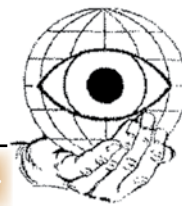


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A Newsletter For Friends of World Blindness Outreach, Inc.



2016 Edition

Greetings,

It has been another busy and successful year for WBO, but also a year filled with many changes for me and my practice. After 45 years, I made the decision to retire from active practice in January. Over those years, we were blessed to work with many who shared our philosophy of providing the very best for our patients and treating them like family. I miss the daily routine of patient interaction and the fond memories of the many talented and dedicated individuals who worked at my side through the years, but the time was right for me to make some changes.

However, I remain active and plan to remain so for as long as I am able. We moved the office to the lower

level of my building on Cornwall Road, so that we can maintain our headquarters for all WBO activities. I will continue to serve as the ophthalmic consultant as well as see patients at Cedar Haven, the local nursing home.

As for the future of WBO, our plans are to continue to do whatever we are able to do, as long as the Lord gives us the strength and resources to serve. We all understand the tremendous need and we can all share in the joy of helping others through WBO. In over 25 years of our mission work, it sometimes seems that the need continues to increase. But we can all feel a great sense of accomplishment in knowing that we have made a difference in the lives of thousands.

We just returned from Ghana. This mission was very successful and we are busy with plans for our annual golf outing and future missions. We will also continue to help those in need throughout Central Pennsylvania through the Life Enhancement Awards and provide for those in our area who need cataract surgery.

Our long-term goal is to find the right people and/or organization that will continue what we have begun through WBO for many more years. But for now, we'll just keep doing the very best that we can. In my local practice, we worked with many talented and caring individuals to assist those in need. When we formed WBO and planned our first golf event and mission, we began to find many more of those same, selfless individuals from all around the world, to help us bring light into darkness.

This is a team sport and I have been blessed to work with some of the very best people that God put on this earth. We are eternally grateful and look forward to working together as long as we are able!

Albert A. Alley, M.D.

Founder & President, WBO



Dominican Team members gather in front of what has become somewhat of a WBO landmark. This wall/mural honors the 22-year commitment of WBO Teams to the people of the Dominican Republic.

Looking Back: A Year In Review...

St. Vincent Mission *2015 April 19-24*

Albert Alley, M.D.
Mark Jessen, M.D.
Ruben Laqndazuri, M.D.
William Cluley
Cindy Poucel, R.N.
Rita Colley Hendrickson

After repeated requests for our services, WBO was able to arrange for a trip to St Vincent, located in the Eastern Caribbean. Because a direct flight was not an option, travel arrangements posed a slight challenge and a leap of faith. The medical supplies, which are normally checked on the airline had to be shipped separately and in advance. Fortunately, the WBO Team and all of our supplies reached our destination safely and on time.

We worked with the Fidel Ceasar Foundation, whose mission is to bring all types of medical care to the area. They had two Cuban doctors on staff who were recently hired by their government to try to meet the needs of the local population. We had a wonderful professional exchange with them. They formed a special bond with everyone on our team, especially Mark Jessen, M.D., who is the senior resident in ophthalmology at the Penn State Hershey

Medical Center We learned a great deal from them and were able to demonstrate some advanced surgical techniques to help expand their skills.

St. Vincent is a beautiful area, but lacking in medical care. The population is underserved in many ways, just like many of our other mission destinations. We repaired about 75 cataracts and Dr. Melvis Diaz Pena performed several pterygium surgeries. This technique is used to remove a growth on the cornea, which if not moved, can impair vision. Overall, another very rewarding mission.



Ecuador Mission *2015 Nov. 1- 8*

Albert Alley, M.D.
Nancy Morrison, M.D.
Walter Able
Melissa Pilaluisa, R.N.
Drew Stoken, M.D.
Alexis Scott, R.N.
Cindy Poucel, R.N.
Eileen Geiss, R.N.
Evelyn Wilson

Just as they have in previous years, the folks from Vista Para Todos, were instrumental in helping us to coordinate a very successful 17th mission trip to Ecuador. We have developed a very close and intimate working relationship with Diego Benitez, executive director and his team. Dr. Ruben Laqndazuri is a great example. He spent the entire week with us to assist and was invaluable. He has been with us to other countries and we value his many contributions to our cause.

We were also pleased to have Dr. Drew Stoken along on this mission. Dr. Stoken had been to India with us in 1994 and it was great to have him back with us. Our team worked tirelessly and performed what may have been one of our most productive trips ever. In addition to the 35 children who received surgical care from Dr. Nancy Morrison, we were able to perform 200 cataract procedures! Muy Bien, Vista Para Todos!

Dominican Republic Mission

2016 Jan. 5 – 10

Albert Alley, M.D.
Iftikhar Chaudhry, M.D.
Joanna Olson, M.D.
Cindy Poucel, R.N.
Emily Simone, R.N.
Virginia Alley
William Cluley
Robert Ramirez
Lani Herndon
Madison Alley

This was our 22nd mission to the Dominican Republic and we were all pleased to be part of another incredibly successful mission. The team worked extremely hard and was very productive. It's fascinating to watch as first-time volunteers work with our Dominican colleagues, some of whom we have known for over 20 years. The work we perform changes lives and the friendships we establish through our work will last a lifetime!

Dr. Joanna Olson, who joined us for her first WBO mission, is a senior resident at Penn State/Hershey Medical Center and she performed like a seasoned veteran. Although she has been trained to take advantage of every opportunity that the best equipment and technology provide, she exhibited great skills in adapting to different techniques and a vastly different surgical environment. Similarly, Emily Simone proved her value to the team with excellent nursing skills and compassion for our patients on her first mission.

We were able to perform over 80 cataract procedures and Dr. Chaudhry worked his magic via 7 corneal transplant surgeries – many of them children! The mission also created a nice family experience, in that Dr. Alley's wife, Ginny, his niece, Madison and granddaughter, Lani joined the team and were able to meet some of our Dominican friends – who have become much like family to all of us.



Photo Gallery: The photos on these pages represent some of the important work we do. On the left, are members of our St. Vincent's Team. The other three photos were taken in Ecuador, but these images are common everywhere we travel. The tremendous need is evident, but our combined efforts and commitment to help those less fortunate through WBO is equally evident. Thanks to all who support WBO mission work!

WBO Life Enhancement Awards

In 1999 the Life Enhancement award was created by Dr. Alley. The intention of this award is to assist a person with a vision impairment either by purchasing a piece of equipment or aid to enhance their life. Over the last 16 years this award has supported many individuals with computers, software programs for computer accessibility, taxi tickets to enable an individual to get to the grocery store, and closed circuit TV's which enlarges information on a computer type screen, to name just a few. All of the awards given help in keeping or maintaining the independence of these individuals.

Our recipients for 2015, include the purchase of adaptive toys and educational material, scholarship funds, tandem bike, portable CCTV and large print cell phone, computer and talking wrist watch. Thanks to Dr. Alley for this opportunity.

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Thanks Again To The Hershey Bears!

Each year, the Hershey Bears generously supports WBO through their annual charity jersey auction. This has become a vital funding source for our mission and we are very grateful.

2016 WBO Golf Tournament

Reminder!

Monday, August 29

Lebanon Country Club

Please Make Plans To Join Us!

The Tournament Committee has begun the planning process for what we hope will be another successful and fun-filled event this year. Please mark your calendar for Monday, August 29. We hope you can be part of this important event to support WBO. Contact us to register and participate!

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