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## Welcome to Summer 2023

Since 1934, Liga (The Flying Doctors of Mercy), a philanthropic volunteer organization, has been providing free medical care to the people of Sinaloa, Mexico. Twice a year, privately owned planes deliver medical volunteers and supplies to the small community of San Blas.

The San Blas Eye Clinic has been directed by Robert Miller, MD (founding board member of EMP) for over 30 years. This past May, we performed forty-nine Cataract surgeries and five Pterygium surgeries in one day.



Dr. Miller was joined by Margie DeBenedictis, MD, EMP Medical Director. She flew from her home in Guam. The Ophthalmology doctors pay for all the expenses and travel for their entire team of technicians and nurses. They also provide the clinic with all the material supplies for exams and surgery. These missions are expensive, and despite the generous donations from equipment companies, each journey costs the doctors about \$4000 for travel expenses in addition to equipment and supplies!



Despite the generosity of our Eye Team, additional funds are needed to provide quality care for these patients. Donations can provide the needed funds for supplies and travel costs. Please consider our San Blas Eye Clinic in your philanthropic plans - - we promise you that each penny will be put to effective use to "bring sight to the blind!!!"

Do you want to become an Advocate? Please consider donating to the Eye Mission of the Pacific so we can continue helping others like the San Blas Eye Clinic!

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## Lancaster Course in Ophthalmology

Founded in 1946, the Lancaster Course in Ophthalmology is a unique review course hosted by Massachusetts Eye and Ear, Harvard Medical School. It has offered training to young ophthalmologists from all over the world and has supplemented training for many teaching hospitals in the States and in Canada. The course is now offered online, making it more easily accessible to those that want to participate.

Eye Mission of the Pacific board member Bill Hewak, MD, attended the Lancaster Course in 2017. After attending the course, he saw the utility of an online Lancaster Course for EMP-affiliated ophthalmology program directors in SEAsia, especially after the pandemic.



Lancaster Class of 2017

The course has reached medical students all over the world, including Belgium, Brazil, Cambodia, Canada, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic,

Arabia, Switzerland, and Vietnam.

Dr. John Corboy, our founder, in affiliation with EMP, gives generously to this course each year. Thank you, Dr. Corboy, for supporting continuing education in Ophthalmology.

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## Eye Mission of the Pacific Advocate Wins Innovation Award at ASCRS



ASCRS May 2023 presents Dr. Patty Bueler with “The Big Innovator Award” for her ZIPLYFT Device.

Congratulations, Dr. Bueler, for this device innovation that enables:

- Consistent and symmetric results
- Reduced operative time

- No need for cautery or suturing

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