

# Eye Surgeries in Mexico, Orphanage & Katrina Support



I've been on several humanitarian aid trips, but this was a new experience for me. It was great to see how happy and appreciative the patients were, with everyone calling you "Doctor". All of us were like Doctors to those we were helping. The previous day's patients each returned the next morning following surgery, for post-op examination. It was an experience observing them, being led in by family members and anticipating their results when the large bandages came off.



**Can you imagine witnessing the reaction of a grandmother, seeing her granddaughter for the first time in her life!** Rotarians, this was because of you and your generous support to our Rotary Foundation. After an OK from the supervising Doctor, folks were each given Devlyn sun glasses to protect their eyes from daylight, plus medication and note to return for further review by local doctors the following week. Needless to say, they were excited and very, very appreciative.

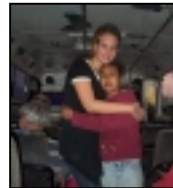


Much of the equipment was brought in by Rotarians from D7390 and World Blindness Outreach volunteers, since there was no adequate surgical equipment there. On the first day 16 operations were completed but it ended up with 84 during the week, less than the overall target to give 100 people eyesight. It was disappointing that more could not be completed of the original pre-screened requests from 500 people.

## Orphanages



## Guatemala



## D7080 was part of a \$70,000. Katrina relief MG project.



"You have no idea how your words gave me confidence. During your visit I was watching you and I felt the great heart you have." RF Leader, Mexico.