



a mission with vision

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## SECOND QUARTER 2025 NEWSLETTER

**Eye Doc in a Box** is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization whose goal is to meet the eye care and spiritual needs of the more than one billion people around the world who need eyeglasses. We do so by training and equipping lay people for this work. Everyone can participate: **Pray, Give, Go**. Read on for an update on our work, and yours, over the first half of 2025.

### OFF TO A GREAT START

You've been busy, and we've been right there with you. During the first six months of 2025, we have hosted 21 training sessions (that's almost one per week). You've requested 61 refraction kits and over 12,000 pair of eyeglasses! For some, this has been the first time partnering with us; with others, it is good to have you back for new refraction kits after your work in over a decade of vision clinics. Please continue to share your pictures and stories with us. Contact us at 706.240.2321 or at [eyedocinabox@gmail.com](mailto:eyedocinabox@gmail.com) with your needs.

### DONATE

Help **Eye Doc in a Box** train and equip mission teams by donating today.

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### WHY

Simon Sinek's bestselling book, *"Start with Why"* focuses on the importance of understanding the purpose behind actions in order to inspire and lead effectively. So, **WHY** offer a vision clinic as part of a mission trip? Your vision clinic addresses two very large needs. The first is providing eyeglasses to some of the one billion people worldwide that need eyeglasses but don't have access to them. And, while that is a BIG need, the second is actually BIGGER.

Your vision clinic provides the opportunity for evangelism to some of the eight billion people in the world. Your vision clinic embodies the Great Commission (Matthew 28: 16-20), by offering a practical way to share the message of Christ with people in need.

Partnering with a local church or missionaries in the country you are going encourages them and multiplies their impact. They can provide the critical follow through...discipleship...that your short-term mission team can't because you've gone home.

While your primary reason...your **WHY**... for going may be to serve others, God is also doing profound things in the lives of those who obey His commandment to "Go." Participants often find that they are equally transformed by their experience.

## HEARING FROM YOU



Your stories and pictures are inspiring to us and to others. From Calvary Church in Oak Lawn, IL came these stories and picture: “We had one patient, a man born without legs or arms, who was very near-sighted (he couldn't even make out the figure at the top of the eye chart). We worked the EDIAB system and finally found the right power for him to see with 20/25 vision! The look on his face when he put on his new glasses was indescribable. He had happy tears in his eyes! He was so grateful, he gave us all hugs and asked to take a picture with us. That moment is one we ALL will remember.

We had another patient who had suffered a head injury as a child, which caused near-blindness in one eye. The vision in his other eye was pretty poor, too. Previously, he had received glasses to correct that eye's vision, but they had sadly slipped off into a well and he didn't have the opportunity to get a replacement. Though we couldn't fix his damaged eye, we corrected the usable side. Those glasses were like gold for him--you could see him smiling from ear to ear!

A really tough case for us involved a teenager who came to be evaluated. Honestly, I don't remember how strong the glasses we gave her were, but in the course of speaking with her, we found out that she was a victim of human trafficking. She was given away by her family and taken from her hometown 5 hours away to work the shop of a local store owner. The situation was incredibly complicated, but you could see the pain and sadness in her eyes. We felt pretty helpless with her and that what we could do was so little. We gave her glasses. We encouraged her as best we knew how. We prayed fiercely over her (and continue to do so). And then she had to go back to work. My heart still aches for her and for the MANY people around the world who are in similar situations.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for the work you have done and continuing to do. The impact of this system is far-reaching and the ripple effect for the Kingdom of God is priceless. Thank you.

## SEE YOU IN THE FALL

📅 November 6–8, 2025    📍 Louisville, KY    👤 In person and virtual event

### GMHC 2025

2025 Global Missions Health Conference

