

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Our Year in Numbers



STATISTICS FOR 2021

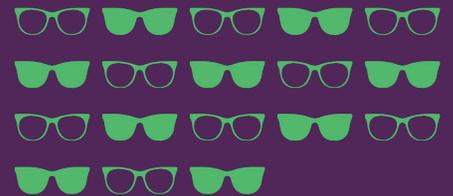
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PATIENTS SERVED

Since COVID shelter-in-place this year.

146



PAIRS OF GLASSES PRESCRIBED

Given to patients free of charge.

10



STAFF & VOLUNTEERS ENJOYED LASER TAG

For the end of the year activity.

2



MISSION TRIPS ATTENDED

Since COVID shelter-in-place, St. Bernadette's in Los Angeles and St. Vincent de Paul in Oakland.



8,307

TOTAL PATIENTS SERVED

From children with special needs to elderly villagers.



39

TOTAL MISSION TRIPS SERVED

Both locally and internationally, including homeless outreach and vision screenings.



4,072

TOTAL PAIRS OF PRESCRIPTION GLASSES

Provided to patients worldwide.

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Voices from our Volunteers



We put together some highlights of the experiences from one of our volunteer optometrists in the mission trip to Los Angeles in July. We asked Kelsey Bell, O.D. her thoughts about the trip and here is what she shared with us about her experience. Happy reading.

What were your expectations before you left for the trip?

I was expecting to apply firsthand the skills I learned in optometry school. I was excited to serve and provide optometric services to those who otherwise might not receive care. I was expecting to bond with fellow classmates and other STL volunteers.

What did you enjoy most about the trip?

I really enjoyed interacting with the patients. I had the opportunity to see a number of patients who were all different ages with different backgrounds. I felt inspired by their joy and gratitude.

What was the greatest blessing of the trip?

It was a huge blessing having my husband come on the trip with me. We both have a goal to use our marriage as an instrument to serve others and point others towards Jesus. The volunteer experience allowed us the opportunity to love others well.

What aspect of your team did you enjoy the most?

I enjoyed the way in which members of the team helped one another. I feel like everyone worked hard and were unified with a common goal. During the trip, we had volunteers who were helping with translating which was a huge help.

I also liked how there was a mix of optometry students and new grads. It was exciting being in a position to help the students, as it was my first service trip as a licensed optometrist.

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

I feel like I did grow as a clinician during this trip. During the trip, I became more comfortable with retinoscopy. It was also helpful having

more practice with trial frame refractions.

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

This trip helped me grow in my compassion and empathy. When Jesus walked the earth, He was known as the Savior who healed people physically. The trip reminded me how we can use our profession to point others to the gospel. Throughout the trip, I tried to reflect on how Jesus would treat each patient I saw. It also helped me gain more vision for future service opportunities in my community.

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

I plan to fight to bring the same heart of compassion and empathy to the patients I see on a day to day basis. I will continue to pray for opportunities to express God's love in the workplace. This trip helped me see how small acts of service can soften a person's heart and impact them in a significant way.

