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Much of life, I believe, we take for granted. We just assume that when we decide to perform some simple task at home or at work, it will get done without much thinking about it. Think back to this morning, you awoke.....looked at that alarm clock but it was too fuzzy to read the time. You fumbled for your glasses on the night stand. Life becomes more focused. You shuffle into your nice modern kitchen and pour your hot cup of coffee that has just brewed due to the timer on the coffee maker you set last night. You fire up the laptop to scan the morning news, check your emails, and see who's made a fool of themselves on Facebook. Your morning ritual is in progress. Life is good!

Now imagine you live in Myanmar, Cambodia, or Niger. Life ain't so great. You're lucky to earn \$2 a day when there is work. You can't afford eye glasses because they cost almost 4 days wages. There is no money for luxuries! The problem is you are a seamstress and have four children to feed. It's nearly impossible to thread that needle because of your failing eye sight.

Or maybe you are a pastor in Myanmar and you haven't been able to read your Bible in months just because your eyes cannot focus. You have been preparing your sermons and Bible studies from memory.

These are two true stories from people who have been given a simple pair of reading glasses that cost about 45 cents. It can be life changing, no exaggeration!



A sample pair of reading glasses we make from a kit from www.glassesformissions.org

I want to thank the small group of faithful men (who asked to remain anonymous) who help make these glasses. Thanks also go to Sharon who made the unique eyeglass covers. They serve the Lord in their own special way without fanfare or glory. They have just completed 50 pairs to be sent to the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Myanmar. We just got an order for reading glasses from a PCA missionary doctor in Africa. It may seem like such a small, insignificant thing but it truly makes a difference.



I think this Burmese senior was happier to get her reading glasses than to see a doctor!!

In other news, Jan and I are preparing to a join medical team to Cambodia in September. Our hope is to take at least 50 pair of reading glasses to supplement the medical efforts.

We could certainly use your prayers and financial support to raise the needed funds. Our account information is listed below.

If you have questions or would like information on making eye glasses, please contact me.

Thank you!!

Dan and Jan

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