



OneDollarGlasses USA Becomes “GoodVision USA”

OneDollarGlasses USA will officially become “GoodVision USA” in the weeks ahead, bringing us in line with our international organization’s transitioning to GoodVision International. This new name directly reflects the expansion of our mission and purpose to establish basic ophthalmic care for those who need it most around the world. As with GoodVision International, we are going beyond providing essential glasses and working towards delivering comprehensive vision care for all. We are looking forward to the new possibilities the name GoodVision brings to our work!

THANK YOU for your Contributions to our Donation Challenge!

With your generous support, we raised \$7,300 for our GoodVision project in Liberia, West Africa! Your donations will be doubled by two generous supporters and will go directly to our project to provide glasses to as many people with poor eyesight as possible, from the capital of Monrovia to the most remote villages. The donations are helping to provide training for new GoodVision technicians and send outreach teams into areas where there is no access to vision care, bringing eyeglasses to those who need them most. Thank you!



There is still time to double your donation in 2020!

OneDollarGlasses are Durable AND Inexpensive

Lawrence Frank, a 70-year-old builder in Monrovia, Liberia, needs glasses to see for his work in construction and takes them off only when he goes to sleep. He had previously worn a pair of second hand glasses he received through a church donation, but unfortunately the glasses were fragile and broke after only a few months.

Lawrence wanted to buy a replacement pair of glasses from a local shop, but he could not afford the \$350–\$450 USD price tag.

He was finally able to replace his glasses affordably, when an outreach team from Refuge Place International, GoodVision’s Liberian partner organization, visited his home town. The team performed a vision screening and invited him to a vision clinic to meet with RPI’s ophthalmic nurse, Matee Morris, who performed additional screening and prescribed a pair of OneDollarGlasses.

Lawrence paid \$5 USD for the glasses, which he noted was “a good price to be able to see.” And, unlike his old glasses which broke easily, Lawrence is confident that his OneDollarGlasses are durable. The wire frame construction is comfortable and sturdy enough to wear even during construction work. These days, Lawrence is spending his time building a new home for his family and is thankful to be able to wear his OneDollarGlasses while he works.

View our Durability Test Video:



Introducing Jim Saye Suah, Project Director, Liberia

We are thrilled to welcome Jim Saye Suah Jr as the new GoodVision project manager for our work in Liberia. After graduating from university with a degree in Plant and Soil Sciences, Jim focused on investigating the incidence, distribution, data analysis and possible control options of local disease outbreaks. In 2018, Jim transitioned to Refuge Place International (RPI) where he currently trains community health workers on data management and prepares RPI's annual project reports, newsletters and grant proposals.

We are pleased to see him appointed as the Country Director for GoodVision and wish him every success in his new role!



GoodVision Technicians to be Trained in Liberia

Beginning in January 2021, Samuel Richards, our Optical Quality Assurance Officer from GoodVision Malawi, will travel to Liberia for the training of ten prospective GoodVision Technicians (GVTs). The new trainees will be instructed on the mission and vision of GoodVision and go through the intense training guided by the GoodVision optical manual. The GVT trainees will be assessed on three important components: theory, practical expertise and personal behavior. All of the trainees will undergo assessments throughout the training program and need to complete a final exam in order to obtain certification.



While in Liberia, Samuel will also provide a refresher training for our active GVTs, who had been working on local outreach projects in villages outside the capital, but whose work had been paused for many months due to the COVID pandemic.

Samuel's important work in Liberia will allow our organization to serve a larger number of people with poor eyesight, providing critical access to better vision.



Year-End Message from Jennifer Hyde, Executive Director

What a year! But I'm proud to report that ODG USA, soon to be GoodVision, has managed to not only survive, but to actually thrive. Our partner, Refuge Place International (RPI), in Liberia had to cease outreaches and trainings, but our joint project is coming back to life. Dr. Mosoka Fallah, the founder of RPI, reminded me that Liberia doesn't have the luxury to halt all aspects of life, and must live with COVID as they do with other grave diseases like malaria. Thus, the team managed to distribute **243 glasses** in 2020 and conduct 6,461 eye tests despite COVID restrictions!

In the US, our volunteer team has grown robustly, from HR, marketing, our Retail Optical team and more. But we couldn't do any of our work without your financial support. Every penny goes towards funding our work in Liberia...thank you for believing in us and together bringing dignity through clear eyesight to so many deserving individuals.

We are Counting on you in 2021

Please follow our progress in the new year, share our work and feel free to forward this newsletter to your friends and family. Your support and donations will help people in Liberia to be able to live, work and to see clearly at home, school and everywhere in between!

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