Making a Gift that Will last for Generations

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This lasting testament to your life can:

• Restore and save the sight of children living in the poorest communities in the world
• Provide life-changing treatment and rehabilitation for children born with clubfoot or cerebral palsy
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• Give hope and a brighter future for people living with the double disadvantage of poverty and disability

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YOUR CHRISTMAS SUPPORT

Your generous Gifts of Sight wrapped up in your wonderful messages

Christmas brought much more than just your generosity, it also brought your wishes and messages of hope of a brighter future for all those we serve.

Your Christmas blessings and thoughtful messages are being shared with the people in Ethiopia whose lives you are changing with your generosity and commitment to the work we do.

Here is one of those heartfelt messages:

“Dear Someone Special, I wish you the best in this season. Never lose hope and keep appreciating the little things in this beautiful world.”

Another hopeful message: “Happy Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope and pray that many more will have the Gift of Sight in 2020. God Bless.”

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Living in a remote village can make it difficult to access an education. But for children in the poorest and most remote villages who are either blind or partially sighted, education is – in almost every case – out of the question. Julienne (13) has nearly no vision. With the challenges that come with her visual impairments, there was no school in her village that could accommodate her special needs. Thanks to your support, Julienne now attends CBM partner school PROMHANDICAM and has access to life-transforming inclusive education. With an education, the world opens up to a child who can’t see. Every child should have a future filled with possibility – not limitations.

Thanks to supporters like you, more people in need are reached

- Jaona was a General Practitioner Nurse in Madagascar when he heard that he could help more by joining the CBM team in Cameroon.
- You helped him to become an Ophthalmic Nurse and Tutor and now he has a chance to help more people in spectacular ways.

Jaona Iandrinirina, originally from Madagascar, trained as an Ophthalmic Assistant and has become a mentor for others, caring for all those in need of eye surgery. Thanks to you, Jaona can train more and more nurses to become qualified Ophthalmic Assistants and help even more in need of the gift of sight.

In Cameroon, many people do not have access to quality eye health services. One of the main reasons is the lack of qualified health workers. As Dr. Claude Akakpo, a CBM Doctor says “Thanks to CBM, our hospital is currently meeting the need for Ophthalmic Nurses through training and mentorship programmes.” Jaona’s work is divided between caring for patients undergoing surgery and teaching and mentoring others. Jaona has mentored and trained many nurses to reach patients in Cameroon but also across West Africa.

The life-changing work of Jaona and all the CBM team in Cameroon is only possible thanks to you and your generous support. Your support is also contributing to the long-term recovery needs of communities in Zimbabwe:

- School feeding programmes
- Seeds distribution and training for farmers
- Mental health and trauma support programmes.

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Extreme weather conditions continue to compound the challenges faced by people in cyclone affected areas – in particular for children and adults with disabilities.

When disaster struck in Zimbabwe, you responded

✓ You helped 800 households receive food parcels within the first weeks of the disaster
✓ You helped 468 people with disabilities receive wheelchairs, special boots, crutches, and other items that were lost during the flooding.
✓ You helped over 1,000 families get access to emergency supplies to meet their basic needs of food, water and shelter.

Early last year, Zimbabwe was hit by Cyclone Idai, causing mass destruction and devastation across the Southern Region:

✗ Hundreds of people lost their lives and many more were injured and displaced.
✗ The risk of diseases including malaria and cholera was dramatically increased due to the lack of access to safe water and sanitation.
✗ There was widespread flooding, mudslides, destruction of crops, livestock and over 2,000 homes.
✗ Roads were destroyed limiting access to urgent medical care and emergency supplies.

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