



Annual Report 2016



OUR MISSION

OUR DEDICATION

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



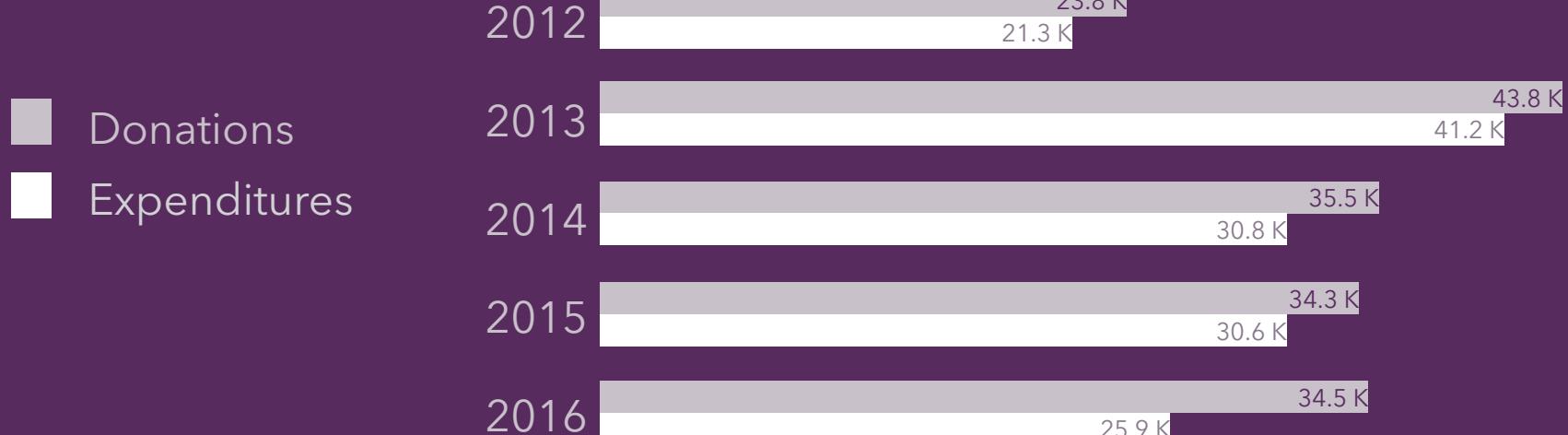
42% of those people could be cured with the right pair of glasses

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



FACTS + FIGURES

DONATIONS & EXPENDITURES



STATISTICS SINCE 2012



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

Pairs of prescription glasses provided to patients free of charge.

Sunglasses supplied to patients that have sun damage to their eyes.

Local and international volunteers united to work on mission trips.



These Least Brothers of Mine

By Patrick Wong

Earlier this summer, See the Lord teamed up with Google employees for our first ever homeless outreach event. We were excited to offer a volunteer opportunity for corporate workers to work alongside See the Lord staff and student members. This was also the first time we concentrated solely on the Catholic Ministry portion of our mission, with no eye care services. It was a wonderful opportunity to live out the spiritual and corporal acts of mercy during this Jubilee Year of Mercy.



We served the homeless in Downtown San Jose, part of Santa Clara County -- with almost 8,000 homeless, which is the seventh largest population in the United States. Over 25 volunteers spent Saturday morning providing over 170 meals, 72 care packages, 16 haircuts and shaves, countless hugs, laundry services, and catechesis.

I quickly realized that we were not there to simply provide food for the hungry. Food is great, but it only lasts for one meal. Instead, we were honored and privileged to restore some dignity to these individuals by spending quality time serving

them. Many of the recipients did not fit the typical stereotypes when thinking about the homeless. Rather, they are like you or me, but they just happened to encounter a string of bad luck (e.g. job loss, medical bills) and were no longer able to keep up financially.

My favorite station was the haircut and shaving station. It was amazing to see the joy



on the faces of those getting a clean shave or fresh haircut. One even remarked about his dire need for a haircut, "My hair is so long that every time I turn my head when riding my bike my hair gets in the way! It's dangerous!"

