

## 2005 Visit to Armenia by VOSH members

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VOSH-NECO IN ARMENIA: After reading Patti Fuhr's article in the last newsletter regarding her teaching experiences in Peru, team leader Joe D'Amico, OD, looked into arranging to work with Armenian students. Eight ophthalmology students from the Eighth Clinic in Yerevan seized the opportunity; four assisted at all 6 eye care clinics. At right, two of the women are seen in the village of Glazdor assisting Taline Farra, OD, a professor at the New England College of Optometry.

Both Dr. Farra and Jim Fantazian, OD, spoke Armenian fluently. Indeed, most of the team had ties to the area, so, to meet so many wonderful people, to have the privilege of serving them, to enjoy dinner in their homes, to witness a professional performance of an opera at the restored opera house, to observe the 90th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, to see Mt. Ararat on a clear day - all this and more made the VOSH-NECO trip one that participants will savor for the rest of their life. Plans are in the works for a team to return to Armenia in September, 2007. Contact [eyeclam@aol.com](mailto:eyeclam@aol.com) or [FarraT@neco.edu](mailto:FarraT@neco.edu) f 2007.