

Welcome



Thank you for your interest in and support of CBM. We truly appreciate your time, effort, and enthusiasm.

Together, we can help restore sight and transform the lives of people with disabilities in some of the world's most marginalised communities.

Guided by Christian values, we believe that every person deserves access to healthcare, education, and the opportunity to earn a living. "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Ephesians 2:10

Cover Photo: Nelly, from Zimbabwe, celebrates after successful cataract surgery restored her sight. © CBM UK/Thabani



How can your church take part?



Place a few copies of our **Disability Matters newsletter** and **Prayer Diary** at the back of your church for others to take home.



Ask if you can include a **CBM prayer** during a monthly service. Use our Prayer Diary for inspiration.



Speak to your church or group leader about taking a collection for CBM.



Show one of our **short films** to introduce our work. We also offer **free resources** and posters.



Could CBM be your church's **'Charity of the Year'**? Talk to your leadership team or church council about making it official.



Give a **short talk about CBM** during a service. We can provide a short film and resources to share with your church, or focus your service around **Christian Blind Mission Sunday** in October, near World Sight Day.

Your support can transform lives

Church communities are vital to our work—supporting us through prayer, fundraising, and a shared commitment to <u>an inclusive world</u> for people with disabilities.



Immaculate's story

Too often, children in poor communities miss out on education due to untreated sight loss. Immaculate, 14, from Kenya, East Africa, nearly had to leave school because of keratoconus, a painful eye condition. With support from people like you, we provided special lenses that restored her vision. "My sight was back!" she says. "I'm very happy and thankful."

Kyle's story

Kyle, 7, from South East Asia, developed cataracts after an injury, but, living in poverty, his family couldn't afford surgery to restore his sight. Thankfully, he received sight-saving treatment and is now thriving at school and playing with friends. Kyle told our team, "it's now clear, and I can see the colours!"



What we do

Our vision is of an inclusive world in which all people with disabilities can enjoy their human rights and achieve their full potential. We improve access to essential services, including education, healthcare and opportunities to earn a living. And when a disaster strikes, we're there providing emergency relief and supporting people with disabilities and communities to recover and rebuild.

Our history

Christian Blind Mission (CBM) was founded in 1908 by German pastor Ernst Christoffel. During his travels through Turkey, Ernst was deeply moved by the plight of children who were blind, unable to walk, or unable to hear. With the support of friends, he established a home in Malatya, Turkey, to provide care and education for blind individuals and children with disabilities.





Over the next century, CBM's mission grew, reaching across Africa and Asia, driven by a commitment to justice for people with disabilities. Today, grounded in Christian values, we continue this work with the belief that every person with a disability—regardless of where they live—deserves access to healthcare, education, and the opportunity to earn a living.

Together in Christ,

last year we made a difference that meant:



Over 2.4 million people were protected from Neglected Tropical Diseases.



Over 1.7 million people received medical screening.



Around 1.4 million people were screened for eye diseases.



Over 103,000 sight restoring cataract surgeries were carried out.



Over 780,000 people accessed medical services, including eye related procedures, support for physical conditions and mental health services.

Ways your church can get involved:



Every church has its own way of giving and serving.



Pray

Join us in praying for our lifechanging work and for the people we serve.



Fundraise

Organise events, collections, bake sales, or special services to raise funds.



Spread the word

Share our vital work with your congregation and inspire action.

Donate

if you wish to donate to support our work, you can do so at **cbmuk.org.uk/donate** or scan the QR code opposite. Alternatively you can call us at 0800 567 7000 – our team would love to hear from you.





Get in touch today to find out how your church can make a difference by calling **0800 567 7000** or emailing us at **info@cbmuk.org.uk**



Seven-year-old Intesham from Nepal, with his father Ishtekhar, and mother, Bibinasima.

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