



LOCATION: IJOGA ORILE, OGUN STATE, NIGERIA

# Medical Mission, Nigeria

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## One Village at a Time

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I arrived in Lagos three days before departing to Ijoga Orile for a two day events: August 19-20, 2017

We were set up to receive over 1000 villagers at a Local Church. The goal is simple: [Reaching our Community, one village at a time.](#)

With over 100 volunteers of Local Doctors, Nurses, Dentists, Pastors and other Medical Missionaries. Being the fifth year of this operation; the process was seamless.

One of the highlights of the Trip is a story about Joseph, one of 10 eye surgery candidates for this year. He was blinded with cataracts in both eyes for years, which condemned him to a life of begging. Living in a village with a population of less than a thousand, with an

estimated income of less than one hundred dollars a year. After a detailed medical assessment by an Ophthalmology on site, it was decided to schedule Joseph for a surgery within 24 hours. Relume Foundation paid for all the surgery related expenses including transportation. Without a family member who is willing to go with him to the next town for the surgery, a volunteer was assigned to go with him. I am happy to inform you that the surgery was successful ! For the first time in 15 or more years, Joseph could see again. The next surgery for the other eye is in thirty days. In addition, professionals were on site and villages were tested as needed for Diabetes, Dental Care, High blood pressure, and Malaria.



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