



Annual Report 2018



OUR MISSION

OUR DEDICATION

Who We Are

See the Lord (STL) is a non-profit 501(c) (3) corporation based on Catholic principles that seeks to serve the underprivileged around the world by providing health care, Catholic ministry, and education. We:

1. Provide *physical* sight through free eye care and glasses
2. Provide *spiritual* sight through Catholic ministry and the spreading of the Good News
3. Provide *intellectual* sight through education in various areas including English and health courses

看見主是一個非營利501(c)(3)機構。根據天主教的原則，目的在為世界各地的弱勢群體提供醫療保健，天主教教會福傳與教育。我們：

1. 物質上，我們提供免費的眼鏡和視力檢查
2. 精神上，我們傳播天主的福音
3. 學術上，我們提供英語與視力保健的相關課程

What We Do



285 million people around the world are visually impaired



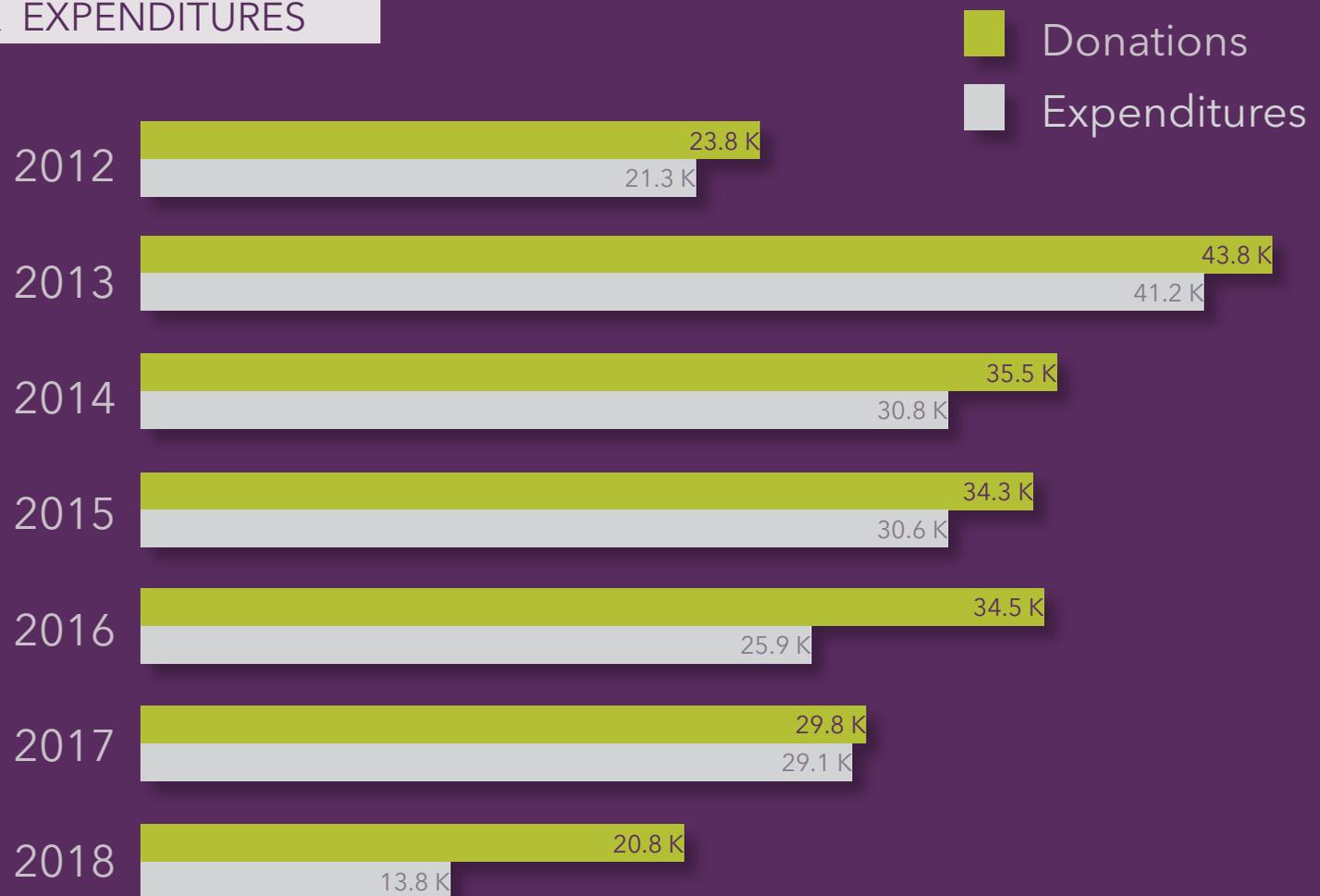
42% of those people could be cured with the right pair of glasses

STL is making that number smaller, **1** patient at a time



FACTS + FIGURES

DONATIONS & EXPENDITURES

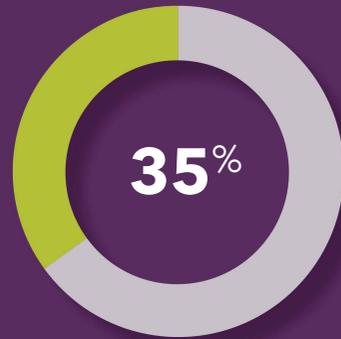


2018 DONATIONS TO DATE

\$20,750



65% from grants and long-standing STL supporters.



35% from fundraising goals from volunteers.

