



One of the schools visited by the school vision program.



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A child's potential should never be stolen by something as easily treatable as vision impairment.

Dear Friend,

Miles down dirt roads - far from city centers - you'll find hundreds of schools like the one pictured above. Inside these schools are children just like those in our own families - kids who love being with their friends at school and making up games outside.

But the kids sitting on the steps of this school were born into one of the poorest communities on our planet. For them, an education is the only opportunity they have to make a better life.

The problem is that many of those young students are visually impaired. And the children who can't see well, also can't learn well. They can't make out the writing on the chalkboard. They struggle to read the words in their books, even when they hold the book inches from their faces.

But this is a problem we can solve! (Doesn't it feel good to know that in a world with so many challenges, there are problems we can actually fix?)

For 8 years, Combat Blindness International has partnered with medical teams in India to bring the gift of sight to children. Our teams drive for miles over dirt roads to bring eye screening equipment and glasses to children right in their village schools. The children don't have to try to make it to a doctor's office. We come directly to them.



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And it's working! Thanks to the support of people like you, thousands of vulnerable children have received their very first eye exams and eye glasses, giving them the chance to see clearly for the first time in their young lives.

Now, these young students are able to read and study better. They have the chance to reach their full potential. And it's because of you.

I'm writing today because we need your help for this successful work to continue. Right now, our medical team is traveling to hundreds of schools in aging vehicles that are badly in need of repair. **When one of the vehicles breaks down for good, the program will come to a halt.**

We need to secure a van this summer in order for the school screening program to continue. Your gift today can help make that happen. The village schools have come to count on our school screening program, and we don't want to let them down. **When you give today, you make it possible for us to transform the lives of these young students!**

We promise that your donation will be used wisely to reach children in need. I thank you so much for your support. Together, we can change the future with the gift of sight!

Warm Regards,



Suresh Chandra, Founder

P.S. Seeing is not only critical for children's education, but for their safety too. Please help us bring the powerful gift of clear vision to these kids who are unable to get it without us!



Our medical partners head out over dirt roads to reach the schools.



Young girls at school wait for their turn.



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