

SUMMARY OF 2010 VOSH ARIZONA MISSION TO SAHUARIPA, SONORA

This report to all VOSH Arizona members is to keep you informed about the work of our organization on the 2010 eye care mission to Sahuaripa Sonora Mexico, a town about 140 miles east of Hermosillo across several mountain ranges.

In four days we provided eye exams and eyeglasses to 2,016 people, each one being very important.

Our hosts, the mayors of Sahuaripa and six surrounding small towns were very generous and provided our motel and meals. We stayed at the Bamori Hotel about 12 miles from Sahuaripa. Bamori calls itself "the capital of the world!" Our meals there were excellent and the staff most accommodating.

In addition to working hard, we took time to visit the area, some to a large reservoir in the area, and some to the town of Bacanora, home of a wicked distilled beverage.

The Pitic Rotarians from Hermosillo were again a vital part of the mission, making arrangements, helping with the setup of our work area, and translating for us. We can never thank them enough for their participation.

This year our team consisted of 30 people, 26 of whom were returning team members. Lee Jacobson, O.D. and his wife Judy from Wisconsin were a wonderful new addition to our team. We hope we'll see them frequently in the future. Also, a new member was Stephanie Mastores, O.D. from Scottsdale. Stephanie teaches at the new optometric school in Phoenix and plans to return next year with couple of her students. And, joining us this year was Ha Diep, O.D. from Holland. Ha worked hard and always had a smile on her face. Special thanks go to our four new team members.

Of course, huge thanks go out to each and every person on the mission for their contributions, dedication, time, talent and hard work! All worked together to make a great team!!

The total cost of the mission was \$2,273: \$735 for shipping, \$666 for supplies, \$560 purchasing reading glasses, \$125 for equipment repair, \$100 for storage at the border and \$89 for travel. All expenses were paid from VOSH dues, mission fees and donations.

A very special thank you to all VOSH ARIZONA members for your support and belief in the service our organization provides to people in need. We are proud of what we accomplish.

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