

# EYE CARE INTERNATIONAL 2017 MISSION

## SAN SALVADOR & LA LIBERTAD, EL SALVADOR



These images represent a few of the children we saw as part of Eye Care International in 2017. For the prosthetic eye service, we worked in both San Salvador (including Bloom Children's Hospital), and at the coastal community of La Libertad. Many of the children are blind and being treated for cancer and other congenital malformations. With devastating poverty and suppressive crime, many children face incredible obstacles.

Our final 2017 numbers are not yet calculated however, in the last twenty years the mission averages/sees about 4-5000 patients in nine days of the annual mission. We usually distribute over 3,500 pairs of prescription eyeglasses.

As usual, there are many people to thank state side for support and assistance in this international outreach. This year, we wanted to acknowledge the "Beanie Baby Brigade" led by Maura Tapley and the sisters of YAYAYOGA from Marietta, Georgia. These energetic women donated a generous supply of carefully packaged Beanie Babies + a treat! This act of kindness does not go unnoticed (as the photo at left shows!).

We continue to be touched by all volunteers and donors as we provide yearly eye care to the underserved in El Salvador, C. A.

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