

2013 ASDAO CONVENTION IN SAN DIEGO GREAT TIME



Pictured above 14 Optometrist's were in attendance plus family and friends at the 2013 ASDAO convention in San Diego. We are hoping for many more to come to the 2014 convention in Vancouver WA June 25-29. Make your plans to be there.



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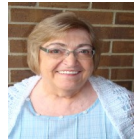
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Harbor Cruise
and visit to the
USS Midway
ship and
Museum



Jeremy Beam O.D. Mission Trip to Amazon

As a father of 3 small children and partner in a busy optometry practice I was intimidated by the time and money that I would have to invest to make a mission trip a reality. In optometry school I was blessed to go on two trips with a student group at Pacific called AMIGOS and I have always wanted to have the opportunity to serve again. ASDAO's support made it much easier and less stressful for me to commit to join the Far Out Missions trip this spring to the Amazon.

I first learned of Far Out Missions by reading a trip report in the Fraterneyeser by Troy and Janice Bailey. I have always been intrigued by the Amazon region and have always wanted to visit. When I read the Bailey's report it seemed like the perfect opportunity to have an adventure serving the people in need. Far Out Missions is a youth centered mission group led by Pastor Denny Grady. The trip I was a part of was to a village on the Rio Negro called Nova Esperança (New Hope). The trip had three missions: Church construction, evangelistic meetings and medical clinics. There were approximately 50 trip participants on the trip. Prior to the trip I had only met the medical coordinator Ken Rose, so it was quite an experience making many new friends as we worked hard to spread God's love thru service. During the course of the trip we visited 10 different villages in the surrounding area, providing medical services and gave out between 200-300 glasses.

The people of the Rio Negro region were very friendly and appreciative of the help that we were providing. The elderly people were especially grateful. They had very limited resources and were unable to afford the cost to travel and purchase even simple reading glasses. One very touching example was the hyperopic elderly villager without glasses. I watched her squinting and grimacing as she explained to the translator about her blurry vision and headaches. I put the +2.00 lens flipper up to her face to see which lenses she preferred and instantly the strain in her face subsided and was replaced with a smile. I will remember that moment forever.

I would definitely encourage everyone who is thinking of going on a mission trip to turn that thought into a reality.

Jeremy Beam, O.D.





**MISSION
LETTERS TO OUR
GENERAL
CONFERENCE
REPRESENTATIVE**

LOWELL MEISTER, O.D.

AFRICA TRIP SUCCESSFUL

It is difficult to believe it really happened. Dellene and I spent fourteen days in beautiful southern Africa this past April. Down under, this was the beginning of fall, so the weather was delightful. I want to thank Dr. Alan Handysides, Health Ministry Director of The General Conference of SDA and Dr. Alex Llaguno Health Ministry Director for South African Indian Ocean Division of SDA's for providing transportation both ground and air while in Africa, about \$2,000.00 Dollars. Also I would like to thank members of ASDAO for my flight from Tulsa, Oklahoma to Johannesburg, South Africa, about \$2,000.00. All expenses for my wife Dellene were paid from our personal income. Would like also to thank Dr. Alex Llaguno and his wife Nellie for their kindness in sharing their home while in Johannesburg. Also to the many hosts and hostess that cared for us while we were in their area.

We arrived at the Llaguno home about eight o'clock Monday evening April 15, ate supper and packed for the next day. We got up around 3:30 am to get to the airport in time to go through security and customs and be on time to catch our plain to Manzini, Swaziland. Dr. Joy Padilla met us at the airport. We went to lunch, an hour for rest, than to the candle factory for souvenirs. We toured the city and enjoyed Prayer Meeting in her home. Pizza was served as well as songs, testimonies and prayer. The next day was spent at the Conference office, worship and tour of Swazi Eye Service. SES is in a walled compound with a big gate that cars can use to get in and out. The grounds are beautiful and well kept. The building is well kept and you would have been proud of it. It is in an out of the way place surrounded by a business district and farmers market.

We found the inside of the clinic clean and neat. The exam equipment was in very poor condition, ether did not work or not working to standard performance. No working ophthalmoscope or retina scope. The phoroceptor and stand are in poor shape. Exam chair does not go up or down and very old. She does have a new \$3,000.00 dollar auto refractor and keratometer. She does her refractions with lens from her trial case. In her lab the edger does not work.

I ask Dr. Joy Padilla before I went to SES what she needed. She requested a pattern less edger. This would replace the broken one and save time and postage. Money was raised for this edger by the Auxiliary, the FRAT readers and from my local church district amounting to \$18,505.16. We have spent \$14,160.16 for new ophthalmoscope, retina scope, pattern less edger, lens groovier and drill, uncut lens, frames and furniture repair.

