

SAVE EYE CARE IN RURAL HAITI

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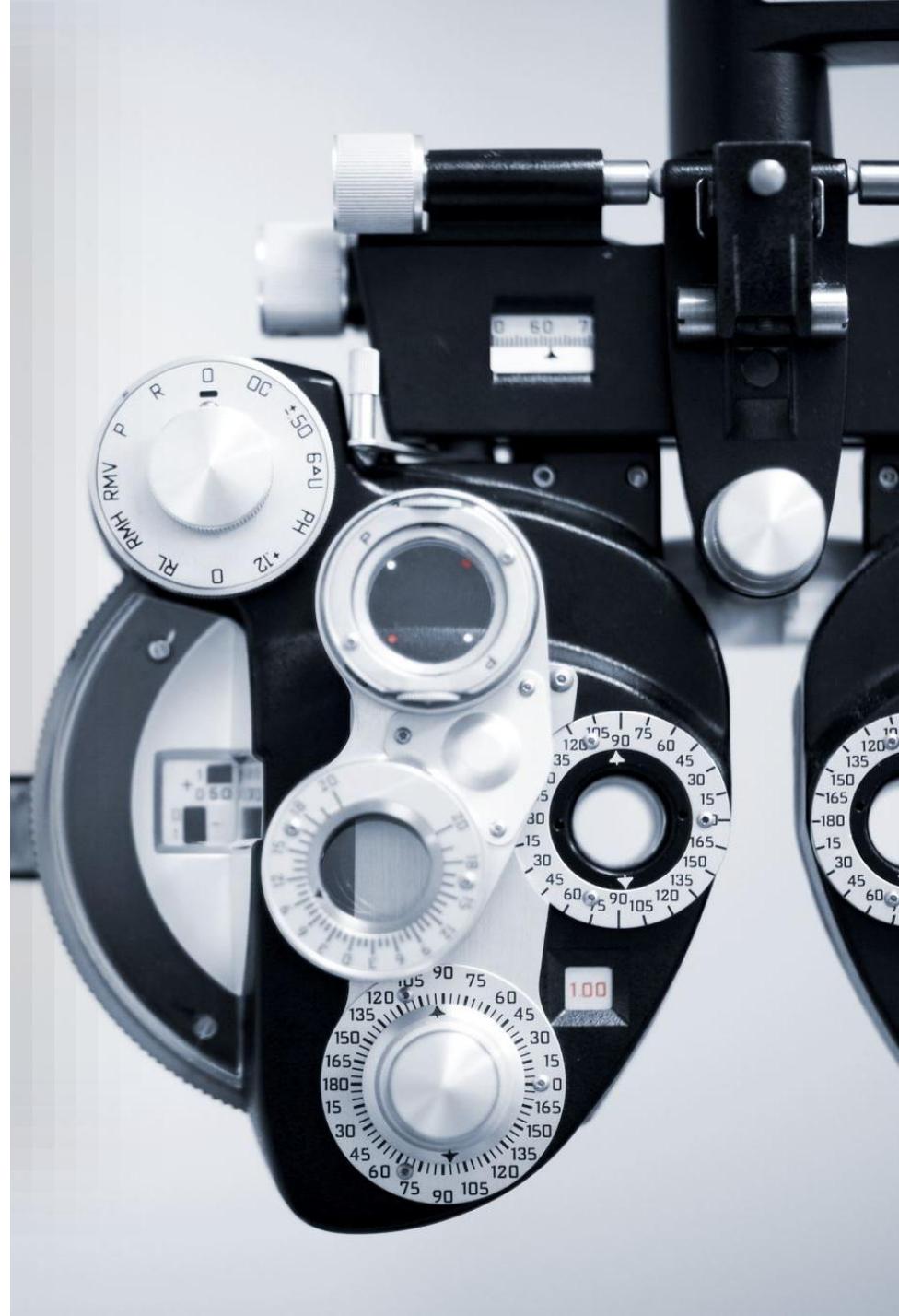
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EDUCATION

- Doctor of Optometry
 - SUNY College of Optometry
- Ocular Disease Residency
 - Woodhull Medical Center & SUNY College of Optometry



