
2023

ANNUAL REPORT



*You were created
to proclaim.*



A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

“For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.”

I Peter 2:21 ESV

Brothers and Sisters,

What an **honor and privilege** it is to serve our Mighty God! In this annual report we are celebrating what **GOD HAS DONE** in and through His servants...staff, volunteers, leaders and team members on six continents. We will look at an unparalleled **opportunity for the simple saving truth of the Gospel to impact a new generation** in a fresh global move of God.

We invite you to celebrate with us, on the coming pages, **what God is doing** as we follow in His steps!

In Christ,

Steve Petersen
Isaiah 6:8



“The birth of a global youth culture unlike anything we have seen in world history is unfolding. You can look at photos from Brazil, Turkey, Philippines, Germany or Tanzania and see young people with the same styles of phones, clothes, music, and world views. They are largely a generation that has rejected the norms of the past from politics to religion. Millions are adrift, looking for purpose, identity and belonging.”

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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 three bases, all the TMI staff, Bible school students, Rescue Units, and Sunday schools. 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 children, four bonus children, and eight 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. In 2022, they began to feel the call to return to Teen Missions.

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

Is 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.”

I Peter 2:9 ESV

In everything we do, we seek to reflect

OUR CORE VALUES

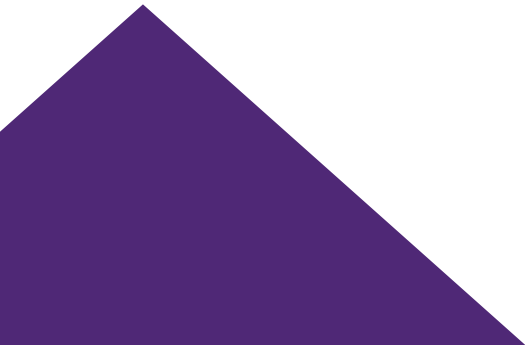
THE AUTHORITY OF GOD'S WORD

“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

BOOT CAMPS

TRAINING & DISCIPLESHIP

THE LORD'S BOOT CAMP IS 10 DAYS OF INTENSE SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL TRAINING. UNIQUE TO TEEN MISSIONS AND FOUNDATIONAL FOR OUR SUMMER 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.

WORLDWIDE BOOT CAMPS

36 BOOT CAMPS

154 TEAMS

3,327 TEAM MEMBERS

823 LEADERS

21,048 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

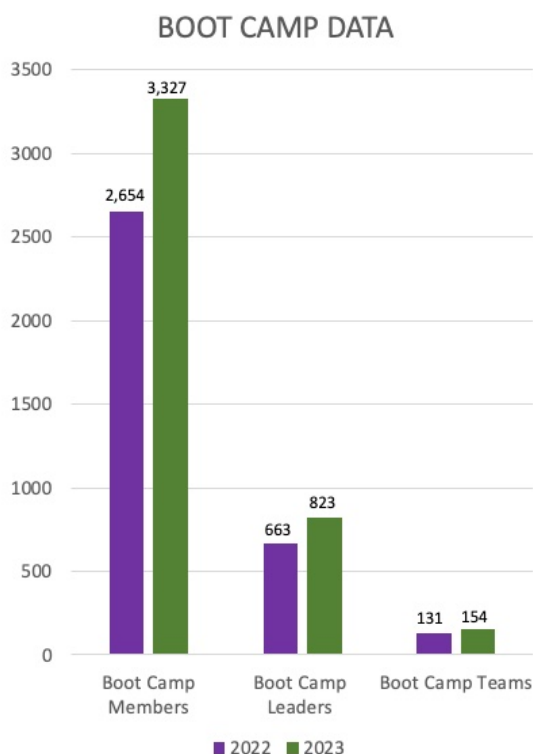


Boot Camp classes include:

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

“In the US training program, we are rejoicing to see a 30% increase in registrations over last year. To God be the glory! This past summer, there was a **powerful presence of the Holy Spirit moving** amongst our teams throughout training and in the evening rallies under the Big Top. Youth were pressing after the Lord in worship with passion and fervor. They sat with counselors and laid their burdens at the foot of the cross. Every team returned to **Debrief FULL of testimonies of lives changed** for eternity through their work and evangelism.” SP

“Overseas, we are seeing **unprecedented growth** in our established programs and open doors in multiple countries asking for partnership and training for their young people.” SP



US Boot Camp Testimony

“One of the biggest things that has a special place in my heart is how much time Teen Missions has every team member read God’s Word and pray. It changes attitudes and it motivates everyone. Seeing God work through that is amazing.”

