



Eyes On Christ

A vision care ministry sponsored by
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Africa 2010

We are very pleased to announce our first trip to Africa! We will be assisting Bro. James and Sis. Kenya Taylor April 9th through April 19th. We will be conducting eye care clinics in Gandini, Kwandezi, Mangangani, Malindi and Mazeras. Pray for us as we will be camping in the villages. God is opening several doors for this trip. There are many ways you can partner with us to help make the trip possible.

- 1.) We recently received 5000 pairs of brand new reading glasses and matching cases donated to the ministry. The UPS driver had to make several trips to get them all in the church! We received ten large boxes. The ministry only needs to pay the shipping fees. The cost to ship the glasses was \$772.00. If you would like to make a donation to offset this cost it would be an answer to prayer!
- 2.) We will be giving each person who attends the kit an eye care package. The package will include eye hygiene products, sunglasses and vitamins. The drops for the packages have been donated by Allergan Pharmaceuticals. God opened the doors for us to receive several hundred pairs of new sunglasses. All we need now are vitamins (adult and children's) and sample sized baby shampoo. If you would like to collect these supplies this is a great project to incorporate into your children's programs.
- 3.) We could really use one more person to make the trip with us. If you have been praying about getting involved in a short term mission project here is your chance! The approximate cost of the trip will be \$2500 depending on final airfare costs. If you are interested please contact Julie immediately at 812-603-6233 or email her at eyesonchrist@lbclife.com
- 4.) Consider supporting the ministry financially. The cost of international travel, excess baggage fees and medical supplies continues to rise along with everything else. The ministry is stepping out on faith and committed to accommodating as many requests as possible to bring eyeglasses to help missionaries reach out to those they are serving. Helping meet a person's physical needs is a fantastic way to demonstrate the love Christ shows for His people and softens the hearts of those who will be hearing the gospel for perhaps the first time.
- 5.) Pray with us for souls to be saved and the work that is accomplished will not only help further Kenyan missions but will bring honor and glory to God. This is always our primary goal.





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Romania/Moldova Trip Update

The trip to Romania and Moldova was a great success. We fitted several hundred pairs of prescription eyeglasses and gave out as many bottles of eye drops. It was amazing to see the progression of the people in Romania with their eyeglasses requests. The first year we fitted glasses in Romania no one understood the concept of bifocals. The second trip we were able to talk a few brave souls into giving it a try mainly because we ran out of reading glasses. This year we had more requests for bifocals than ever and we even fitted a few pairs of trifocals. In the middle of the trip we made the long journey from Romania to Moldova. Not long in distance, but a long journey time wise due to the quality of the roads. We arrived at the border crossing and I was extremely nervous about taking the glasses and equipment across the border. Your prayers were answered when we had a very uneventful border crossing. Bro. Mike Rogers commented it was the easiest border crossing ever! Our first clinics held in Moldova were a learning experience and very successful. I was humbled by the first village we visited where the Moldovan people insisted on serving us lunch. We were fed like kings by people who had so little for themselves. The clinics were a little different because we were working in a communist controlled country. Since the idea of a medical clinic was a new experience for these small villages we were monitored by local government and religious leaders. Our clinic was "tested" by the mayor who refused to answer any of our questions when we were asking him about his medical history. He wanted to know if we really knew what we were doing with the auto-refractor and could test his eyes. There are times in the United States with all the modern medical equipment available and a complete medical history that I cannot find out what is wrong with someone's eyes. I must say many prayers were being lifted up as I tested the mayor's vision. I discovered all that he needed was a simple pair of reading glasses. I was relieved when I told him the news that he concurred with my diagnosis and was satisfied with the abilities of our clinic! He left satisfied that we were not doing anything wrong. I was surprised when an hour later he returned. I had to suppress my laughter when he shyly asked for a pair of reading glasses from the United States that would make him more handsome!



A Good Problem To Have



A special thank you to everyone who has collected used glasses over the last several years. You have faithfully supported the ministry in this way. We now have a surplus of glasses and are running out of room to store them. We have nearly ten thousand pairs of glasses waiting to be taken on the field. If you currently have collected glasses on hand, by all means, please send them to us and we will process them. Until we are able to take a few trips, please hold off collecting more glasses for now. If you would like to support the ministry we suggest perhaps raising funds to help get the glasses you have so faithfully collected into the hands of those people who need them. Consider making Eyes On Christ the emphasis for your VBS or Ladies Auxiliary. Suggest your teen group have a car wash, bake sale or collect tin cans and donate the proceeds to the ministry or perhaps your church would like to consider supporting the ministry with a onetime love offering or on a monthly basis. Again, we appreciate your diligence in collecting eyeglasses but let's work together to get them on the field where they can be put to good use.