



a mission with vision

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SECOND QUARTER 2026 NEWSLETTER

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 lay people for this work. Everyone can participate: Pray, Give, Go.

TRAINING

We are ahead of last year's record pace in conducting training sessions. During the first half of 2026, we have already hosted 33 virtual and in-person sessions. While most take place with teams in the US, an increasing number are taking place around the globe.

We were asked recently if we offer training in Chinese. And, while we don't yet, we can offer training materials in both English and Spanish.

EBOLA

The outbreak of Ebola in Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is real and while international medical teams are there, many of our vision teams have been sidelined by this deadly disease, and with good reason. Please pray for those people living and working in the affected areas.

DONATE

Help **Eye Doc in a Box** train and equip teams by donating today. You can donate by check, credit card, or Zelle; visit our website for details: www.eyedocinabox.com/donate.

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FOCUS ON PARTNERS

We here at **Eye Doc in a Box** enjoy working with many organizations that enhance our ability to serve you. Two are highlighted here.

- **Restoring Vision.** Restoring Vision is a US-based non-profit which provides incredible new eyeglasses, both near- and distance-lenses. Particularly for large clinics, you can order directly from them; go to the Shop Now tab on their website or click [here](#). We order from them to repackage in the smaller quantities needed by many clinics. Reach out to us if you have questions about how to secure the inventory of eyeglasses you need for your next clinic.
- **The Most Important Story.** As Dr. David Curtis our founder reminds us, **Eye Doc in a Box** is an evangelistic ministry that connects with people through eyeglasses. The small booklet entitled *The Most Important Story* is a wonderful tool to use in near-vision testing of literate and illiterate patients and is available in 107 languages! The booklet can then be given to each patient in the clinic as it shares key Bible stories and can assist in the one-on-one evangelism conversations your local missionary/pastor is holding. Check out their website for information on the [booklet](#) and the additional free resources you can use if hosting a children's outreach event during your mission trip.

START WITH WHY: THE BENEFIT OF EYEGLASSES

Has anyone asked you, why hold a vision clinic? While the answer may seem obvious, a few details on the benefits of eyeglasses may help should you need help explaining your work to the person asking. For nearly one billion people in the developing world, glasses are not accessible or are a luxury that many cannot afford.

Vision correction for children has been proven to lead to better test scores and improved academic performance in school. Without glasses, children with poor vision are at a major disadvantage in school because 80% of all learning occurs through vision. Myopia, or near-sightedness, is commonly diagnosed in children; if current trends continue, an estimated 4.8 billion people, or about half the world's population, will have myopia by 2050. Research shows that correcting myopia results in a greater impact on academic performance than any other health intervention. Remember, myopia is corrected with minus strength eyeglasses; make sure you are bringing these with you when planning for your clinic.



Improved academic achievement has long been shown to result in improved jobs and better health for children growing to be adults. Parents with better education tend to have healthier children, creating a cycle of improved health and education.

The positive impact of eyeglasses for adults is also significant. Uncorrected presbyopia, not surprisingly, makes it harder for breadwinners to support their families, increases the likelihood of traffic accidents, and forces millions of workers and farmers to leave the workforce too early. The effects of declining vision can be especially pronounced for women, who are widows or are often responsible for earning extra income for their families in addition to childcare and household chores. When it takes longer to sew and clean, or you can't pick out all the stones from the rice, income declines, health risks increase and, in some households, it results in domestic violence.



And, while these physical outcomes are impactful, even more important is the opportunity a pair of eyeglasses provides for evangelism. Serving through your vision clinic is doing for the least of them (Matthew 25:40), looking after orphans and widows (James 1:27), and loving your neighbor/one another (Matthew 22:39, Mark 12:31, Luke 10:27, John 13:34, Galatians 5:14). Your vision clinic enables you and the local minister/missionary whom you partner with to be ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20), share the good news of Jesus Christ (Mark 16:15), and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28: 19-20).

The eyeglasses you share can open both the eyes and the hearts of the people you serve.