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Combat Blindness INTERNATIONAL



Dear friends,

Whenever I hear stories like these from our patients, I am reminded of you. That's because YOU have made these stories possible! Without you, Combat Blindness International would not be able to reach men, women, and children with the precious gift of sight.

And the truth is, you've given much more than sight.

One woman recently told us that when she lost her eyesight, she became like an enemy to her family. When she went blind, she was a burden - completely dependent on them for survival and unable to contribute in any way.

Can you imagine being considered a burden by the people you love most in the world? For families facing the most desperate circumstances, their choices are impossible for us to imagine.

But today, you have the opportunity to change all of that for families around the world. A simple cataract surgery is all that's needed to restore sight to half the world's blind.

And your gift today can make that happen. You can remove someone's disability forever. What an incredible opportunity!

Combat Blindness International's programs are working. **With your help, we have been able to bring the gift of sight to more than 12,000 men, women, and children this year.** We are also working to train medical staff and build clinics that bring care closer to the doorsteps of the poor.

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Amazon.com has established the AmazonSmile program, and the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to Combat Blindness International.

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"I can go
back to work
in my fields.

I can walk through
my village.

I HAVE
FREEDOM
AGAIN."



When you give today, you restore so much more than eyesight



Changing Families

You free entire families from the heavy burden of blindness. No longer is a full-time caretaker required for a blind family member. Everyone is able to work together & contribute.



Work

You make a great economic impact as men and women return to work.

Education

You give the gift of an education as kids are able to go to school - some for the very first time.



Dignity

You give the gift of dignity as men & women are able to walk around their villages & take care of themselves.

Giving Joy

You give the priceless gift of seeing the smiling faces of children & grandchildren



“After I went blind, I sat all day alone...”

Now, I can be active again.”

give **SIGHT** with an online donation

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But the need remains great. Right now, men and women are sitting alone in their homes because they are blind and can't work. Children are not in school because they can't see well enough. Eyesight will change everything for them, and you have the power to make that happen!

This is your opportunity to make a very tangible impact on someone's life - giving them the ability to see again.

Your gift today will make that possible.

Thank you so much for partnering with us to reach the most vulnerable around the world. You make it all possible!

Warm Regards,

P.S. All donations to Combat Blindness International are tax-deductible.



Working in India, Kenya, South Africa, Mali, Namibia, Myanmar, Lebanon, Paraguay, and Wisconsin, USA.

90%
of the world's visually impaired people live in developing countries



285 million
people are visually impaired



4 out of 5
cases are avoidable

