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Prayer Diary

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Focus on glaucoma

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Today we pray for children like Neha and their families, living in the world's poorest places. We pray that they continue to find strength and can find help needed to resolve problems associated with glaucoma.

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It is vital that glaucoma is diagnosed early and treated effectively, as it can lead to permanent blindness. We pray that those affected can access the support and treatment they need.

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Glaucoma is treated with eye drops, laser treatment or surgery, which relieves pressure on the optic nerve and stops the condition from advancing further. We pray for those living in the world's poorest places for improved access to this care.

Our partners are able to reach more children like 12-year-old Neha in Nepal and provide successful glaucoma surgery, thanks to your support.



"And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." **LUKE 11:9 ESV**

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Focus on glaucoma

Feeling inspired to share our vision of a more inclusive world? Why not join us, share your passion and become an ambassador for Christian Blind Mission with your church? To find out more call 0800 567 7000.



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Father, today we pray for those training specialist doctors, nurses and other health workers to identify and treat eye conditions like glaucoma and equip hospitals, especially in rural areas.

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Glaucoma is one of the leading causes of blindness worldwide. We pray for those working in the world's poorest places to protect people from glaucoma and other blinding conditions.

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Today we pray for the estimated 76 million people worldwide who have glaucoma. We also give thanks for CBM and local partners who work to deliver sight-saving surgery to those who need it.

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We give thanks to God for the love given to those whose sight is affected by glaucoma. Give thanks that those affected are not alone and can be guided by You.

Front Cover: 28-year-old Sunil is a community outreach worker at CBM partner Biratnagar Eye Hospital in Nepal, south Asia. Sunil works in the community to identify if people need to access eye or ear care.

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Prayers for CBM teams around the world



Thanks to supporters like you, 76-year-old Tera received sight-saving surgery at our partner hospital, Norton Eye Unit in Zimbabwe, southern Africa.

Sun 8 Lord, we ask for Your wisdom as programmes are implemented by teams in the field, so that relief and support are given to families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mon 9 We pray that the grace of our Lord Jesus rests on every staff member of CBM, giving them the ability to do their work with love and commitment in line with the footsteps of Jesus Christ.

Tue 10 We pray for Your intervention in the hearts of governments as we advocate for food aid, access to clean water and farming projects, so that families will no longer face a daily battle with starvation.

“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” **GALATIANS 6:2**

MAY

Prayers for CBM teams around the world

Wed 11 Thank you Father for educating and positioning skilled and caring surgeons and health professionals who provide the specialised care needed by so many people living with disabilities.

Thu 12 Lord, today we pray and give thanks for strengthening us and guiding us this year to make a life-changing difference to people living with disabilities.

Fri 13 Lord, we give thanks to our supporters who continue helping CBM staff and partners to distribute the preventative medication for Neglected Tropical Diseases like trachoma and river blindness.

Sat 14 Lord, we thank you for sustaining weary workers in the field as they work hard to reach people living with disabilities, providing food aid and other support.



Last year, around ten million people were treated for blinding diseases. This is only possible thanks to your generosity.



Prayers provided by CBM New Zealand

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Prayers for Madagascar

Thanks to the support provided by CBM, Haova was able to generate a small income by selling doughnuts in southern Madagascar.



Sun 15 Lord we pray for help and support for women like Haova, from Madagascar, who lives with a physical disability and relies on her children to collect water as walking is so painful.

Tue 17 Back-to-back droughts caused by climate change in southern Madagascar have left thousands of people facing desperate hunger. We pray for the many families in this country.

Mon 16 CBM was able to help Haova to set up a small business to make doughnuts and support her family. We pray that more women will be reached with this livelihood programme.

Wed 18 Up to 80% of the population resorted to desperate survival measures, such as eating locusts, raw red cactus fruits or wild leaves. We pray particularly for families with disabilities in their extreme need.

