INTERNATIONAL ELECTIVE- LAOS

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LAOS- FUN FACTS

- "Worlds most bombed country"
- Economy is primarily Agriculture
- Life Expectancy: 54
- GDP per Capita: U.S. $1,800
- Literacy Percent: 53
- 26 ophthalmologists for a population of ~6 million
GOALS OF OUR TRIP?

- Teach Phocoemulsification technique
- Deliver several years worth of surgical supplies
WHY DO AN INTERNATIONAL ROTATION?

- See other perspectives on health care
- Continue to develop your medical knowledge/skills
- Pathology rare in the US
- Travel!
SUGGESTIONS....

• Differences
• Sustainable, mutually beneficial change
• Early in your 4th year