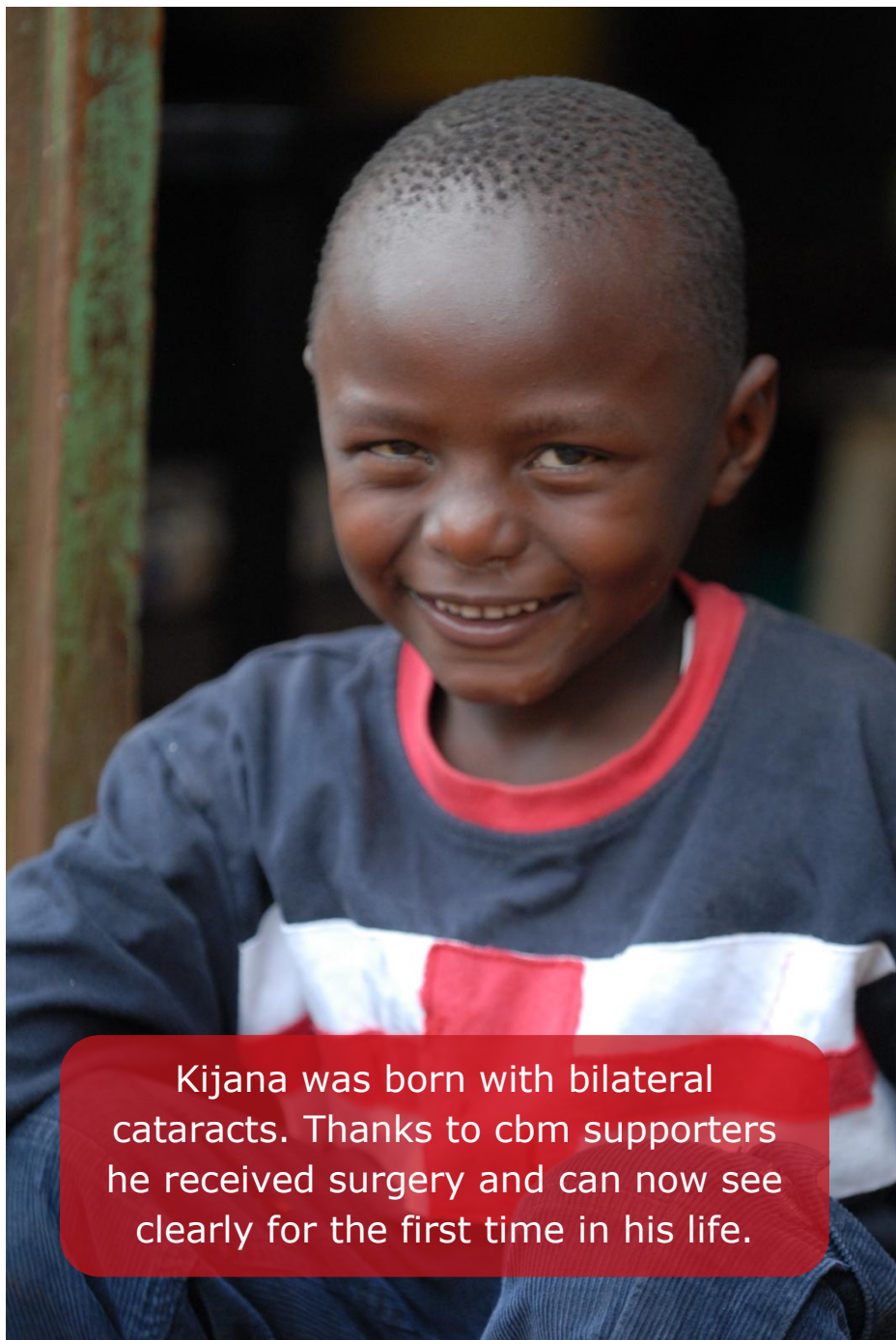




cbm New Zealand
Impact Report 2015



Kijana was born with bilateral cataracts. Thanks to cbm supporters he received surgery and can now see clearly for the first time in his life.

Who is cbm

Our Mission

cbm is an international Christian organisation whose primary purpose is to improve the quality of life of the world's poorest people with disabilities and those at risk of disability, who live in the most disadvantaged societies.

Our Vision

An inclusive world in which all persons with disabilities enjoy their human rights and achieve their full potential.

Our History

In 1908 German pastor Ernst Jakob Christoffel set out for Turkey to start his pioneering work. With the support of only a handful of friends and driven by his deep faith in God he established homes for blind and otherwise disabled and orphaned children and laid the foundations for **cbm** as a modern organisation.

Today **cbm** continues in his footsteps as an international Christian development organisation by working together with local partners worldwide.

In 2015 **cbm** supported 650 projects in 63 countries by working together with 418 local partner organisations in developing countries.