"But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness." **PSALM 86:15**

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Prayers for Madagascar

Thu 19 In times of crises, people with disabilities and their families are among those most vulnerable – and the least likely to access emergency help. We pray particularly for these men, women and children.

Fri 20 We pray for local disability organisations in the region that they will influence other agencies responding to the food crisis to make the emergency relief available to people with disabilities.

Families in the Anosy and Androy regions of southern Madagascar have received urgent assistance, thanks to your donations. This enabled them to access food, water, medication, soap and other essentials.

Sat 21 Lord, please help CBM to use their expertise and knowledge to influence other agencies to respond to the needs of women and men living with disabilities, to ensure that they are not forgotten.



Prayers provided by David Rootham, Friend of CBM

MAY

Prayers for the
International Day of Families

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On this International Day of Families, we are so thankful Father for family. We thank you God for giving us time to spend with our families and allowing us to enjoy each other's company.

Uttam and his family received cataract surgery at our partner hospital in Nepal, South Asia. This is only possible thanks to the kindness of supporters like you.

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Father, we pray for families affected by poverty. We pray that we can bless others that are less fortunate. Guide us to be Your hands to provide and Your ears to listen for those who cannot be heard.

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Lord, we pray for CBM families around the world that continue to make Your work possible. We pray that as we go out into our day, You will guide and protect us along our way.

"We love because He first loved us." 1 JOHN 4:19

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Prayers for the
International Day of Families

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Heavenly Father, we pray for our land. We pray that You bless and guide our leaders to bring change to countries where families with disabilities are often forgotten.

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God, our Great Physician, we commit to You families that need healing. Strengthen their bodies with Your healing hands. Comfort those with Your words who have lost loved ones.

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Our loving Father, we pray that You are always the centre of our families. We continue to pray for each other and be united in Your love. We pray that family bonds are strengthened in your name.

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Father God, we thank you for unconditional, everlasting love. We thank you that because of Your love, we can love others. We pray that communities can stand firm together as a family.



Thanks to your support, last year around 278,000 wheelchairs, walking frames and other orthopaedic devices were distributed to those in need.



Prayers provided by Doné McConnell, Supporter Relations Officer, CBM UK

MAY/JUN

Focus on Obstetric Fistula

CBM partners are able to reach more women like Olubunmi, living in Nigeria, West Africa, because of your support. Thank you!



Sun 29 Obstetric fistula is caused when a woman has a complicated labour. They have a life of incontinence and other health problems, isolation and discrimination. We pray for an end to suffering for these women.

Mon 30 We pray for women around the world, particularly in the world's poorest places, who live with obstetric fistula. We pray they find strength.

Tue 31 We pray for women like Olubunmi who lives in Nigeria, West Africa. After 27 years of living with this condition, she was able to access life-transforming treatment. We pray in thanks for this.

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." JOHN 8:12

MAY/JUN

Focus on Obstetric Fistula

Wed 1 Obstetric fistula is not a rare condition and many women like Olubunmi are in need of treatment. We pray in hope that they are able to access the support they need to rebuild their lives and fulfil their potential.

Thu 2 The World Health Organisation estimate there are around two million women living with untreated obstetric fistula in Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. We pray for the doctors, nurses and other staff working to support these women in their time of need.

Fri 3 Today, we give thanks to CBM supporters who give generously to help give women like Olubunmi a future free from pain. Together, we can make sure that women can get the help they need, and have new opportunity in life.

Sat 4 We give thanks to God for the love given to those whose lives are affected by obstetric fistula. Give thanks that those suffering are not alone and can be guided by You.

Many women with fistula become ostracised by their community. They struggle to find employment, are vulnerable to depression and become trapped in poverty. But with your help, CBM are working to change this.



JUNE

Hope for those with cataracts



Thanks to your support, last year, around 10 million people were treated for blinding and disabling diseases in the world's poorest places.

Sun 5 We pray for the men, women and children who have received cataract surgery today. We pray that their recovery will be quick and that they experience no complications.

