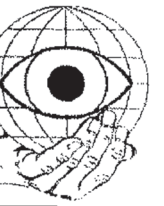


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A Newsletter For Friends of World Blindness Outreach, Inc.



Dear Friend of WBO,

Greetings to you on behalf of our dedicated WBO volunteers and the many people we have been able to help during this past year. It is through your continued and generous support that we are able to continue our work. While we were able to accomplish a great deal this year and reached some new heights in bringing light to those in darkness, we were also reminded of the unfortunate human shortfalls that sometimes stand in the way of providing care for those in need.

Traveling to any foreign land, carrying large containers of medical equipment, supplies and medications can be very complex – considering the details associated with travel, local customs and sometimes an element of personal danger. It takes a great deal of planning, packing and logistical support. Over the years, WBO teams have learned how to minimize these complexities and ensure the safety of our teams by working with people “on the ground.”

These local volunteers assist with a variety of key operational issues in getting our teams ready to go and assist patients prior to and after the procedures. Sometimes it can be a small church group, Rotary club or larger organization such as Vista Para Todos. We’ve been blessed to meet countless of these dedicated angels throughout the world on our travels – and there is no way we could have accomplished as much as we have without them.

Our most recent visits to Ecuador and the Dominican Republic, both regular stops for WBO, proceeded like clockwork. Our teams flourished with their support and provided hundreds of treatments. However, our scheduled mission to Egypt was a different story and a reminder of the inherent danger we might face without proper planning and a gracious host organization. Due to civil unrest, we made the decision to cancel this trip. Unfortunately, those in Egypt who needed our help remain in darkness, but consideration for the safety and welfare of our volunteers took precedent.

We had assembled a team, made airline arrangements and were prepared to begin packing when news reached us that increased violence had erupted in Egypt. The team had been



This photo includes the WBO team members and some of our wonderful host from the Dominican Republic. It is the collective work of these volunteer that keeps us coming back and enables us to maximize our efforts to bring light into the darkness for many.

working with a local orthodox church to coordinate the mission, but due to the nature of religious tensions in the region, we were not comfortable placing our volunteers anywhere near the violence and unrest. We assume a certain risk every time we leave our own driveways, but that risk increases when we travel abroad. Considering the history of violence and the current climate, some unfortunate and innocent people remain in need.

This experience reminds us of the many freedoms and benefits that we enjoy and often take for granted. It inspires encouragement for us to continue to use the many blessings that we enjoy to help those less fortunate. Please know that good stewardship of your support is among our highest priorities. Certain locales foster efficiencies and the maximum opportunity to help people. Please be assured that your support is appreciated and will be used to help as many as we can, as often as we can.

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Reminder!

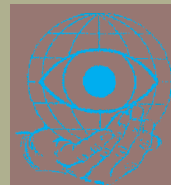
2011 WBO Golf Tournament

Monday, August 29
Lebanon Country Club
Please Make Plans To Join Us!

The Tournament Committee has begun the planning process for what we hope will be another successful and fun-filled event this year. Please mark your calendar for Monday, August 29. We hope you can be part of this important event to support WBO!



All members of the golf tournament committee, who have supported WBO for 20 years, were recognized for their service at dinner following the golf outing last year.



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Ecuador Vision Mission 11

Ecuador has become one of our favorite mission destinations over the years and it has nothing to do with the climate or the accommodations. The support and cooperation we have received from Vista Para Todos (Vision For All) has been nothing short of wonderful. Founder Diego Benitez and his team of volunteers coordinates our transportation in country, as well as the transport needs of any patients. We know that when we arrive, all we need to do is set up and begin to see patients.

All other logistics necessary for our mission are always arranged and well-coordinated. This is the value of a good local partner. Their help allowed us to perform 175 cataract procedures, treat 30 children with strabismus and organize a blindness rehab program for those who are permanently blind – a truly comprehensive effort.

Our team of blindness rehabilitation specialists work with these patients to improve their life skills and to function more independently. We were also very grateful for the support of Dr. Ruben Landazuri from Quito, an outstanding ophthalmic surgeon and a regular on many missions, as well as Dr. Eduardo Romo-Miller from Nogales, Mexico, who has graced us with his support on more than a dozen missions.

Other team members included, Albert Alley, M.D., Cynthia Alley, M.D., Cindy Poucel, R.N., Christina Salina, R.N., Sharon Yingst, C.O.T., William Cluley, Kay Macsi, Chris Ament, Daniel Lepone, Katarina Eller and David Olson.

