

## ECUADOR 2009 MISSION REPORT

Portoviejo, Ecuador

May 15 to 19, 2009

We examined 2025 patients on the four days of clinic; Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> was a day off.

Nearly everyone left with glasses or frames so that they could have lenses ground to their specific needs.

Roughly 50% of the patients had varying stages of cataracts, from minor to blinding. Most of our patients were 45 to 85 years old.

Our staff consisted of 3 OD's, one from Guayaquil and two from the states. We had 6 students of optometry from Canada and 6 students from Guayaquil.

The Canadian students were great help with VA's, the auto refector and dispensing, they also gained experience while assisting the OD's from the USA.

The students from Guayaquil examined patients and prescribed after a trial lens examine; these students were 3 & 4 year students of optometry.

I am working to make contact with a Doctor and Clinic in Portoviejo in order to refer the cataract patients to the SEE organization of California, so that they might consider putting together a mission to help these people.

Respectfully submitted,

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