

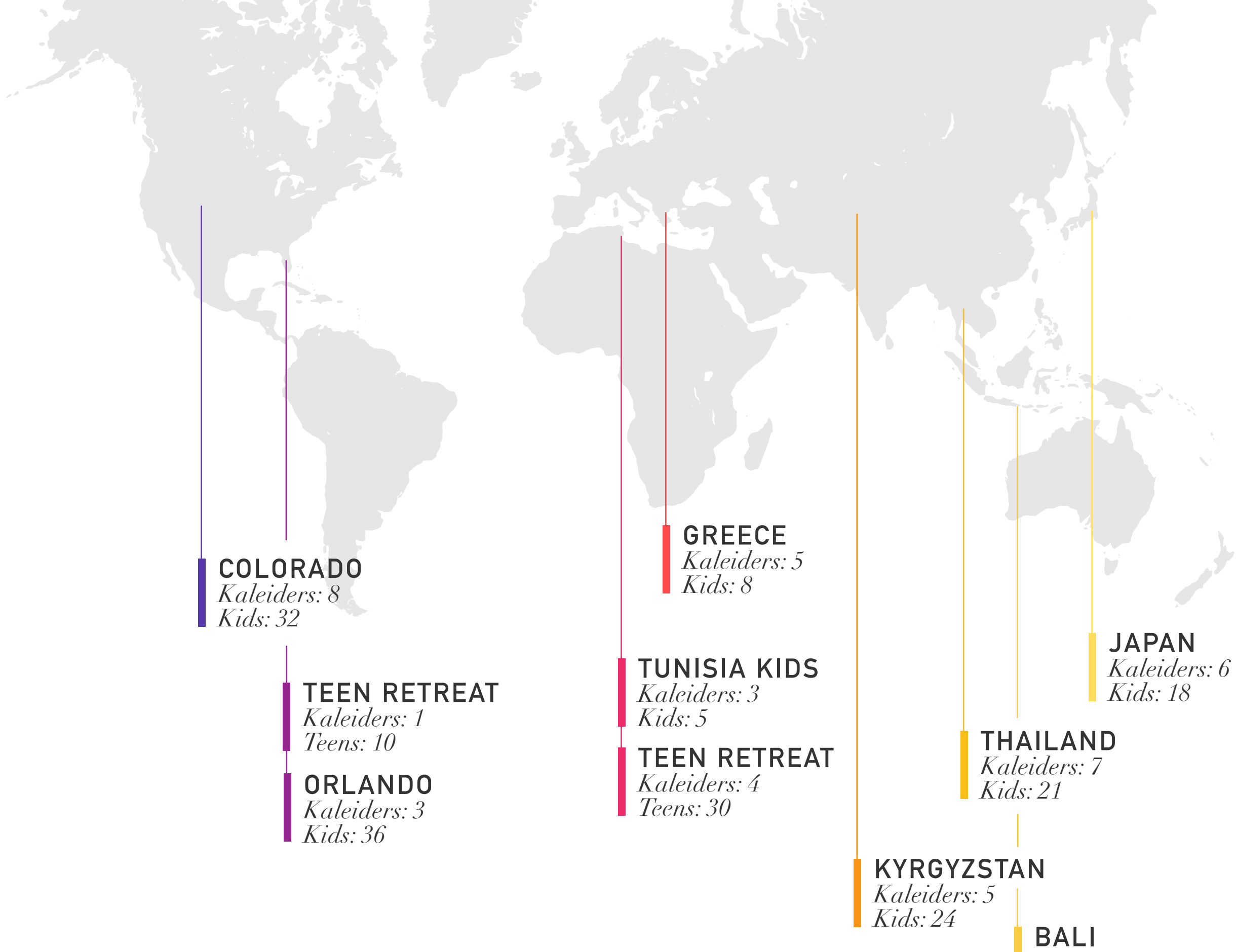


# A Look Back

## — 2017 Annual Report —

### Conference Information

**09** TOTAL CONFERENCES      **11** TOTAL EVENTS      **48** TOTAL KALEIDERS      **222** TOTAL KIDS



**2,920** CUPS OF COFFEE      **10** OVERWEIGHT BAGS

**168** FLIGHTS ACROSS THE ATLANTIC      **0** LOST CHILDREN

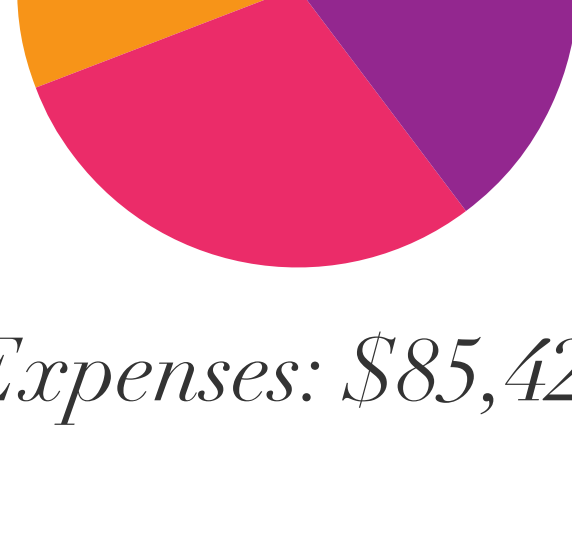
**24** LBS OF HOMEMADE SILLY PUTTY      **3** GALLONS OF TIE-DYE

