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Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?

Martin Luther King, Jr.

The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away.

William Shakespeare

It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference.

Tom Brokaw

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.

Winston Churchill

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- Hereditary
- Highly prevalent in Sub-Saharan Africa
- Absence of pigment in skin, hair and eyes
- Severe vision defects

ALBINISM IN TANZANIA - DANGEROUS



- 1 in 5000 Tanzanians have albinism
- Witch doctors use body parts in potions
- National Geographic estimates a complete set of albino body parts is worth \$75,000
- Special schools to protect the children



- **Acuity testing**
 - Tumbling E's
 - 10 feet – or 5 for some
- **Our teams have visited 481 schools**
 - 158,640 students and 6,107 teachers tested

AUTO-REFRACTION



- **15 second controlled test**
 - Complete prescription
 - Accuracy measurement
 - Potential issues

- **Our teams have conducted 260 non-school clinics**
 - 53,838 additional vision test

FINAL PRESCRIPTION



- **Optometrists on staff**
- **State of the art equipment**
 - Phoropter
 - Test lenses
- **Build glasses to prescription**
- **We have given away 49,713 pairs of glasses**

MIRACLE CORNERS TZ – COMMUNITY HEALTH FELLOWSHIP

- Collaborative effort with MCT and local dental schools
- Promote local change agents versus international mission trips
- **CHF Model**
 - 3 year program with 1 cohort per year
 - Recent Dental Therapy graduates
 - 6 month fellowship
 - Field placement throughout Tanzania
 - In person and field training to be oral health ambassadors
- **Cohort 1 completed March, 2023**
- **Cohort 2 began September 18, 2023**

COHORT 1 RESULTS

- **Goal was to reach 30,000 community members**
- **Worked in four regions: Arusha, Mwanza, Tabora and Mbeya**
- **All fellows now have government permits to continue outreach work**

Fellows	10
Community Members Reached	49,864
Community Members Screened	11,597
Periodontal Services	2,203
Dental Caries Services	4,774
Referrals for Treatment	8,472
Toothbrush/paste Distributed	11,602
Brochures Distributed	28,870
Primary School Visits	78
Reproductive & Child Health Visits	14
Orphanage, Church, Camp Visits	7

COHORT 2

- 20 fellows selected
- Expanded footprint to nine regions
- Goal is to reach 100,000 community members
- Colgate already donated 97,500 toothbrushes/paste for distribution
- Strong government support
- Training completed; work started



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THE VALUE OF YOUR LIFE IS HOW MUCH
YOU IMPACT OTHER PEOPLE

Craig Kasten

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