

International Eye Institute is a not-for-profit organization that provides medical and surgical eye care to people in Latin America who have little or no access to care. During 2014, our volunteer teams participated in medical trips called “jornadas” where we saw over 2,000 patients and accomplished 218 needed surgical procedures.



Guatemala Fall 2014 Team

It seems that every trip we have a patient who stands out. On our trip to Guatemala last October, a woman named Concepcion stands out in our memory - she had been blind for many, many years! All of that time, she stayed

in her daughter’s home, being taken care by her daughter and grandchildren.

Although she had lived with her grandchildren for their entire lives, she had never actually



“seen” them. The morning after her cataract surgery, when we took off her patch, she was able to see them for the first time! Tears were flowing and lots of smiles and hugs occurred all around.

We were able to improve our services as well by the addition of several large pieces of equipment that help us to do surgery more safely and accurately. In 2014 we increased the scope of our practice, traveling to Honduras and Peru as well as three separate trips to Guatemala. We were invited to return to Honduras this year to work in a location where a population of 70,000 currently has access to eye surgery only 2 days a year. In February of this year we saw 125 patients and performed 20 surgeries with one surgeon and a small team of volunteers. We plan to return again next year and upgrade some of the equipment there. Additionally, we also joined forces with I-CARE International in Guatemala this year. The team in Santiago Atitlan saw 1,357 patients, most of whom received glasses. We scheduled 69 patients for surgery in May.

In April Dr. StormoGipson will be returning to Ayacucho, Peru to work with a Peruvian ophthalmologist, going into the Amazon basin to provide medical and surgical eye care to the isolated population there.

In 2015 we will continue to explore new opportunities and to develop successful programs in eye care in rural Latin America. We're thankful for your support! If you'd like to find out more, you can like us on our Facebook page "International Eye Institute" .



This daughter is astonished to realize her mother can finally see again!