Reflected on What Mattered Most

- **GIVING BACK:**
One of my
Guiding Values



Life- Changing Journey





Into the Himalayas



People Walked For Hours For Eye Care



Bringing Access to Eye Care Via Portable Eye Clinic



Local Volunteers Learned & Assisted



Examining those in Need



Patients waited ALL DAY to have their eye issues resolved

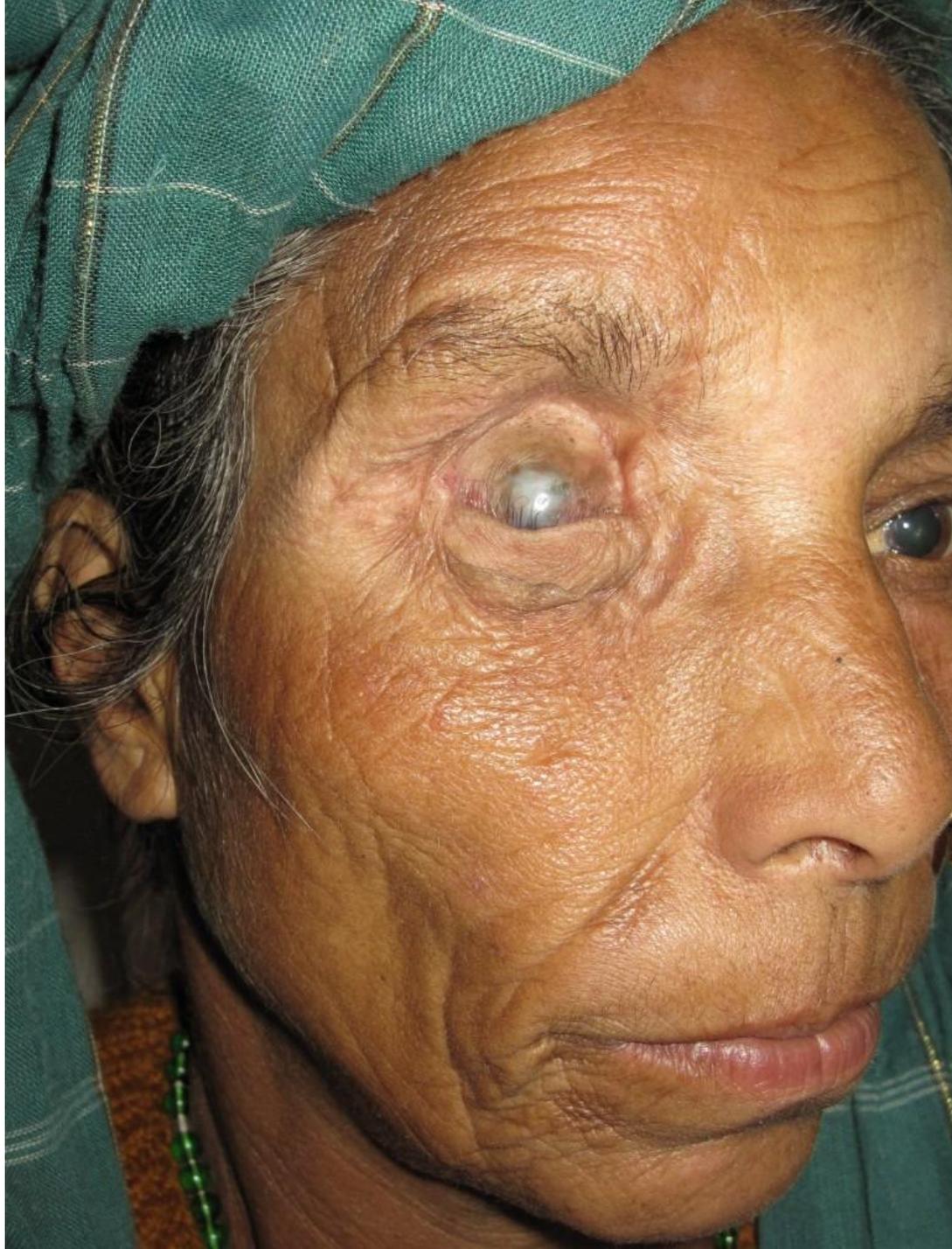






PATIENTS SUFFERING FROM VARIOUS EYE CONDITIONS





Back In the USA

- Turned Down Full-Time Job Offers
- Took on Multiple Part-Time Jobs
 - Flexibility to Serve anywhere
 - Pay Bills & LOANS

