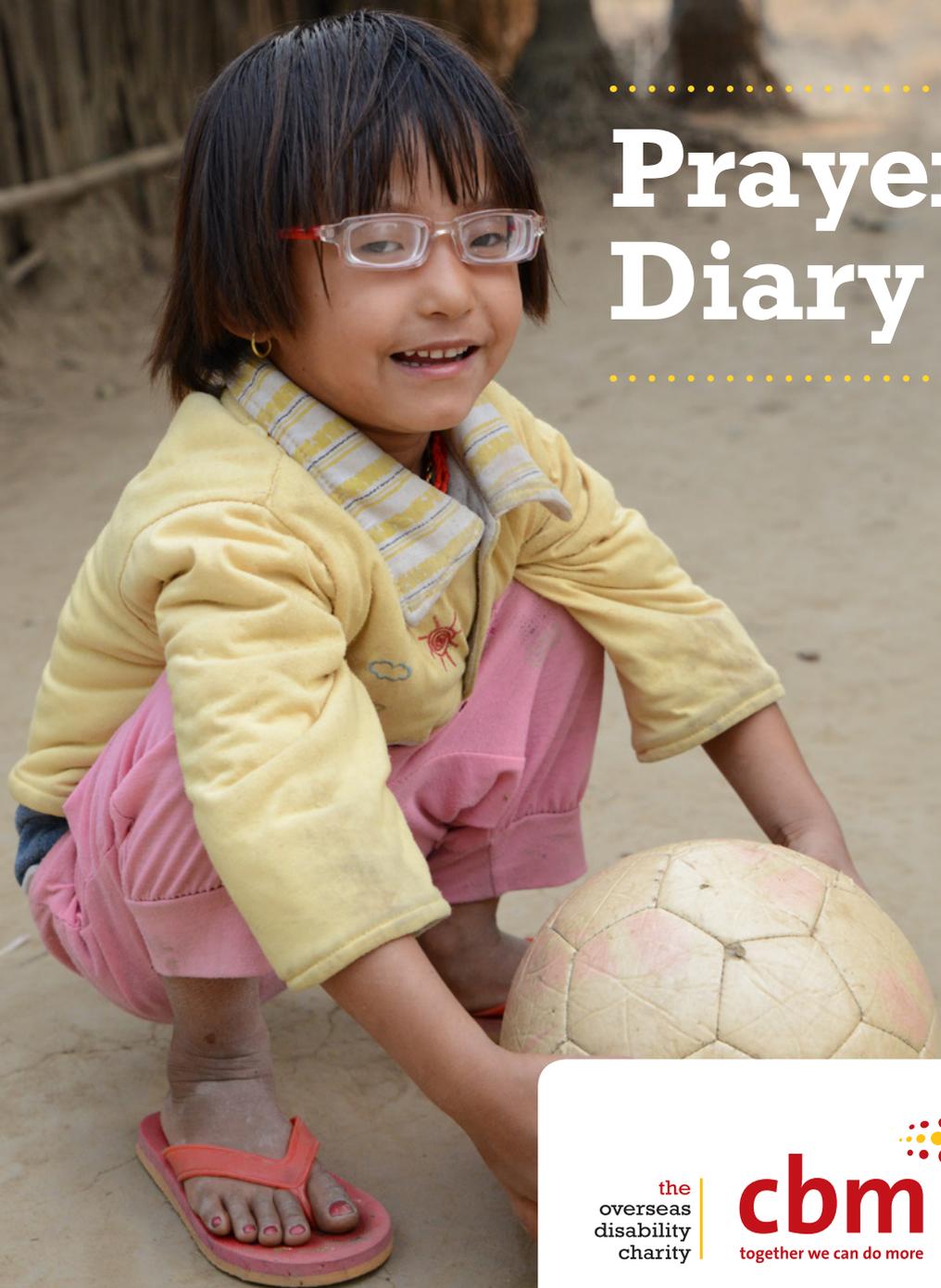


SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2019

Prayer Diary



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SEPTEMBER

See the Way - we give thanks!

Between 15 February and 14 May 2019, our See the Way appeal raised an amazing **£1.8 million!**

The team at CBM UK send their grateful thanks to everyone who supported the See the Way appeal.



Every £1 donated by our wonderful supporters was matched by the UK government, enabling us to help twice as many people See the Way to a brighter future.



Sun 1 We thank you Lord, for the success of our See the Way appeal, and for all of the wonderful individuals, churches and organisations who have supported it through gifts, prayers and fundraising.

Mon 2 We give thanks for the UK Aid Match scheme, the generous spirit of the UK public and the life-changing impact of UK Aid in the world's poorest places.

