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Kendall Optometry Ministry Volunteers,

My name is Jeff Harris and I recently returned from my first medical mission trip to Honduras. During our one week trip, our team of 47 saw thousands of people. Most saw a doctor and pharmacist. Many saw dentists. Hundreds saw volunteers that were trained by you and were fitted with glasses that you provided for our mission group. I personally was assigned to work the front gate. I got to see people as they arrived and as they left our makeshift medical facility. As people waited to be let in our gates, the looks in many of their eyes were desperate. As they left, most of them were smiling and laughing. The most noticeable change that I witnessed was the individuals that went to the eye clinic. These individuals, young and old alike all had one thing in common, they had poor eyesight when they arrived. As they left with their new eyeglasses, I got to see a change in their overall demeanor. Many were seeing the world clearly for the first time in their lives. The expressions on their faces were priceless. This reaction affected me the most of all the physical needs that I saw met. On my next trip, if there are not enough people serving that have had the training that you provide, I will be first in line to volunteer for your class.

Our medical team was a tool that we used to present the saving grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Every person that received eye glasses also received a Bible in Spanish. They also got to hear a very powerful and life changing message that gave them the opportunity to accept the One who will give them abundant life and life everlasting.

What you are doing, as an eyeglass volunteer, is making an life changing difference to countless people all over the world. For some, it is a better life here on earth. For others, it is an eternity with the One who died for their sins.

Thank you for the time that you give. Thank you for sharing the expertise that you have. You are making a difference in people's lives that you will never know here on earth. Your reward truly awaits you in heaven.

Matthew 25:34-40

34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. 36 I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.'

37 "Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? 39 When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?'

40 "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters,¹ you were doing it to me!'

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