At our San Diego meeting the Association gave \$4000.00 to the SES fund leaving a balance of \$7,345.00.

We still need to provide a new chair, stand, phoroceptor, slit lamp, tonometer, Alger brush and dispensing furniture. I feel like if we raise \$5000.00 more we would have \$12,345.00. This will give us enough money to finish this part of the project.

We have asked the South Africa Union for matching funds. If all goes well we will ask SAU to provide a Perimeter and Retinal Camera. This would make Swazi Eye Service the best Optometric office in Swaziland.

Please send a generous contribution for Swaziland Eye Service to our treasurer Eddie Benedict, 156 Gigi Lane, Loudon, TN, 37774.

Please make your contributions before September.

In the next FRAT we will talk about other eye clinics in SID.

Sincerely, Lowell

NICARAGUA - MARCH 13-24, 2014 SOUTHERN UNION MISSION TRIP

Here is the information for the trip:

It will cost \$750 dollars per person. This includes:

- All transportation services during the trip
- All lodging
- 2 meals per day (breakfast and dinner each day, plus sack lunch fixin's each day)
- Trip Insurance
- One very full day of touring including dinner, boat trip, visiting Masada Volcano, visiting Granada.

You will be responsible for your own airfare to Managua airport which ranges anywhere from \$450-\$750 depending on which airport you fly out of and a \$10 entrance fee that the airport charges when you go through customs. We would pick you up when you arrive.

The dates for the trip are March 13-24. You would arrive on the 13th and leave on the 24th. The total length of time is twelve days which includes two travel days. We will be spending most of our time in Esteli, Nicaragua working with the Adventist Clinic and the local hospital.

The area SDA churches will also be involved helping us set up outposts at the Adventist churches/schools in the area. There is an Adventist radio station which will be advertising the clinics and the local pastors said there would be a good response. Eye exams and eye glasses would be very much appreciated. They are virtually non-existent for the majority of the population in the area. We will also be conducting evangelistic meetings at night which we would encourage you to get involved in. The experience will enrich your soul and revive your spirit.

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This is a picture of Dr Joy Padilla and the Pattern less Edger, Groover and Drilling machine. We also provided her with uncut lens. This investment cost us about \$13,000.00 and has been paid.

She needs a new Chair and Stand, Digital Slit Lamp, Applanation Tonometer, Phoropter, and Alger Brush. This will cost about \$12,000.00. We now have about \$8,000.00. This \$8,000.00 includes the balance in Africa and the \$5,000.00 plus raised at our meeting in San Diego. We need to raise \$4,000.00 more. If we raise more than \$4,000.00 we will use it in the dispensing room. I will ask the South Africa Union to use matching funds for additional dispensing room expenses plus a perimeter and possibility a new retinal camera. May God Bless You as you give your gift to this special project. Make your check out payable to ASDAO and send your check to Eddie Benedict, 156 Gigi Lane, Loudon, TN. 37774. Your money will go to GC to SID and then too Sawazi Eye Service.

Sincerely, Lowell



Vespers near the beach on Sabbath

Helaina Boulteris O.D. leads out this great experience.



ASDAO PRESIDENT Tom Sanders, O.D.

Summer is such a good time! With the convention, vacations, and the best vacation of all--Campmeeting in the Redwoods. It seems every year my spiritual batteries need a good recharging and there is no better place to do it than with friends and family worshiping God in the beautiful surroundings of nature. Taking time to contemplate the death and resurrection of Christ allows the width, depth and height of Christ's love for you and me penetrate my soul with joyful appreciation.

Now each day He promises to change me into His likeness, renew my mind, and change the way I think makes it easier to see my patients in a different light. I remember, Christ died for this (cantankerous) patient, just as He died for me. It makes the time I need to take to help this patient be satisfied more meaningful.

We have such a great profession that allows us to witness to others of the love of God and if we allow Him, how He works in our lives to help us be better people. He loves us and changes us. He helps us to be more loving towards our families, more caring towards those we work with or meet as we go throughout our day. There is no greater joy than when I am asked about some characteristic of God and can take the opportunity to share the plans God has for our lives, plans for good health and happiness. No matter how chaotic the news may be, we can have peace of mind knowing that God is in control and will soon stop the overwhelming evil that surrounds all of us. It may put my schedule in shambles but what satisfaction! And really it is part of improving our patients vision—enlarging the view and bringing clarity to how our patients see God!

