

## THE MCGEE CHINA VISION PROJECT

On May 22, 2003, doctors from the Dean McGee Eye Institute (DMEI) will be traveling to China for 11 days in a combined effort with Heart to Heart International to initiate a program to aid Chinese Ophthalmologists in their effort to combat blindness in their vast country. Millions of Chinese become blind each year from preventable or treatable causes. DMEI's Brad Farris M.D. twice visited the Chinese Province of Sichuan last spring to gather information as a guest of the Provincial Health Bureau and the Hong Kong Society for the Blind. Last fall officials from the Chinese government and a major Chinese university journeyed to Oklahoma City. Out of those meetings was borne the outline of a joint program wherein DMEI ophthalmologists and scientists will travel to western China regularly. The purpose is to teach Chinese ophthalmologists and enable them to provide better care, to demonstrate modern surgical techniques, and to gain a better understanding of Chinese rural public health challenges.

We at DMEI believe that the Institute's mission of improving the eye health of those in need does not stop at our state's borders. Our hope is that through this program both DMEI and Chinese physicians and scientists will grow in their understanding of the complex scientific and health care delivery problems that face us. A key part of this program will be taking one DMEI resident physician to China each time so that he or she can become an active advocate for prevention of worldwide blindness in the years to come.

If you would like to learn more or financially support the McGee China Vision Project, contact Penny Voss at (405) 271-7801 or [penny-voss@ouhsc.edu](mailto:penny-voss@ouhsc.edu).



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