-Noah, Assistant Leader
Taiwan 2023

Overseas Boot Camp Testimony

Teen Missions gave me a packet of 40 Bible memory verses. From these I would get something and meditate on it. The way I was when I came to Teen Missions is not the same as when I went home. I grew a lot spiritually.

Team Member Zambia Boot Camp 2023



BIBLE SCHOOLS

TRAINING & DISCIPLESHIP

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

28 BIBLE SCHOOLS

IN 14 COUNTRIES

451 STUDENTS

TESTIMONY

“Before BMW, I was living my life with no purpose just thinking that one day I will die. I didn't have hope for my future, and I didn't think I would do anything meaningful with my life...My time at BMW changed everything. Doing door-to-door ministry, sharing the Gospel and seeing people come to Christ is what opened my mind to realize my purpose.”

- Jahswel,
Former Bible School
Student Malawi, Africa



RESCUE UNITS

MERCY & DISCIPLESHIP

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.



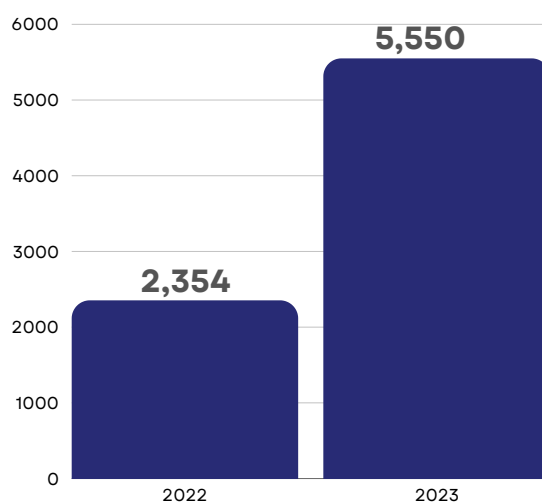
RESCUE UNIT STATS

39 RESCUE UNITS

IN 3 COUNTRIES

2,860 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

Average Weekly Attendance



“During our recent evangelism outreach, we had a profound encounter with a 15-year-old girl who had not been previously exposed to the teachings of Christ. We engaged in heartfelt conversations, sharing the message of God’s love, grace, and the transformative power of faith.”

~ Rescue Unit Staff in Zambia

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

EVANGELISM & DISCIPLESHIP

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 school.

“Sunday school has helped me a lot because I have learned how to read the Bible. Even my parents now understand who Jesus Christ is.”

~ Patuma

Sunday school in Malawi



SUNDAY SCHOOL STATS

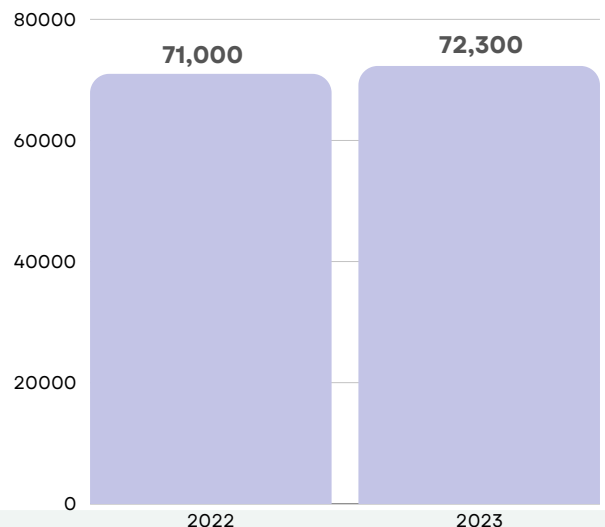
14 COUNTRIES

508 SUNDAY SCHOOLS

140 CIRCUIT RIDERS

73,001 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

Average Weekly Attendance



MATRON UNITS

MERCY & DISCIPLESHIP

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.