At the present time the mission of our association is: 1) To support optometrists willing to travel on mission trips to improve the vision of those in need; 2) To help those mission clinics that need equipment or our expertise in best methods of optometric practice; and 3) To provide scholarships for students in optometry school. What else can we do as an Association? Though we are scattered across the country, how can we invest the talents God has so richly allowed us to develop? Let's thoughtfully bring these matters to God in prayer asking for wisdom. I would like to hear from you as God impresses you how we can invest ourselves in optometric service for Him!

Blessings, Tom Sanders, O.D.



**PRESIDENT:
ASDAO Auxiliary
Janice Bailey**

Hello from Beautiful NE Oregon!

This is my maiden voyage in writing an encouraging note for this wonderful group of OD supporters! I have just a couple of things to share with you. First, a little bit about our connection with the ASDAO, and second some that need to be expressed.

I believe I have been connected with the ASDAO Auxiliary since 1993. That year the ASDAO Auxiliary blessed our family with a scholarship to help with our schooling expenses. What a timely blessing it was and we still remember our deep thankfulness to this group of people who had not yet become our friends. We met many of you at Lincoln City, Oregon that year. Thank you, Auxiliary, for the scholarship! We used the money for purchasing Troy's BIO kit.

The years have flown by and with attendance to several ASDAO conventions, we now have many friends that we would not have had, had we not chosen to go to the conventions.

My first thank you is to Carol Stickle for the MANY years of leadership for the Auxiliary! I don't know how many times she has taken a turn organizing and running the meetings and helping to plan the auction, but I know that it has been many times. Thank you, Carol! We missed you at the convention this year. We pray that the Lord will be near you and bless you with wisdom, strength, and peace.

Another thank you goes to Linda and Tom Sanders (and their kids, too!) for organizing and executing our San Diego convention that we just enjoyed in the end of June! We had perfect weather, time to reconnect with friends, a friendly and beautiful church to worship in, an interesting harbor cruise, and yummy food just to mention a short list! So many details to take care of... Thank you for all your hard work! I was definitely taking notes so we can help the Beckner's for next year's Portland, Oregon convention! :-)

Another thank you, goes to Chuck and Lois Stumpf for their hospitality. We had the wonderful opportunity of staying with them in their lovely home last September. We had such a delightful time, and found out that we are connected to other mutual friends.

Without this organization, we would not have met so many wonderful, like-minded people. With fellowship and food, times of refreshing, this is just a foretaste of heaven! This small, big, wonderful world of Seventh-day Adventists! What a blessing the ties of Jesus are to each of us! Have you joined us at one of our conventions? Do you know our heart for missions? Or our desire to support new optometrists in the making? I am praying that you will mark your calendars NOW and come and meet us June 2014! We want to meet YOU!

"How good and pleasant it is for God's people to live together in unity! It's like perfumed oil which was sprinkled on Aaron's head and ran down his beard and robes. It's like the dew falling gently on Mount Hermon and the mountains surrounding Jerusalem, bringing a freshness to revive every living thing. It's from Mount Zion that the Lord blesses His people and gives them life forevermore."

Psalms 133 – The Clear Word

**ASDAO AUXILIARY
SCHOLARSHIP
FOR 3rd & 4th YEAR
OPTOMETRY
STUDENTS**

The purpose of the ASDAO Auxiliary Scholarship is to recognize excellence in scholarship and encourage Seventh-day Adventist individuals with potential to complete their educational requirements in the field of Optometry.

Qualified Seventh-day Adventist students enrolled in an accredited school of optometry in either the US or Canada and completing the 2nd year are eligible and may apply for the ASDAO Auxiliary Scholarship which is given through the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Optometrists.

All documents must be received no later than JUNE 1. The recipient will be announced during the annual meeting of the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Optometrists held the end of June each year. The scholarship committee reserves the right to suspend the award if no candidates are judged to be outstanding in a given year.

For information contact: Dellene Meister, P.O. Box 627, Nowata, OK 74048, Phone 918-273-1280, email: lomeister@sbglobal.net

**AUXILIARY AUCTION
RAISED \$ 1,837**



One of the highlights of the ASDAO convention is the Auxiliary auction. This year was no exception. The money raised goes to missions and the Auxiliary scholarship. Plan for next year. Start getting your items ready.

RECONSTRUCTED WEB SITE

Check out the new constructed web site. Dennis has made several changes. It will also show some of the past Fraterneyesers, along with other changes.

www.sdaoptometrists.org

Check out: Officers, Conventions, Pictures, ASDAO History, GC Assistant Report, Auxiliary, Mission Reports, Mission Projects, Archived Newsletters, Classified Advertisements, Links, Or even can contact the ASDAO.

