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Eyeglasses Preparation Task list.

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Eyeglasses generally come to me in big bags or boxes. Sometimes they are in eyeglasses holders. Sometimes they are broken or a lens has popped out. Sometimes they can be easily repaired. Here are some tasks which need to be performed on the eyeglasses to prepare them for shipment to Christian mission teams going all over the world. I am currently preparing 2000 pairs of eyeglasses to go to a team heading to Ecuador and 800 more to go to a team leaving to Haiti. I always need prepared eyeglasses.

TASK 1:

Clean the Eyeglasses.

I usually take about 50 pair and put them in a dishwasher. Wash them just like you would drinking glasses. Some of the eyeglasses which are plastic may be damaged by the heat. This is not a problem as those that are damaged are always too old and brittle to reuse. Just discard any which do not make it through the wash. Take the eyeglasses out of the dishwasher and put them in plastic shopping bags for the next person. Take any broken eyeglasses to the person performing task 6 below. Put the non-prescription sunglasses in a bag for me. All you need to do with sunglasses is clean them.

TASK 2:

Bag the Eyeglasses.

Place the eyeglasses in Ziploc bags which I will provide. If there is any writing on the bag use a permanent marker and put an X over the marking on the bag so it is clear that this is not the right prescription.

TASK 3:

Box the bagged Eyeglasses.

Place 50 pairs of the Ziploc bagged eyeglasses into the long narrow box I will provide. Label the outside of the box UNMEASURED. Mark over any other marking. Label the top of the box TOP.

TASK 4:

Measure the eyeglasses

Measure each pair of eyeglasses and print a barcode label. Turn the label sideways and place it on the bag covering up any marking that may be there. Place the eyeglasses back in the 50 pair box. When the box of 50 is completed, mark out UNMEASURED and write BARCODED on the box instead. This box is now ready for the team.

TASK 5:

Clean the eyeglasses holders:

Wipe clean the eyeglasses holders on the outside. Vacuum out the inside of the holders. Place them in a grocery plastic bag for me.

TASK 6:

Repair the eyeglasses.

This may involve just snapping back in the lens. Sometimes it involves replacing a missing screw. If a plastic or metal frame is broken, then discard it. Glue will not hold it well enough. If temple pieces are missing or broken, save the rest of the eyeglasses as you might be able to take off a temple piece from another pair and repair it later. If the lens are too loose even when the screw is tight, sometimes a bit of tape around the edge of the lens will make it big enough to stay in place. Be inventive in your repairs to try to save as many pairs as possible.