

## As We Build Our Website...

As believers in Jesus Christ, we adhere to a Standard of Excellence we pray gives glory to God. As we build our website, we wish to continue complete transparency. We received Guidestar's 2020 Platinum Seal of Transparency by providing up-to-date financials, metrics, and corporate information. Our profile is available for viewing at <https://www.guidestar.org/profile/82-4915247>.

We are hopeful to have the following corporate documents and information added to this site shortly:

Corporate Profile / Statement of Faith / Mission, Vision, Purpose & Goals Statement

Mission in Motion Metrics / Sustainable Development Goals / Executive Compensation

Diversity Data / Transparency Values & Policy / Anti-Corruption Compliance Policy

Annual Reports / Form 990s / Strategic Plan / Articles of Incorporation / Bylaws

Conflict of Interest Policy / Code of Conduct / Awards & Recognitions

Corporate Visionary Partnerships / Resource Download Center

Upcoming & Past Missions In Motion with Media Galleries / Prayer Focus Requests

Praise Reports / #SpiritualCareSunday Vlogs / Birthday Blessings

Should you desire more information sooner, please do not hesitate to contact us at [Ret.Pray.Love.Foundation@gmail.com](mailto:Ret.Pray.Love.Foundation@gmail.com).

## Who We Are...

### OUR STORY.

#### The Vision Appeared...

During their delayed honeymoon, Lee and Rayanne Peplinski felt God place serving on their hearts in Spring 2010. The following spring they were leading the very first team into Belize to serve remote areas. The humbling love and thankfulness of those they served was forever etched onto their hearts. Subsequent trips leading teams from The New England College of Optometry further imprinted their heart that God was using them to further His Kingdom and to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. God laid out a road-map and called the Peplinski's into the deeper water of faith to see where He was leading in Spring 2018.

## **The Vision Became Reality...**

While preparing for a mission into the Dominican Republic with two teams (and later into Nigeria) one morning, God nudged the Peplinski's into oceans deep with divine inspiration to create a world that could see better both physically and spiritually. Ret.Pray.Love.Foundation was incorporated March 23, 2018 with a vision to be the foremost Christ-centered eyecare ministry, focusing on physical and spiritual well-being throughout the world. Our mission is simple: create a world where everybody sees better both physically and spiritually. Our purpose is to provide eyecare while fulfilling the call to share God's love. Our values include Bold Courage, Compassion, Excellence, Faithfulness, Servanthood, Integrity, Humility and Partnership.

## **The Vision Continues...**

Ret.Pray.Love.Foundation has led several missions into Nigeria, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Belize, and Peru. The Board of Directors consist of 4 lay persons and 6 licensed practicing Optometrists. We have partnered with Kentucky College of Optometry and the New England College of Optometry, as well as the Fellowship of Christian Optometrists International, to make better eyecare providers through education and interactive/hands-on learning while opening the spiritual eyes of the Optometry profession toward compassionate clinical care. Our goals while in the mission field are to empower people to self-manage ocular health needs, partner with local health authorities to foster empowerment of Public Service Education and with spiritual leaders to form a bridge from physical health to spiritual well-being through prayer and connection to the local church.

## **The Impact:**

RPLF shares the Gospel freely with each patient while tracking the number of Bibles given and Salvations for the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. In clinic, we are able to identify individuals with ocular health diseases such as cataracts, glaucoma, and dry eye then treat these conditions through medications or via appropriate surgical referral to local surgeons or potential surgical follow-up teams. Measurable statistics include the number of examinations performed, glasses prescribed, eye diseases diagnosed and treated, and referrals made to local providers for surgery and follow-up. Also tracked are age ranges, genders, low-vision diagnoses, readers, sunglasses, and safety glasses. RPLF will share clinic data with all local government, spiritual, and educational leaders without compromising patient confidentiality.

## **OUR METRICS.**

Individuals Benefiting From Our Services: 7602

Salvations For The Kingdom Of Jesus Christ (since 2018): 350

Communities Impacted From Our Services: 55

## OUR LEADERSHIP.

The Board of Directors enables Ret.Pray.Love.Foundation to continue to meet the evolving needs of our growing Foundation as we seek to fulfill our mission of creating a world that sees better both physically and spiritually through eyecare, education and discipleship. We are happy to share who we are with you!



Dr. Lee Peplinski is excited about his 'second half'! In his 'first half' he became an accomplished optometrist who has cared for patients for 30+ years, taught optometric students and colleagues, and served the profession in various leadership roles. In 2018 he and his wife Rayanne responded to God's call and co-founded the Ret.Pray.Love.Foundation, to shine their light for His glory. And now Dr. P gets to apply these same 'first half' skills to this 'second half' assignment, caring for souls, teaching discipleship and the gospel, and leading RPLF. In his free time Dr. Peplinski enjoys bike riding, travel and scuba-diving with Rayanne, and spending time with his grown children Alicia and Peter.



