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## FIRST QUARTER 2025 NEWSLETTER

### CUSTOMS & KENYA CONNECTIONS

It was brought to our attention that a team traveling to Ethiopia was stopped by Customs agents and their eyeglasses were impounded and never released. We are not aware if the eyeglasses being brought into the country were distributed among team members or contained in just one or two suitcases. As we mention in our training, make sure to distribute eyeglasses among team members in checked luggage, carry-on luggage, and backpacks so as not to raise suspicion from Customs officials. If possible, prior to your trip, attempt to obtain a letter from the country's Ministry of Health or other responsible organization to reduce the possibility of an incident when entering a country.

While at the M3 Conference, we happened to make two connections with representatives from the country of Kenya that offered their services should any mission teams experience problems with Customs. Should you be having a mission team traveling to Kenya, and would like to have their contact information, please reach out to us at [eyedocinabox@gmail.com](mailto:eyedocinabox@gmail.com). One contact is a government official, while the other has close connections with the President of the country. While we always recommend distributing eyeglasses among trip members, one never knows when customs officials may stop someone from entering the country with eyeglasses, even used ones.

### CITYRISE CHURCH - HOUSTON

We would like to thank CityRise Church in Houston for inviting us to train their mission trip leaders in-person prior to attending the M3 Conference. One mission team had already been trained, via Zoom, and recently returned from Kenya, examining close to 300 people in the village they were working. Pictured here are some of the patients they examined, including one eighty-year-old gentleman.



## CONTINUING OUTREACH

This Quarter, **Eye Doc in a Box** exhibited at the M25 Nazarene Conference in Kansas City as well as the M3 Mobilizing Medical Missions Conference in Houston. These events focused on raising awareness on the need for vision care, along with reaching the lost for Christ in countries around the world.

In November, we hope to be exhibitors at two more events: The Global Mission Health Conference (11/6-8; Louisville, KY) and the ICOM Conference (11/19-22, Atlanta, GA). If you plan to be at either of these events, please stop by the **Eye Doc in a Box** booth.

## OFF AND RUNNING

In just the first three months of this year, **Eye Doc in a Box** has already distributed over 5,000 eyeglasses to mission teams going to various countries such as Kenya, Guatemala, Thailand, Mexico, Guyana, Armenia, El Salvador, Honduras, Romania, Senegal, Liberia, Jamaica, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

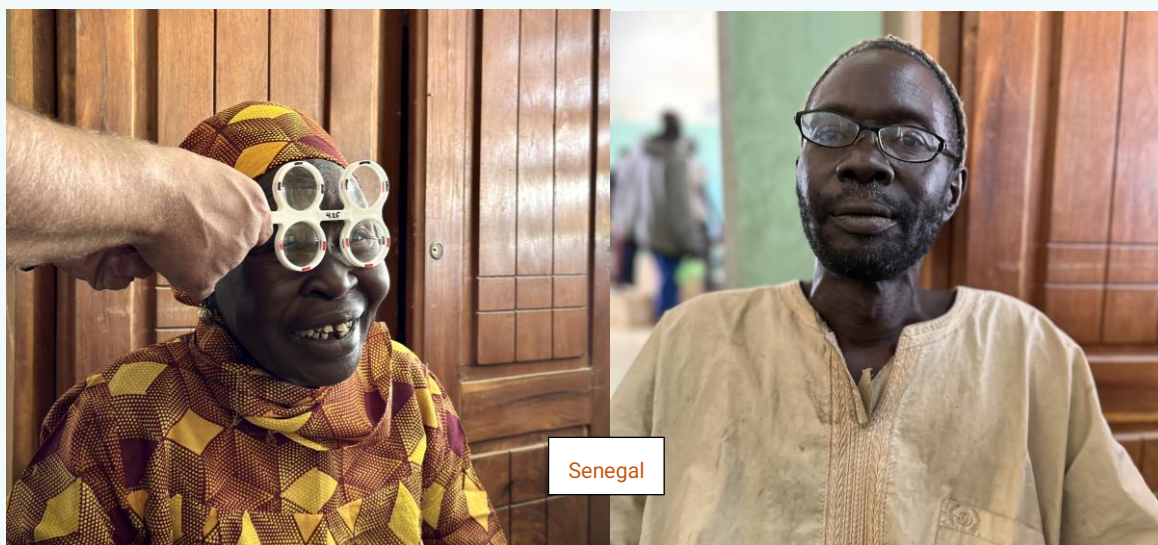
## QUESTION OF THE QUARTER

What should I do if a patient's vision exam tests at a +2.00 strength and I have run out of inventory at that strength?

Whether it be for reading or distance, have the patient try the +1.75 and the +2.25 strength glasses. Depending on which one they prefer, send them off with that pair of glasses. Glasses that are +/- .25 above or below their vision exam will not hurt them. This can be said for any strength that you may run out of inventory on.



## PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD



## TRAINING VIDEO

We now have a 60-minute training video available for past participants, who have already completed our zoom or in-person training, to serve as a refresher for your team. Send us a request for this video by email to [eyedocinabox@gmail.com](mailto:eyedocinabox@gmail.com) and we will provide you the link.