

Report re:

- “Pro-Vision” Clinic in Managua- Clinic established in July 2009, partnered with ophthalmologists in Nicaragua. VOSH has MOU with a surgeon, screenings in the field with an ophthalmologist. The clinic has 3 exam rooms, optical lab, clinic director and three paid staff, more equipment is on the way. Walman sponsored with a \$350,000 grant. We are at the end of the 2nd year of a 5-year grant.
- Public Health Nurse Training- collaboration with the Ministry of Health (MinSa), VOSH and (Pan-American Health Association PAHO)- program envisions 20 public health nurses from 10 Regional health clinics, proficiency tests, donated equipment and training by VOSH and MinSa, partnering with Lions, Rotaries to sell eye glasses, etc.
- Optometry School-National University of Optometry School- will lead to the first 4-year program which will lead to licensed optometrist. Program of study anticipates 4 years and 1 year of social service in the rural areas. NAN and VOSH are collaborating to develop the program building on the VOSH clinics and trained nurse programs established by VOSH. VOSH looking at establishing an optometric library in English. VOSH needs help recruiting optometric educators. Possibility of offering scholarships in order to get the students from the rural areas to attend the program and to return to help their community and surrounding rural areas to provide vision care. Hope to produce 25 well trained optometrists each year to work toward sustainable eye care system.