



FIRST QUARTER REPORT 2016

# 509 EYES NOW SEE!

## INDONESIAN SURGERY CAMP

The patients at our biannual eye surgery camps in Indonesia usually cover the gamut, from young to the very old, though typically we don't see many children. This year, however, the doctors operated on two, Lamhot, age 11 and Elfrianti, age 12, in Sidikalang in Northern Sumatra. They each had two cataracts and due to rapid deterioration there was a good chance they would be blind within a year. These kids were very brave souls to go through these operations at such a young age. [Watch video at: https://vimeo.com/161667299](https://vimeo.com/161667299)

This March, *Body and Soul Ministries* in partnership with *Caris Foundation* was able to complete cataract removal surgery on 509 eyes in three locations in Northern Sumatra, Indonesia. At *Perdagangan Hospital* in *Simalungun*, we completed surgeries on 269 eyes, at *Porsea Hospital* in *Balige-Tobasa*

another 110 eyes, and at our final location in *Sidikalang*, 130 eyes. Our surgeons, *Drs. Pinto Pulungan* and *Jusni Saragih*, from *Medan*, are extremely professional and proficient, accomplishing these surgeries in just three long days. The



The doctors examine the patients eyes on the next morning after their surgeries.



Danny Carrigan poses with *Drs. Pinto* and *Jusni*. *Elfrianti* (above) was one of 130 eyes operated on at the *Sidikalang Hospital*.



Syafrin Dalimunthe (left) prepares a patient in the pre-operation phase. Marganda Marbun (below) poses with Lamhot and Elfrianti.



Dr. Pinto Pulungan (top left) tirelessly and patiently works through the long line of patients, examining and bandaging the eyes at the Perdagangan Hospital.



Dr. Jusni Saragih (above) and her team of nurses proficiently work with the crowds of patients.

tireless work of these doctors and their nursing staff is amazing to watch.

We can't just show up and start operating on eyes though, we have to lay the groundwork throughout the year in order to arrive at these locations and have screened patients prepared to regain their sight. And we couldn't get all of this done without the tireless work of Marganda Marbun and Erni Lim, who live in Indonesia. Marganda works with the

surgical team to visit future surgical sites, inform the public of upcoming surgical screening opportunities through radio spots and ads, screen patients, and arrange the logistics of each trip. Erni Lim provides accounting services to help us maintain financial efficiency and integrity. They both do a wonderful job and this March's camp was again conducted efficiently and perhaps most importantly, in a way that honors patients as "made in the image of God."

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