

Hi Dan and Sue,

I am a missionary candidate with BMDMI and am currently in language school in Costa Rica to learn Spanish. I will finish in December and go on to Honduras where I will work closely with Holland and the eyeglass ministry we currently have in place. In addition to this, I will travel to the smallest of villages to provide glasses to the people that our teams cannot reach.

This will not be possible without the help of you and others like you that work so hard to clean and calibrate the glasses we use, as well as glasses going to other different places. So many people think this is so simple, but when they realize we alone have 6,000 pair of prescription glasses that someone has taken the time to get them ready to give, it is an amazing and inspiring thing. I love sharing with people the many different ministries of Holland and how he and God have used so many people to be able to help so many other different people. **Ya'll are just awesome.**

I was just in Honduras for a spiritual retreat with all our missionaries. Dwight Carr, our president, was telling me that this year most all of the teams want to do the eyeglass ministry. During the summer, we have two teams a week in Honduras and both want to give glasses. This has been quite a feat moving the glasses and clinic from one sight to another a day early so both can use it. We are expanding into new areas of Honduras and soon will need another whole clinic to serve the people of Honduras. Wow what a blessing for so many people that have no other opportunity in the world to get this kind of help. I am looking forward to seeing that day come about.

Dan and Sue this would never happen without the hard work and dedication of people like you that make this a reality. I don't know how to calibrate glasses and I don't have the equipment, but I thank God that people like you are willing to help so many people you do not know. The only way you can see the happiness, joy and thankfulness of the people that receive glasses is through the eyes of others. But it isn't possible to bring about that joy without having correct glasses to provide for them. There are so many people working behind the scenes of a missionary in a foreign land, but none of us would be there without people like you dedicated to the work they are willing to do for our Lord. Simply put we are all missionaries if we are only willing to do what God has called us to do. We are all part of the whole body, and it won't work if all of us are not willing to do what we are called to do. Gracias a Dios.

I know the excitement and joy Holland feels as he helps someone to see. I too share that. It is so overwhelming to know you have had such a **small** part in helping another person see more clearly. I have been going to Honduras since 2004 sometimes 2 or 3 times a year, but I have only worked in the eyeglass clinic twice. The first time was in February 2006 in Junacatal, Honduras.

It was there that I knew God was calling me to work with eyeglasses. Seeing the expressions on their faces was better than all the money in the world. I have never known such happiness myself. You and so many others made that happen. The second was June last year in San Isidro, where I was working with only one translator. What a great experience. We had made a pair of glasses for a little boy and afterwards his mother came up to me to tell me something I could not understand. I asked my translator to help me. The mother wanted me to pray for her son. I stopped what I was doing and wrapped that mother and child in my arms and prayed for them in English. I was able to do that because of the work you do. **So actually we do this together.** I am so grateful for the time you spend getting glasses ready for someone else. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your effort and generosity in helping the people I love so much.

May God continue to be with you in this most important work. As we say in Spanish and so many people say this to us when they receive glasses, "Dios le bendiga", "God Bless you" and thank you so much for your dedication.

Muchas gracias, su hermana en Cristo, Lynda

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