Mon 6 We give thanks to God for the thousands of patients affected by cataracts who we have been able to treat so far this year.

Tue 7 Cataracts are the leading cause of sight loss worldwide, causing around half of all blindness. Today we pray for women like Lena, in Zimbabwe, Southern Africa, who lost her independence due to cataracts in both eyes.

"I was sick... and you looked after me." **MATTHEW 25:36**

JUNE

Hope for those with cataracts

Wed 8 Today we pray for people living in darkness and feeling isolated due to cataracts. We pray that they reach CBM's support and are able to have their sight restored quickly.

Thu 9 Cataracts can be removed with an operation to clear the cloudy lens and restore sight. We pray for those in the world's poorest places that they can access the support and treatment they need.

Fri 10 Last year, CBM supporters enabled 60,000 doctors, nurses and medical professionals to receive training so they can help others. We give thanks to the generosity of CBM supporters all around the world.

Sat 11 We followed Cathleen's journey from darkness to light last year. Today we give thanks to God for Cathleen's successful eye surgery.

Cathleen had cataracts in both eyes. Following successful sight-saving surgery, she can see again!



JUNE

Prayers for World Environment Day

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On World Environment Day, help us to follow Your lead in caring for the world in which we live. Help us to preserve and protect the earth for future generations.

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We give thanks for the waters of the earth, for the life-sustaining rains, lakes and oceans. Keep us mindful of how precious these are. Help us work together for clean water and share with those who are most in need.

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Lord God and Heavenly Father, thank you for allowing us to provide facilities, medication and education for our international brothers and sisters, particularly those in the world's poorest places.

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Dear Heavenly Father, we ask You to watch over those who feel vulnerable at this time. Help them to know that You are their refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble.

Last November, CBM attended the COP26 climate change conference in Glasgow. We hosted an event focussing on the impacts of climate change on people with disabilities, to raise awareness of how we can all be more inclusive and consider mental wellbeing.



"The Lord God took the human and settled him in the garden of Eden to farm it and to take care of it." **GENESIS 2:15**

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Prayers for World Environment Day



Students greet CBM visitors to their primary school in Ethiopia, East Africa. The students receive a CBM-funded meal and they bring three litres of water each day, ensuring the school has enough water.



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You fill the earth and sea and sky with life. Forgive us our neglect of Your creation, the waste of our pollution, the damage done by careless habits and our indifference to future generations.

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Father, in environments where there is conflict and war, we pray that "The Lord will bless you and keep you, make his face shine on you and be gracious to you, will turn his face toward you and give you peace."

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The greatest threat and burden of the climate crisis is falling on the world's poorest people, who have done the least to cause it. We pray that people with disabilities are meaningfully included in responses to the climate crisis.

Prayers provided by Calesia Dawson, Executive Administrator, CBM UK

JUNE

Prayers for World Refugee Day

Auxiliary nurse, Mohamed Abdi Haji, briefs patients waiting to be treated at the Integrated Primary Eye Programme at the Dadaab Refugee camp in Kenya, East Africa.



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Dear Lord, we pray for refugees around the world. May they be welcomed with open arms and given the support they need.

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This World Refugee Day, we pray that all who have been displaced would have their needs met for food, shelter, clothing and love. May their wounds – emotional and physical – be healed.

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Lord, we pray for those refugees that have disabilities. Lord, we pray that You would guide them to the right support and give them courage as they advocate for themselves.

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Prayers for World Refugee Day

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Dear Lord, across this world there are so many that need our prayers. We pray that You would draw close to all who call on Your name and that they would feel safe in the arms of their Father.

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Dear Lord, we pray for our world leaders, those whose decisions affect all our lives. We pray that their aim would always be peace and that they would consider those most vulnerable in their decisions.

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Dear Lord, we pray for all displaced children across our world, particularly in the world's poorest places. We pray that they would be cared for and their childhood be protected. Lord look over them all.