SERVING FROM EYE CAMPS TO VILLAGES

- USA: NYC, West Virginia, California
- India
- Nepal
- Peru
- Haiti
- Tanzania
- Honduras
- Guatemala
- Mexico
- Dominican Republic
- Lebanon
- Indonesia

HAITI







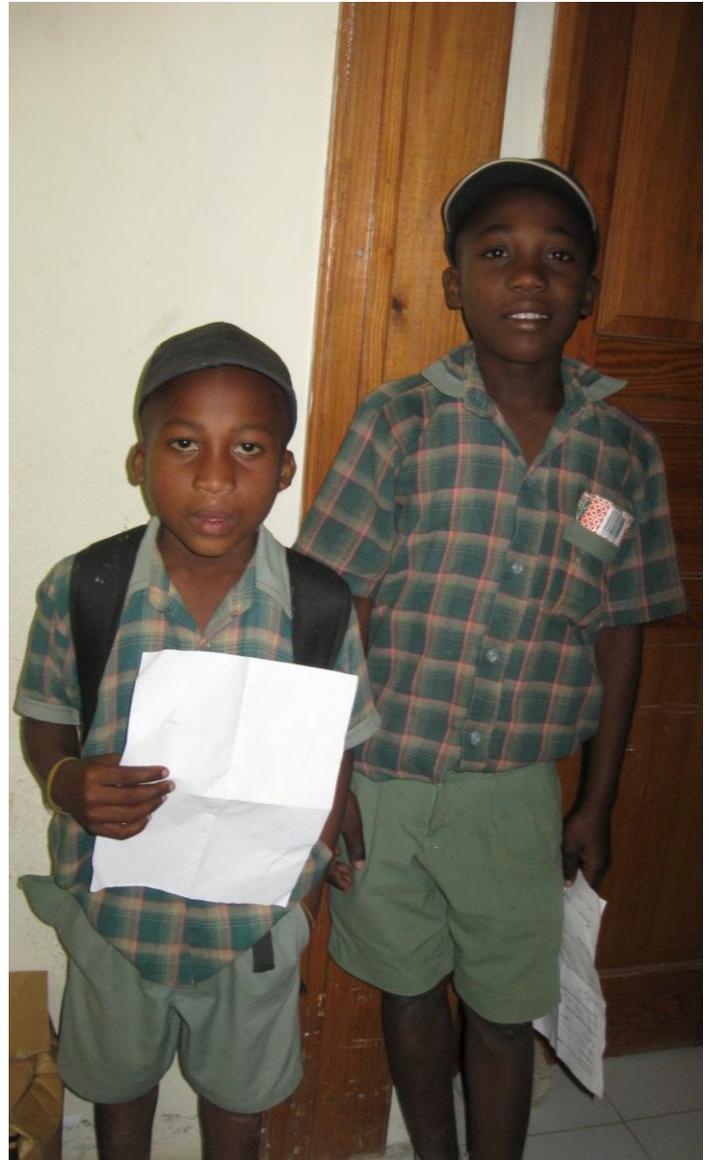
2008: 1st Trip to Fond-des-Blancs (FDB), Haiti

- Rita Russo, a retired nurse, started the 1st eye mission to FDB & recruited the volunteers.



2008-2014: Eye Missions across of Haiti





Eye Care Essentially Non-existent in Haiti

- Extreme Poverty
- Lack of Providers
- Scarcely available Eye Care in Large Cities
 - Few Private Practices in Port-au-Prince
 - 1 private practice in other 3 large cities

2012:

STARTED WORKING

TOWARDS CREATING THE

1st FULL-TIME EYE CLINIC IN

FOND-DES-BLANCS, HAITI

**In 2015, I funded the building of the
1st Full-Time eye clinic in rural Haiti
within the local hospital in FDB,
Haiti.**

GOAL:

- **Create access in rural area**
- **Develop a Sustainable Program**





STARTED SMALL IN 2015

- **UNFINISHED, BAREBONE STRUCTURE**
 - NO utilities: No electricity or water
- **ONLY PORTABLE EQUIPMENT**
- **NO TRAINED STAFF**
- **NO PATIENTS**

KLINIK JE

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 konn fè moun avèg. Se
 yon maladi ki pa vreman fè lòt
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 sa a pa konnen.

