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I'm here in the Huye district of Rwanda to witness the site saving work

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of the charity CBM and today I'm meeting 73 year-old Vincent who has the disease

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glaucoma and this has particular personal relevance to me because my own

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father completely lost his sight to glaucoma.

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I know so well from my own dad's experience getting prompt diagnosis and effective treatment for glaucoma is vital.

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Sadly my dad was diagnosed too late but I saw how hard the doctors

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worked to save the last pinprick of sight he had left.

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It's so good to see you.

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Thank you, thank you so much.

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You remind me of my dad.

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No, he was handsome like you.

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What could you do before you lost your sight that you can't do now?

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So it makes life very difficult. I know that you take the drops very regularly and you get checked out.

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If you didn't have the treatment now what would happen to your eyes?

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If you lost your sight completely, what would feel like, what would that be like for you?

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There are simply not enough eye services in rural areas to access the sight

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saving treatment he needs Vincent's day starts at 3:00 a.m. with a

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two hour walk to the nearest bus stop then hours travelling to CBMs partner

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hospital before returning home.

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I know you have to travel such a long distance and it takes so much time.

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What would it be for you to have the clinic much closer?

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It's my absolute heart's desire that you get a clinic much nearer to your home to reduce all the pressure

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that goes with the limited eyesight.

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Nobody should needlessly lose their sight to conditions like glaucoma so I'm

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really hoping that you'll join me today in supporting CBM's is vital work

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delivering eye health services where they are most needed.

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If you give right now your gift will help twice as many people to see the way to a brighter

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future because until the 12th of May 2020, every pound you give will be

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doubled by the UK government. So, please visit [seethway.org](http://seethway.org)

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because together we can save sight and transform lives.