Dominican Republic Vision Mission 18

WBO made a record 18th visit to the Dominican Republic in early December and produced a number of impressive results. We alternate between the cities of Nagua and Salcedo each year and plan to continue this tradition.

This mission involved a number of young people and students, who are hopefully influenced and inspired to continue our work for many years to come. Emily Steckbeck, a high school senior attended as part of her graduation project. Her experience prompted her to change her college major to pre-med and we wish her luck as she enters Penn State in the fall. Nurit Bor, a freshman optometry student at the Pennsylvania College of Optometry was also with us and gained valuable experience as she pursues her dream.

Under the direction of Dr. Iftikhar Chaudhry, WBO performed a record three corneal transplants during our visit, in addition to over 50 cataract procedures. This is a phenomenal accomplishment, considering our humble facilities!

We are fortunate to have the support of many talented and dedicated providers and support personnel on each mission. We are forever grateful for these volunteers as well as the financial support from countless individuals and organizations and additional support from many vendors and suppliers for equipment and medical supplies.

Unfortunately, we experienced a real scare and untimely accident on this trip. Sherry Courtney, one of our best instrument techs had a fall in the OR. She injured her hip significantly, which would require orthopedic surgery. Sherry chose to return home to Lebanon to receive her treatment under Dr. Victor Faralli via med-evac transportation. We wish her well as she continues her recovery.

Members of this mission included: Albert A. Alley, M.D., Iftikhar Chaudhry, M.D., Dave Shelley, Darlene Wilkens-Mbugwa, R.N., Nurit Bor, Sherry Courtney, R.N., Roni Avneri, Jeffrey Steckbeck and Emily Steckbeck.

Egypt Vision Mission 2

As described earlier, we were not able to accomplish our goal to help those in need in Egypt at this time. WBO remains committed however, to go wherever we can as often as we can to help those who suffer in darkness. We will make every effort to ensure the safety of our volunteer teams and good stewards of the resources that support our mission.

Mission volunteers included: Albert A. Alley, M.D., Ruben Landazuri, M.D., Mary Sue Carlson, M.D., Virginia Alley, Cindy Poucel, R.N., Sharon Yingst, C.O.T., William Cluley and Rita Hendrickson, C.O.T.

Future Missions

WBO continues to review details necessary to coordinate trips to Ecuador in September, the Dominican Republic in December, Ethiopia in March 2012, and a possible program to Thailand in May 2012. We hope to have your continued support and we appreciate everything you do to help our cause.

Mission Cataract: Lebanon Valley

After years of traveling around the globe to help those in need of our care, WBO decided to take a look in our own back yard to identify any potential need and put together a plan to help them. Although the need is relatively small compared to most developing nations, each year we are able to identify a few local individuals who fall between the cracks of insurance and access.

Rather than dedicate a single day, we have been able to develop a program, with the support of local physicians and the Physicians Surgical Center, to work these surgical candidates into our regular schedule during the month of June.

This year was no exception, thanks to the efforts and coordination of Albert Alley, MD; Raymond DeMaio, MD; Robert Campbell, M.D. and the staff at PSC.

We were able to provide free surgical intervention and follow-up care to three individuals in need.



Dr. Alley continues the WBO tradition for over 20 years!

WBO continues to be blessed with countless and dedicated mission volunteers and local supporters. Our team from Equador helped to coordinate an incredible effort with record outstanding results!

A solid plan, coupled with a good team and lots of support results in good things. These patients in Ecuador have returned after surgery to have their patches removed and to see clearly once again!

Thanks Again To The Bears!

This year, the Hershey Bears Hockey organization continued their fine tradition of supporting World Blindness Outreach - to the tune of a \$12,000 gift! Pictured here with Dr. Alley and his wife Ginny, is Doug Yingst, General Manager of the Bears Hockey Club, making the ceremonial presentation to WBO. Our thanks to the entire Hershey Bears organization!

WBO Life Enhancement Awards

The Life Enhancement Award continues to be a valuable program for individuals residing in Central Pennsylvania in obtaining equipment, assistive technology or software to enhance their daily life. Over the years the award has purchased computers, software programs, computer enhancement software, computer screen readers, braille embossers, taxi tickets, specialized toys, to mention a few. The award created by World Blindness Outreach in 1999 has been instrumental in aiding more than 20 different people.

Our recipients for 2011 received a portable CCTV, software program for a computer, and an IPAD for their employment. They will be introduced and recognized at this year's golf outing program.

Members of the Life Enhancement Award Committee for 2011 are Bonnie Cascarino, Beth Sheffy, and Kay Macsi.