

CLEAR VISION -- THE GIFT WE TAKE FOR GRANTED

How would your lifestyle and livelihood be affected if your close-up vision was blurry and you couldn't get it corrected? This problem impacts over a billion people in developing countries worldwide.

All of us experience blurry close-up vision around age 40. This common condition called presbyopia, results from the gradual loss of elasticity in the muscles around the eye. By age 45, virtually everyone needs a correction for close-up vision.

In developed countries like the U.S., presbyopia is easily corrected with prescription eyeglasses or reading glasses. But people in developing countries don't have easy or affordable access to eyeglasses. This creates a serious and life altering problem.



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

I've had the distinct pleasure of going on three optical missions to developing countries—one to Albania, one to El Salvador, and one to Mexico. It was extremely gratifying to see people experience clear vision for the first time. Equally compelling was seeing adults who could no longer do the things they loved or the things they had to do because they could not focus on their hands. Once they received their reading glasses, their lives were immediately transformed.

I applaud the many volunteers who give countless hours of their skill and compassion to bring the gift of clear vision to people everywhere. Our goal at RestoringVision.org is to increase the success of their efforts. Together we can help people all over the world remain productive and vital for a longer period of their lives.

Please consider if you or someone you know is going on a mission to a developing country. Adding glasses to that mission is a low cost way to make a significant difference in the lives of others.

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Over one million pairs of glasses
giving hope around the world....

MISSION STATEMENT

RESTORING VISION is a non-profit resource that provides NEW readers and sunglasses to Samaritan groups who serve the vision needs of people worldwide who otherwise would have no access to glasses. Since starting in late 2003, we have provided more than 1 million pairs of glasses to over 250 groups serving 75 countries around the world.



*Lives are changed forever
by the gift of RESTORING VISION.*

LOST CLOSE-UP VISION MEANS A LOSS OF LIVELIHOOD

Countless people in developing countries make their living with their hands, doing tasks such as fishing, sewing, cooking, or assembly line work. The loss of close-up vision threatens their livelihood, and even their survival. At the very least, their quality of life is seriously compromised when they can't see well enough to cook, read, or enjoy the expressions on a baby's face.

People over the age of 40 represent 27% of the population in less developed countries—that's approximately **1.3 billion people** with deteriorating close-up vision who may be at risk of losing their livelihood.

Because so many developing countries are equatorial, RESTORING VISION also provides sunglasses to protect eyes from smoke, blowing dust, and harmful UV light.

WHO PROVIDES GLASSES?

This grass roots organization was founded by visionary, Mark Sachs after encountering tremendous need in third world countries. He teamed up with other caring individuals in the vision industry to offer new glasses for those in need at the lowest possible cost.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

RESTORING VISION provides glasses to any group going to developing countries around the world. Providing reading glasses and sunglasses along with whatever your core mission is—is easy and makes sense. Religious, medical, student, or general philanthropic groups, even groups who never thought of bringing glasses will find their impact on the lives of others to be among the highlights of their trip.

HOW ARE GLASSES DISTRIBUTED?

We ship the glasses to any location in the US. The sponsoring group includes them with their other supplies and luggage. We offer tips for setting up distribution and reading charts on our website. It is very easy to get the right power for each person. They know when they've put on the right strength.

WHAT IS THE COST?

RESTORING VISION is proud to report that over 97% of operating income goes directly towards purchasing, sorting, packaging, and shipping glasses. The glasses are provided at 50 cents each, this includes delivery. To order, go to www.restoringvision.org/shopping_cart.htm.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

- Help distribute glasses to third world countries through person-to-person delivery.
- Make a financial donation to Restoring Vision to provide readers or sunglasses to those who would not have access to them.
- Organize a fund-raiser in your community.
- Tell friends who go on missions to add readers to their service offering.



*Readers give back the
ability to see clearly again
and be productive.*



*Setting up a dispensing table
is easy and requires no
special training.*



*A Philippine fisherman,
telling how he can now see
to mend his fishing nets.*



*A simple pair of readers can
make an immediate impact
in people's lives.*

DONATIONS

RESTORING VISION is a non-profit organization. All donations are tax-deductible. For more information on making a donation please visit our website at: <http://restoringvision.org/donation.htm>

ORGANIZE A FUND-RAISER

For fund-raising ideas, or to plan a 5K Walk/run in your area with coordinating outline, T-shirts & posters, contact Candy Payne at: Candy@RestoringVision.org. or www.restoringvision.org