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Lord, help us to be aware of those who need our help and support and give us boldness to speak out when those on the margins are being pushed out or excluded.

Monday 20th June is World Refugee Day. There are around 14 million refugees worldwide, with approximately 2 million living with some form of disability. Today, we reflect on the strength and courage of refugees around the globe.



Prayers provided by Alice Twigger-Ross, Fundraising & Communications Intern, CBM UK

"I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears." **PSALM 34:4**

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Prayers of hope



Mohamed had started to become withdrawn because of hearing loss. After having an operation on both ears at our partner Beit CURE Hospital of Zambia, he was able to return to school and be with friends again.

Sun 26 God grant us the patience to work together, bring us all together as God's family. Let us work together with understanding and compassion in our hearts.

Mon 27 We pray for those impacted by war and conflict. May they feel Your love in these times and the support of those around them.

Tue 28 Lord, we are sorry that we are guilty of not loving each other as You love us. We pray that we may follow Your loving example today and always.

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity." **PSALM 133:1**

JUN/JUL

Prayers of hope

Wed 20 We pray for the CBM family and our partners. May we be focussed in our commitment to supporting disabled people across the world in all that we do.

Thu 30 Father, we pray for wisdom in leadership, for decision making taken for the greater good and for unity for all people across the world.

Fri 1 Give us care and wisdom as we live and work with one another. Help us to look to another's needs before our own, and to always be ready to serve those around us.

Sat 2 Lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust; Lead me from hate to love, from war to peace; Let peace fill our heart and our world.

Walking to school used to be slow and painful for Regina who had bow legs. Thanks to supporters like you, she was able to receive surgery to straighten her legs and return to school pain-free!



Prayers provided by Ian Barker, Director of Finance & Operations, CBM UK

JULY



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Dear Lord, we pray that churches around the world will be places of welcome and inclusion for people with disabilities and their families, friends and those who support them.

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Lord God, we pray that as COVID-19 restrictions change, people with disabilities and their families who are part of a church community will be supported by others in their church as they adjust.

“For we live by faith, not by sight” 2 CORINTHIANS 5:7

Prayers from Australia

Hospital Chaplain, Pastor Tanni Margaret, leads prayers of thanks in CBM partner EtougEbe Baptist Hospital in Cameroon, following donations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Lord Jesus, thank you that you walk among us and that you understand our challenges and identify with our weaknesses. Please comfort those who are in need.

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Prayers from Australia

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Lord Jesus, we pray that you will walk alongside people who have poor mental health. Thank you that you understand them and know their needs. Provide for them, and guide those who support them.

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God, we pray for your protection this year for surgeons and health workers – particularly through crisis and natural disasters as they go into communities where there is blindness and disability.

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We pray for men and women as they work with organisations for people with disabilities. May they be inspired and strengthened to steadfastly share their knowledge.

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Thank you, Lord, for all of CBM's generous supporters and their families. Give them good health and prosperous lives as their contributions reach people with disabilities who are most in need.

CBM partners are able to reach more people and provide sight-saving trachoma surgery to people like Dinknesh, living in Ethiopia. This is thanks to your support.



Prayers provided by CBM Australia

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Prayers from Nigeria, West Africa

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Father, we thank you for everyone that works with CBM across the world, we pray that you guide them with strength and comfort for the job they do, in Jesus name Amen.

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Father, we thank you for every CBM supporter around the world. Bless them as they bless others and we pray in appreciation for their kindness. Amen.

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Father we pray for everyone receiving mental health services from CBM partners around the world, we pray that they receive complete healing in their mind and soul, in the name of Jesus Amen.

Pictured here is Nelson Owoicho, who works for CBM Global as the Field Communications Officer. He is based in Abuja in Nigeria, West Africa.

"The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped." **PROVERBS 11:25 MSG**

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Prayers from Nigeria, West Africa

Possible is from Nigeria. He is a visually impaired student who has been enrolled in one of the 10 inclusive schools supported by CBM and can now reach his full potential.