Tue 3 We pray for blessings on our new project in Rwanda, funded by the See the Way appeal, which will deliver sight-saving eye services to people living in rural areas, far from specialist hospitals.

Front cover: Ashika (5 years old) from Nepal had very low vision. At CBM's partner hospital in Nepal, she received glasses which have dramatically improved her quality of life.

Prayers provided by Rosi Jack, CBM UK

SEPTEMBER

See the Way - we give thanks!

Wed 4 We give thanks that Salomé received free eye surgery at Kabgayi Eye Unit, our partner hospital in Rwanda, and can see again after years of blindness.

Thu 5 May God bless the staff at Kabgayi Eye Unit, and the CBM team in Rwanda who work closely with them.

Fri 6 We thank you for the power of new technology to connect people from across the world. Thank you to all those who supported Salomé during her surgery week through prayers and messages via Facebook.

Sat 7 We pray for all those who are living needlessly blind because they cannot access sight-saving treatment. Help us to reach the poorest and most in need, Lord, in our work.

Salomé is able to cook for her grandchildren, walk to church and read her precious Bible after cataract surgery at our partner hospital.



The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. **MATTHEW 6:22**

SEPTEMBER

Supporting marginalised girls in education



Shigo (pictured front) had bilateral cataracts which made her blind. She has had cataract removal surgery but still struggles with pain and squints. She is receiving extra support at school.



Sun 8 On International Literacy Day, we pray for the success of our Supporting Adolescent Girl's Education (SAGE) project. We pray the consortium staff will channel their passion to change the lives of these girls.

Mon 9 Most of the girls we enrol on the programme have never been to school. We pray that these girls are able to adapt to school life so that they can reap the fruits of the programme.

Tue 10 Lord, we pray for girls under the SAGE project to be motivated to learn and realise the benefits of gaining an education despite the harsh social and economic situations that they are in.

Teach me knowledge and good judgment, for I trust your commands. **PSALM 119:66**

SEPTEMBER

Supporting marginalised girls in education

Wed 11 Lord, may girls with disabilities who are part of the SAGE project have patience and endurance to learn, despite the discrimination and negative attitudes that they can face from their communities.

Thu 12 May the Lord instil compassion and love in the communities where these girls come from so that they can be supportive and help these girls realise their dreams.

Fri 13 We thank God for the SAGE team who have great passion to help girls in Zimbabwe to access education. May the Lord continue to give them strength and wisdom to help these girls.

Sat 14 We pray for CBM and all our partners who are implementing inclusive education projects around the world to be motivated to continue the good work that is helping children with disabilities.

Zorodzai is the monitoring and evaluation officer for our Supporting Adolescent Girls in Education (SAGE) programme in Zimbabwe. The SAGE programme focuses on providing high quality, accessible education for marginalised girls in Community-Based Learning Hubs.

Prayers provided by Zorodzai Marume, CBM Zimbabwe



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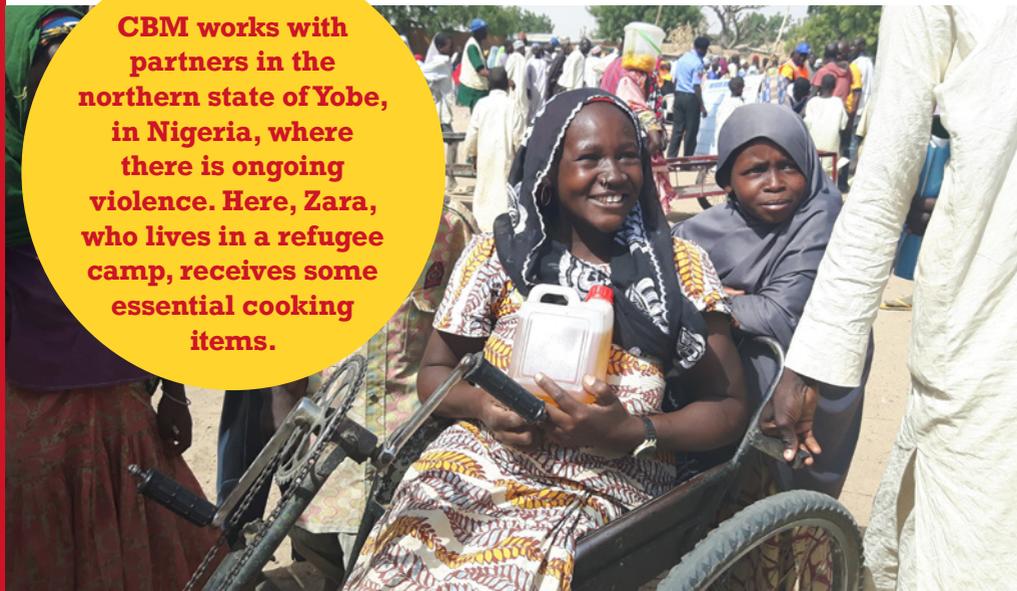
Tackling trachoma in dangerous areas

Sun 15 Lord we pray for CBM staff members and partners. We ask you to bless the fruits of our labour and grant us lasting peace, both in Nigeria and all over the world.

