

Salud Juntos Winter 2011 Brigade to Punta Ocote



Saturday 1 January 2011

Happy New Year!

There is a nice ring to 1-1-11, and our little group is on its way to Punta Ocote, hoping to deliver eye care and glasses to a small community in Honduras under the sponsorship of the University of Arizona Department of Ophthalmology, Salud Juntos, and the Lions of the ALERT eyeglass recycling program.

This year's group includes (L to R)

Matthew Feng MD- Second year UPH Hospital resident in Ophthalmology;

Pat Broyles- our residency program coordinator, who is wearing the hat of a Lions Club Member for this Brigade;

Thiripurasundari Pugazhendi MD- Second year resident in Ophthalmology at UPH Hospital;

Joe Miller MD MPH – faculty member at the University of Arizona.

Glasses from Southern Arizona

We are carrying with us about 200 lbs of supplies, mostly donated spectacles that have been cleaned and sorted by ALERT- the



Arizona Lions Eyeglass Recyclers who round up all those donated spectacles, give them a bath, determine the type and power, and then sort them, making them usable for medical missions such as ours. Lion Pat Broyles and our residents helped with the cleaning and sorting.

Here we go with –

716 Pairs of Adult Prescription Glasses
85 Pair of Children's Glasses
488 Pair of protective Eyewear
THOUSANDS of dollars of donated
Pharmaceuticals

Wish us luck! More tomorrow-