Linèt Solèy
 Mète linèt la toutan si w pa andann
 kay la. Linèt la konn pwoteje je a.
 Solèy la kapab bay pwoblèm,
 tankou katarak, ki se yon bagay k
 ap fè w wè twoub. Linèt la ka bare
 pouye pou l pa antre nan je a.

- ① AGE
- ② Rankin la? / Ki problem li genyen? Mieux / mal
- ③ L'autre problem / L'yeux bonne de yeux
- ④ L'autre maladie de corps
- ⑤ vision = entre
- ⑥ Fam' pup' / ouf
- ⑦ P' moun: zolou
- ⑧ S'it' / ang
- ⑨ cop
- ⑩ Dektan
- ⑪ Diagnoz / san





1st Set of Stationary Equipment



WE GREW RAPIDLY

- Extensive Collaboration developed with companies, doctors, educators in the USA



WELL-EQUIPPED CLINIC

- 11 eye exam room of equipment
- Advanced Diagnostic Testing Equipment
- Advanced Lasers for:
 - Glaucoma, diabetes, other conditions

OUR IMPACT AS OF DEC 2024

- **Care for 100 patients daily**
- **> 120,000 free eye exams performed**
- **> 6,150 lasers & Injections**
- **Thousands of Treatments Preventing Blindness & Vision loss in THOUSANDS who had no where else to turn.**

LOCALS STAFF TRAINED

Extensive Training

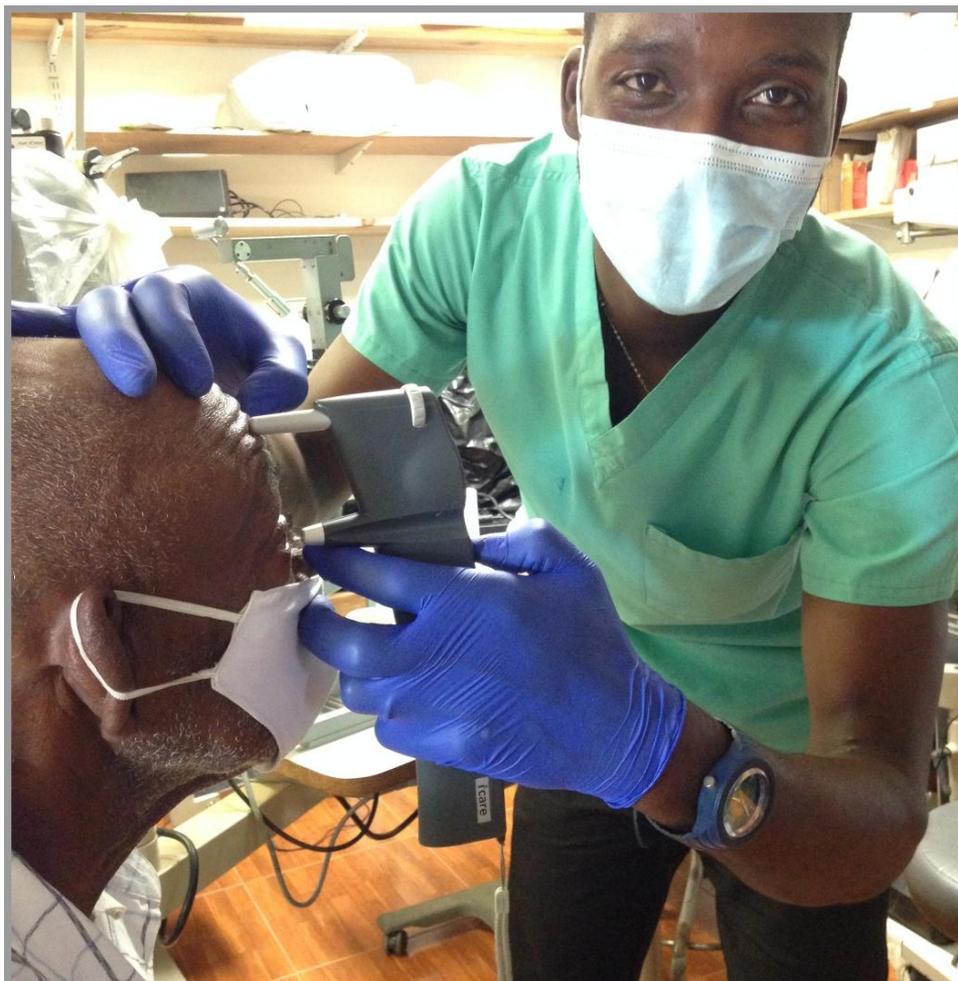
- **Lectures**
 - Anatomy & Physiology, Pathology, Systemic Conditions, Diagnostic Testing, etc
- **Hands-On Clinical Skills**
- **Online Continuing Education Courses**
- **RESULTS:** Staff now performs eye exams on par with international standards

