

Summary of Services - 2001

Country	Cash Sent	Supplies Sent	Operations	Value in US\$	Comments
Argentina	20,660	0	68	340,000	cleft lips, hearing, dental, newborn eye problems
Bolivia	0	26,186	626	1,252,000	cataracts, cleft lips
Brazil	11,000	0	0	NA	Deseret House—40 beds
Bulgaria	2,000	125,706	200	240,000	cardiac cath lab cases
Chile	0	1,300	76	152,000	cataracts, crossed eyes
Dom. Republic	0	0	156	312,000	cataracts
Egypt	0	29,703	0	NA	E.N.T. program, seminars
El Salvador	4,000	3,623	182	364,000	cataracts
Ethiopia	0	202,165	2,200	4,400,000	eye program—4 short & 2 long term volunteers
Guatamala	2,126	1,320	185	925,000	cleft lip/palate
India	30,000	15,162	538	1,076,000	100 patients/day screened and treated, all eye problems
Indonesia	32,358	143,310	531	1,062,000	local universities in 3 cities are involved—cataracts
Kenya	0	2,976	8	24,000	cardiac cath lab—mitral valve repairs
Nigeria	0	25,820	1,802	3,604,000	all eye problems
Peru	0	12,645	26	52,000	start up eye program
Philippines	127,800	202,778	2,963	7,315,000	400+ local doctor volunteers, eyes, clefts, etc.
Tonga	0	627	36	180,000	dental, orthopedic, urology
Uganda	1,000	0	11	22,000	mainly dental, new eye program
Vietnam	0	19,360	0	NA	post-laryngectomy rehab program
Zimbabwe	0	0	1,615	3,230,000	cataracts
Total	\$230,944	\$812,681	11,223	\$24,550,000	

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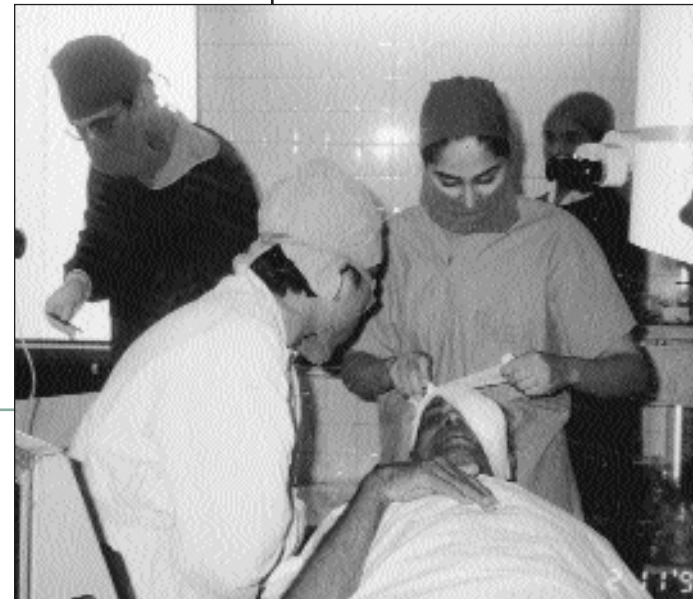
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In the last newsletter, John Hunter, the foundation's secretary, wrote on *how* Deseret International conducts its programs. This newsletter focuses on *who* conducts them, and the sketches to follow identify a few of the people associated with the foundation who are representative of its many friends and colleagues whose contributions make these programs possible.

the drs. sethi

It was in November 1991 that Bill and Audrey Jackson first met the Drs. Sethi—a most remarkable husband-and-wife-team of eye



surgeons. Arun and Reena Sethi had a thriving practice in New Delhi, as well as a passion to do something for the less fortunate. They had worked out a program but were hesitant to start without a steady source of operating capital—about \$100 a month—and the capacity to obtain special cataract supplies. Bill happened to have some funds on hand, as well as fifty surgical cataract lenses in his briefcase at that moment. So an association was forged and three days later the

Sethis began their first screenings. That was more than ten years and 300,000 patients ago.

Arun Sethi was thirty-four years old when he first met the Jacksons. Both of his parents were physicians, his father an ophthalmologist, his mother a gynecologist. He attended medical school at the Christian Medical College in Ludhiana, and did a masters degree in ophthalmic surgery and short

stints at Charing Cross Hospital in London and the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary in Boston. Reena Sethi, five years younger than Arun, studied medicine at the Jammu Medical College, J & K, and did her post graduate work in ophthalmology at the Institute of Ophthalmology, AMU, Aligarh, U.P. Both are members of the American Society of Cataract Refractive Surgery and the All India Ophthalmological Society. First introduced to each other on the day of their wedding, they have been blessed with two sons, Vaibhav, sixteen years old, and Aditya, thirteen. Arun says of Reena, "she is a true family maker!"

The Sethis conduct three regularly scheduled eye clinics a week, held at a local Hindu temple that plays host to Sikhs, Jains, Parsis, Muslims, and Hindus. Here they prescribe glasses, at \$3 a pair, schedule surgeries, and prescribe medical eye treatments. Last year the Sethi team performed 538 cataracts surgeries, on a humanitarian basis, for patients who otherwise would not have been able to receive treatment. Deseret International supplied the lenses and the additional hospital costs, which averaged about \$15 an operation. They are pictured here, operating together, Arun on the left, Reena on the right. We are very grateful for our association with the Sethis and for their selfless service, and for the hundreds of other physicians and dentists who are associated with the foundation and donate their time and talents to their countrymen.

