



Grand Opening Ceremony for the New Eye Hospital in Dhalkebar, Nepal



It was a grand day, in Dhalkebar, Nepal!

It is with profound thanks that I report to you that on September 23rd the new Dooley InterMed sponsored Eye Hospital officially opened in Dhalkebar, Nepal. In this newsletter, we share a few pictures of the grand opening celebration. Located in Nepal, near the open border with India, this new facility can provide care to more than 50,000 patients annually from both India and Nepal.

Striving to reach those in the greatest need, even before the official opening, our regional outreach “eye camps” have already provided 1,620 sight-restoring cataract surgeries and thousands of refractions.



This Eye Hospital has been the largest project undertaken in Dooley InterMed’s 60+ year history of providing care to those in the greatest need. The worldwide pandemic created a series of unanticipated obstacles and challenges that we had to overcome along the way. It has been quite a challenge, to say the least. It is because of you, our donors, that thousands of men, women, and especially children are now benefiting from the life-changing power of vision! These patients emerge from our eye hospital with productive new lives and opportunities provided by good eyesight!

The regions served by this new Eye Hospital have a massive population, including many impoverished villages. Working with our partner organizations in Nepal, we are striving to reach those in greatest need. Some are old and afraid, hampered by superstition that demons or curses have stolen their vision. Young children who have never had an eye examination will benefit massively from the life-changing power of simple eyeglasses. Most of our patients are very poor. Dooley InterMed’s goal is to help everyone in need.

Our work is not yet finished. While the new Eye Hospital is well equipped for basic procedures our goal is to add the capability to provide comprehensive subspecialty ophthalmic care. To accomplish this, we have a “wish list” of

Additional Equipment Needs:

- Anterior Vitrectomy – \$7,900
- Auto Refractor - \$6,500
- Gonio Lens - \$700

Can you help?

A donation of \$100 will sponsor three sight-restoring cataract surgeries or twenty pairs of basic eyeglasses. Please consider a donation to provide the “Gift of Sight” to those who cannot afford care.

Dooley InterMed supporters recently sponsored the cost of a brand-new Auto Rickshaw to provide patient transportation between the local bus stop and the Eye Hospital.



Donor Sponsored Auto Rickshaw



Operating Theater #1



Eyeglass Dispensary



General Wardroom



Dr. Indira Kairam, post-op



Aerial view



Vision Restored

Female Healthcare Worker Training Program



This important program empowers these frontline healthcare workers with new skills and knowledge to significantly enhance the quality of care rendered in remote villages. Our Dooley InterMed program provides intensive training to 20+ carefully selected candidates from remote villages with an intensive 40-hour training program. Upon successful completion, each graduate receives a complete portable medical kit equipped with a stethoscope, blood pressure cuff, thermometer, scale, medical reference manuals, and basic supplies. Most importantly, they are empowered with new knowledge, skills, and the professional contacts needed when more advanced medical advice and referrals are required.

Dooley InterMed's President was in Nepal to meet and congratulate the graduates of our most recent Women's Health Care Training Class in Lalitpur, Nepal. It was a very motivated, enthusiastic, and appreciative group of students!

The need for this type of training is enormous and we are being swamped with requests for training. Your support will help us continue this very worthwhile program. The cost to conduct a complete training program for 20 women is 5,000 US dollars. This also includes a modest stipend to cover the cost of food and transportation to enable women from very poor villages to attend.



Graduation Class

Eco-Home Orphanage

Another ongoing Dooley Intermed success story is the Eco-Home Orphanage for homeless and abandoned children in Nepal. Working with our partner organization, Mission Himalaya, in Kathmandu, we have provided a safe, healthy, and happy home for dozens of homeless and abandoned children. The transformation in their young lives has been tremendous as they benefit from safety, education, nutritious meals, medical care, and a caring and loving environment with their new family of “brothers and sisters”. Several have now graduated from high school and moved on to college or careers, they are truly Dooley Intermed success stories! Their departure from the Eco-Home makes room for new children rescued from squalor and the streets. Their stories are horrific and heartbreaking, to say the least. Six of these remarkable children are in need of sponsors to help defray the cost of their education, school uniforms, food, and medical care. For one child you can make a world of difference. The cost to sponsor one of these children is just \$1,000 per year.



Can you help us help them?

Thank you for your support!

“We are visitors on this planet.

We are here for ninety or one hundred years at the very most. During that period, we must try to do something good, something useful with our lives. If you contribute to other people’s happiness, you will find the true goal, the true meaning of life.”

H.H. The 14th Dalai Lama