

# Good Vision

## The GoodVision USA website is here!

Do you want to know what is happening in the world of global vision care where eyeglasses are being delivered to those who need them most? Do you want to meet the people that represent the work of GoodVision International here in the U.S.? Find out details about the technology, outreach efforts, training and tools that all come together towards delivering comprehensive vision care for all, and learn how you can become involved.

Please visit [www.GoodVisionUSA.org](http://www.GoodVisionUSA.org) to find out more.

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## GoodVision USA Starts New Year in Liberia by Training Local Technicians



To further our work in Liberia, West Africa, 15 new GoodVision Technicians (GVTs) were trained and certified at the beginning of this year. What made the week-long

session even more inspiring, was the dedication of Samuel Richards, GoodVision Malawi's Optical Quality Assurance Officer. He accepted the challenge to make the arduous journey from across the African continent from Malawi to Liberia, which was made even more complicated due to the COVID pandemic. Together with local staff; Jim Suah, Project Director and Matee Morris, Assistant Trainer and ophthalmic nurse, Samuel delivered a comprehensive training program for 15 new and five current technicians who were being re-certified.

The new GVTs (21 to 32 years old) learned to conduct eye tests both within the clinic and in remote villages. The four-week, classroom-based portion of the overall four-month training is based on GoodVision International's comprehensive curriculum called "Best Spherical Correction Training." We are thrilled that all of the attendees passed the final exams and were given official certification which allows them to prescribe and adjust GoodVision glasses. The certificate is valid for one year, as all GVTs are required to be retrained every year, to stay connected with mentors, trainers and colleagues and to keep up to date with new manufacturing techniques.

The newest wave of certified technicians will begin their work primarily in and around Monrovia, the capital of Liberia. They will provide thousands of Liberians with free eye tests, screening for basic eye diseases, and will dispense GoodVision glasses to a population that currently only has limited access to adequate eye care.





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## Keeping GoodVision in His Sights

Thirty-year old Constant is a skilled GoodVision Technician from Burkina Faso. After having lost his vision several years ago, he was searching for a meaningful career in the field of eye care, when he learned about an opportunity with GoodVision.

Constant was hired and quickly learned to produce eyeglasses using GoodVision's patented bending machine that creates flexible spring steel frames which are very light and at the same time extremely robust. For Constant, special markings were incorporated into the bending machine for his use and he now produces around 200 pairs of glasses every month. His career with GoodVision allows him to work in a career that helps him give back, while also allowing him to provide for himself and his family. The video below shows his inspiring story.



## Introducing GoodVision Volunteer, Mirja Hoffman, Human Resources Manager

Mirja joined GoodVision as a volunteer 8 months ago to satisfy her passion for helping others and working with people from all over the world. What excites her the most about the GoodVision model, is not only the fact that people in need are provided access to glasses and clear vision, but also the positive economic impact that GoodVision has by creating local manufacturing and vision related jobs. With a Master's degree in business and a professional career in Human Resources, Mirja focuses on volunteer recruitment and other HR related topics at GoodVision USA. Although busy with her full-time job at a global corporation, she manages to squeeze in her volunteer work in her "spare" time and has this to say:



“What keeps me motivated every day is knowing that our work has an impact on so many people’s lives! I have spent the last few months researching and recruiting new volunteers, working with universities and colleges to get our name out there, and finding motivated people who share the same vision with us: to provide great optical care for everyone. We are an international group of volunteers and seeing everyone’s dedication and motivation is very inspiring.”

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### Join our Team!

- Do you like helping other people?
- Do you have some extra time to dedicate to meaningful volunteer work?
- Do you have special skills that you would like to use for a good cause?

...then contact us and join our team of volunteers at GoodVision USA. We need your help to raise awareness with a broader audience about the important work that GoodVision is doing in Liberia, Africa and around the world.

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