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ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

March 2021 ~ Year 3 of Spreading Hope

PRESIDENT'S VIEW...

"We plan. God laughs."

It's an old Yiddish proverb. But it was sure applicable to 2020!

RPLF had big plans for 2020. God redirected them! Despite not being able to provide mission care in other countries, RPLF was quite busy. We directed our efforts internally and have come out of 2020 with a more solid foundation, a killer website, better connections with our Visionary Partners, and new visions for how our mission programs will be better going forward.

"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts." declares the Lord (Isa 55:9). I believe God has higher plans for RPLF than we can even imagine, and this time of internal focus was just what He knew we needed to be prepared for what is coming next. I can't wait!

We have the opportunity to take \$10 and change the world one person at a time! Monthly supporters are the key to our sustainability. Your consistent support gives us the ability to plan and grow. I hope you will join with RPLF as a prayer partner, as a Visionary Volunteer, and as a Visionary Investment Partner (VIP), and see how high God leads us in 2021. ~ Lee S. Peplinski, President

OUR LEADERSHIP...

Lee S. Peplinski, O.D., President

Rayanne LaBruzzo Peplinski, Secretary and Operations Outreach Coordinator

Keith R. Slayden, O.D., Vice President and Visionary Professional Education Director

Bro. Jason R. Horn, Spiritual Care Director

Heather Horn, Treasurer

Nicole D. Pogue, O.D., Visionary Volunteer Service-Learning Director

Aaron C. McNulty, O.D., Visionary Investments Director

We envision creating a world where everybody sees better, both physically and spiritually. Our ministry is sharing the Gospel of God's love through the provision of education and eyecare in underserved areas throughout the world.

OUR IMPACT IN 2020...

With most events, if not all, on hold or cancelled during the current pandemic, our Board has been focused on building the Foundation's growing network of Visionary Partners - corporate and individuals, In-Country Visionary Coordinators, monthly sustaining Investment Partners, and developing programming that will bring glory to God while furthering His Kingdom.

While 2021 trips to Peru and Nigeria have been rescheduled due to travel restrictions within each country, we are excited to announce 2022 eyecare, discipleship and continuing education mission trips:

March 6-12, 2022 ~ Copan Ruinas, Honduras. Open to 1st and 2nd year Student OD Visionaries (6 each from NECO and KYCO). Also seeking 6-8 OD's to teach clinic skills.

May 16-21, 2022 ~ Santa Rosa/Ancon, Peru. Seeking 8-12 OD's to make a BIG impact as we partner with local pastors, mission organizations, and government officials to serve these two communities.

October 8-15, 2022 ~ Makurdi, Nigeria. Glaucoma, SLT, and Discipleship Conference. After a year of online training modules, RPLF will send 4 seasoned OD's to host an in-person, hands-on training for Nigerian OD's while 2 seasoned Evangelists will lead Discipleship Sessions with these OD's and local Pastors.

As you can see, RPLF is READY to get back to serving others through optometry!

OUR IMPACT TO-DATE...

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 shares clinic data with all local government, spiritual, and educational leaders without compromising patient confidentiality. Look at our impact since 2011:

Individuals Benefiting From Our Services: 7602
Salvations For The Kingdom Of Jesus Christ (since 2018): 550
Communities Impacted From Our Services: 57
Countries Served: 5

AS WE BUILD OUR WEBSITE...

We are almost done building an interactive website with secure VIP logins, peer-to-peer fundraising platforms, online forms, professional education training videos, multimedia albums, and weekly #SpiritualCareSunday vlogs. We are excited to share how God has used YOUR time, talents, and treasure to further His Kingdom! Get in the Know now: www.RetPrayLoveFoundation.org or www.RPLF.org.

STEWARDSHIP TRANSPARENCY...

We might be little but we are mighty and making significant impacts using YOUR investments to honor God! As believers in Jesus Christ, we adhere to a Standard of Excellence we pray gives glory to God through continued transparency. We received Guidestar's 2021 Platinum Seal of Transparency by providing up-to-date financials, metrics, and corporate information. Our profile includes the latest IRS Form 990 and is available for viewing at <https://www.guidestar.org/profile/82-4915247>. Our governing documents and financial records are available for viewing at any time.



VISIONARY OPPORTUNITIES

"It is more blessed to give than receive."

The Lord Jesus, Acts 20:35



TIME = PRAYER FOCUS

"When a believing person prays, great things happen." James 5:16 NCV

When YOU give of your time in prayer, YOU are joining God in advancing His Kingdom through RPLF.

TALENT = VISIONARY VOLUNTEER

"...Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."
Matthew 25:40 NKJV

When YOU give of your talent, whether volunteering in the mission field or for our Foundation, YOU are walking in the Good Works which God has prepared for YOU to do.

TREASURE = VISIONARY INVESTMENT PARTNER

"...store your treasures in heaven..." Matt 6:20 NLT

When YOU give of your treasure, YOU are making an investment to serve others through eyecare, education and discipleship. YOU have the power to improve someone's physical and spiritual vision with your investment and YOU decide where it is applied. RPLF will send you monthly email updates sharing how YOUR investment blessed those we have served or will be serving. Make an impact-become a VIP today on our website!

ENGAGE WITH US!



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Our Mission...To create a world where everybody sees better both physically and spiritually.

Our Vision...To be the foremost Christ-centered eyecare ministry focusing on physical and spiritual well-being throughout the world.

Our Purpose...To use our gifts to provide eyecare while fulfilling the call to share God's love.

Our Values...

Bold Courage: We accept the risks and challenges of bringing eyecare and the Gospel to a world in need. Hebrews 13:5-6

Compassion: We show God's love, grace, and mercy through our interactions with others. Psalm 116:5

Excellence: We provide outstanding quality and the highest standard of care wherever we serve. Gal 5:13-14

Faithfulness: We are committed to being obedient in following God's will to love others, through the ministry of eyecare. Rev 2:10

Servanthood: We are hands, feet, and voice of Jesus Christ giving of our gifts to the underserved throughout the world. Col 3:17

Humility: We value others above ourselves to glorify our Father in Heaven. Phil 2:3

Integrity: We firmly adhere to the highest standards of personal actions, spiritual faithfulness, and professional ethics. Titus 2:7

Partnership: We build relationships on the foundation of God's Word and love for others. Acts 2:42-47

Not limited to: communities, mission organizations, ministries, schools, churches, local and national governments, health authorities, facilities, spiritual leaders, caregivers, prayer warriors, donors, industry and corporate entities, eyecare providers, friends, family, and teammates.

Goals...

- Providing eyecare throughout the world, regardless of ability to pay.
- Utilizing personal gifts to share the Gospel.
- Forming a bridge from physical health to spiritual well-being through prayer and connection to the local church.
- Partnering with local health authorities, facilities, and spiritual leaders.
- Empowering people to self-manage ocular health needs.
- Making better eye care providers through education and interactive/hands-on learning.
- Opening the spiritual eyes of the Optometry profession toward compassionate clinical care.
- Developing corporate partnerships to share in our mission.

**"Let your light be so laser-focused that others may see, and glorify your Father in heaven."
Matthew 5:16 (RPLF Paraphrase)**