Mon 16 We pray for the CBM Nigeria staff and our project partner, working on our Mass Drug Administration programme. They train community drug distributors to tackle trachoma in areas of high insurgency.

Tue 17 We ask you to bless the work of our Community Drug Administrators. The team distributed antibiotics at a school for children with disabilities - a marginalised group who were at high risk of trachoma.

CBM works with partners in the northern state of Yobe, in Nigeria, where there is ongoing violence. Here, Zara, who lives in a refugee camp, receives some essential cooking items.



And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **PHILIPPIANS 4:7**

SEPTEMBER

Tackling trachoma in dangerous areas

Esther is Programme Officer for Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD) based at the CBM Country Office in Abuja, Nigeria. She supports CBM partners to implement NTD work in the northern states of Jigawa, Kano and Yobe.



Wed 18 Lord we give thanks for the opportunity for CBM to conduct an NTD workshop at an international NTD conference in Liverpool this week. We pray for success and we hope to demonstrate CBM as a world-leader in tackling trachoma.

Thu 19 Pray for our staff who work in the Kano and Jigawa states where there is sometimes intolerance of different religions. We pray for their safety and acceptance in the communities where they work.

Fri 20 We pray for people who receive trachoma trichiasis surgery. Grant them a quick and complication-free recovery, so that they can see again and go on to fulfil their potential.

Sat 21 Lord, we ask you to protect those who are helped by CBM and those who are still waiting for help. We pray especially for people who live with disabilities and find daily life challenging.

Prayers provided by Esther Bature, CBM Nigeria

SEPTEMBER

Lord of the Harvest

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We give thanks for the amazing gifts you have blessed us with. We pray that this Harvest you will help us to share our gifts generously with those whose circumstances restrict opportunity.

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We give thanks that the work of CBM opens up opportunities for those with avoidable sight loss, through gifts of time and money.

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We give thanks for this wonderful earth the Lord has created for us. We pray you will help us to steward it wisely and heal the damage humans have inflicted through global warming.

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Pray for people affected by the Rohingya refugee crisis, made worse by the effect of climate change on monsoon rains. Pray that the Rohingya people know God is looking after them, even in the darkest hours.

Ramsevak has a learning disability and was unable to attend school. Through the support of CBM, he received a loan to purchase a buffalo and now sells buffalo milk.

They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor, their righteousness endures forever. **2 CORINTHIANS 9:9**

SEPTEMBER

Lord of the Harvest



A hungry goat tries to share jackfruit with six-year-old Augustine in Uganda. Augustine was identified during an outreach by CBM partner CoRSU and received free cataract surgery.

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Pray for our project partners in India who are training farmers and people with disabilities in organic farming management, providing sustainable green livelihoods to benefit future generations.

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Lord we are grateful for opportunities to grow our gifts. Through partnership with organisations, we can make the generosity of individuals go further and fund more to help the world's poorest people.

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Pray that God would crown the coming year with His goodness; bringing fruitful gifts and opportunities for people with disabilities.

Prayers provided by Heather Dyer, CBM UK

SEPT/ OCT

Caring for people with hidden disabilities

Emeka Nwefoh is the Regional Mental Health Advisor for CBM in West and Central Africa. Emeka works with partners to integrate mental health into the health and social systems in the region and advocates for the inclusion of people with mental illness into community life.



Sun 29 We thank God that our staff and partners work hard to bring smiles back to the faces of people with mental illness in the world's poorest places.

Mon 30 God, we thank you for our donors who make sacrifices to ensure that people with disabilities in West Africa and beyond enjoy their lives like every other person in their community.

Tue 1 Lord we thank you for the amazing people in the CBM Regional Hub office - they do a marvellous job to make life better for persons with disabilities.

I will grant peace in the land, and you will lie down and no one will make you afraid. **LEVITICUS 26:6**

SEPT/ OCT

Caring for people with hidden disabilities

Wed 2 We pray that you comfort people living in displacement and refugee camps across the nations. We pray that they will quickly reunite with their loved ones in their various communities.

