

## PICTURE THIS



### Chicago eye surgeon brings sight to those in need

DR. STUART SONDHEIMER, a Jewish ophthalmologist and eye surgeon based in Skokie, will journey to Croix-des-Bouquets, Haiti in November to bring sight to the indigent blind. Then, in February, he will arrive in Juayua, El Salvador to perform cataract and pterygium surgeries for people who would otherwise remain blind.

Last year, Sondheimer (pictured, at left, with one of his patients) was part of a volunteer medical team sponsored by Eye Care International and SEE International that examined the eyes of over 5,000 patients, dispensed over 3,000 pairs of eyeglasses, and performed 84 major eye surgeries over a two-week period earlier this year.

Before going on his first mission many years ago, Sondheimer trained himself to perform small incision cataract surgery without the expensive high technology ultrasound systems and supplies used with modern cataract surgery in the U.S.