

## CBM NEWS RELEASE

### 'CONFLICTS IN THE CONGO' PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION SHOWCASES CBM

Cambridge-based aid organisation CBM is staging a photographic exhibition to highlight two separate conflicts playing out in the lives of people presently in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The exhibition 'Conflicts in the Congo' will be on show at the Michaelhouse Centre, Trinity Street, Cambridge from 1 – 13 June 2009 (8am – 5pm, Mon – Sat inc).

CBM, the international disability aid organisation has continued to work with partners in the DRC throughout the last decade and a half of conflict.

Widespread violence has left thousands at risk of life-long disability in the Democratic Republic of Congo. "I want to raise awareness of two separate conflicts in DRC, and raise the profile of CBM", said Nadine Lusi, CBM's Advocacy Officer, who grew up in DRC.

CBM is an international development organisation that works with partners to improve the quality of life of people with disabilities in the poorest countries of the world.

CBM is a world leader involved in the prevention and cure of disabilities. The treatment of people with disabilities and those at risk of disability is also an important part of the CBM mandate.

In the DRC, CBM has been working with local partners for more than 30 years, providing healthcare, education and rehabilitation services.

CBM's UK headquarters is based in Oakington, Cambridge. Cambridge-based Photojournalist and artist, Keith McAllister (from Histon) is the man behind the lens who is responsible for the 30+ images in the exhibition from the Eastern DRC.

CBM internationally is the largest non-governmental disability organisation in the world dedicated to helping people with disabilities in the world's poorest countries. **CBM helps over 20 million people with disabilities each year.**

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## **CBM Information For Editors**

**CBM** (Christian Blind Mission) seeks to support our partners around the world to provide a broad range of services to people with disabilities in the poorest communities. We work with local partners in over 100 countries through our network of international offices and we are recognised by the World Health Organisation (WHO).

In addition to providing medical care and rehabilitation to as many blind, low vision, deaf and physically disabled people CBM is involved in advocacy and education.

### **What We Do**

CBM acts upon the needs and rights of people with disabilities and supports the provision of around a 1000 projects in 105 countries. It is estimated that CBM reaches out to around **20 million people** worldwide each year across Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, and Central and South America.

Wherever possible, it is the aim to provide these services within the communities and therefore Community-Based Rehabilitation programmes are provided where possible to leave communities with a legacy of skills.

### **Cause & Prevention**

Our focus is on the prevention and treatment of diseases wherever possible, and on education and rehabilitation so that people with disabilities are included and lead a largely independent life as equal members of society.

CBM promotes environments that people with disabilities can use. CBM advocates to remove the prejudice which prevents people with disabilities from accessing their human rights.

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