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Dr. Jono Pons, the COS sponsored missionary for the **Foster a Missionary (FAM)** program, sent us a short video about a recent visit by a team of doctors from the Dean McGee Eye Institute.

In case you don't remember or don't know about the COS FAM program, the COS Board chooses a missionary ophthalmologist every two years for the Society to sponsor. We commit to supporting the efforts of the "fostered" missionary by various means for those two years. For example, we can make donations towards surgeries, donate equipment, donate specifically to the family, pray for the family, and highlight the missionary in our offices and share with our patients how they could support the missionary and their efforts.

This month, a team from Dean McGee Eye Institute visited Dr. Jono Pons, at the **Grace Vision Clinic in Siteki, Eswatini**, South Africa

During the week, they did 11 Corneal grafts and "a whole lot of oculoplastic surgeries" training local doctors, while also bringing medications and textbooks for the trainees at Grace Vision Clinic. The patients at Grace Vision travel great distances to get treated and some have been waiting 5 years for corneal grafts.

This video is a short overview of their trip and includes Dr. Pons and his trainee **telling us what one COS member recently brought to the clinic that revolutionized their practice.**

Click [HERE](#) to watch.

Please prayerfully consider donating to the work in Eswatini:

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COS Prayer Breakfast @ AAO Join Us in San Francisco

If you are headed to the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) Meeting in San Francisco, join us on Sunday for the **COS Prayer Breakfast at AAO!**

Here are the details:

Sunday, November 5, 2023
6:30-8:00 am
San Francisco Marriott Marquis
Room: Salon 10/11/12 - Lower Level
(New Room)

Speaker: Dr. Kurt Heitman
Topic: ***“Planting Seeds”***

Dr. Kurt Heitman is a comprehensive ophthalmologist at Southern Eye Associates in Greenville, South Carolina. His greatest joy is his relationship with God and his family. He is committed to being a good husband to his wife, Robin, a good father to their two sons, an eye surgeon who pursues excellence and compassion with his patients, and a stalwart friend to his partners.

Dr. Heitman's career is marked by his leadership in advocacy for the ophthalmology profession and his fellow ophthalmologists and their patients – locally, nationally, and abroad. He has served as the Secretary for State Affairs for the American Academy of Ophthalmology which advocates before state and federal governments on behalf of ophthalmology physicians and exposes members to critical issues pertaining to ophthalmology.



Dr. Heitman has also been involved in medical missions to Ecuador, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic, and he was the Chairman of the Board, Founder, and Volunteer Physician of the non-profit organization Surgeons for Sight, which delivered eye care for those in need.

In 2024, the COS is excited to have Dr. Heitman and his practice be the hosts of the 2024 COS Annual Meeting in Greenville, South Carolina, July 24-28th!

Sign up today for a great morning together!



If you wish to make a donation to help underwrite the cost of the breakfast, please click on the link below and donate to the "**2023 Ministry Fund.**"



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