



THE

VISION MISSION

EYE CARE FOR ALL

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PAST PROJECTS

DOCTORS FROM OUR TEAM HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN INVOLVED IN OPTOMETRY-BASED EYE CARE AND CATARACT SURGERY CAMPS IN THE PHILIPPINES, INDIA, SRI LANKA AND MYANMAR OVER THE LAST 3 YEARS

2010: BATTICALOA, SRI LANKA



The Problem Statement

- War ravaged North-East Sri Lanka has very little medical and eye care
- Most people we saw had struggled with very basic issues for years
- The lack of something as simple as spectacles for fading eyesight prevents people from being fully active



What We Did

- Saw around 1000 patients over 3 days
- Intensive primary medical care camps
- Set up a primary medical and optometry program that is running to this day
- Organized and funded by **YMCA Singapore** and **YMCA Batticaloa**

2010: BATTICALOA, SRI LANKA



350 pairs of free spectacles were dispensed as part of a newly set up optometry program that is running to this day

2010: SORSOGON, PHILIPPINES



The Problem Statement

- Prevalence of vision impairment noted to be 4.67% in the Philippines
- Prevalence of cataract and refractive error higher in places with poorer socioeconomic statistics



What We Did

- **National Committee for Sight Preservation** (NCSP) organizes *Sight-saving month* every August
- We joined senior Filipino ophthalmologists in Sorsogon, Philippines and assisted in and performed around 80 cataract surgeries (SICS and ECCE) over 3 days in August 2010 as part of sight-saving month

2011: ORISSA, INDIA



The Problem Statement

- Orissa is among India's most backward states
- Most villagers may not have a basic eye care in a radius of 300 km
- Although cataract surgery in India could cost as low as \$30, many people would still be too poor to afford it



What We Did

- Saw around 300 patients in clinic and village camp in **Sambalpur**
- One-week period
- Assisted in and performed 70-80 cataract surgeries (SICS surgery) over 4 days with senior surgeon **Dr Shivaprasad Sahoo**

2011: ORISSA, INDIA



Dr Shivaprasad runs a free, eye care centre. He has performed over 15,000 cataract surgeries at his own cost. We intend to support initiatives such as his, through our organization.

2012 AND 2013: MYANMAR EYECARE PROJECT



The Problem Statement

- A country with 60 million people but just 200 ophthalmologists and a high prevalence of vision impairment at 8.1%
- A current backlog of 600,000 cataract surgeries



What We Did

- Collaborative effort with a multinational team comprising of ophthalmologists from Australia, UK, Singapore and India (**led by Sydney-based ophthalmologists**)
- Over a period of 2 weeks for each trip

2012 AND 2013: MYANMAR EYECARE PROJECT



Results

- 2012: saw 1324 outpatients and operated on 445 patients
- 2013: saw 1387 outpatients, performed 60 lasers and operated on 489 patients





MOVING AHEAD

What we need





WHAT WE NEED

- Funding for the purpose of:
 - Conducting camps
 - Purchasing medicines
 - Machines and Equipment
 - Travel and Logistics
- Each one-week mission trip is expected to cost around S\$20 000
- Partnerships: hospitals in local countries
- Partnerships: Pharma and medical equipment companies



YOUR HELP

- Doctors who are willing to volunteer a week to two of their time
- People willing to donate as little as \$30 (approximate cost of cataract surgery in Orissa, India) to save someone else's eye
- Other organizations interested in collaborating with us on projects in areas of need of good ophthalmic care



A BRIEF ABOUT THE FOUNDERS



The Vision Mission is started by a three member team, and backed by a group of experienced advisors and associates.

We are based out of Singapore.

DR JAYANT V IYER



- Ophthalmology Registrar with Singapore National Eye Centre
- Authored “Essential Ophthalmology” – an ophthalmology guide book for general practitioners and several papers on myopia, dry eye disease and retinal diseases
- Keenly passionate in ophthalmic mission work and a regular volunteer with local free clinics in Singapore and mission trips across Asia

“Everyone deserves a right to good sight and I hope this endeavor will indeed serve as a sure step towards ensuring good ‘eye care for all’ in need.”

DR JASON LEE



- Ophthalmology Registrar at Tan Tock Seng Hospital, Singapore
- Active in numerous international ophthalmology conferences
- Regular volunteer with free eye care screenings and free local eye clinics in Singapore
- Volunteer with cataract mission trips across Asia

“Cataract surgeries are extremely cost-effective with almost immediate post-op vision restoration”

AVINASH JAYARAMAN



- An entrepreneur with over 10 years experience in building companies
- Worked in Singapore and India
- Has worked extensively in the Technology and Education domains

“We look to build a sustainable initiative that could be easily scalable and replicable across the globe”



Thank you for your support!



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