Hopefully, through our interactions with them, we were able to remind them that they are loved.





The Spotlight

We Turned Five Years Old

By Kelly Kao

aborigine on mission trips with See the Lord that I found myself. And in finding myself, I found Christ.

See the Lord started from a vision and grew as a couple friends shared this vision with others. Five years later, our team consists of fifty talented people across the world. We have successfully executed eighteen mission trips, caring for over 4,000 patients. Emotions abound. We are awestruck by how God works through our humble organization. We admire our courageous volunteers for stepping outside of their comfort zones. We are proud of our devoted and selfless

staff that gives without expecting anything in return. We are joyful for the moments we have been able to be the hands and feet of

Christ. May we continue to pray for the strength and courage to spread our mission and see Christ in all those that we serve. 

"Our task now is to learn that if we can voyage to the ends of the earth and find ourselves in the aborigine who most differs from ourselves, we will have made a fruitful pilgrimage. That is why pilgrimage is necessary, in some shape or other. Mere sitting at home and meditating on the divine presence is not enough for our time. We have to come to the end of a long journey and see that the stranger we meet there is no other than ourselves – which is the same as saying we find Christ in him." ~Thomas Merton

Reflecting upon Merton's insights on pilgrimage, I have noticed that I have been given the opportunity to take on the role of pilgrim the past few years. In 2013, I lived like a nomad, residing in over sixty different places. In 2014, I traveled on over fifty different flights. And in all my wanderings, Christ was simply leading me to Himself. It is precisely through my serving of the

"Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong. Your every act should be done with love."

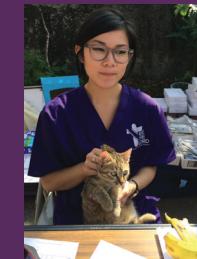
~1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Testimonials from Our Mission Trips



"When I saw the eye doctor last year, he told me that I needed glasses. I didn't get glasses because my mom couldn't afford them. Now I can finally get glasses!"

~Oct 2016 San Jose patient



"This experience abroad has fueled my passion to pursue optometry school and has significantly enhanced my perspective and knowledge of optometry. I appreciate STL for everything they do and can't thank them enough for the awesome adventure! I would gladly volunteer anywhere with them again!"

~Michelle Lee Dec 2015 Taiwan volunteer



"I opened myself up to Catholicism and learned the strong sense of comfort, community and support this religion gives. I met individuals who have impacted my life and became my STL family; essentially, friends that I can see for life."

~Henry Nguyen Dec 2015 Taiwan volunteer

With Your Support

Five Ways to Help

1 PRAY

We greatly appreciate your prayers as we strive to do God's will.

Please pray for safety, health, and open hearts for all the people we encounter.

2 DONATE

Online donations can be made at:
seethelord.org/donate

Checks can be made payable to "See the Lord" and mailed to our P.O.BoxAll U.S. donations are tax-deductible.

5 CONNECT WITH US

Keep up with our adventures. Follow and support us through Social Media. Go visit us:



3 PARTICIPATE ON A MISSION

Every year, STL holds multiple mission trips to Asia. We welcome all volunteers.

If you are interested in traveling abroad on a mission trip, apply at:
seethelord.org/join-us

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BECOME A STAFF MEMBER

STL is growing quickly. We are delighted to invite talented individuals to join our team. Contact us to share your time and skills..

Thank you for your support!

Your involvement and contributions makes a tremendous impact on the people we serve.

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Message from the Board

THANK YOU

For Making 2016 Great!

Dear STL Supporters:

STL has successfully completed a total of six mission trips during the 2015-2016 year, two in Taiwan, one in Utah, and three in California. We examined around 950 patients and over half of them were prescribed glasses. Many of the individuals we serve cannot obtain adequate health care due to transportation or financial barriers. We not only bring eye care services to them, but also provide free glasses and public health seminars. We seek to meet the people we serve in their own communities and hope to bring them the gift of sight.

Another exciting development for STL this year is the fact that we turned five years old. We have grown from a team of two to fifty staff members.

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?"

Joy to you during this Advent Season,

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