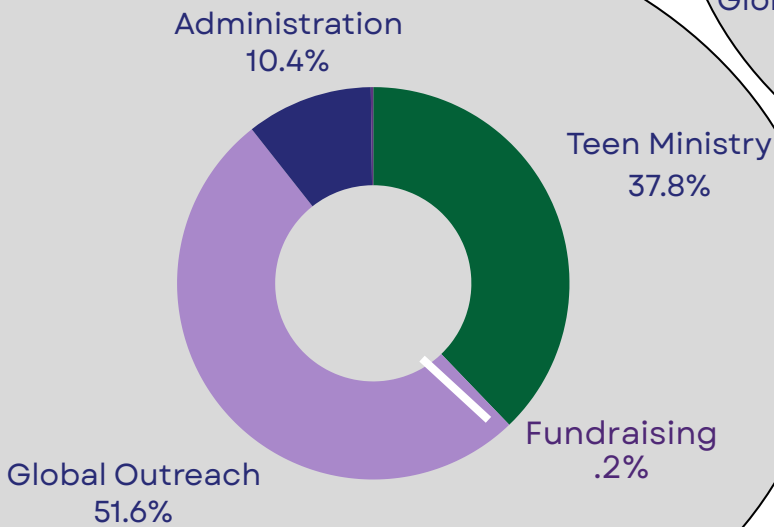


ANDREW THEISEN
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"As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry." - 2 Timothy 4:5

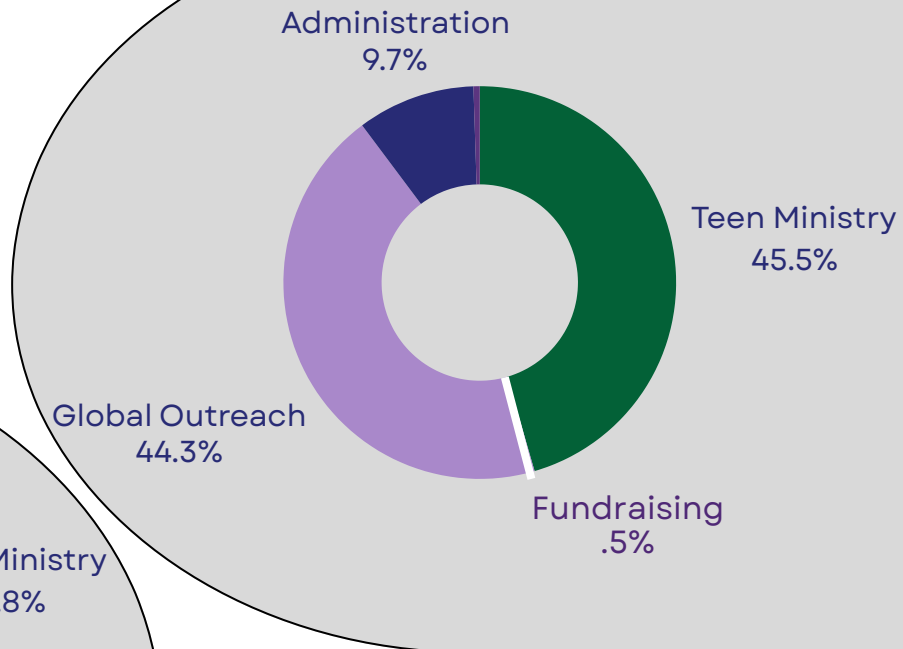
OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES EXPENSES

2023



TOTAL OPERATIONAL EXPENSES
\$ 5,904,919

2024



TOTAL OPERATIONAL EXPENSES
\$6,305,312



TEEN MISSIONS FLORIDA



The Lord's Boot Camp



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