

# A vision for the world

Helping others to help themselves

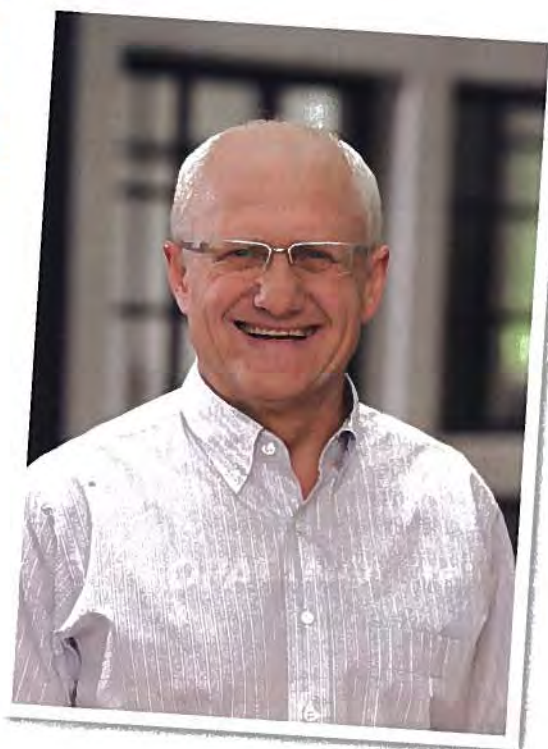
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For many surgeons the words, "We have social responsibility," are doubtless a daily driver helping patients attain a better quality of life. However, it's not just the practitioners in the field that have taken that to heart.

Back in 2002, Max Reindl, founder and chief executive officer of Wavelight AG and his colleague, Susanne Grethlein, vice president marketing and investor relations founded the sponsoring association Vision for the World (VFTW). Its aim was, and still is, to give something back to the ophthalmic community from businesses that serve it.

A board, comprised of business and medical professionals help select the projects the



association intends to support, with an emphasis on giving people material aid in order for them to help themselves. This includes training of specialists and what follows are just a few of the examples and achievements to date.

Dr Ugbede Idakwo, a 34 year-old Nigerian who has been sponsored by VFTW in cooperation with the Christian Blind Mission is undergoing a two-year course of study at the ECWA Eye Hospital in Kano, Nigeria. Beginning in April 2009 he has made steady progress. "I was admitted into the diploma training programme in 2009 while working in ECWA Eye Hospital and started lectures in the Ophthalmology Department, University College Hospital, Ibadan, Nigeria in April. We had wet lab sessions at the end of the 3 month posting and I then proceeded to the Ophthalmology Department at the Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospital Complex, Ile-Ife for my refractive posting where I refracted 139 patients. I finished that posting in the September and resumed



my Bock2B posting in ECWA Eye Hospital in the same month.

"At ECWA I learnt basic history and examination of ophthalmic patients. I also learnt from weekly hospital presentations reviewing journals. I was taught simple cataract surgery and other minor surgeries like chalazion I&C, pterygium excision and lid rotation. I personally completed 21 cataract surgeries before leaving for my Community Eye Health posting at National Eye Centre Kaduna and am doing fine."

The aim for the Eye Department at Kathmandu Medical College in Nepal was to establish phacoemulsification in the facility. Phase 1 saw the installation of a phaco unit donated by Oertli Instrumente AG (Switzerland). For the second phase VFTW sent the renowned German eye specialist, Professor Klaus Ludwig from the ARIS eye clinic in Nuremberg, Germany who volunteered for the job alongside theatre sister, Josepha Eschenlohr.

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Phase three, which currently under preparation, will see the start-up team getting initial experience using the phacoemulsification unit themselves. VFTW will then send out a partner doctor to

provide refresher courses and regular training sessions. The aim is for this to be at the end of this year or the beginning of 2011.

The fourth and final phase will be when the start-up team have enough experience and can begin training their colleagues and incoming students in the future.

"Incentives must be created for the outstandingly trained doctors to apply their acquired professional knowledge in their home country for the benefit of the patients", says Max Reindl.

Lack of technical know-how are not the only projects VFTW is involved in. At The Medical Mission Hospital Eye Services in Kolenchery, Kerala, Southern India diagnosis of thousands of cataract cases has been made possible by a survey commissioned by the Medical Mission Hospital Eye Service. Vision for the World has contributed towards equipment for the hospital but continues to keep in contact with the Christoffel Blindenmission and knows that modernization is still urgently required.

