

## **Rick and Patrice Eggert - - - Serving Humanity One Person at a Time**



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These residents of Bella Vista will soon leave for Panama where they will join the participants of VOSH (Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity) to evaluate and dispense eyeglasses to citizens of Panama who would otherwise be unable to afford either the glasses or an examination. Rick is a member of Bentonville Bella Vista Daybreak Rotary and was previously a member of the Russell, Kansas Rotary Club which joined with the Oeste Rotary club of Panama to sponsor the project. Rick started participating sixteen (16) years ago and he and Patrice have continued together for the past twelve (12) years. This program is sponsored by Lions, Rotary and numerous University Optometric Departments and serves communities throughout the world and all food, lodging, and transportation in Panama is provided by the Panama Oeste Rotary Club.

Rick also administers the Rotary Foundation Committee for the Bentonville Bella Vista Rotary Club. The Foundation is one of the largest non government philanthropic groups in the world and has participated in the eradication of Polio, control of malaria, provision of sanitary water awarding international scholarships and other worthwhile projects.

Paying their own expenses volunteers with VOSH are reaching out to less fortunate people about the world and giving back to humanity in a very meaningful way.

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