

# Our Family is Growing!

As many of you know, Matt Macintosh was hired earlier this year on a part-time contract basis to help with the increasing work load of handling Expo online and phone registrations and now through the leading of the Lord, much prayer, the unanimous approval of our board and God opening some very special doors of provision, we are excited to announce the hiring of our first full-time employee, Tracy Vecchietti.

Tracy, comes to the ministry with a wonderful heart for the Lord, great credentials and work experience. Just as with the addition of Matt earlier, this will be a huge blessing for Access-Life and increase our ability to reach more people living with disabilities as God continues to guide and grow things.

In addition to their great skills and work ethics, both Matt and Tracy have their own stories of living life with a disability which brings a great deal of insight to the ministry as a whole.

While we wish each of you could spend one on one time with each of these new ministry collaborators, in the interest of space here, we thought a few words from Tracy on her journey would be blessing to share.

I became a Christian at the age of seven through the example of my mother demonstrating what it meant to know Jesus died for my sins and rose again. I grew up going to church and was involved in AWANA and other church activities. It wasn't until I got to college and got involved with Campus Crusade for Christ (Cru) that I really began to understand what an ongoing relationship with Christ was and how to grow in my faith. Since then my faith has continued to grow as I see God at work in and through my life.

While in college, I felt called to ministry and soon after graduating with my bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, I joined the staff of Cru in 1998. I moved to Orlando in 1999 and began working at Cru headquarters in the Campus Ministry Human Resources office as an HR Assistant and Leadership Development Coordinator. In 2005, God called me to use my



teaching background as Children's Ministry Director at my church but after my pastor left to take another job, God led me to an Administrative Assistant position at Wycliffe Bible Translators. I served as an Administrative Assistant to the VP of Prayer Ministries from November 2006 until September of this year as God has now given me the opportunity to serve with Access-Life as Administrative Manager. My journey in joining the Access-Life team is definitely a God Story. And, even after only a few short weeks on the job, I can already see that the adventure is just beginning!

My first Expo was in East TN in August and it was one I will never forget. I laughed when after the Expo, a volunteer asked if this was my favorite Expo. I admitted that, "yes this is my favorite and first Expo!" For me, that East TN Expo will always hold a special place in my

heart. All the people there were so warm, helping me feel instantly welcome and part of the team. At that Expo, I think I had a unique perspective; I was a volunteer, but also an observer. Growing up with a disability, there weren't many organizations or events like this one for my family and me. So to see the impact it had on families was such an honor. Watching the "cheer line" and seeing the joy on people's faces when they were celebrated was a gift. I hope it will always bring tears and a smile each time I see it!

The East TN Expo was also the place that God confirmed my joining the Access-Life team. I had made my way down to the docks and was enjoying the peace of God's creation and beautiful weather, and reflecting on all the people there enjoying the day's event. God spoke to my heart, "I know the journey has been long and painful, but I opened this door for you and we'll walk through it together."



*Matt Macintosh*  
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**Feb. 8: Roaring Creek, Belize - Blessed with 143 attendees!**

**Feb. 14: West Palm Beach, FL - Blessed with 1078 attendees!**

**Apr. 18: Jacksonville, FL - Blessed with 479 attendees!**

**Jun. 13: Keller, TX - Blessed with 875 attendees!**

**Aug. 22: Jefferson City, TN - Blessed with 921 attendees!**

**October 3: Ocoee, FL - Blessed with 580 attendees!**

**Please join us in praising God for the great things He has done. From the lives touched by His grace through each Expo to the provision He has given for the growth of His ministry to reach individuals and families living with disabilities with His love and Gospel. Thank you, Lord!**