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Father, we pray for women receiving livelihood support from CBM around the world, we pray that their businesses grow so that they are able to sustain themselves and their families.

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Father, we pray for security for our partners as they work hard to reach communities around the world, may you watch over them and secure them, in Jesus name Amen.

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Father, we pray for visually impaired young people like Possible, in inclusive schools in Nigeria and around the world. May they receive the support to learn without discrimination, in Jesus name Amen.

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Father, we pray for ECWA eye hospital in Kano, Nigeria. Give them the grace and capacity to deliver timely surgeries to vulnerable women, children and men most in need.

Prayers provided by Nelson Owoicho, Field Communications Officer, CBM Global

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Prayers for people living with avoidable blindness

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17 Lord Jesus, we pray that your love will be evident through the work of community nurses, doctors and eye health specialists.

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18 Father, we thank you for today and the blessings we have. Please protect and provide for those who are vulnerable and have no one. Bring comfort and peace through your Holy Spirit.

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19 Father, we pray that you will send the right teams to the people who need sight-saving surgery. May you find a way to guide those who work to provide support and specialist care.



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Wed
20 Father, we pray against discrimination and inequality. We pray for strength, wisdom and clarity for those who are advocating for change.

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21 We pray for our teams on the ground, for their safety and continued patience. Without skilled doctors and other specialist workers and volunteers, life-changing operations could not take place in the world's poorest places and transform lives forever.

Fri
22 Father, thank you for all our amazing supporters who partner with us – we thank you for their generosity, kindness and faithfulness to the work of CBM. We pray for peace and blessings in their lives.

Sat
23 Last year around 145,000 people with disabilities were empowered to have a voice and an influence in their communities. We give thanks for the work of CBM, its partners and supporters around the world who make this all possible.

Prayers provided by Leanne Folscher, Senior Supporter Relations Officer, CBM UK

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Prayers for
Christian Blind Mission Sunday

Christian Blind Mission Sunday is on Sunday 16th October this year. To learn more about how your church can get involved and help those in the world's poorest places, get in touch with our friendly team on 0800 567 7000.

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We look forward to this year's Christian Blind Mission Sunday which will be held in October. We give thanks for all the wonderful churches taking part in this celebration of sight. We are so grateful for their support.

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It is estimated that 75% of all blindness is avoidable. Please God, help us to save the sight of people in the world who are needlessly blind.

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Dear Lord, help us to be your hands and feet to help those who lack the gift of good sight. May children with low vision access glasses so that they are able to study and flourish.

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see" **HEBREWS 11:1**

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Prayers for
Christian Blind Mission Sunday

Wed
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More than 1 billion people worldwide live with visual impairments that could be prevented or treated. Please God, offer guidance and support to those who are in need.

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Please God, help people to support those living in the world's poorest communities. Enable CBM and its partners to train specialist doctors, nurses and health workers to identify and treat eye conditions.

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89% of visually impaired people live in low and middle-income countries. We give thanks for the churches who are raising awareness of CBM's work and ensuring that together, we can build a world where nobody is needlessly blind.

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You are the light of the world. Help us to do what we can to bring light and hope where it is needed, whether in our own homes, communities and churches, or in other parts of the world.

In times of crisis, people with disabilities are often the most affected and the last to receive the help they need. We are determined to change this.





Pledge to break the cycle of poverty and disability

For over 100 years, CBM supporters have been building more inclusive communities for people with disabilities in the world's poorest places. By leaving a gift in your Will to CBM, you'll be helping save sight, strengthen health systems and improve access to education and employment opportunities.

You can make a Will for free through CBM. All we ask in return is that you consider leaving a gift, no matter how large or small, to support people with disabilities in the world's poorest places.

For more information about leaving a gift in your Will, or to request a legacy brochure, please call our friendly team on 0800 567 7000 or email info@cbmuk.org.uk

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