Operation Restore Vision
Dominican Republic/Haiti, 2014
Mission

It is our mission to restore vision and prevent blindness for those in underdeveloped and poor countries. We also teach and train local medical professionals to carry on our work.

Hope

It is our hope to positively impact the lives of those going blind who feel forgotten or have nowhere to turn.

Dream

It is our dream to cure blindness while bridging the gap of ethnic, political, and religious differences.
Operation Restore Vision (ORV) is a chapter of ISMS, a registered USA not-for-profit organization. Our world-class team is comprised of highly skilled ophthalmologists, surgeons, clinical researchers, and eye care professionals, including specialists in anesthesia and expeditionary medicine. ORV is unique, and is differentiated from other eye care teams by the vast scope of expert care we are able to provide, and our emphasis on leaving a long-lasting benefit through the transfer of skills and knowledge to local care organizations in the developing world.

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In Morocco, North Africa, we performed urgently needed eye surgery on a 6-month old girl with congenital glaucoma, without surgery she would have continued living a life of total darkness. We performed the first corneal transplants in Marrakech, restoring vision on several patients, and opened the doors for the establishment of the eye bank in Morocco for future corneal transplants.

Our team reattached the retina in a 45-year old father of four, able to return to work and support his family and also repaired a burn contracture on a teenage girl who was spared from a life of servitude due to her disfigurement.

Our mission to Nepal was at the Himalaya Eye Hospital in Pokhara. We performed 1,327 eye examinations, and provided sight-saving surgery and other treatments for over one hundred needy individuals. We not only provided care to the poor,
we also conducted a National Conference for Nepali Ophthalmologists, met with the Minister of Science and Technology, and helped the technical staff of the hospital improve their ophthalmic imaging practices.

Our Operation Restore Vision team followed up our November 2011 mission with another mission to Nepal in May of 2013, again providing free eye examinations, eyeglasses and cataract surgeries to over 700 villagers. This was to a much more remote area of Nepal, called the Mustang region.
We have plans for an even more ambitious mission in February of 2014. This mission will include eye care for the poor, a symposium for both local and Haitian Ophthalmologist (funding provided to invitees in need) and help to the residents of the Dajabòn (Red Arrow), a poor town located in a remote area on the border of the Dominican Republic and Haiti. The mission will include help to a large family in the Dajabòn with a rare form of hereditary blindness.

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