



ANNUAL REPORT

2019



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



285 million people
around the world are
visually impaired.



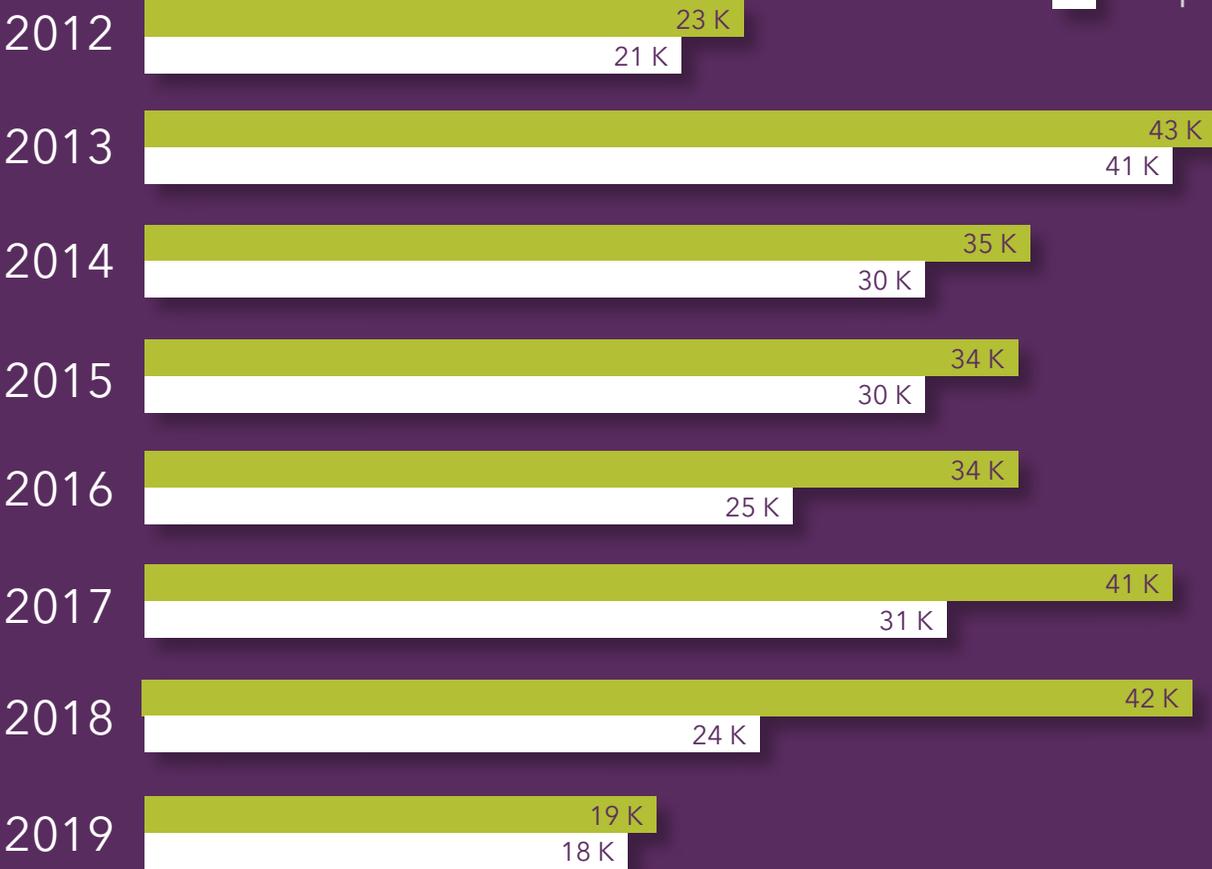
42% of those
people could be cured
with the right pair of
glasses.



