

To JOP Board of Directors, Mission team, and Dr. Zimm

**Re: Nov. 1 to 6, 2016 Eye Care Mission Trip Report**

Submitted by Jeanne Stamant

Missionaries: Dr Alanna Edwards (Atlanta, GA), Dr. Paul Russo (Cooperstown, NY), Ohio team: Paul Connor, Ashaunda Edwards, Amy Kuzma, Peggy Johnson, and FL team: Jeanne Stamant & Ginny Lazar. Also Ray Shawcross accompanied us to do Education work and audits.

This team was exceptional and devoted to our ministry to help the poor; they were great to work with and are people with huge caring hearts. Two doctors new to our mission did not have any trouble acclimating to our clinic facilities and worked so efficiently we were ready to close the clinic and eyeglass dispensary by 5:30 pm all 3 nights (a first for me in my 14 years doing these mission trips).

275 Exams completed

223 Pairs eyeglasses to be made by Wandering Eyes/ Paul Connor in OH

Many reading glasses dispensed (we did not count those).

Some repairs of eyeglasses. These were minor repairs like replacing screws. The edger that Paul Connor had shipped did not arrive until after our departure, so major repairs and on-site eyeglasses were not possible this trip. Paul delivered and fitted the eyeglasses prescribed by Dr Zimm for his August mission trip patients.

32 Cataract patients diagnosed as ready for surgery; list and patient records will be delivered to Dr Zimm.

26 Glaucoma patients diagnosed and prescriptions given (additional refills will be coordinated by Ms. Bradford and Dr Lee Martin). The Alcon donated eye meds were delivered to St Pius after we had departed, so they will be there for the next mission team.

14 Special surgeries or other eye disease and treatment - list and patient records will be delivered to Dr Zimm.

We did not have a nurse this trip so blood pressure screenings were not done.

Immaculate Convent Hostel continues to be managed by Ms. Odette Creary. Supper at \$9 per person was simple but convenient; there is a new rule in place that catered meals must be for a minimum of 10 persons (i.e. \$90 min fee); we were 5, 9 and 8 missionaries on those 3 catered nights so we invited Paul the driver and Boxer to join us. WIFI service at the convent was much better than in past years. Ms. Bradford obtained our groceries (per list we had provided her in advance) before we arrived. Paul Deacon served as our driver and in spite of the van breaking down on Saturday, he, Vivienne and Fr Thomas were able to drum up alternative transportation (a wild ride in and with a police escort was the highlight of the week).

Thursday evening dinner was Pizza Night and attended by some of the staff from St Pius. Friday evening we were the guests of Kevin and Rosemarie Williams and enjoyed traditional Jamaican foods, followed by a walk to the ice cream shop.

Our missionaries were all favorably moved by the experience and indicated a willingness to do it again in the future. We had a Saturday night assessment session with ideas flowing about potential future improvements and I believe Ashuanda took notes. **Ashaunda:** please email me your notes or, if you did not take them, perhaps Paul C can direct me to the person who did.

Miss Bradford greeted us warmly and handled our needs efficiently and graciously. Tancia, Peta-Gaye and Jody were our registration and frame selection team and were indispensable. Boxer was ever-present and served his usual ambassador role and facilitator for security, lunch, supplies and water. The St Pius grounds and facilities were clean and tidy.

Fr. Collin Henriques and Archbishop Ken Richards met with Ray and I on Nov 2nd; Ray and I will update the JOP Board at our upcoming meeting.

I arrived a day early to conduct audits of St. Pius and St Benedict/AMU for JOP related grants. Ray conducted the audits of St Peter Claver and DuPont School. Those reports will be sent to the JOP Audit Committee when completed.

**Some things to consider for the future:**

1. Continue to have Paul and/or Amy come one day early to clean and setup the clinic making sure all equipment is ready and operating.
2. Continue to have 2 doctors when possible.
3. We can always use more reading glasses.
- 7. I am asking the other missionaries to email me their suggestions (I can't recall all of them).**

This mission was very successful and on behalf of the JOP Board, I extend its thanks to all who contributed their time, money, and talent.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne Stamant, mission coordinator*