Thu 3 We pray for team members at CBM UK when they travel to countries in West Africa to monitor and evaluate our mental health programmes. We pray you keep them safe on their trips.

Fri 4 We pray that God be with the people of Cameroon and those working in the country, as they have experienced civil war for over two years. Lord, help in the resolution of the issues maintaining the crisis.

Sat 5 Next week is World Mental Health day. We pray that people with mental health conditions, living in the world's poorest places will be shown compassion and be guided to appropriate support.

Health workers are taught about post-natal depression on a course run as part of our Maternal Mental Health project in Ghana, West Africa.



Prayers provided by Emeka Nwefoh, CBM Regional Hub, Nigeria

OCTOBER

Healthy eyes change lives

Sun 6 Lord, in the week of World Sight Day, let us reflect on the gift of sight. This important sense helps us to communicate, learn and thrive. We ask you to bless those who live without sight.

Mon 7 It is shocking that 75% of people who are blind don't need to be. God we ask for your provision to help those who are needlessly blind. Give us the means to find and treat these people.

Tue 8 We recognise there are some who will never regain their sight. Lord we pray for your blessings on people who are permanently blind, help them to embrace and enjoy life as they are.



World Sight Day is a global awareness day, promoted by the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) and the World Health Organisation. On the nearest Sunday to World Sight Day, we have Christian Blind Mission Sunday, where churches can learn, pray and give to help those with avoidable blindness.

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you.
EPHESIANS 1:18

OCTOBER

Healthy eyes change lives



Christian Blind Mission Sunday is a unique opportunity for your church to learn about the prevalence of low vision in developing countries, and live out Christ's love for some of the world's most marginalised people.

Wed 9 God gives us the tools to support people who live with eye conditions. We ask for the success of our programmes that support them to fulfil their full potential such as our vocational training projects.

Fri 11 We offer our prayers for those who work in eye health: surgeons, ophthalmic officers, nurses and outreach workers. We are especially thankful for the dedication of the staff on our programmes.

Thu 10 On this World Sight Day, we pray Lord, that you will help us find the solutions to ensure that everyone, everywhere has access to eye care, particularly the world's poorest people.

Sat 12 This week we pray for all churches who are preparing for Christian Blind Mission Sunday. We pray church congregations are moved and inspired to help people who live with needless blindness.

Prayers provided by Grace Harper, CBM UK

OCTOBER

Prayers for our wonderful supporters



Some of our wonderful supporters from Christ Church in Woodley held a pancake party to raise money for our work.



Sun 13 Lord, on Christian Blind Mission Sunday we thank you for our faithful and loving supporters. Thank you to all the members of churches that have given their support and enthusiasm to this event.

Mon 14 We lift up to you Lord each of our supporter's challenges and personal needs. We pray that they take comfort and faith in you. May they find rest and hope in your grace.

Tue 15 Lord we pray that you are the source of joy for our supporters. We pray that they "take delight in you, so that you can fulfil the desires of their heart." Psalm 37:4

A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. **PROVERBS 11:25**

OCTOBER

Prayers for our wonderful supporters

Wed 16 Every CBM supporter has had an incredible impact on someone's life who is living in poverty with a disability. Today we pray for, and bless all our supporters who have touched the lives of others.

Thu 17 Today we pray for our supporters' families and friends. May they touch and change the lives of those around them, and may others see your light in them.

Fri 18 We ask for financial provision for each of our supporter's households, and we pray that you "meet all their needs according to your glorious riches in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19

Sat 19 We thank you Lord for all those supporters whose faithful and loyal prayers have made a difference in CBM's work. We believe that prayer is powerful and that you hear anything we ask.

Daniela Ulloa is part of the Supporter Relations team at CBM UK. "I enjoy being on the phone with supporters and learning about their lives, what they feel passionate about, and what motivates them to help change the world. I love praying for supporters and feel it's a powerful way CBM can give back to their lives. I can honestly say we have the most incredible supporters."

Prayers provided by Daniela Ulloa Rusconi, CBM UK



OCTOBER

Prayers from Cameroon, West Africa

Sun 20 Father, we pray for peace in poor communities affected by conflict. We particularly pray for those who sustain injuries or develop disabilities as a consequence of violence and war.

Mon 21 Lord, we lift up to you children with disabilities living in Cameroon. May their families and communities offer love and acceptance, and be accommodating places where children can thrive.

Tue 22 Let us pray for all the partners who work with CBM in Cameroon. Lord, we ask you to give them strength for continuous commitment towards serving people with disabilities.



