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STARTING THE YEAR RIGHT *by Scott Pike*

I like to present stories of the patients we have recently served in each of our newsletters. However, with the travel restrictions of the covid pandemic, I haven't been able to meet with our patients to get their stories.

We can show you the results of one of our January eye surgery trips. This photo shows 7 patients who traveled to have cataract surgeries.



Included in the photo are our eye health promoters, Felipe (front row, right) and Roxana (back row, left) our 2 bus drivers and the wife of a patient. All totaled in January your donations funded 11 cataract surgeries. In March we funded 6 more surgeries.

I talked with Felipe recently and he reported that all the patients' surgeries were successful. A few of the patients have contacted Felipe to let him know how satisfied they are with the outcomes of their surgery. "It makes me so happy to be able to see my grandchildren's faces again and to walk without help," reported one patient.

A cataract surgery can add years to a person's life by restoring mobility, value and purpose in their family and community interactions. The many thank you's we hear from our patients are thank you's to you, our donors, the people who made it all possible.

One of our goals for 2022 is to fund 115 eye surgeries. In the US that number of cataract surgeries would cost around \$350,000. With our Guatemalan surgical partner, the Visualiza eye hospital, we can do those 115 surgeries for \$23,000!

Please consider a donation today to help us reach our goal.

A TEAM EFFORT

The Spring issue of our newsletter is when we like to thank our generous donors. You, our donors, made 2021 a very successful year. Not only did we raise a record amount of money to fund cataract surgeries and other eye

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