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## NIC Presents Exclusive Screening of *Infinite Vision*

North Island College's Global Nursing project, in collaboration with the World Community Development Education Society, BC Council for International Cooperation and Seva Canada, is pleased to present an exclusive screening of *Infinite Vision*, the story of Dr. Govindappa Venkataswamy, the legendary eye surgeon from South India who has restored the sight of over 100,000 people with his own hands.

Thirty years ago, at the age of 58, Dr. V started an 11-bed eye clinic in an old temple-city, and with his team, turned Aravind Eye Care System into the largest and most productive eye care facility in the world. Taking its compassionate services to the doorstep of rural India, Aravind's stunningly effective strategies have created a self-sustaining system that now treats over 1.4 million patients each year, two-thirds of them for free.

*Infinite Vision* traces the inspiring life journey of a visionary dedicated to serving humanity, outlines the evolution of the Aravind model of eye care, and affords glimpses into the spirituality that has guided both for over fifty years in service for sight. In the words of one of Aravind's patients, "If you can't pay them, you don't have to. If you can't come to them, they'll come to you. Each year they bring light to millions of lives."

Following the film, award-winning ophthalmologist **Dr. Martin Spencer** will speak about Seva Canada's 28 years of work preventing blindness and restoring sight in developing countries. Since 1982, Seva, which means 'service' in Sanskrit, has been helping communities develop their own capacity to deliver affordable eyecare services, by providing clinical training for thousands of local eye care workers, in every aspect of eye care from cataract surgery to nutrition education to dispensing eyeglasses.

In 2009, students and faculty travelled to Uganda, Nepal and Mozambique as part of NIC's Global Nursing initiative. The intent of the project is to facilitate a greater understanding of global health issues, by learning about social and health practices in foreign settings, and to provide Bachelor of Science in Nursing students with

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opportunities to practice overseas. Plans are underway for faculty and students to travel overseas again in 2011.

***Infinite Vision*** will be screened exclusively at NIC and will not be shown during the upcoming World Community Film Festival. Don't miss your chance to see this important film:

Thursday, February 4th, 2010  
7:00 pm  
Stan Hagen Theatre  
NIC's Comox Valley campus

Doors open at 6:30 pm and admission is by donation to NIC Global Nursing.

For further information, please call Susan Auchterlonie at 250-334-5271 or visit [www.nic.bc.ca](http://www.nic.bc.ca).

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