Give it a look and see how you like it. Let Dennis Benedict know if you have any ideas or changes you know of such as color schemes and opinions.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING AVAILABLE

www.sdaoptometrists.org

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Classified advertising is available to any member of ASDAO that has something to sell or is looking for something to buy. There is no charge for this and you may find one of our members out there that may be looking for what you have. Send any advertising to our webmaster, Dr. Dennis Benedict, email him at: dhbenedict@Yahoo.com.

AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC CONVENTION DATES

2014 June 25-29 Philadelphia PA

2015 June 21-28 Seattle, WA

2016 Possible Las Vegas NV

FUTURE ASDAO CONVENTION LOCATIONS

2014 Vancouver, Washington

2015 San Antonio, Texas

(General Conference)

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE THAT WOULD HELP OUT WITH THE 2015 ASDAO CONVENTION IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

If you would be willing to help with the arrangements or have anyone that could help set up our convention at the time of the General Conference Session.

Contact Tom Sanders O.D.

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ASDAO Conventions give you a chance to give your family a great vacation and to make new friends with other SDA Optometrists.

NEXT FRATERNEYESER DEADLINE

Information deadline for the next Fraterneyeser is **November 1, 2013** Please send me your information by the deadline.

Duane Curtis, O.D. Editor

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ASDAO DUES

**July 1, thru June
30, each year**

O.D. Dues	35.00
Auxiliary Dues	10.00
1st Year Grad	10.00
2nd Year Grad	10.00
Optometric Student	1.00

We need your support in both financial and by being active in ASDAO to help continue carrying on Gods' work for optometry.

Also donations are needed for the mission projects and trips that the ASDAO has planned.

Send your dues and donations to:
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THE QUIET HOUR MISSION TRIPS

BELIZE - OCT 16-28, 2013

PERU - NOV 19-DEC 1, 2013

ECUADOR - NOV 20-DEC 1, 2013

URUGUAY - March 2014

PERU - March 2014

THAILAND - June 10-23, 2014

GHANA - June 18-30, 2014

TONGA - June 25-July 7, 2014

PHILIPPINES -GENERAL SANTO - March, 2015

Contact Dennis Benedict, O.D. dhbenedict@yahoo.com if you are interested on going on any of the above Mission trips.

ASDAO Convention 2014

June 25-29, 2014

Make your Hotel Reservations Now!

The Heathman Lodge: 1-888-475-3100 We have reserved accommodations at the **Heathman Lodge and Resort in Vancouver, WA** across the river and 11.5 miles from the Portland International Airport. www.heathmanlodge.com / 7801 NE Greenwood Dr, Vancouver, WA, 98662

For our convention we have reserved a block of rooms on the 4th, or business, floor which is only accessed by your room key. The complimentary breakfast and evening hor d'oeuvres are only available for 4th floor guests. Our convention price is **\$99.00 per night!**

We ask that you make the reservations now if you are interested in coming. Your reservation holds your room and helps us in our planning. They give us the opportunity to book additional rooms into our group accommodations and pricing, if needed, before rooms are sold out. Weekends on both sides of this weekend were already sold out. Reservations may be cancelled 21 days before arrival without penalty.

There is more to see than we can fit into a busy weekend so feel free to celebrate the greater Portland area for a few extra days. The Heathman Lodge will honor our price for up to two additional days prior to and following the convention dates.

So come and enjoy Portland! Bring your friends, your kids, your family! All are welcome. We will look forward to seeing you there!

If you have questions, we would be happy to answer them if possible. Feel free to give us a call! Our home phone is 541-534-6013 Barb's cell: 541-786-1514 Dan's cell: 541-786-3719 .

We thank Dr. Watters for his help in finding this excellent gem tucked amidst busy city life. We also praise our wonderful God for His amazing provision!

Sabbath Church Service

Sabbath School and church was held at the Tierrasanta SDA church, followed by pot luck dinner given by the church members



Cruise over to Coronado Island

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- Dr. George Frisby
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Position Opening with excellent
benefits!**

Be a medical missionary at the Seventh-day Adventist Guam Clinic. There are also opportunities for mission trips to surrounding islands!!

We have two ophthalmologists and two optometrists on staff in our busy eye clinic. We provide the full scope of patient care: including contact lenses, acute care, and ocular disease management. The clinic as a whole has an outpatient medical center and dental clinic.

Come and enjoy the beautiful island of Guam, with its clear turquoise water and opportunities to explore neighboring foreign destinations. Guam is a U.S. Territory.

YouTube video of SDA Guam Eye Clinic for your review.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PGtPe8p4I0g>



**Madeline Torres talking to
the group during our ASDAO
convention in San Diego**

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Food line after church Sabbath