



Benjamin is all smiles after his sight-restoring cataract surgery. Your generosity transforms lives through the Gift of Sight. Thank you!

Gift of Sight: Cataract surgery spared Benjamin from a life of avoidable blindness

Every day, 10-year-old Benjamin in Kenya proudly leads his family's goats out to graze, a chore that once seemed unthinkable, because from a young age, Benjamin was blind.

Benjamin lives with his parents and six siblings in the village of Olookitaretu in Kajiado County. The family struggles financially; Benjamin's father Joshua has a chronic illness, while his mother, who lives with a disability, does her best to manage their livestock herds while also caring for the children.

In 2023, a local disability advocacy group referred Benjamin to a special needs boarding school, where he learned to read braille. His parents were grateful that he would receive an education, but they still worried about his future.

The following year, a community health worker identified cataracts in Joshua's eyes during a door-to-door screening and referred him to our surgical camp. He took Benjamin along, hoping for a diagnosis for the child as well.

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Benjamin (centre, collared shirt) poses with his family in front of their home in Kajiado County, Kenya.

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At the camp, Benjamin was also diagnosed with cataracts and referred to our pediatric cataract camp happening at another facility. But on the day of the camp, he didn't show up. The outreach team made calls to the family to track him down, but their calls went unanswered. Finally, our community health promoter located Benjamin at his school. She later discovered that the family had lost their phone.

Recognizing the urgency of Benjamin's condition, our outreach team contacted the family's close friend, Pastor Titus, who accompanied Benjamin to the surgical camp with the family's blessing.

Thanks to the support of our partners and donors like you, Benjamin successfully underwent surgery and had his vision restored. Joshua also underwent surgery and can now see clearly.

Now, Benjamin attends a regular primary school, confidently tackling Grade I. He reads and writes with ease and loves to join soccer games with the other children in the village.

His parents are grateful that Benjamin can now live up to his full potential.

"Thank you very much for the great work you do in the community," says Joshua. "Now I can see without struggle after my surgery, and my son

can also see, read and help around the home. I am very happy."

Scan the QR code to watch a video about Benjamin and his family:



Looking for gift ideas?

Give the Gift of Sight in the name of a friend or loved one and send them a personalized greeting card or eCard. Physical cards come with a gift tag, which makes a great add-on for gifts of any size. Order your physical cards before Dec. 15 to ensure they get delivered before Christmas. Need a last-minute gift? Consider our beautiful eCards, which can be sent in just minutes.

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operationeyesight.com/GiftOfSight
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Children dance in celebration at an Avoidable Blindness-Free declaration event in Ghana in June.

Celebrating wins in uncertain times

This past year, your support meant the world to us during a time of global change, transition and instability. **Thank you for walking alongside us throughout it all!**

Uncertainty arrived in late 2024 with the Canadian postal strike. We were most concerned. Like many registered charities, more than 50 per cent of our annual donations come at this time, many by mail. Last Christmas, a rise in online donations eased our worries. In January, we were buried in your envelopes. **We are so grateful that you went the 'extra mile' to give the Gift of Sight.**

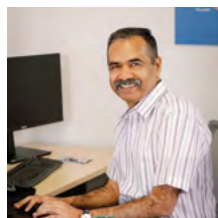
As 2025 progressed, your support continued, despite international turmoil that changed by the week, the day and even the hour... We adapted, digging into the wisdom earned over our six decades of experience and from working in 11 countries across three continents.

In Ethiopia, projects that had stalled in 2023 due to security concerns were restarted this year. We celebrated the opening of our first vision centre in Malawi. We organized our first school screening in Canada. Alongside these successes, we saw protests in Nairobi and Kathmandu that kept our staff at home and closed vision centres

for weeks. Floods in India and Nepal temporarily blocked roads to villages. Despite these setbacks, we still created an impact in our partner communities. Most importantly, our staff stayed safe. When tensions eased, they returned to navigating newly reopened roads so they could continue going 'the last mile' in true Operation Eyesight fashion.

As we look to 2026, our confidence is renewed thanks to you. You and our entire global community – our donors, partners, health care workers and staff – remain steadfast in our mission to prevent blindness and restore sight. Thank you!

On behalf of all of us at Operation Eyesight, I'd like to wish you a wonderful holiday season with your friends and family. Thank you again, and always, for your ongoing support – *For All The World To See!*



Kashinath "Kash" Bhoosnurmath
President & CEO



The Calgary Tower shines in our blue and orange colours on World Sight Day.

Prioritizing vision care for all on World Sight Day

On October 9, we celebrated World Sight Day with events across the globe.

In Canada, our colours lit up the skylines from Calgary to Winnipeg to Toronto, to raise awareness about eye health and the passing of the National Strategy for Eye Care Act, which will help make vision care a national priority.

In Ghana, our team participated in a media launch with Ghana Health Service, along with regional awareness activities, while in Kenya, the day was marked with an awareness march, the opening of a new eye clinic and various screening camps. Throughout Bangladesh, India and Nepal we organized more than 20 screening and surgical outreach camps, and in Zambia we launched a new radio series about eye health and organized various school eye health screenings.

Each initiative brings us closer to a future where eye health is accessible to all. These events are more than moments; they're movements towards lasting change in global eye health.

See more photos of our World Sight Day activities: operationeyesight.com/wsd2025



There was clapping and celebration after the ribbon was cut at the official launch of the new Meteitei Sub-County Hospital Eye Clinic in Nandi County, Kenya. The clinic was made possible through support from Johnson & Johnson.



Community health worker Robiroy (centre, in yellow and green) poses with patients, who have just received cataract surgery.

Community health worker breaks down barriers with empathy before eye charts

In the hills of Meghalaya's Ri-Bhoi District, Robiroy, a young community health worker from Nongpoh Vision Centre, was assigned to serve 47 villages with a population of more than 16,000.

Initially, he encountered skepticism from the community, as people feared medical interventions or had misconceptions. For many, fading vision was simply part of growing old.

To overcome these barriers, Robiroy put aside his medical charts and stepped into courtyards, looking to connect with people with warmth and empathy. Over cups of tea, he listened, shared stories, and spoke of restored sight as a path to dignity and independence.

Small victories soon blossomed. An elder who had received eye care could weave again. A farmer saw his fields clearly. Success stories spread across villages. Soon, Nongpoh Vision Centre saw patients surge, and 520 seniors received cataract surgeries. Families began prioritizing eye care across generations.

Currently, five of Robiroy's 47 villages will soon be declared Avoidable Blindness-Free. He is not just restoring vision – he is sparking an eye care movement!

Community health workers like Robiroy are essential to our programs. Learn more about their role in program delivery:

operationeyesight.com/our-approach

Holiday closure

Our Calgary office will be closed from Dec. 25, 2025 to Jan. 4, 2026. If you'd like to make a donation that is eligible for a 2025 tax receipt, we encourage you to call us before the holiday break or visit our website to donate online before Dec. 31.

Reminder: We relocated our Canada office in March 2023. Please see our new mailing address on the back page.