

Our VOSH Kenya team, consisting of seven Berkeley optometry students, three SCCO students, two optometrists (Dr. Robert Rosa and Dr. Beverly Smith), and six church volunteers, recently returned from an eye-opening and rewarding vision screening trip in Nakuru, Kenya. The team provided over 900 eye exams to patients, giving over a third prescription glasses and the majority new sunglasses. Some patients were also treated for eye infections, dry eyes, and inflammation.

After 9,500 miles and three plane rides, we finally arrived halfway around the world in Nairobi. Bubbling with anticipation on the three hour bus ride to Nakuru, we watched the lush green landscapes and smiling faces that Kenya had to offer. The first stop for the team was ROHI Children's Organization, a Kenyan run school and orphanage the team learned about through Regeneration Church of Oakland. ROHI is home to three hundred orphaned, abandoned or destitute children. The team was amazed to see the school's primary and high school facilities, self-sustaining farmland and animals, and friendly, hospitable students and staff. The team had a wonderful time working with the ROHI students, who were all extremely cooperative, bright and engaging. The children were always fun to interact with, especially when they were modeling their new sunglasses. The team was also able to give vision exams to the ROHI staff, the local villagers and the students' guardians.