Gualan, Guatemala Eyeglass Trip

August 28 — September 4, 2021

Our base team
came together from:
MICHIGAN
FLORIDA
OKLAHOMA
and
INDIANA
to serve together!

We went on our way with suitcases filled full of prescription eyeglasses, sunglasses, witness materials and all of our clinic tools.

We set up the eyeglass clinic at the Lutheran Church and School in Gualan with the guidance of Pastor Luis.

People from school age as old as 100 years had made appointments to visit the clinic during the week. Once they arrived for their appointment, they go through an order of stations beginning with registration and the nursing station.

Next they get to visit the Witness and Education station.
Here, each person receives a witness bracelet after hearing the
Gospel message and they also receive an eyedropper with
instructions on how to care for and keep their eyes healthier.

The Witness Station is the most important station!

Next is the testing station. This is where they are tested for reading and distance using a flipper system.

After Testing they go to the dispensing station. Here they are given one or two pair of glasses with the proper prescription and retested for accuracy. They also receive a pair of sunglasses.

Now that they have their glasses, they visit the fitting station.
By using heated salt or a candle flame and the appropriate tools,
the glasses are adjusted to fit the patient.

Finally, they are on their way. They can either see a bit better, a lot better or they received the good news that they do not need glasses!

This is Allison, the young girl I mentioned in my article. Her and her younger sister both received eyeglasses.

This is Amilkar. He did not need glasses! We were thankful for that because he was our driver!!

ALL who came received the good news about Jesus's love for them!
ALL who came have been prayed for, loved and cared for.
ALL of them were a blessing to meet!

It is my prayer that each one walked away knowing that they are a child of God!