

How many people can my team screen on a trip?

Most teams of eight to ten people will be able to screen at least sixty patients in an eight hour day.

Do most people screened get glasses?

Typically about half of the number of people screened will need glasses. Oftentimes, even if someone does not need glasses, they will want to take a pair anyways. A lot of teams have success with handing out sunglasses for these situations. Sunglasses prevent cataracts and pterygiums too!

Can I screen kids?

Most children have relatively good eyesight. Additionally, it can be difficult to screen anyone under the age of ten. Therefore, some mission groups decide to focus their time on the adults. Oftentimes, these groups will still hand out sunglasses to kids. This is helpful because the more an individual wears sunglasses, especially near the equator, the more they can delay the growth of a blinding cataract later in life.

What eye problems does the clinic serve?

Our World Sees provides corrective eye glasses. Some people will have vision problems that, unfortunately, cannot be corrected with one of these clinics. Finding the contact information for a local optometrist or ophthalmologist may give you an opportunity to refer them to someone that can help.

Common problems that you may want to refer include:

- Pterygiums: When pink skin grows across the eye.
- Crossed or Lazy Eyes
- Cataract(s): When the pupil is turning white or has already become white.
- A Dead/Dying Eye: When the iris looks cloudy.
- An Infected Eye: Puss is seeping from the corners of the eye. An infected eyeball may kill the eye and cause the other eye to also lose vision. In extreme circumstances, infection can also lead into the brain.
- Conjunctivitis (AKA Pink Eye): When the whites of the eye turn pink. Extremely contagious, please take extra precautions.
- A Retina Tear: If a patient is complaining of seeing bright flashes or sparks, their retina may be tearing. They may go blind in a short period of time. Sometimes as quickly as a week.

What materials are provided by this program?

Servants for Sight can provide the following materials to outfit your eye clinic:

- 1 Focometer
- 2 Tumbling E or Snellen charts
- 1 or 2 reading cards
- 1 or 2 eye patches or occluders
- Focometer informational instruction packets
- Training
- Screening form master copy