2018 EXPENDITURES TO DATE

\$13,754



90% for mission work: glasses distribution, equipment, transportation, supplies, donations.



10% for ongoing operating expenses.

STATISTICS SINCE 2017



1060

Patients served, from children with special needs to elderly villagers.



479

Pairs of prescription glasses provided to patients free of charge, including last year's Taiwan trip.



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Local and international mission trips, including two upcoming trips before the year-end.



Voices from our Volunteers

2018 Mission Trip
Cebu, Philippines

We put together some highlights of the experiences from two of our volunteers in the mission trip to Cebu, Philippines. We asked Andrea Magbanua, O.D. and Audrey Carmona, a pre-optometry student, their thoughts about the trip and here is what they shared with us. Happy reading.

What were your expectations before you left for the trip?

Andrea Magbanua: I thought it would be hard work and busy but a rewarding experience.

Audrey Carmona: I expected it to be rewarding, and it really was. I also expected to be in very simple living conditions.

What did you enjoy most about the trip?

Andrea Magbanua: The people!! Amazing serving the kids, so rewarding working with amazing volunteers that are appreciative and thankful. We ended up giving them exams towards the end.

Audrey Carmona: I really enjoyed being able to play and laugh with the kids we helped after we completed our assigned station.

What was the greatest blessing of the trip?

Andrea Magbanua: Being surrounded by amazing volunteers and provide services to the most appreciative children. It was amazing to see how a lot of the kids did not realize they needed glasses.

Audrey Carmona: Seeing how excited the children became when they found out they were going to get glasses.

What aspect of your team did you enjoy the most?

Andrea Magbanua: Our dinners together and talking about the things we saw and sharing stories.

Audrey Carmona: I enjoyed the friendship we formed and learning about each others' life paths.

Which clinic day was your favorite?

Andrea Magbanua: So hard to choose! Maybe the second and last day because we got the hang of it. The first day was the hardest because we had to figure out the set up.



Audrey Carmona: The second clinic day because we got the hang of how things were going to go and we were able to make corrections on some operations that caused delays, so it ran more smoothly. This was also the day when we were able to interact with the patients the most after

we finished our entrance exams and it was such a great experience.



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-Audrey Carmona

Andrea Magbanua: I will always remember and be thankful for what I have been blessed with and to be able to share my skills to kids who need it the most. I know that I will reach out and try to volunteer with this again in the future.

Audrey Carmona: This experience has opened my eyes to what life is really about and has strengthened my desire of working in the health field to serve those who have less than I do. I was able to see how happy the children we assisted were with the little they had compared to what most kids in the United States have. It truly makes you think about what provides happiness and makes you all the more grateful for what you have in life. It taught me to never take my education and healthcare services for granted, and also taught me that even one small thing I did can bring so much positive impact in other

Which free day activity was your favorite?

Andrea Magbanua: All our free days, even after clinic because we had amazing meals together.

Audrey Carmona: The day we went to another island because the boat ride was exciting and though it did not go exactly as planned, it was a very adventurous day.

Did you grow as a clinician during this trip? If so, what in particular did you learn or improve on?

Andrea Magbanua: Yes!! I am a retting machine now and am more confident with what I find. We saw a lot of rare conditions! I would've managed it differently in the US but we had to be aware of what resources were available in the Philippines.

Audrey Carmona: Though I am not a clinician yet, I did learn how to be able to interact and build a relationship with patients who cannot speak much of the same language as you. I was able to improvise and think quickly about how to be able to personable to most of the kids.

Did you grow in your spiritual life during this trip? If so, what particular aspects did you grow in?

Andrea Magbanua: Yes, I feel like I want to continue serving and giving back. The devotionals allowed me to reflect each day what we were thankful for from our trip.

Audrey Carmona: I grew in that I was reminded to stay connected in my spirituality. Lately I have been more focused on trying to go to grad school that I often forgot to say even the simplest of prayers before a meal or before I went to bed. It truly allowed me to remember to keep going back to my faith. The devotionals also opened my mind to putting more thought into my relationship with God as I answered some of the questions about Him.

How did this experience impact your life?



people's lives. Being that it was in the country my parents and grandparents came from, it also strengthened my roots and made me more in touch with my culture.

How do you plan to apply the things you've learned to your current life situation?

Andrea Magbanua: Adopt what I learned with children to my own future optometry practice and continue reflections and daily devotionals with this past trip in mind.

Audrey Carmona: It motivates me even more to continue pursuing optometry no matter how hard I think it can get. 

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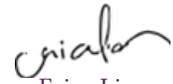
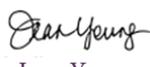
STL completed international mission trips to three different countries this year -- Taiwan, Honduras, and the Philippines. It continues to be a joy serving in Taiwan since our inaugural trip in 2012. Our volunteers for the Honduras trip in 2017 were so moved by their experience that two volunteers returned to serve again this year. We are also so grateful to serve the people of the Philippines once more as we have not returned since 2014 due to safety concerns. Besides our international endeavors, we are still providing eye care to the migrant farmers in the Central Valley of California each spring and find opportunities to serve the homeless around the Bay Area. Many of the individuals we encounter are able to witness Christ's love and receive the gift of sight through our ministry. Our ministry is made possible by your generous support. So, thank you for directly or indirectly touching the lives of the 1000+ people we met face-to-face this year.



Our actions stem directly from James 2:15-16:

"If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,' but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it?"

Peace and joy,

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