

Whitney has bilateral cataracts and according
To the doctor it is congenital cataracts.
She lives in Wakiso here in Uganda
With her mother and two siblings.
Whitney has challenges in her daily life
Because as a child she goes to school.
But she's unable to see the blackboard
Neither in a book.
This is hurting.
When the family first heard about the surgery for Whitney
Of course they raised the concern of money to pay the hospital.
They don't have this money to pay for the surgery.
Neither do they have money for transport
From the village to the hospital.
Facing a life of discrimination.
You are discriminated in the community.
Whitney used to come back from school crying, and complaining
That she has been abused or beaten by other fellow students.
I had to walk to the school to request the teachers
To stop other pupils from hitting her.
I felt very sad because I could see how sad my daughter was.
And disability here in the community
Sometimes they think it's witchcraft.
Others think it's a curse from God.
Hopes and fears for the future
Whitney's life is going to be so hard.
There is a time when I will not be with her.
What is going to happen to her?
She is a girl and she is growing.
It is such a challenge and I think about it a lot.
If my child grows up like this, what, will her future be like? I'm worried.

My prayer – ever since Whitney got the vision problem – has been to get support from anyone to regain her sight because my child suffers.

She has lost weight – because of the vision problem.

When I go to church, and before I go to sleep I pray that my child can be healed.