How the cbm family changed the world in 2015



PREVENTION

- **27,953,145** treated for River Blindness
- **437,245** treated for Trachoma
- **49,432,179** treated for other neglected tropical diseases



TREATMENT

- **10,584,941** helped by medical services including
 - **460,627** cataract surgeries
 - **213,056** other eye surgeries
 - **12,563** ear operations
 - **36,703** orthopaedic operations



EDUCATION & REHABILITATION

- **797,470** assistive devices distributed
- **927,215** received education and rehabilitation services
- **186,265** professionals trained



ADVOCACY & EMPOWERMENT

- **375,614** involved in empowerment activities
- **91,731** reached through livelihood projects

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cbm International projects

cbm Child Sponsors help Yamuna to walk tall

Yamuna was born with **spina bifida** (neural tube defect).

Her parents, farm labourers earning \$5 per day, could not afford to take her to the hospital. Left untreated, her feet were so badly bent she **couldn't even stand**, let alone walk to school. For a long time Yamuna just sat at home and occasionally crawled around the hut on all fours.

cbm Child Sponsors are giving new hope

Yamuna thought she would never walk again, but our generous **cbm** Child Sponsors provided essential medical treatment which her family could never afford.

Surgery brings transformation

Yamuna's limbs were amputated one at a time without any complications.

Prostheses are now giving her independence and hope of a better future.

What had been a dream for a long time is now a reality: walking to school and playing just like other children all thanks to **cbm** Child Sponsors.



cbm supporters give hope to people affected by Trachoma

Trachoma is an infection that leads to incurable blindness.

It's highly contagious. If untreated, the infection leads to scarring and the inversion of the eyelashes. This damages the cornea and leads to irreversible blindness.

Mary is one of 2.2 million people worldwide who have a visual impairment due to Trachoma. 1.2 million of them are irreversible blind.



Trachoma took hold of Mary's life

Mary's eye problem started with itching which continued for a long time.

She was unable to cultivate her garden and depended entirely on her daughter and neighbours to bring food, take care of her garden and collect water for her.

Thanks to generous **cbm** supporters, Mary and many people like her were saved from irreversible blindness in 2015.

How cbm NZ changed the world in 2015

Region	Country	Main achievements
Pacific	Papua New Guinea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of the extension wing of Goroka Eye Clinic. This has enabled 6,661 patients to be treated. • 428 people with disabilities received health care services such as medicine, and eye/ear treatments. • 469 people with disabilities had access to rehabilitation in their community. • 231 young children with disabilities were supported to attend school or received education at home. • 724 teachers and rehabilitation staff received training in disability-inclusive education and rehabilitation. • 16 Physiotherapists received training.
South East Asia	Indonesia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 551 people were supported to run livelihood activities. • 353 people assisted to access loans to develop their businesses. • 152 people attended skills training for small businesses. • 124 people received mobility devices so they can work and move around their homes. • 552 persons with disabilities receiving basic rehabilitation services.
South Asia	India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 219 agricultural tools modified for persons with disabilities distributed. • 2,683 farmers including 383 farmers with disabilities supported to continue organic farming.
	Nepal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 567 persons with disabilities supported to access government disability grants. • 618 people seen in medical outreach camps. • 83 people received psychosocial counselling. • 16 staff trained in Psychological First Aid.
Africa	Burundi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9,778 people received assessment of eye care. • 398 eye surgeries conducted.
	Tanzania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 347 assistive devices provided to children with physical impairments.
	Ethiopia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 129 people had surgery to reverse eyelids turning in from Trachoma. • 329 cataract surgeries performed. • 12,070 received education to prevent infectious eye diseases such as Trachoma. • 22 religious leaders were trained to prevent infectious eye diseases in their communities.

cbm NZ supported project

A simple cataract surgery empowers Saki to pursue his profession as a gardener



During a project visit to PNG in 2015 Stephen Hunt, cbm New Zealand's Chief Executive Officer, met Saki and witnessed the impact your support has first-hand.

Saki is about 65 years old and lives with his wife and five children in a small village, in the Hengonofi District of the Eastern Highlands

Province of Papua New Guinea.

Saki had cataracts in both eyes, being able to see to the short distance of 1 metre in his right eye and only light perception in his left eye.

He was extremely fortunate that his nephew, who works at the local hospital, was able to refer him to the clinic.

Prior to 2013 Saki was a gardener, but since then, as his vision has deteriorated, he has increasingly had to rely on others for help. He is able to take himself to the river to wash with the aid of a stick, but his future was looking bleak.

I met Saki at the Goroka Eye Clinic when he was part way through preparations for surgery on his left pupil. With his eye dilated, his cataract was clearly evident.

I had the privilege of observing Dr Alex Mel perform cataract surgery on Saki. It is a delicate but reasonably quick procedure performed under local anaesthetic. The cataract was mature and from my perspective as a non medical person, surprisingly large. At the conclusion of the surgery Saki was sent home with a simple eye patch and asked to come back the next day.

The following day at about 9:30am I again met with Saki at the Goroka Eye Clinic. He had just taken off his eye patch and was ecstatic that he could see. His smile in the waiting room was infectious. The cloudiness of his cataract was gone and Dr Mel was confident that in the next few days his sight would improve even further.

Apparently, the night before removing his patch, he was so overwhelmed he had wept with his friends. He expected that when he got home there would be a celebration of probably chicken but perhaps even pork.

Now that Saki has had his eyesight restored he wants nothing more than to go back to gardening and to lessen the burden he places on others.





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