

## ***BUCCI LASER VISION***

***PRESS RELEASE – Instituto de Ojos Sacro Cuore – Lima, Peru***



**Dr. Bucci, Dr. Martinot and their staff members in Chorilles a remote village in Peru where they performed Vision Screenings.**

### ***A vision provides vision to those less fortunate in Peru.***

*Frank A. Bucci, Jr., MD and Bucci Laser Vision staff members Loretta Amico, R.N., CNOR, Donna O'Donohue, CST, Barbara Michalek, MAA, and Ruth Evans, COT, traveled to Lima Peru in December and experienced first hand that giving far exceeds receiving. They performed over 125 corrective eye procedures during a 7 day marathon. The trip was organized to launch the opening of the Instituto de Ojos Sacro Cuore, (Eye Institute of the Sacred Heart). The conception of this eye institute for impoverished people was a vision of Dr. Bucci's. The ground breaking ceremony was performed in the fall of 2006 and construction began in the spring of 2007. Construction was completed and eye surgeries began in 2008. The economic conditions in Peru leave thousands of impoverished families without basic healthcare. It was an ideal location, therefore, to establish an Aravind Model facility; the concept being that the procedures performed for the "paying privileged" would in turn provide services at no charge for those less fortunate. The funding also allows the medical director Dr. Manuel R. Perez Martinot and his staff, to travel to the most rural villages and orphanages to perform visual screenings for families and children who otherwise would never have access to physicians.*