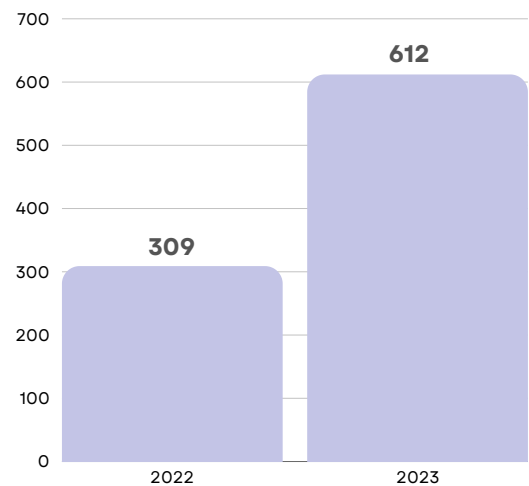


10 MATRON UNITS

IN 4 COUNTRIES

329 GIRLS MONTHLY

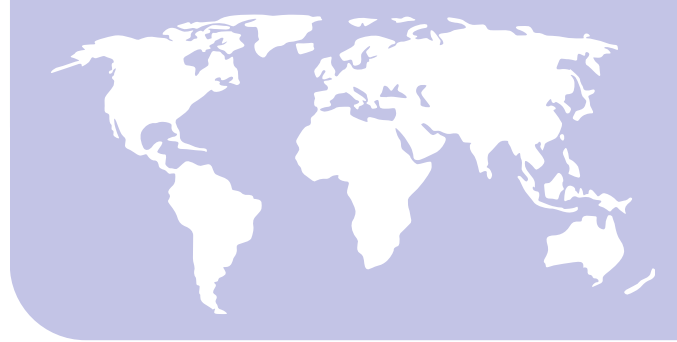
DECISIONS FOR CHRIST



“Through the Matron Unit ministry, girls have been given the opportunity to flourish and pursue their dreams.”

~ Matron Unit Staff in Zambia

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

In the spirit of Philippians 1:3-8, we are deeply grateful for the unwavering support and partnership of our donors. The commitment to advancing the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus has been the cornerstone of our mission. We are immensely thankful for the generosity and faithfulness of our partners in the Gospel.

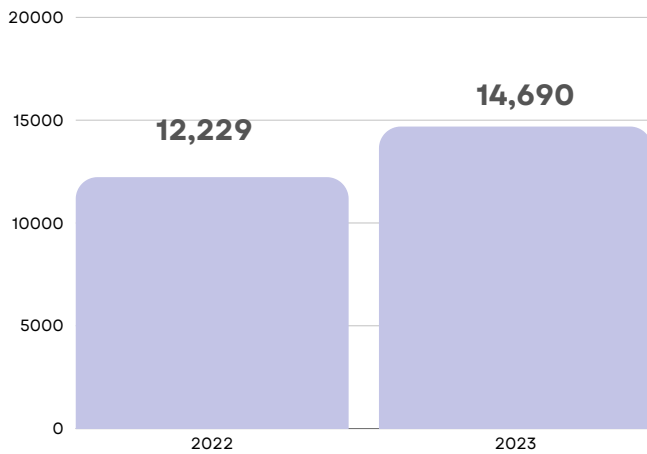
The generosity of our donors has enabled us to spread the message of hope, love and redemption to communities far and wide. Through donors’ support, lives are being transformed and hearts are being touched by the grace of the Lord. The dedication of our donors fills us with immense joy and strengthens our resolve to continue our mission.