After 30+ of being a choreographer, coach, and judge of cheer, dance, and gymnastics, Rayanne's enthusiasm as a cheerleader for Christ went worldwide in 2018 Ret.Pray.Love.Foundation launched. Her ability to encourage, inspire, empower, and impact those she meets and mentors doesn't go unnoticed as she never meets a stranger. Rayanne's exuberance to spread the hope of knowing Jesus peaks when she serves alongside her husband in the mission field. Never fearing a challenge, her organizational management skills and creative versatility are utilized both as the Foundation's Secretary and while on mission. Her strong sense of justice fuels her desire to serve the least of these with love, compassion, and mercy in places others deem "unsafe". Her faith is the foundation, her family is the motivation, and her friends are the magic that propel her to serve without abandon. Rayanne's zest for life, love, and laughter to experience God's creation absorbs any free time she may happen upon.



With 27+ years of diverse optometry experiences, practices, and medical leadership, U.S. Army Veteran Dr. Nicholas Silvestros' passion is to serve, treat, and educate children with a huge smile and a hearty laugh. The opportunity to provide excellent vision care while sharing the Gospel sparks his selfless desire to care for those in traditionally unserved areas worldwide. As RPLF's Vice President and Risk Management Director, Dr. Silvestros is looking forward to sharing his action-oriented authenticity with our Volunteers and Leadership Board both in the mission field and out. Dr. Silvestros is an avid health enthusiast, traveler, and loves spending time with his adult children.



Pastor Jason Horn's sole desire is to serve in Christ-centered ministries, providing Christ-like leadership, preaching and counseling that will lead people to a relationship with Christ and encourage believers toward maturity as Christians. He has traveled the world extensively building churches, equipping their leaders, teaching Biblical Studies to the next generation, and ministering to the needs of many congregations. Ret.Pray.Love.Foundation is beyond blessed to have this former Army Veteran as their Spiritual Care Director. Jason and his wife, Heather have two lively teenagers who share the love of the Lord with hearts to serve.



A native to the state of Kentucky, Dr. Keith Slayden loves the Lord and has a passion for serving others through providing eye care. Using the gifts the Lord has given Him, he is able to provide eye care at a large practice in Louisville and also use the skills abroad. He is a member of Sojourn East Community Church and helps with medical outreach, locally and abroad. Dr. Slayden's main goal is to help teach others and empower them through the Gospel and in trade so they can shine God's light and care for others in their communities and countries. Besides taking care of eyes, he enjoys spending time with his family and drinking craft coffee.



After receiving a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from Louisiana State University, Chris Wroten, O.D., graduated from Southern College of Optometry (SCO) before completing a Residency in Hospital-based Primary Eye Care at the Memphis Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Dr. Wroten is a partner at the Bond-Wroten Eye Clinics, with 3 offices in southeast Louisiana, and serves as the clinic's Chief Operating Officer, while supervising its Primary Care & Ocular Disease Residency and Student Externship Programs, both of which he founded. He has received appointment as Adjunct Faculty at several schools & colleges of optometry, has twice been elected President of the Optometry Association of Louisiana (OAL), co-chairs the OAL Education Committee, is Vice-Chair of SECO International's

Education Committee, serves on the Louisiana State Board of Optometry Examiners, has been appointed to numerous committees within the American Optometric Association, and serves on the Board of Trustees for SCO. Dr. Wroten has lectured internationally, participated in clinical research, and been the recipient of several professional awards throughout his career. He is a devoted husband to his wife, Dr. Sarah Wroten, also a staff optometrist at The Bond-Wroten Eye Clinics, and is the proud father of two children, Emily and Ben.



Dr. Nicole Pogue received a bachelors of science in chemistry from Missouri State University (Go Bears!) and earned her doctor of optometry degree from The University of Missouri-St. Louis College of Optometry. She completed her residency in community health optometry at The Dimock Community Health Center in Roxbury, MA. Dr. Pogue is currently an attending optometrist at The Dimock Center where she serves as clinical preceptor to second, third, and fourth year students during their clinical rotations. She is very active in her church community co-hosting a community group and serving on the welcome team. She has a heart for optometry missions and can't wait to see where the Lord leads her next!



Aaron McNulty, O.D. is a native of Owensboro, Kentucky and has been practicing at Louisville Eye Center during the past 12 years. Dr. McNulty has served as President of the Kentucky Optometric Association and on an RPLF mission team in Puerto Rico, leading the Commonwealth's Optometry profession and instructing the next generation of Optometry. He and his wife Leslie have three young children who are the light of their lives! The McNulty family are parishioners at St Agnes Church in the Highlands and enjoy sharing God's love, grace, and mercy. Dr. McNulty hopes to help spread the gospel and improve the vision of those we serve.



Darlene and David Eakin have been blessed to have the opportunity to serve the Lord and fellow citizens together since 1966. In addition to being active in churches throughout their lives, they both have served in numerous volunteer organizations. They are excited to work to further the mission of Ret.Pray.Love.Foundation.

David viewed his position as a biology professor as an opportunity to minister to the needs of the 12,000 students he had in his classes at the university. Since his years as an undergraduate, David has worked with small churches as a minister, teacher and song leader. As a biologist, David sees nature and science as testimony of God's greatness.

Darlene worked throughout her career to promote eye and vision care through her position as the Director of the Kentucky Vision Project, an eye care charity providing free eye exams, glasses and other needed eye services to those unable to afford it. She also served as the Director of the Kentucky Optometric Foundation which provides public information on the importance of eye and vision care. As the Executive Director of the Kentucky Optometric Association for 38 years, she worked with state and national decision makers to advance policies that enabled citizens to have access to quality eye and vision care.