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# **THIRD QUARTER 2025 NEWSLETTER**

# Looking Back at 2025 and Looking Ahead to 2026

This Quarter, the Board members of Eye Doc in a Box have been looking back at the intentions and outcomes of 2025 as well as looking ahead to the planning for 2026. Our outcomes are on track with our intentions for 2025...to build more awareness of this ministry and engage/enable more teams to include a vision clinic in their missions work. We also want to grow our organization and are please to announce a fantastic new Board member. As for 2026, the words "even more" are repeated in our plans...exhibit at even more conferences, provide training in even more languages, and engage even more followers. See articles below for details.

#### **WHO WE ARE**

Eye Doc in a Box is a nondenominational, evangelical Christian organization whose goal is to help meet the eye care and spiritual needs of the millions of people who need eyeglasses but do not have access to them. We do so by training and equipping primarily lay people for this work. Everyone can participate: Pray, Give, Go.

# TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

#### **PERU**

Over seven days, Send Relief's Serve Tour Lima brought together 99 US volunteers from 27 churches in 18 states, alongside 149 Peruvian believers from 11 congregations to launch 12 projects across the city, serving 7,608 people. One of these twelve was a vision clinic; Eye Doc in a Box provided training and supplies for this project. Another team serving in Peru saw 649 patients and shared with us that 266 committed their lives to Jesus Christ during this week-long clinic.

#### **UGANDA**

The Stone of Life Church in Lira, Uganda recently dispensed eyeglasses to the community of Atabu Village in the Dokolo district. They shared that their plans are to serve another 12,000 people in Uganda during 2026.







#### **KENYA**

An international team with the Ashley Estrada ministry is currently in country for ten days with plans to see almost 10,000 patients in their various clinics. The vision clinic has some fifteen people trained by Eye Doc in a Box.

#### **GUATEMALA**

One team of four, partnering with Donde Hay No Doctora and Community Global Outreach in Santiago, Lake Atitlan, provided vision exams for 490 people living in the remote areas of the country. Fifty-one people committed their lives to Jesus Christ.

#### **RWANDA**

A team working in this country saw 415 patients and, in addition to the eyeglasses dispensed, had 24 people commit their lives to Jesus Christ.

# **CONTINUING OUTREACH**

In November, we will be exhibiting at two conferences:

The Global Mission Health Conference (11/6-8; Louisville, KY.



International Conference on Missions (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.

# **WELCOME DR. STEPHENS**

Eye Doc in a Box is pleased to announce our newest Board member, Dr. Nancy Stephens. Dr. Stephens is owner of Weslayan Eye Associates, in Houston, Texas. Her full bio is available at <a href="https://weslayaneyeassociates.com/our-practice/">https://weslayaneyeassociates.com/our-practice/</a>. She has been on multiple clinic trips with us and is now ready to join our team as a Board member. Welcome Dr. Stephens!



# 20,000 AND COUNTING

As of the end of the third quarter, Eye Doc in a Box has distributed over 20,000 eyeglasses to teams bringing their vision clinics to Ecuador, Senegal, Tanzania, Kenya, Peru, Rwanda, Ukraine, Ethiopia and a host of other countries. During this same period, we have provided training to 38 teams...that's averaging almost one team every week (as there are 44 weeks in these nine months). We praise God for these many opportunities to collaborate with churches and groups around the world to help meet the eye care and spiritual needs of so many people.

This Summer, a team of four brave young women stepped up to be trained for a vision clinic when the adults were not able to be there. Their amazing story can be found by clicking on this <u>link</u>. From the ministry leader at Identify the Mission, "One of the students that you trained, took everything you taught her to heart and truly became the leader of the vision station. It was as if she received a full degree from Eye Doc in a Box!! I was amazed to see the depth of all that she learned and implemented in such a short time. I know that this will be an experience that shapes her education and career forever."

# **PLEASE GIVE...YOUR DONATION IS NEEDED**

We need your donation to accomplish our "even more" plans for 2026. Eye Doc in a Box anticipates exhibiting at "even more" conferences next year, and every conference has exhibit fees. These conferences...both missions focused and annual denomination meetings...are our most cost-effective means for building awareness of Eye Doc in a Box. We plan to provide our training manuals and presentations in Spanish in 2026. Qualified translation services will ensure our content is accurately interpreted, enabling us to engage "even more" teams throughout Central and South America. We also plan to engage "even more" people in the outcomes of the work being done by teams trained by Eye Doc in a Box by standing up and maintaining a robust Facebook presence. And while these are all positive areas of growth, one negative area of growth impacting Eye Doc in a Box is that of costs. The cost of new eyeglasses, which we use to supplement those from the Lions Club, continues to rise. Similarly, refraction kit costs have increased. We have a donor who has offered "even more" matching funds...up to \$10,000 to help us keep our costs low; please contribute so that we receive this full matching gift. Please visit our website for details on how to donate: <a href="https://www.eyedocinabox.com/donate">www.eyedocinabox.com/donate</a>. Eye Doc in a Box is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowable by law. No goods or services are provided by Eye Doc in A box in return for any contribution.