**95** HRS OF VIDEO CALLS      **9** PROFESSOR PINEAPPLES

**CAMERON DESALVA**  
I am half Filipino and spent my early childhood living in the Philippines. While I'm not certain I would be considered a TCK, I understand what it means to have the pull of two different cultures on my life. I work as a Resident Director at Liberty University, as well as studying TESL part time. I'm constantly striving for a more intimate relationship with Jesus. I'm learning more and more what it means to walk by the Spirit in all things. I seek to be like Christ and to know God more through His Son.

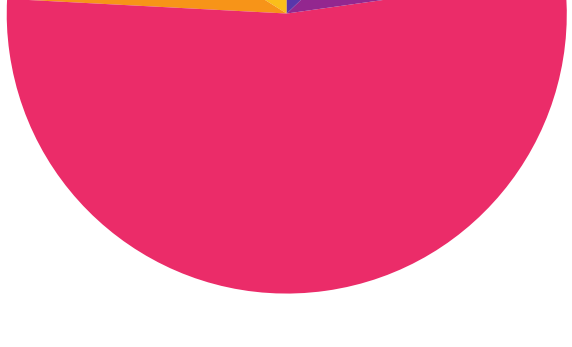


### Finances



Expenses: \$85,425

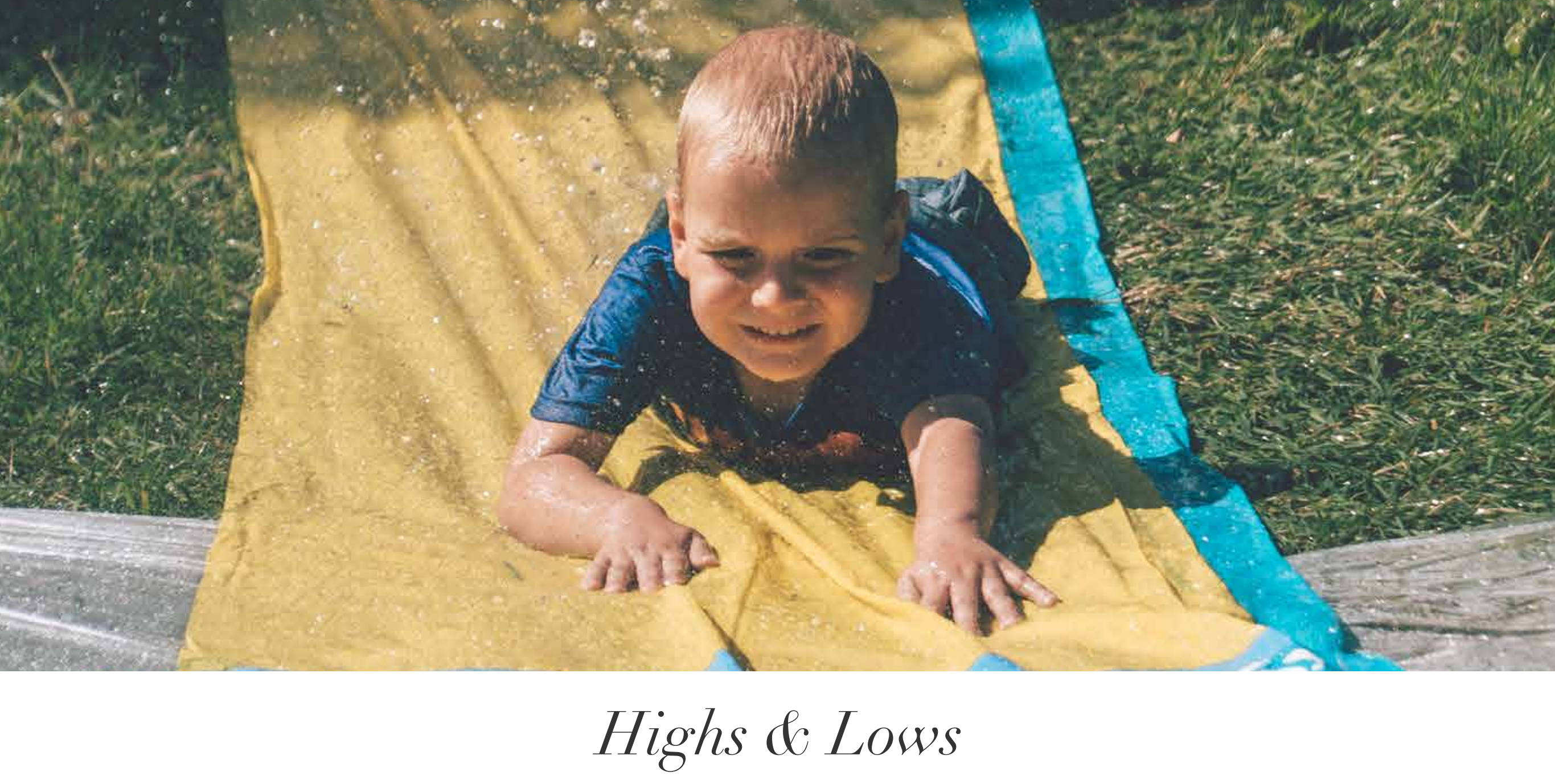
- US CONFERENCES
- INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES
- TEAM DEVELOPMENT
- INTERN PROGRAM
- OFFICE EXPENSES



