

PCF's MAT

Annual Report 2023

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Thank you once again for your support of the Mission Awareness Team in one way or another. Not only does ten percent of your giving go to support our mission endeavors, but a greater percentage of your time, focus, service, and love goes to support us as well. We sense it. It flows from the Spirit of God through you who are a part in some way to us and out into the great big world. Our aim never changes: the Great Commission and the Greatest Commandment.

The following were the much appreciated and faith-filled members of the MAT in 2023: Tom & Eileen Brittain (overseeing elder), Tony & Gail Swierkowski, Ryan & Kristyn Loos, Rudy & Sharon Snow, Sue Prutsman, Sharon and Ashley Ameis, Becky Owen, Travis Dusterhus, Ray Larivey, Amy Hackett, John Atzrott, Erica Hutchinson, emeritus Sabina Mogavero, and Jodi Hokenson.

Our first team meeting of the year happened on January 15. Recent mail from missionaries was read. Announcement and planning concerning Roscoe's home visit in parts of February and March was made with an annual missions' emphasis Sunday and dinner on Sunday, March 5 during Roscoe's visit. Updating the MAT bulletin was first discussed. Abram Kidd's invitation to Tanzania was brought up. The team prayed.

In February Jodi and Kristyn began to meet to prayerfully plan for a trip to Tanzania after Kristyn accepted the invitation to lead the team.

On March 5 we held our international dinner in the gym. On March 7, Kristyn and Jodi met for more Africa short-term trip planning. On March 30, Roscoe, Kristyn, and Jodi met for more trip planning and preparation.

The team met on April 16 to review our "Revised: February 2019" policy, to discuss a short-term trip to Tanzania, and to plan for our new and improved bulletin board, including purchasing a digital photo frame to accompany the bulletin board. Travis Dusterhus worked to choose the frame and to administer its use.

In May Jodi and Kristyn held two Africa planning trip meeting over the phone, discussing possible dates, purposes, and risks. The MAT met on May 21 to detail the plan for the bulletin board and to discuss financial requests. Kristyn gave our first spring cleanup report with suggestions for improvements.

Jodi and Kristyn had a Tanzania trip phone meeting in June, and the team held a "flash meeting" to deal with financial requests from the Clarks and our former missionaries the Drayers.

On July 6, 2023, the MAT met in the Welcome Center to update and move the bulletin board. We had a lot of fun!

On August 6, Brick and Beth Cliff joined us in the morning worship service. We held a potluck dinner and a 40th anniversary celebration for the Cliffs in the gym after the morning service. Brick shared about a special opportunity to have tripled any donation given to his ministry. The MAT held a flash meeting right after the potluck so Brick could describe the opportunity more and team members could ask questions. We also questioned Brick about African trips since he is an expert—got some helpful info.

September 17th was the next MAT meeting. The updated policy was handed out. Sharon Ameis volunteered to take over the local property clean-up ministry for our elderly and singles. Kristyn Loos shared plans for this year's Operation Christmas Child packing party and trip to one of SP's packing sites. This year marked the Loos' fifth year of leading this ministry through PCF.

After much prayer, planning, and changes, Kristyn Loos led the short-term trip to Tanzania and Kenya from September 25 through October 8. The grace of God's hand bound together in love our team of four—Kristyn, Jodi, Amy Hackett, and John Atzrott—to enjoy the success and challenges of obedience to God's voice and gentle leading. Kristyn led the team through many meetings before the launch of this seven-flights' trip including meetings to apply for visas, get shots, grocery shop and prepare food for a fundraiser luncheon. (Thank you to those extras who showed up to help!) There are too many details to list!

The MAT met on October 15 for a "Ken-Tan Four" team report. Sharon Ameis reported on her fall clean-up efforts and moved the clean-up to the spring when more clean-up help is needed. The Riccis most recent email was shared, and a lot of praying was done, especially for Israel.

On October 29, 2023, the "Ken-Tan Four" team held a debrief.

November 19 was the last meeting of the year. Christmas cards were assigned, extra Christmas gifts were agreed upon for our missionaries with children, and several extra financial gifts were approved including, but not limited to, Pioneer's Giving Tree.

The following two faithful MAT members stepped down as of the end of 2023: Erica Hutchinson and Ryan Loos. We are forever grateful for your time and service. One new couple will be added in 2024: Nate & Marriah Propert. Welcome to the team, and may the Holy Spirit lead us wherever He wants us to wait or go in 2024.

God bless you all. I love you all!

Jodi