



‘Together we can do more’

CBM is a world leader in helping those trapped in poverty by disability, regardless of race, gender, age or religion in the poorest parts of the world.



Ruth Kondowe in Zambia after her successful cataract operation.

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CBM – providing help to the most vulnerable people on earth

CBM is an international Christian organisation whose primary purpose is to improve the quality of life of people with disability and those at risk of disability, particularly for people living in the poorest areas of the world.

For more info on Pastor Ernst J. Christoffel who founded CBM in 1908 – see 'History'.

How we work

The aim of CBM's work is to provide medical care, education and rehabilitation to as many blind, low vision, deaf, physically disabled people in low income countries as possible.

CBM transforms lives with hope and opportunity, helping whole families out of poverty and exclusion. CBM advocates for the inclusion of persons with disabilities in all aspects of society.

CBM works with partner organisations in poor countries to both develop and ensure that people with disabilities have ready access to:

- Affordable and comprehensive health care and rehabilitation programmes.
- Quality education programmes.
- Livelihood opportunities.

CBM – 100 years of commitment and expertise

CBM has 100 years of working with people with disability, and preventing and treating diseases that lead to disability.

More than 500 million people now live with disability in low and middle income countries. In addition to their physical concerns, many are excluded from medical care, education, employment opportunities, family and community activities.

CBM currently reaches 18 million people through more than 1000 projects in over 100 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe.

CBM has more than 100 full-time seconded professional expatriate staff, eg. Doctors and nurses, special educators and project managers; transferring their skills to national staff. This ensures our projects are sustainable, effective and efficient.

Blindness

There are an estimated 500,000 new cases each year of childhood blindness from various causes – one per minute. 37 million people worldwide are blind and 90% of those people are living in developing countries.



The causes of Avoidable Blindness

Cataract is the leading cause of blindness in the world.

However, almost half the blind population – around 17 million people – could be cured through a simple 15-minute operation that costs CBM just £20 to administer to each adult.

Trachoma – the most common eye infection in the world can be prevented but not cured. Tetracycline eye ointment costing £2.50 is enough to give preventative treatment to a whole family.



Childhood blindness caused by Vitamin A Deficiency – affects 350,000 children each year. Many of them die. Yet it costs only 90 pence to prevent it.



River Blindness – 17 million people are infected with the parasitic worm that causes river blindness. A single dose of the drug Mectizan® donated by Merck & Co offers protection. It costs just 65 pence to distribute each tablet throughout the many infected areas.

Up to 80% of blindness is avoidable – with your help CBM can provide the solution.



Deafness

50% of deafness is preventable.

Through education, specialised support and provision of locally-produced hearing aids, CBM is helping many children and adults out of the silence and into a world in which they can live fuller lives.

Disability

CBM provides community-based health care, curative surgical interventions and enabling rehabilitation.

Our focus is on the prevention and treatment of diseases wherever possible and education and rehabilitation, so that people with disability can be included into their society as equals.



Donation form

I enclose a cheque/postal order for £

Payable to 'CBM' *or* please charge my donation to:

Mastercard Visa Maestro Switch

CAF card

Number followed by 3 digit security no.s on sig. strip:

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Gift Aid Declaration (if you are a tax payer)

Please tick if you would like CBM to reclaim the tax you have paid on your donations. You must have paid UK income or capital gains tax equivalent to that claimed (25p in the £1 from 6/4/2008). This will not cost you any more, but means that CBM can claim Gift Aid for every £ you give.

Signed: Date:

We'll keep you in touch with information about our work and how you can help. Please tick this box if you don't want this information.

Please complete this form and send it with your donation to:
CBM, FREEPOST, ANG6010, Cambridge CB24 6YA

Or your local area office (address overleaf) if you prefer.

Registered charity no: 1058162

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Yes, I want to help CBM do more!

How you can help

Here are some the ways you can help CBM:

- Make a donation.
- Raise funds.
- Spread the word – talk about us to friends, family and work colleagues.
- Pray for our work

tick here to request our prayer guide.

Make a regular donation – you can download a direct debit form from our website: <http://www.cbmun.org.uk/donate/>

or

Please send me information about regular giving.

Please remember CBM in your will –

kindly send me more information.

Any amount you are able to give will help CBM's work:

£20 will provide an adult with a cataract operation.

£50 will train a special education teacher.

£60 will provide a child with a hearing impairment a life-changing hearing aid.

£90 will give a child like Salim below a sight-saving cataract operation, with general anaesthesia.

£150 will treat someone with a late case of clubfoot.



History

1908	CBM was founded, when Ernst Jakob Christoffel (1876 – 1955), opened the first home for blind, hearing impaired and physically disabled people in Malatia, Turkey.
1925	CBM opened a school for the blind in Tabriz, Iran.
1955	Pastor Christoffel died, aged 78 in Ishfan, Iran.
1963	During 1963 CBM began ophthalmic work in Afganistan and shortly after, in Iran.
1966	By 1966 the first cataract surgery to be supported by CBM was performed in a hospital in Kabul, Afghanistan.
1967	CBM built on its success by starting projects in Ethiopia, Kenya and Tanzania.
1972	CBM starts projects in Peru and also branches out to include projects caring for people with physical, sensory and mental disabilities.
1986	The one millionth cataract operation was performed in a project supported by CBM.
1989	CBM becomes officially recognised as a professional organisation for the prevention of blindness by the World Health Organisation (WHO).
1996	CBM UK is established.
1999	CBM International , together with other agencies and the WHO, launch “Vision 2020”, an initiative to eliminate preventable blindness.
2001	CBM UK expands and opens an office in Scotland
2003	The five millionth cataract operation is made possible by CBM.
2007	CBM opens an office in Northern Ireland
2008	CBM’s 100th anniversary – 100 years of commitment and expertise.

CBM works in partnership with more than 700 organisations to deliver high-quality and sustainable services. CBM's member associations exist in: Germany, USA, Canada, Australia, Switzerland, Belgium, UK, Italy, New Zealand and Ireland.

Today CBM supports more than 1000 projects.

Worldwide around 650,000 people donate funds towards CBM's work.

Join with CBM – you have the power to change a life and set someone free from blindness or disability. Get involved with CBM today – contact your local office.



8 year old Noor Ali Hassan, a deaf boy who had a successful cataract operation on his left eye thanks to CBM. He attends the Kerugoya School for the Deaf in Kenya – a CBM-supported project.

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