Revenue: \$72,129

- RAISED BY KALEIDERS
- RAISED BY INTERNS
- MONTHLY DONATIONS
- INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS
- INCOME FROM CONFERENCES

**SETH RALSTON**  
Since 2012, I have spent my summer breaks doing short-term mission work, and I also have a passion for working with youth (including TCKs). In the past five months, God has transformed my mind, soul, and body for Him! I'm currently seeking out the next step in this new journey. I would love to either serve full time overseas somewhere or be a missions pastor at a church and lead/equip teams to do international missions. I'm honestly open to going anywhere...I feel more called to fulfilling the Great Commission and reaching the unreached than engaging with one specific people group.



### Highs & Lows



- TAUGHT FIRST PARENT WORKSHOP TO FAMILIES MOVING OVERSEAS
- HIRED ALEX DOUMA AS OUR CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATOR
- COORDINATED TWO SIMULTANEOUS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES. TWICE!
- ATTENDED EURO TCK FOR THE FIRST TIME AND CONNECTED WITH OTHER TCK CAREGIVERS
- TRAINED TWO MORE CONFERENCE COORDINATORS
- HOSTED 3 INTERNS IN NEW YORK CITY



- DENIED BY 12 GRANTS
- BEKKI SENIOR, FINANCIAL MANAGER, QUIT FOR FAMILY REASONS
- ACCRUED CREDIT CARD DEBT
- CUT TEAMS WAGES DUE TO FINANCIAL CHALLENGES
- JESSI HIT EMOTIONAL BURNOUT

**TINA WU**  
I grew up unaware that not having a nationality as part of my identity was abnormal. I had to later learn to navigate that in my college years. I am a combination of so many experiences and cultures. My experiences with clashing cultures and unfamiliar territories are ultimately what shaped who I am now: a person that I am still discovering to this day, at 26 years old. That is why ultimately I value Kaleidoscope's work with TCKs and MKs.



### Letter From Jessi

This year threw me into a tailspin. I dove head first into burnout, assuming that I was needed and vital and that no one else could do what I do. Isn't that our favorite thing to believe? As the end of the year drew near, I felt stuck in a one step forward, two steps back recovery. I was faced with a financial reality that felt completely at the fault of my leadership. I was looking toward the coming year of TCK events with dread rather than excitement. I was growing resentful of Kaleidoscope and the time and sacrifice I felt it required of me. I had no clear vision for growth in 2018 or beyond. I was perfectly content to see this coming year be a "low" year. That's natural for young nonprofits, isn't it? Perhaps it was time to dream a little smaller.

As we prepared for our Annual Report, it became increasingly apparent that 2017, while in the midst of it all felt like a continuous "low," was actually quite a spectacular year!

I've been trying to throw us a pity party, but instead God threw us a surprise party. I felt blindfolded and spun in circles, uncertain what was happening or where we were going, completely sure I was going to crash head first into a brick wall or over the edge of a cliff. But when the blindfold was removed and the world stopped spinning, what I found instead was friends and family gathered together cheering us on. I found a Kaleidoscope community growing stronger every day. I found a team of women and a board of directors ready to do the hard work right along side me, holding my hands in the midst of the darkness and pressing onward even when my feet are stumbling over every bump and crack.

2017 was a hard year. I considered quitting over and over again. But as I look back on what was accomplished despite my discouragement and weakness I am even more in awe. As it turns out, it's not at all about what I can do or how important I am, but how even when I thought I couldn't take a tiny step forward, God was doing big, miraculous things through a community of strong, loyal and fabulous people. Now, looking forward to 2018 gives me so much hope and assurance that no matter what we accomplish or how we fail, this journey is so much bigger than just my story. Thank you for being a part of it.

Jessi Vance

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