

GOOD NEWS

Surgical team of volunteers restoring sight in Mongolia

West Palm Beach ophthalmologist **Steve Spector** is in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia this week with a team of volunteers who are restoring sight by performing cataract eye surgeries for poor residents there.

Also a member of the surgical team is Spector's wife **Lauren**, who volunteers her time as the official photographer for the mission. Lauren is the chief financial officer for an instrument manufacturing corporation, Quantachrome Instruments of Boynton Beach. In addition to shooting photos, she acts as a surgical assistant, nurse, handholder, comforter and navigator.

The husband and wife team are volunteering their time through the humanitarian health organization S.E.E. International.

Spector, along with ophthalmologist Ronald Reed from Rochester, New York and S.E.E. International's volunteer surgical team, will perform about 50 sight-restoring eye surgeries on patients blinded by cataracts, in some cases restoring the eyesight of people who have not been able to see in more than a decade.



Spector

S.E.E. International is a non-profit health organization dedicated to providing sight-restoring eye surgeries for children and adults in developing countries. In the past 5 years, the organization reports that it has restored the eyesight of more than 74,000 patients worldwide.

Spector joined the organization as an affiliate in 1996. He is not paid for his services and he is responsible for paying for his own travel and lodging expenses.

For additional information about S.E.E. International, visit www.seeintl.org or contact Erin Johansson, Development Coordinator at S.E.E. International at (800) 208-6733.