Staff Independently Delivers High Quality Care



Manages High Volume of Eye Diseases

- Glaucoma
- Cataracts
- Infections
- Trauma
- Pediatric eye diseases
- Tumors
- High blood pressure
- Diabetes
- Sickle Cell
- Malnutrition
- Toxicity







Community Education



Preventative Programs

- **1st Retinopathy of Prematurity Screening Program in Haiti**
 - Started in 2019
 - Prevents blindness in premature babies
 - Screen 1500 babies a year
- **Pediatric Vision Screening: 0-19 years old**
 - Started in 2021

Achievements

- **Unique Model Empowering the Community**
 - High-Quality Care in rural Haiti
 - Free Consults & Free Medications
 - Local Training
 - Preventative Programs
- **COST EFFECTIVE: Treat 12,000-15,000 people annually for < \$50,000.**

A CRISIS WE CAN'T IGNORE

- Current Facility Needs to be Vacated
- NEW, PERMANENT LOCATION NEEDED
- **AT A CROSSROADS**
 - BUILD a new permanent eye clinic & relocate
 - OR**
 - DISCONTINUE EYE CARE SERVICES

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

- Community refused to lose eye care
- Community leaders:
 - Identified land, contacted landowners, negotiated
 - Helped with Legal Paperwork

MARCH 2025: SECURED LAND



JUNE 2025: LAND TITLE ACQUIRED!



Une gourde cinquante centimes

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Au profit de GLOBAL EYE PROJET HAITI, identifié
par la citoyenne Anshu CHANDRA, née le 22-10-1978 identifi
au No: 548519040 Expiré le 25-09-2026 demeurant et domicilié

NOW WE HAVE

- LAND
- EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES
- LOCAL TRAINED STAFF
- LOCAL & INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY BEHIND US
- ARCHITECT WITHOUT BORDER FROM PORTLAND, OR DESINGING OUR FACILITY

ALL WE NEED IS FUNDS TO BUILD A PERMANENT EYE CLINIC

- **GOAL: \$300,000**
 - Land Cost: \$30,000
 - Land Taxes & Legal Paperwork: \$6000
- **FUNDS RAISED: as of August 2025:
\$50,000**

Bay Eye Charitable Foundation

- US-based **501c3 non-profit public charity**
- **US Team 100% volunteer-run:** No overhead or Admin cost, no paid staff, no paid transports/accommodations/food
- Cost-Efficient, Transparent, Accountable
- Vetted Extensively by USAID in 2021-2022

- **100% of Funds Raised
Go to Haiti**

- **100% TAX
DEDUCTIBLE DONATION**

SECURITY IN HAITI

- We hear about the unrest, but...**most people go about their normal business.**
- Insecurity is in Port-au-Prince (PaP): political & economic center.
- FDB: Very Secure, far from PaP
- OUR CLINIC HAS NEVER CLOSED
- I walk, shop, and work freely in FDB

SHIPMENT

- We used to ship to Port-au-Prince
- New shippers go to Miragoane, a port an hour from our FDB eye clinic
- 1st test inventory sent in December 2024

Test Inventory Sent Dec 18, 2024 Arrived Jan 6, 2025



HOW YOU CAN HELP

INDIVIDUALS & CLUBS

- **Make it a district wide initiative**
 - Tell your Neighboring Clubs
 - If each gave \$3,000, we could reach our goal with 100 clubs
- **Support**
 - **Eye Exams:** 500 Exams: \$2500
 - **Diagnostics for babies & Screenings:** \$1,000/month
 - **Building of the New Facility**
- **Lasting Legacy**
 - Name a Room or a Building
 - Commemorative Plaque
 - Recognition Wall
 - Legacy Giving: **Make it a part of YOUR STORY!**

Please Donate To Give the Gift of Sight



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Thank You for Standing With Us!

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VIDEO 1: OVERVIEW

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VIDEO 2: SPRING UPDATE 2025

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