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Dear Friend and Supporter,

If we could have arrived there sooner...

I want to share a very personal story from one of our Dooley InterMed outreach projects. I was in the field with a team on a mission to prevent blindness and restore vision in remote Himalayan villages. It was there that our doctors found this young girl. She was just 14 years old, with a massive eye infection that had persisted for months before we arrived. Her eye had been devastated by the infection, vision lost without any hope for a medical or surgical cure. Her situation was potentially fatal, unless her eye was removed the infection could travel along the optic nerve to infect her brain. So, our surgeons removed her eye, saving her life but significantly altering her appearance forever. We encounter many such heartbreaking situations on our outreach projects. However, we also have many, many success stories profoundly improving lives, and restoring vision, health, and hope. But this young woman still haunts me. It all started with a simple infection, curable if it had been treated properly and promptly. If only we could have arrived there sooner the outcome might have been very different.



Our upcoming Outreach Mission

Dooley InterMed is launching another sight-restoring mission to the Himalayan region, but we need your help to **“make it happen”**. This ambitious project includes four top surgical ophthalmologists, plus a nurse and ophthalmic technician.

Our team includes professors of medicine, and experts in treating eye diseases both medically and surgically. We will depart the USA on November 30, 2023, and be back in time for Christmas.

Over please...



This young girl was coughing so hard from Tuberculosis that it ruptured the blood vessel in her eye.

We will initially travel to our newly constructed Dooley Intermed Eye Hospital in Dhalkebar, Nepal near the border of India. Your Dooley Intermed team will provide expert treatment for patients, host lectures at the local medical college, and travel into the Chitwan Jungle region providing care to local villagers. After that we will return to the Banepa area, outside of Kathmandu, near the Eco-Home Orphanage, to provide expert consultation on difficult cases, and

perform complex surgeries while engaging in “knowledge exchange” with local ophthalmologists, coaching them in the latest diagnostic and surgical techniques. This provides a lasting benefit that ensures quality care long after our team has departed. All patients will be treated for free, including transportation, food, and lodging for people in need.

We need your support! You have the power to enable these “miracles”. This Dooley Intermed outreach mission will profoundly improve lives, restore vision, help poor villagers return to work, allow grandparents to see their grandchildren, and enable children to see.

With your help, we’ll be there in time to prevent more children from losing their eyes and lives to infection and disease.

Thanks so much for your support!



Sincerely,

Scott Hamilton

President and Program Director

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