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## Why ASIRT's Work Is Critical — Hear What Safety-Minded Travelers Are Saying

*"We saw so many near misses that we always felt lucky to be alive whenever we arrived unscathed at a new destination. It was unfortunately much worse than I had imagined and feared."*

~ Dr. Melissa Arking, volunteer in Tanzania

ASIRT believes the safest traveler is the well-informed traveler. Our families and friends are increasingly traveling for pleasure, education, business, and humanitarian work. ASIRT provides valuable resources to travelers so they can return home safely.

Maryland resident **Dr. Melissa Arking** and her daughter, **Vivi**, recently traveled to Tanzania to volunteer. She found ASIRT's **Road Safety Review (RSR)** for Tanzania invaluable while preparing for her trip and shares about a crash she witnessed:

*"It was in Zanzibar at a busy intersection where a public bus did not yield to oncoming traffic and a motorbike did not see the bus until it was too late. The two collided right in front of us and the rider was thrown off his bike and without a helmet. He landed face down on the ground. No police or ambulance ever arrived.... I would advise travelers to obtain the **ASIRT Road Safety Review** for their countries of travel. I would also urge people to only ride with experienced drivers and to always make sure a vehicle has working seatbelts before heading out. Don't be afraid to challenge this. Your life is not worth the risk."*



Vehicle on a road in Tanzania

ASIRT inspires action by providing resources to minimize road risks and inform travel decisions and working to ensure that road safety is a priority for families, education abroad communities, corporate travelers, and humanitarian aid workers.

ASIRT resources include webinars for seasoned travelers and those who may not be familiar with road safety issues. Topics include local road culture and laws, driver behavior, emergency response, and medical care. ASIRT's user-friendly, country-specific RSRs are also a valuable resource to help evaluate road conditions and risk and to create the safest itineraries and travel options.

Minimizing risks motivated ASIRT supporter **Bonni Berger** to purchase a **Road Safety Review** for her son in preparation for his recent trip to New Zealand. She shares:

*"I got the report to soothe my own anxieties about him traveling by car, by himself. He had already done his research and knew most of what the report said. But for other travelers who don't do as much research as he did, it would be very helpful and handy to have all of it in one place. I learned some things from the report, which enabled me to talk to him about them... about some road closures and planning around them."*

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Contributions allow ASIRT to develop important road safety resources used by travelers and their families like Melissa and Bonni. During the summer travel season, please consider supporting ASIRT's mission to improve the safety of travelers on the world's roads. When you donate \$100 or more, **you will receive a gift of a Road Safety Review** for a country of your choice. This comprehensive resource is a valuable planning tool for you or a fantastic gift for a family member, friend, or student who is preparing to travel.

Not familiar with ASIRT's **Road Safety Reviews**? Free sample reports for Brazil, Czech Republic, and Uganda are available [here](#). Each RSR includes a high level of detail on topics such as local road culture, regulations, travel options, accommodations and inclusions for mobility challenges, frequent road crash sites, emergency medical care, and important contact information.



Dr. Melissa Arking and her daughter Vivi in Tanzania