

Swaziland is one of the programs of the Grant Township Lions Club. We are proud to say that two of our members Lion Doctor Harry VanderWal and Lion Echo VanderWal are also missionaries. In this manner we are sure of how our donations are used. In addition Lions Ken and Diane Klein also members of our club have also gone to Swaziland as volunteers. Swaziland is a country in South Africa of approx. 175 miles and is the poorest country in Africa.

We have sent 25,000 pairs of used glasses, diapers, cloth wraps, 500+ bars of soap and much more. There is still however a tremendous need for more donations of cash or the following wish list.

Our efforts in Swaziland is the final step of all of our work collecting used eyeglasses, after the Lions of Illinois Foundation removes the glasses they want The Luke Commission is one of the groups that receive the glasses. The Luke Commission cleans the used glasses, determine the prescription, mark them, put information into the computer and box them for shipment. Once in Swaziland the people are given an exam to determine their needs. Then the computer list is checked to find a pair that closest fits their needs.

A number of Lions Clubs have joined us in this program, Arlington Heights, Grayslake, Gurnee, Lake Zurich, Palatine, and Winthrop Harbor