Max Reindl knows the importance of good vision as the medical technology company he founded has specialized in the development and production of laser and diagnosis systems to correct visual impairment.

Susanne Grethlein has also been instrumental in VFTW's achievements, but is keen to acknowledge the contribution of the whole team: "My task is to keep an eye on our objectives and to set a course to finally achieve them. This role has always given me great pleasure, simply because the right people were always on board."

VFTW's special thanks also go to Peter Bura, who is the managing director of Fürth based Laservision GmbH & Co. KG) for his donation of a large number of sunglasses to the association.

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This donation is destined for Nepal where Prof. Malla will undertake the distribution of the glasses to local inhabitants, including children. In general the people of Nepal don't protect their eyes from sunlight – which in

terms leads to a higher incidence of cataracts.

Part of the delivery has already arrived.

Matthias Maus, an ophthalmologist from Cologne, and Tomey, Erlangen supported

the association with a number of diagnostic equipment.

These donations will be sent promptly to Kathmandu Medical College (KMC), Nepal, as well as to Medical Mission Hospital Eye Services, India. Eckard Rohr is managing director of WaveLight S.A.

in Spain. When he heard of Vision for the World first and familiarised himself with the association's philosophy, he spontaneously donated four operation microscopes which will be sent, amongst others, to Professor Malla in Kathmandu and the Medical Mission Hospital Eye Services in Kolenchery. Monish Bhachoo distributes WaveLight products by his company, "My Healthscape" in India and he was able to "collect" approx. 300 IOLs and donate them to VFTW. These lenses were sent directly to Dr. Hennig in Lahan.

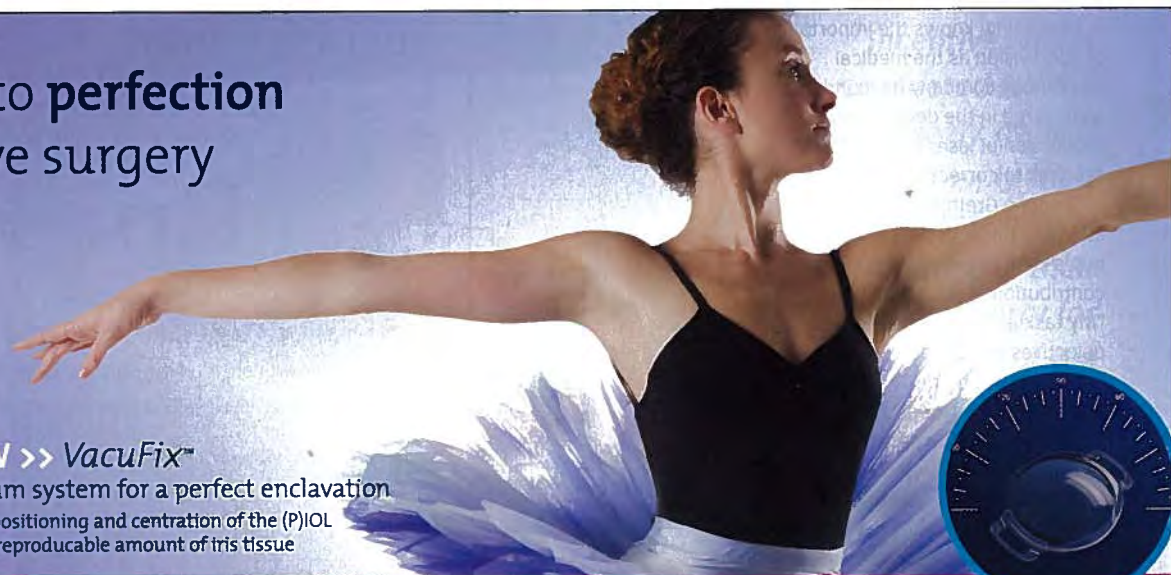


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Scholarship for a medical student.

Equipping the university library of the KMC with modern teaching, learning and further educational material.

Support of the International Ophthalmological Fellowship Programme.

Follow-up project "Biratnagar II" - Long term objective: Expansion for an 'Eastern Regional Eye Centre' to achieve the wide-ranging ophthalmological care of the population in the Eastern region of Nepal.

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