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many thanks art

Among the many volunteers who make Deseret International possible, Arthur D. Browne stands out for the length of his service and the importance of his contributions. Art was attracted to the foundation when he learned it had assistance programs in Africa, a region he and his wife Edna—pictured here with Art—were particularly concerned with because of their church service in Nigeria and Zimbabwe. In 1991, four years after he retired from the University of Arkansas, where he was vice president and professor of higher education administration, he offered his time to Deseret International and has since served as the foundation's executive director. For the past eleven years he has handled much of the correspondence, managed the accounting and banking, scheduled meetings and produced agendas, shipped supplies, and assembled the reports from the various programs, as well as participating in shaping the foundation's policies. His "thank you" letters over the years have made his name familiar to all those who support Deseret International. We thank you, Art, for the wisdom you have brought to the foundation and for your tireless service in its behalf.



and many thanks to the Henstroms

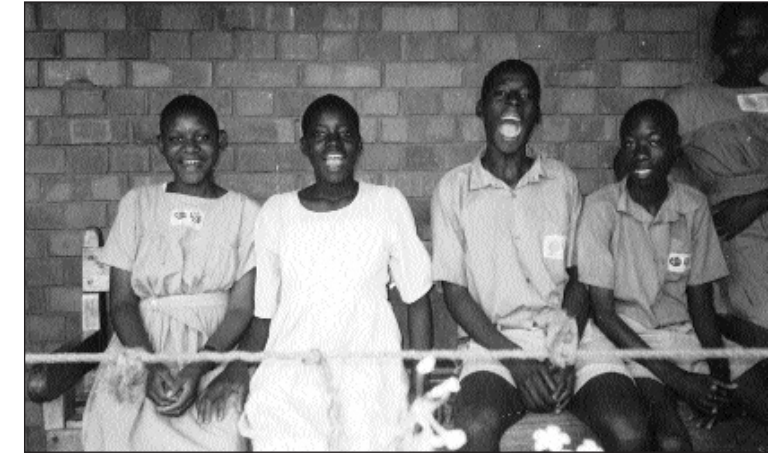
One of Art Browne's early innovations, begun the year he joined the foundation, was the *Monthly Automatic Debit* contribution. With this technique, one makes monthly contributions to Deseret International by an automatic debit of a fixed amount to his or her bank checking account. The foundation has been greatly blessed with loyal and generous friends who have donated in this way. Among the charter members of this group are Richard and Martha Henstrom—pictured at the right—who have remained contributors from the time the plan was inaugurated. Their monthly contributions have added up to more than merely a substantial donation; they have given new life to scores of people who otherwise would not be able to see, or talk, or walk. We honor the Henstroms for their generosity, along with all of our loyal friends whose contributions make the foundation's programs possible.

We invite you to join this band of *Monthly Automatic Debit* contributors. A monthly contribution of \$10 over the course of a year, for example, will pay for eight cataract operations and give the gift of sight to eight people and bless the members of eight families. Simply fill out the inside flap of the enclosed envelope, insert a voided check from your checking account, and drop the envelope in the mail. The rest is *automatic!*

the unknown who

The "who" in this story is unnamed and unknown. After sponsoring a successful dental program in Uganda for ten years, we began to feel that perhaps the time had come to quietly fold it up and move on. The idea had been to send a group of fourth-year dental students out every week to an orphanage or school to give dental hygiene courses, screen the children, and care for infected or broken teeth. This worked well when there was a full-time U.S. missionary dentist on the scene to act as liaison and overseer, but with such a missionary no longer in the country, the program appeared too difficult to manage. The local director for Uganda-Deseret, however, persisted in running the school programs, and this year the country extended our registration for five more years—expressing the hope that "you will continue your service." And after looking at those wonderful smiles—pictured right—who would have the heart to stop the program! So we are looking for an American long-term

volunteer—the unnamed "who"—to work with our Ugandan colleagues. We have also agreed to assist the National Eye Training Center (at Mulago Hospital) to establish a second center in the Luwero District of northern Uganda—following the usual pattern: We supply the fishing pole and bait, they supply the muscle and skill.



2001 was a record year!

The chart on the back page summarizes Deseret International's accomplishments for the year 2001. The column headed *Cash Sent* gives the total amount of cash in U.S. dollars sent to that country, and the column headed

procedures, treatments involving only medicines, non-surgical eye care, and voice and hearing appliances. The column *Value US\$* gives the U.S. value of the surgical procedures in dollars. Some key points:

- The total cash expenditure for the 2001 medical programs was \$420,954.
- The foundation spent \$190,010 on supplies; the rest of the supplies were donated.
- The average cost of a surgical procedure in donated dollars was \$37.51.
- Overhead for the foundation was 1% of donated dollars.

In addition:

- \$110,000 was received to fund the rebuilding of the eye surgery clinic in El Salvador, that was destroyed in an earthquake
- \$85,000 was received to purchase Davao Deseret House in the Philippines.



Supplies Sent gives the dollar amount of medical supplies shipped to the country. *Operations* lists the number of surgical procedures—repair of club feet, crossed eyes, cataracts, cleft lip/palates, cornea transplants, post polio rehabilitation, and artificial legs; *not counted* are dental