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

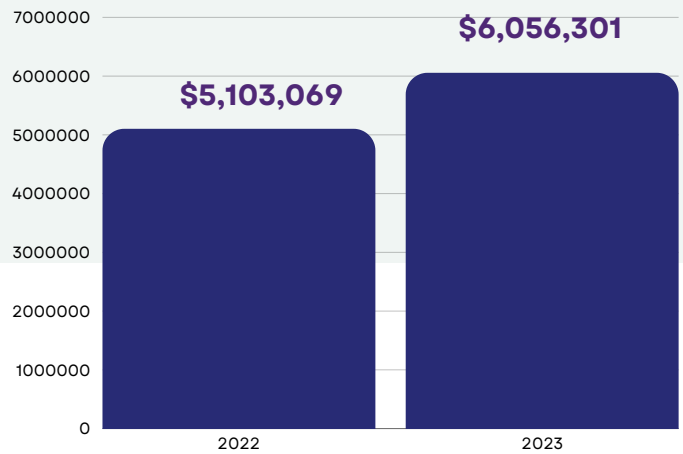
“And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.” Philippians 1:6-8

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TOTAL GIFTS RECEIVED



TOTAL INCOME FROM GIFTS



When we retired from our careers in Christian school ministry in Minnesota, we were looking for a volunteer opportunity where we could be **part of a community doing meaningful work**. We learned of TMI, which is in alignment with our beliefs and values, and we were eager to come alongside this organization.

As volunteers, Curt does a variety of projects that enhance the base facilities, such as building benches for the trails on property. I (Nancy) enjoy sewing puppets, puppet stage curtains, and drama props used in evangelism during summer ministries worldwide.



As we complete our 8th year of serving in the winter, we have seen first hand how TMI is **true to their Mission, Vision, and Core Values**. They participate in morning chapel where the Word of the Lord is proclaimed and taught. We have observed that prayer is a hallmark of the organization, as TMI bases and missionaries around the world are covered in prayer prior to daily chapel, and also during the work day in the prayer closet. We notice that there is great camaraderie and care among the staff and students, and we feel very much a part of the TMI community.

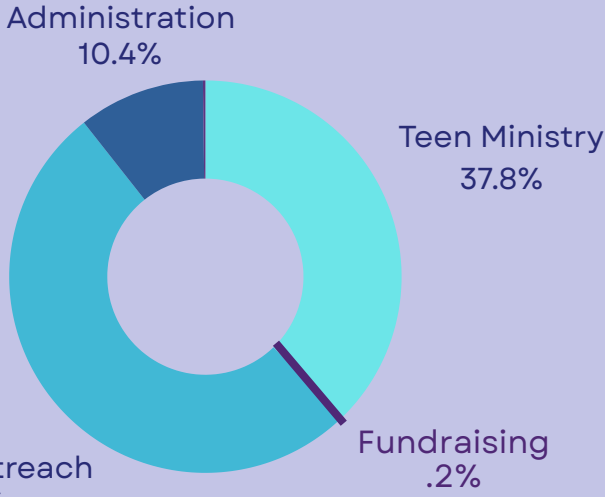
We are excited to see how TMI provides the opportunity for young people to grow in and serve the Lord through the free Bible school, Sojourner School of Ministry.

We enjoy supporting this ministry financially to further God's Kingdom.

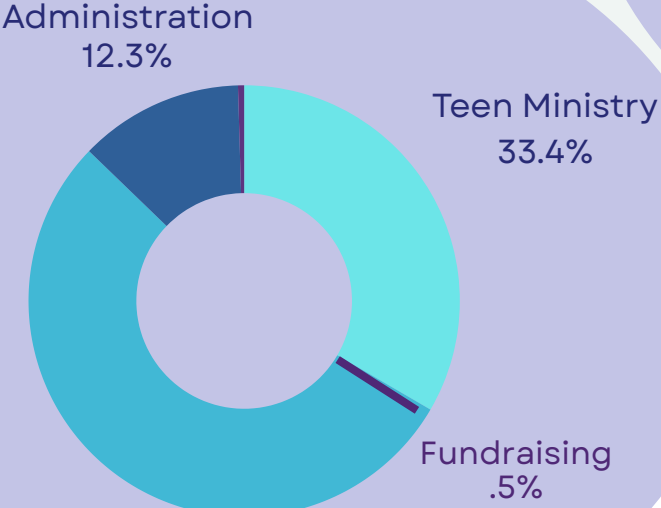
Curt & Nancy Wetsel

OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES EXPENSES

2023



2022



**TOTAL OPERATIONAL EXPENSES
\$ 5,904,919**

**TOTAL OPERATIONAL EXPENSES
\$ 5,328,704**



MEET THE TEEN MISSIONS BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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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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