



a mission with vision

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FOURTH QUARTER 2024 NEWSLETTER

YEAR-END UPDATE

To everyone who partnered with us throughout this past year, either as donors or participants, we would like to provide you with the results of our vision ministry used throughout 2024 by numerous mission teams. As much as we would like to receive results from every team that uses our refraction kits and methodology, we can only provide the results from those teams that did report back.

For starters, we added 22 new mission teams this past year. In addition to this, 20 past participating organizations and individuals reached out to us for additional training or supplies. Our email distribution list increased, adding 200 more names, which could be attributed to the number of people we met and spoke with at the six conventions and conferences we exhibited during this past year.

Finally, based upon reports from teams, over 10,400 people had their eyes examined, with over 7,200 receiving eyeglasses. Most importantly are the number of people that prayed to receive Christ as their Savior. Just under 2,700 committed their lives to Christ through this ministry. Praise God!!! This number could be quite understated as there may be teams out there that are using our refraction kits and taking vision ministry onto the mission field which we are not aware of. Below are some photos from people being examined over the course of 2024.



QUESTION OF THE QUARTER

Should I be concerned with running out of +/-0.50 glasses? The simple answer to that is “No.” Why? This is a very weak strength and those that test at this strength, or at +/-0.25, can get by until they positively, absolutely need glasses which then, they will most likely test at +/-1.00. Our advice is to tell them their vision is just about 20/20 and have their eyes examined in another year should you be part of a returning team. If you will not be returning, train the local ministry partner on how to use the refraction kit and leave a few +/-1.00 glasses, along with a refraction kit and any other glasses you wish to leave behind.

CONTINUING OUTREACH

For 2025, we plan on once again attending a few conferences that proved worthwhile last year. The ICOM conference will be in Atlanta, from November 19-22. GMHC, November 6-8, will once again be in Louisville. A new one for us this year is the M25 Conference, in Kansas City, hosted by the Nazarene Church, February 10-12. And coming up on February 20-22, we will once again be at the M3 Mobilizing Medical Missions conference in Houston. Look for us there.



TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

Throughout 2024, teams travelled around the world taking vision ministry along with them. Here is a recap of the countries where we know Eye Doc in a Box has been taken:

Uganda
Moldova
Panama
Guatemala
Ethiopia
Cuba
Honduras
Belize
Mexico
Nicaragua
Malawi
Tanzania
Brazil
Ghana
Mongolia
Peru
Cambodia
Nepal
India
Kenya
Haiti
El Salvador
Portugal

DONATE

Our fundraising campaign in December received \$3,550 in donations, being matched dollar for dollar. Thank you to all those that helped support us in 2024. Additional contributions will help **Eye Doc in a Box** provide training and tools to support mission teams. You can donate by check, credit card, PayPal, or Zelle. Visit our website for details: www.eyedocinabox.com/donate.

CUSTOMS ISSUE

Recently, eyeglasses were confiscated by customs officials from a member of a mission team traveling to Ethiopia. This also happened in the past with a member of a mission team traveling to the Dominican Republic. Sometimes, travel arrangements change causing one person left transporting eyeglasses into a country in one or two suitcases. This type of situation raises red flags among customs officials assuming the person is there to sell these glasses. In one of these cases, the eyeglasses were never released; the other case is still pending. As part of our training, we recommend either obtaining an official government document allowing these glasses to enter the country, or if possible, distribute the glasses among as many team members traveling with you. The sample letters that we provide are no guarantee you will pass safely through customs.