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

FACTS + FIGURES

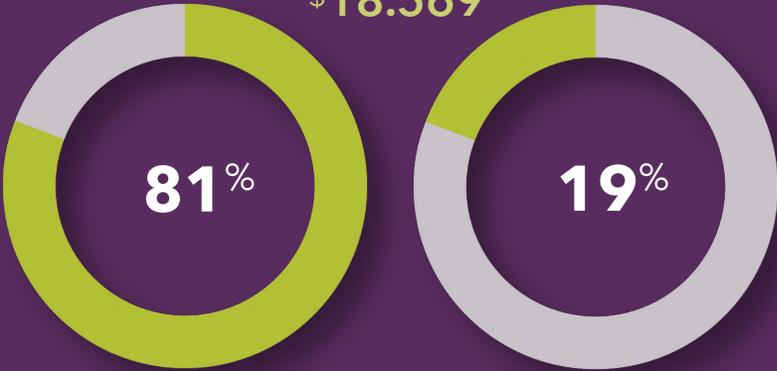
DONATIONS & EXPENDITURES



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2019 DONATIONS TO DATE

\$18,569

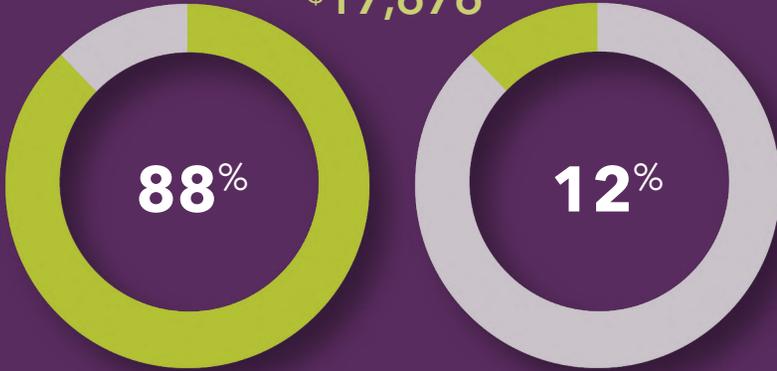


43% from grants and long-standing STL supporters.

57% from fundraising goals from volunteers.

2019 EXPENDITURES TO DATE

\$17,676



88% for mission work: glasses distribution, equipment, transportation, supplies, donations.

Less than 12% for overhead/operational expenses.

FACTS + FIGURES



STATISTICS FOR 2019

1,017

Patients served this year so far, not counting the upcoming trips before the year-end.



640

Pairs of glasses prescribed to patients free of charge.



7

Mission trips, including two upcoming trips before the year-end.

STATISTICS SINCE 2012

8,025

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

3,855

Pairs of prescription glasses provided to patients.

37

Local and international mission trips, including homeless outreach and vision screenings.

Voices from our Volunteers

Mission Trip
Indonesia
2019

We put together some highlights of the experiences from one of our volunteer optometrists in the mission trip to Indonesia. We asked Tiffany Khong, 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?

My expectation was for God to lead me to where I needed to be. There were some unforeseen incidents and stresses

during the planning of this mission trip, especially in a new clinic location in Southeast Asia where I did not speak the native language. From leading previous mission trips, I have learned to be mentally prepared for all situations and not to be mentally perturbed by problems that I cannot fix.

What did you enjoy most about the trip?

Undoubtedly, the warmth and hospitality of the many Indonesian volunteers whom I encountered during the trip. I

have never experienced such kindness of strangers to welcome me to their country and to make me feel at home.

What was the greatest blessing of the trip?

Being surrounded by amazing volunteers. The St. Ignatius community has one of the greatest support from a clinic site that I have experienced. They rallied many dedicated volunteers—from local opticians to translators to hospitality team. Each volunteer was vital in the success of this trip. Gratitude abounds to St. Ignatius.

What aspect of your team did you enjoy the most?

The camaraderie of the team. Our team was a mixture of different ages and religions of Catholics and Muslims, and we worked together for the greater good of serving and loving our neighbors.

Which clinic day was your favorite?

I can't recall a particular day that was my favorite since each day was always different and interesting, but I had memorable cases and patients. There



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-Tiffany Khong, O.D.

loving my neighbors, I found God in each dedicated volunteer, friend whom I made, and patient that I cared for.

How did this experience impact your life?

This trip has added to the fuel for my passion of attending and coordinating optometric mission trips. I’m fortunate to live in one of the richest areas in one of the richest nations in the world, and this was a reminder that I’m always called

to do something greater with my talents and skills.

And to be really frank, I’m also now in search of authentic Indonesian restaurants in the Bay Area so send your recommendations my way!



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

To put it simply, I’m still trying to entrust in God and love authentically. 👁

were some interesting and unexpected cases of diagnosing long-standing optic neuritis, severe diabetic retinopathy, and age-related macular degeneration.

Which free day activity was your favorite?

Eating my way through Jakarta. I have previously been to Indonesia, but it was my first time to be exposed to the variety and complexity of Indonesian cuisine through the guidance of Indonesian gourmards. My hosts always made sure I had two if not three dinners.

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

I’m always growing as a clinician when I

see patients. I’m constantly challenged to be a better optometrist by improving my skills in diagnosis, patient education, and bedside manners.

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

Since I was the sole STL volunteer from the States, God was my greatest confidant and where I turned to find strength and solace. I was blessed daily with compassionate hosts, prayers from family and friends, and check-ins from my boyfriend. And through

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