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Optical Outreach Training in The Gambia

The Gambia is Africa's smallest nation. It is surrounded by Senegal on three sides and the Atlantic on the west. Ninety-five percent of the people are Muslims.

In September, AGWM missionaries Scott and LaVonna Ennis hosted a CompassionLink Optical Outreach Training team in The Gambia. The goal of the training was to equip nationals to conduct optical outreaches. **These outreaches provide opportunities for believers to share the love of Christ in practical ways by sitting face-to-face with non-believers.**

During the training, ten students from the Al-Masih Worship and Training Center in Banjul, Gambia, were trained. The students were divided into teams of two and began putting into practice what they had learned. At the end of the week, **the teams had conducted optical screenings on 271 people.** Most of them received a pair of glasses and welcomed the opportunity to pray with the students. Only one person refused prayer, while the rest expressed their appreciation for the care and blessings they received from the team.



Classroom instruction and first outreach.

OPPORTUNITIES

CompassionLink has several 1-2 year missionary associate openings, including:

- Animal Husbandry Specialist
- Agriculture Specialist
- Pastoral Care/Counseling
- Optical Technician
- Plant Manager/Handyman
- Occupational Therapist
- Health Education Specialist
- Physical Therapist
- Community Development Associate

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“Development is about transformation of the whole person, physically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually.”

Dr. JoAnn Butrin

PLEASE PRAY

- Upcoming and current outreaches to Honduras and Central Eurasia.
- Wisdom in developing new health training modules.
- Missionary associate openings to be filled with knowledgeable, team-minded people.

The training and outreaches have received a lot of positive attention in the past few weeks. **Scott and LaVonna are receiving requests daily for new outreaches.** The national TV station interviewed us at the training and has continued to follow the outreaches with very positive reports. As a result, the director of the national airport invited them to screen all 800 employees.

We can buy new readers and distance vision glasses and ship them to The Gambia for \$2.50 a pair. **Please join us in this dynamic ministry as God continues to open new doors in West Africa.**



Graduates of the Optical Training

Community Health Training for Honduras

We feel incredibly fortunate to have received training from and partnered with Teach to Transform, an organization that provides basic medical training to pastors and evangelists in various countries around the world. **This is an amazing way to demonstrate the love of Christ and share the gospel.** Over the years, they have been able to track the work of their students and have witnessed hundreds of people coming to faith in Christ, being baptized and churches being established, often in remote and hard-to-reach communities.

CompassionLink is now equipped to present this medical training ourselves, in a way that is tailored to our expertise. Our director, Dwight McConnell, suggested that Dr. Butrin, who is leading our health initiatives, conduct a three-day training for our staff. A lot of preparation has gone into creating teaching tools and demonstration equipment, but we are now ready to offer CHT training and Optical training in Honduras in November. **We are very excited for these new opportunities to train others to reach the lost for Jesus.**



Dr. JoAnn Butrin leading Community Health Training for CL staff

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