Beltivette (in green) developed a disability called Genu Valgum, which meant she could hardly walk. She has been referred to CBM's partner hospital in Cameroon where she will have corrective surgery.

Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.
JOHN 8:32

OCTOBER

Prayers from Cameroon, West Africa

Julius Fon has worked as the CBM Cameroon Country Director since 2016. He oversees the implementation of CBM's development strategy in Cameroon, Chad and the Central African Republic.



Wed 23 Pray for world leaders, in particular the government and community leaders in Cameroon, that they may find the wisdom required to manage the many challenges which this country faces.

Thu 24 We pray for the poor communities in Cameroon, Chad and the Central African Republic where CBM is not present. We pray that God's infinite love will be shared and other organisations will go where we can't.

Fri 25 Pray for the civil society movement in Cameroon, especially disabled people's organisations. We ask they be strengthened to be good instruments for advocacy of rights of vulnerable people.

Sat 26 Lord, we thank you for past workers of CBM. We recognise the efforts of those who have moved on, those who have retired and those no longer with us including our founder, Pastor Christoffel.

Prayers provided by Julius Fon, CBM Cameroon

OCT/ NOV

Focus on children in Zimbabwe southern Africa



In November 2017, CBM team members and supporters travelled to Zimbabwe to visit our projects. Whilst there, David Rootham, our Gifts in Wills Officer met five-year-old Vimbisu and was touched by her story.

Sun 27 Vimbisu's parents are blind and partially sighted and did not notice Vimbisu bumping into things. They could not see her cataracts forming. We pray for parents who are blind or partially sighted.

Mon 28 Vimbisu had perfect eyesight at 7 months old but later developed cataracts. We pray for Community Health Workers who often identify eye problems in families living in rural communities.

Tue 29 Vimbisu's cataracts were diagnosed at a local hospital but they had no paediatric services. She had to go to Harare some 300km distance. We pray that eye services can be more accessible.

But God will never forget needy people. The hope of those who are hurting will never die. **PSALM 9:18**

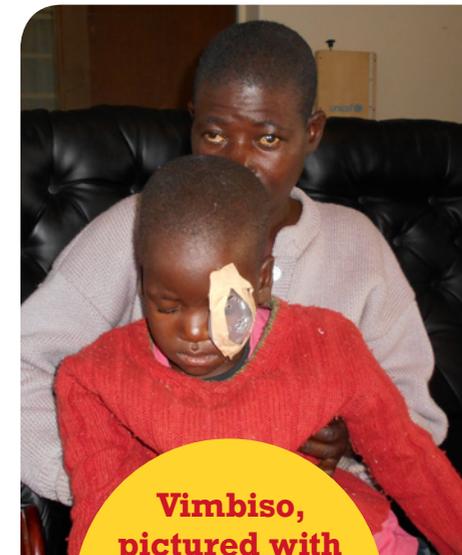
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Focus on children in Zimbabwe southern Africa

Wed 30 Being unable to afford the cost of transport to hospital is a common problem for people living in rural areas. We pray for more Ophthalmologists to be trained and equipped in rural areas of Zimbabwe.

Thu 31 We give thanks for the generous funders we have, which means that we can unlock five times the value of our supporter's gifts over the next few months, to fund eye care in Nigeria and Zimbabwe.

Fri 1 Children with cataracts have to be operated on as soon as possible to avoid them becoming permanently blind. We pray for parents that they get a quick diagnosis and timely treatment.



Vimbisu, pictured with her mum, as she recovers from cataract surgery.

Sat 2 Zimbabwe's government is struggling to fund eye health and is reliant on charities like CBM. We pray for CBM's work and that we may be able to afford to fund more projects throughout the country.

Prayers provided by David Rootham, CBM UK



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Christian Blind Mission Sunday (13th October) is an uplifting addition to the church calendar in the same week as World Sight Day.

This event is a unique opportunity that will allow your church members to learn about the prevalence of low vision in developing countries, and put God's love into action, to help the world's forgotten people.

We have produced a range of free resources so your church congregation can learn, pray and give to ensure no one living with blindness is **out of sight and out of mind**. Resources will be available at the beginning of September.

To join the growing number of churches who will be marking Christian Blind Mission Sunday please visit www.cbmuk.org.uk/sunday or call **0800 567 7000**.

With grateful thanks to the friends of CBM who have provided prayers for this diary, including: Rosi Jack, Zorodzai Marume, Esther Bature, Heather Dyer, Emeka Nwefoh, Grace Harper, Daniela Ulloa Rusconi, Julius Fon and David Rootham.



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