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Our Town: Gifted Sight

Nonprofit organization OneSight provides vision care and eyewear to those who would go without

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Poor vision can prevent a child from learning in school or rob an adult of quality of life. And yet, more than 300 million people worldwide suffer from poor vision, the World Health Organization reports. Often it's because care is unaffordable (as in, a pair of eyeglasses can cost more than a month's salary) or just plain inaccessible.

OneSight—a family of charitable vision programs that provides care and eyewear to millions of people worldwide—has assembled thousands of volunteers to help bring better vision to those who can't afford or access it.

Meet Upstate optometrist Michael Siebert, who has worked with the organization for nearly a decade—and traveled to China last year to volunteer at regional clinics. He spent time in the rural Chinese town of Jinzhai, a traditional village in the mountains outside of Shanghai. And this year, he expects to head to either Africa or Paraguay to take part in similar clinics.

"My first mission was to Bolivia in 2001," Siebert offers. "Witnessing the profound effect on the local community during our two-week stay was life-changing." The organization also donates millions of dollars to fund research toward the prevention of optical diseases.

But you don't have to be an M.D. to help out. Donating gently used eyeglasses (as well as monetary donations) helps the organization continue its work. And one thing is crystal clear: OneSight is making a difference, one patient at a time.

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